Table 137. Private health insurance coverage among persons under 65 years of age, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1984-2009

(Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population)

| Characteristic | Private health insurance[1] | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1984[2] | 1989[2] | 1995[2] | 1997 | 2000[3] | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | Number in millions | | | | | | | | | |
| Total[4] | 157.5 | 162.7 | 164.2 | 165.8 | 174.0 | 174.7 | 171.2 | 174.1 | 171.9 | 166.7 |
| | Percent of population | | | | | | | | | |
| Total[4] | 76.8 | 75.9 | 71.3 | 70.7 | 71.5 | 68.2 | 66.3 | 66.8 | 65.6 | 63.3 |
| Age | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 19 years | 72.6 | 71.9 | 65.4 | 66.1 | 66.7 | 62.3 | 59.5 | 59.9 | 58.6 | 56.1 |
| Under 6 years | 68.1 | 67.9 | 59.5 | 61.3 | 62.7 | 56.6 | 54.7 | 54.1 | 53.2 | 50.1 |
| 6-18 years | 74.8 | 73.9 | 68.3 | 68.4 | 68.5 | 64.9 | 61.7 | 62.6 | 61.1 | 59.0 |
| Under 18 years | 72.6 | 71.8 | 65.2 | 66.1 | 66.6 | 62.1 | 59.4 | 59.8 | 58.4 | 55.8 |
| 6-17 years | 74.9 | 74.0 | 68.3 | 68.5 | 68.5 | 64.7 | 61.7 | 62.6 | 61.1 | 58.8 |
| 18-44 years | 76.5 | 75.5 | 70.9 | 69.4 | 70.5 | 66.6 | 65.0 | 65.5 | 64.4 | 61.7 |
| 18-24 years | 67.4 | 64.5 | 60.8 | 59.3 | 60.3 | 58.0 | 57.0 | 59.0 | 56.2 | 54.4 |
| 25-34 years | 77.4 | 75.9 | 70.1 | 68.1 | 70.1 | 65.1 | 63.0 | 63.5 | 62.7 | 60.0 |
| 35-44 years | 83.9 | 82.7 | 77.7 | 76.4 | 77.0 | 73.7 | 72.0 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 68.4 |
| 45-64 years | 83.3 | 82.5 | 80.1 | 79.0 | 78.7 | 76.9 | 75.2 | 75.5 | 74.3 | 72.6 |
| 45-54 years | 83.3 | 83.4 | 80.9 | 80.4 | 80.0 | 77.4 | 75.1 | 75.4 | 74.8 | 72.6 |
| 55-64 years | 83.3 | 81.6 | 79.0 | 76.9 | 76.7 | 76.2 | 75.4 | 75.5 | 73.6 | 72.6 |
| Sex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 77.3 | 76.1 | 71.6 | 70.9 | 71.6 | 68.0 | 65.9 | 66.4 | 65.3 | 62.9 |
| Female | 76.2 | 75.7 | 70.9 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 68.4 | 66.7 | 67.1 | 65.9 | 63.7 |
| Sex and marital status[5] | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 85.0 | 84.2 | 80.2 | 81.6 | 81.5 | 79.6 | 78.1 | 78.1 | 77.7 | 75.8 |
| Divorced, separated, widowed | 65.5 | 64.6 | 62.4 | 59.9 | 62.2 | 56.7 | 55.4 | 55.8 | 56.0 | 52.9 |
| Never married | 71.3 | 68.3 | 65.4 | 63.3 | 63.8 | 60.2 | 57.8 | 59.8 | 57.9 | 54.9 |
| Female: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 83.8 | 83.5 | 79.3 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 79.3 | 78.6 | 78.4 | 77.7 | 76.7 |
| Divorced, separated, widowed | 63.1 | 63.6 | 61.7 | 59.1 | 63.2 | 59.9 | 56.3 | 57.0 | 56.3 | 54.2 |
| Never married | 72.2 | 70.0 | 66.2 | 63.8 | 64.2 | 61.5 | 59.0 | 60.8 | 58.8 | 56.4 |
| Race[6] | | | | | | | | | | |
| White only | 79.9 | 79.1 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 75.7 | 70.9 | 69.1 | 69.7 | 68.5 | 66.3 |
| Black or African American only | 58.1 | 57.7 | 53.0 | 54.7 | 55.9 | 52.9 | 51.3 | 51.8 | 50.0 | 47.4 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native only | 49.1 | 45.5 | 45.3 | 39.4 | 43.7 | 43.0 | 36.3 | 36.4 | 30.7 | 35.9 |
| Asian only | 69.9 | 71.9 | 68.4 | 68.0 | 72.1 | 72.2 | 72.1 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 71.3 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only | --- | --- | --- | --- | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 2 or more races | --- | --- | --- | --- | 61.4 | 57.6 | 54.0 | 52.7 | 58.0 | 47.8 |
| Hispanic origin and race[6] | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | 55.7 | 51.5 | 46.4 | 46.4 | 47.8 | 42.4 | 40.0 | 41.7 | 39.9 | 37.3 |
| Mexican | 53.3 | 46.8 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 45.4 | 39.7 | 36.5 | 37.9 | 36.8 | 34.7 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Puerto Rican | 48.4 | 45.6 | 47.6 | 47.0 | 51.1 | 48.5 | 46.1 | 54.2 | 48.2 | 46.2 |
| Cuban | 72.5 | 70.3 | 63.6 | 71.0 | 63.9 | 58.1 | 63.4 | 64.8 | 57.9 | 54.3 |
| Other Hispanic or Latino | 61.6 | 61.0 | 51.4 | 49.9 | 50.7 | 45.6 | 44.3 | 44.3 | 43.5 | 39.7 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 78.7 | 78.5 | 74.4 | 74.0 | 75.2 | 73.0 | 71.3 | 71.7 | 70.8 | 68.6 |
| White only | 82.4 | 82.5 | 78.6 | 78.1 | 79.5 | 77.3 | 75.6 | 76.2 | 75.3 | 73.3 |
| Black or African American only | 58.2 | 57.7 | 53.4 | 54.9 | 56.0 | 53.1 | 52.2 | 52.3 | 50.6 | 48.0 |
| **Age and percent of poverty level[7]** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 65 years: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Below 100% | 32.2 | 27.0 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 25.2 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 19.2 | 15.3 |
| 100%-199% | 70.3 | 64.3 | 55.3 | 53.5 | 50.1 | 44.7 | 42.8 | 40.0 | 38.1 | 37.4 |
| 100%-133% | 59.4 | 52.8 | 41.7 | 40.2 | 39.3 | 36.0 | 33.7 | 29.7 | 27.3 | 26.5 |
| 134%-199% | 75.2 | 69.5 | 62.7 | 60.2 | 55.4 | 49.5 | 48.0 | 45.6 | 43.8 | 43.4 |
| 200%-399% | 89.3 | 89.2 | 86.4 | 80.8 | 78.1 | 74.8 | 74.9 | 73.2 | 72.3 | 70.6 |
| 400% or more | 95.4 | 94.6 | 93.2 | 91.8 | 91.9 | 90.6 | 89.8 | 91.0 | 90.1 | 90.2 |
| Under 19 years: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Below 100% | 29.6 | 24.1 | 19.0 | 19.3 | 20.3 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.1 | 12.4 | 9.7 |
| 100%-199% | 73.6 | 68.5 | 55.8 | 54.7 | 49.5 | 41.6 | 38.5 | 35.7 | 34.1 | 34.0 |
| 100%-133% | 63.8 | 56.9 | 42.5 | 40.1 | 37.1 | 32.6 | 29.1 | 25.5 | 23.3 | 21.3 |
| 134%-199% | 78.4 | 74.0 | 64.4 | 62.5 | 56.2 | 47.0 | 44.8 | 41.8 | 40.1 | 41.4 |
| 200%-399% | 91.1 | 92.1 | 89.1 | 83.5 | 80.8 | 76.6 | 77.1 | 75.8 | 73.7 | 73.2 |
| 400% or more | 96.2 | 96.2 | 93.3 | 93.3 | 93.0 | 92.5 | 91.4 | 93.2 | 92.0 | 91.8 |
| Under 18 years: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Below 100% | 28.5 | 22.3 | 16.9 | 18.3 | 19.5 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 12.7 | 11.3 | 9.3 |
| 100%-199% | 73.9 | 68.9 | 56.1 | 54.7 | 49.4 | 41.4 | 38.3 | 35.6 | 34.1 | 34.0 |
| 100%-133% | 63.9 | 57.3 | 42.3 | 39.4 | 36.8 | 32.1 | 29.1 | 25.6 | 23.3 | 21.1 |
| 134%-199% | 78.6 | 74.5 | 64.9 | 62.9 | 56.3 | 47.0 | 44.6 | 41.6 | 40.0 | 41.3 |
| 200%-399% | 91.3 | 92.3 | 89.2 | 83.7 | 81.1 | 76.6 | 77.3 | 76.0 | 73.8 | 73.0 |
| 400% or more | 96.1 | 96.5 | 93.1 | 93.5 | 93.1 | 92.5 | 91.6 | 93.4 | 92.2 | 91.8 |
| 18-64 years: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Below 100% | 35.0 | 30.8 | 27.0 | 26.8 | 29.1 | 25.9 | 26.1 | 26.8 | 24.0 | 19.2 |
| 100%-199% | 68.3 | 61.5 | 54.8 | 52.8 | 50.5 | 46.5 | 45.1 | 42.5 | 40.2 | 39.1 |
| 100%-133% | 56.6 | 50.0 | 41.4 | 40.6 | 40.9 | 38.4 | 36.5 | 32.2 | 29.6 | 29.4 |
| 134%-199% | 73.3 | 66.6 | 61.5 | 58.7 | 54.9 | 50.7 | 49.5 | 47.7 | 45.8 | 44.5 |
| 200%-399% | 88.3 | 87.6 | 85.0 | 79.4 | 76.7 | 74.0 | 73.9 | 72.0 | 71.7 | 69.6 |
| 400% or more | 95.2 | 94.4 | 93.2 | 91.3 | 91.6 | 90.1 | 89.3 | 90.4 | 89.6 | 89.8 |
| **Disability measure among adults 18 years and over[8]** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation | --- | --- | --- | 61.6 | 63.1 | 58.1 | 56.4 | 56.4 | 53.2 | 51.6 |
| Any basic actions difficulty | --- | --- | --- | 62.3 | 63.9 | 58.8 | 57.1 | 56.9 | 54.3 | 52.3 |
| Any complex activity limitation | --- | --- | --- | 47.9 | 48.4 | 44.0 | 41.7 | 40.3 | 37.0 | 36.0 |
| No disability | --- | --- | --- | 77.4 | 77.2 | 73.7 | 72.5 | 72.9 | 73.3 | 70.4 |
| **Geographic region** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 80.5 | 82.0 | 75.4 | 74.2 | 76.3 | 74.0 | 70.8 | 72.2 | 71.3 | 69.7 |
| Midwest | 80.6 | 81.5 | 77.3 | 77.1 | 78.8 | 74.6 | 71.7 | 72.0 | 69.9 | 67.5 |
| South | 74.3 | 71.4 | 66.9 | 67.3 | 66.8 | 62.5 | 61.8 | 62.6 | 62.1 | 59.3 |
| West | 71.9 | 71.2 | 67.5 | 65.4 | 66.5 | 65.6 | 64.6 | 64.0 | 62.8 | 60.6 |
| **Location of residence** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Within MSA[9] | 77.5 | 76.5 | 72.1 | 71.2 | 72.3 | 69.0 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 66.5 | 64.6 |
| Outside MSA[9] | 75.2 | 73.8 | 67.9 | 68.4 | 67.8 | 64.6 | 60.3 | 61.0 | 61.1 | 56.2 |

---Data not available.
*Estimates are considered unreliable. Data not shown have a relative standard error of greater than 30%.

[1]Any private health insurance coverage (both individual and insurance obtained through the workplace) at the time of interview; includes those who also had another type of coverage.

[2]Data prior to 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for later years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey and Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

[3]Estimates for 2000-2002 were calculated using 2000-based sample weights and may differ from estimates in other reports that used 1990-based sample weights for 2000-2002 estimates.

[4]Includes all other races not shown separately, those with unknown marital status, unknown disability status, and, in 1984 and 1989, persons with unknown poverty level.

[5]Includes persons 14-64 years of age.

[6]The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single-race categories plus multiple-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to 1999, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the Asian only category including Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single-race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race.
Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race were treated as missing, and then race was imputed if these were the only race responses.
Almost all persons with a race response of other race were of Hispanic origin.
See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

[7]Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds.
Poverty level was unknown for 10%-11% of persons under 65 years of age in 1984 and 1989.
Missing family income data were imputed for 1995 and beyond.
See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty; Table VII.

[8]Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation is defined as having one or more of the following limitations or difficulties: movement difficulty, emotional difficulty, sensory (seeing or hearing) difficulty, cognitive difficulty, self-care (ADL or IADL) limitation, social limitation, or work limitation. For more information, see Appendix II, Basic actions difficulty; Complex activity limitation. Starting with 2007 data, the hearing question, a component of the basic actions difficulty measure, was revised. Consequently, data prior to 2007 are not comparable with data for 2007 and beyond. For more information on the impact of the revised hearing question, see Appendix II, Hearing trouble.

[9]MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2006 data, MSA status is determined using 2000 census data and the 2000 standards for defining MSAs. For data prior to 2006, see Appendix II, Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) for the applicable standards.

NOTES: Private health insurance coverage is at the time of interview. The number of persons with private coverage was calculated by multiplying the percentage with private coverage by the number of persons under age 65 in the civilian non-institutionalized U.S. population. Percentages were calculated with unknown values excluded from denominators. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage. Standard errors are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. Available from: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm.
Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS,
National Health Interview Survey, health insurance supplements (1984, 1989, 1994-1996). Starting with 1997, data are from the family core and the sample adult questionnaires.