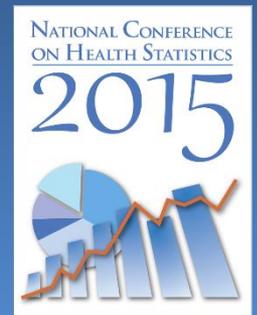


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Early Release of Estimates from the NHIS

- Health Insurance Early Release Report
 - August 12, 2015
 - New format
 - Estimates for the 1st quarter of 2015
- Quarterly estimates
 - Additional age groups, race/ethnicity, sex, poverty
 - Exchange plan enrollment
- Preliminary microdata files
 - Quarter 1, 2015
 - 4 times a year

In the first 3 months of 2015:

- 29.0 million persons of all ages (9.2%) were uninsured at the time of interview
- Seven million fewer persons lacked health insurance coverage in the first 3 months of 2015 when compared to 2014 (36 million, 11.5%)



NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM

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What's New?

- This report has a revised format. The text has been reduced and the number and content of the figures have been modified. All estimates that were reported in the old format are still presented either in the report itself or the tables.

Highlights

- The number of uninsured persons continued to decline from 2013. In the first 3 months of 2015, 29 million persons of all ages (9.2%) were uninsured at the time of interview, 7 million fewer persons than in 2014.
- Among adults aged 18–64, the percentage uninsured decreased from 16.3% in 2014 to 13.0% in the first 3 months of 2015. There was a corresponding increase in private coverage, from 67.3% to 70.4%.
- Among children under age 18 years, the percentage with private coverage increased from 52.6% in 2013 to 56.3% in the first 3 months of 2015, reversing a 14-year trend of declining rates of private coverage.
- Among those under age 65, the percentage with private coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based coverage increased from 2.5% (6.7

Introduction

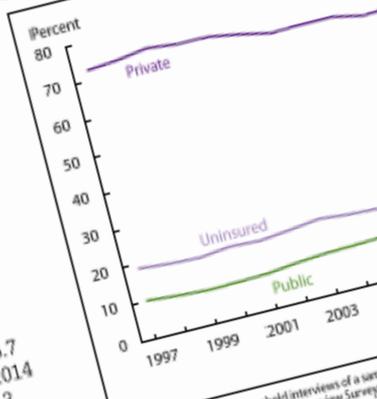
This report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) presents selected estimates of health insurance coverage for the civilian noninstitutionalized U.S. population based on data from the January–March 2015 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), along with comparable estimates from the 2010–2014 NHIS. Estimates for 2015 are based on data for 26,121 persons.

Three estimates of lack of health insurance coverage are provided: (a) uninsured at the time of interview, (b) uninsured at least part of the year prior to interview (which includes

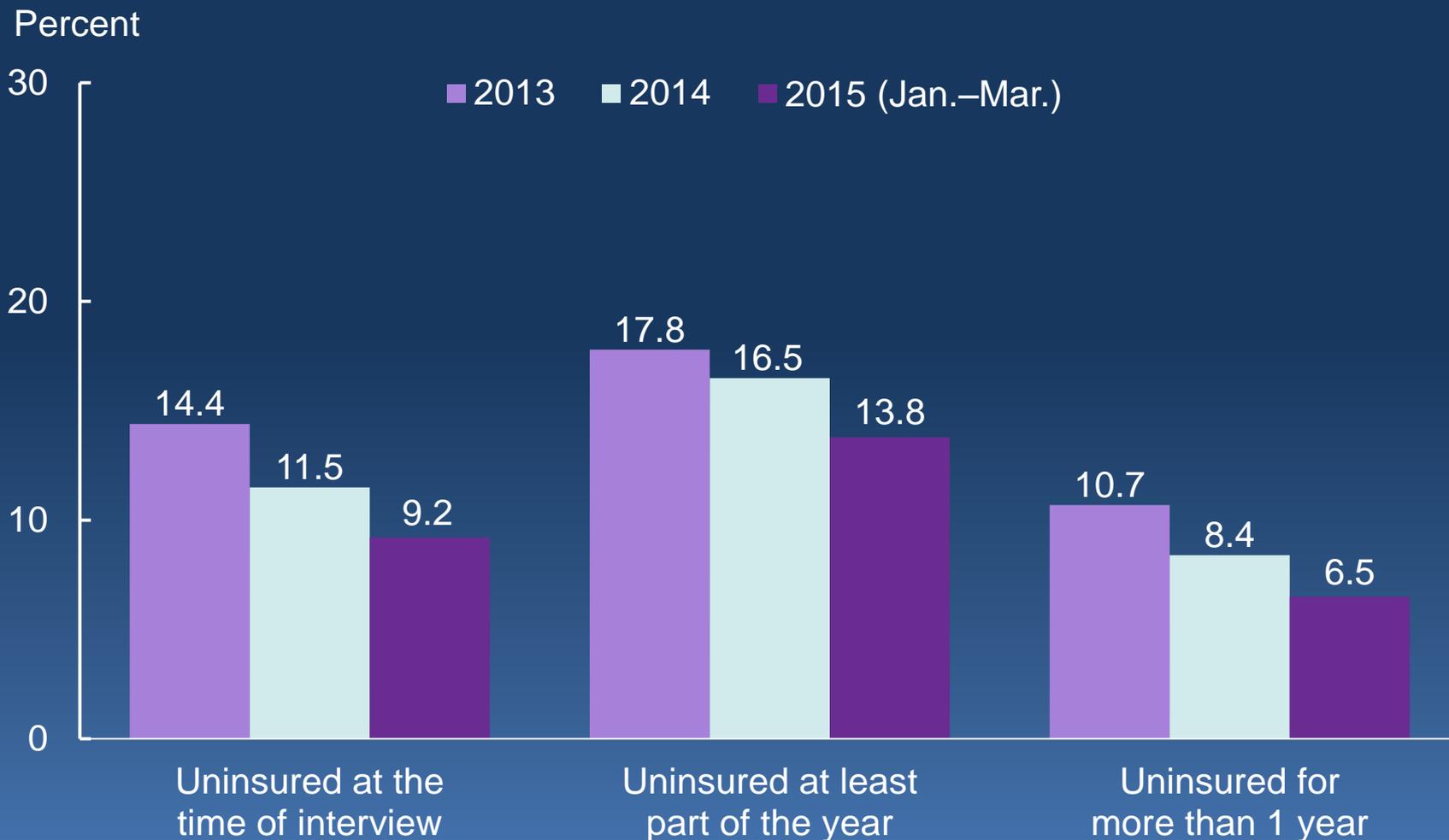
persons uninsured for and (c) uninsured for the time of interview and private coverage and exchanges, and employer deductibles, health consumer direct are also presented showing estimates of demographics are provided.

This report is part of the NHIS Early Release Program, which provides estimates of health insurance coverage from the NHIS website at <http://www.nchsc.gov>. Estimates are selected

Figure 1. Percentage of adults aged 18–64 who were uninsured at the time of interview: United States, 1997–2015

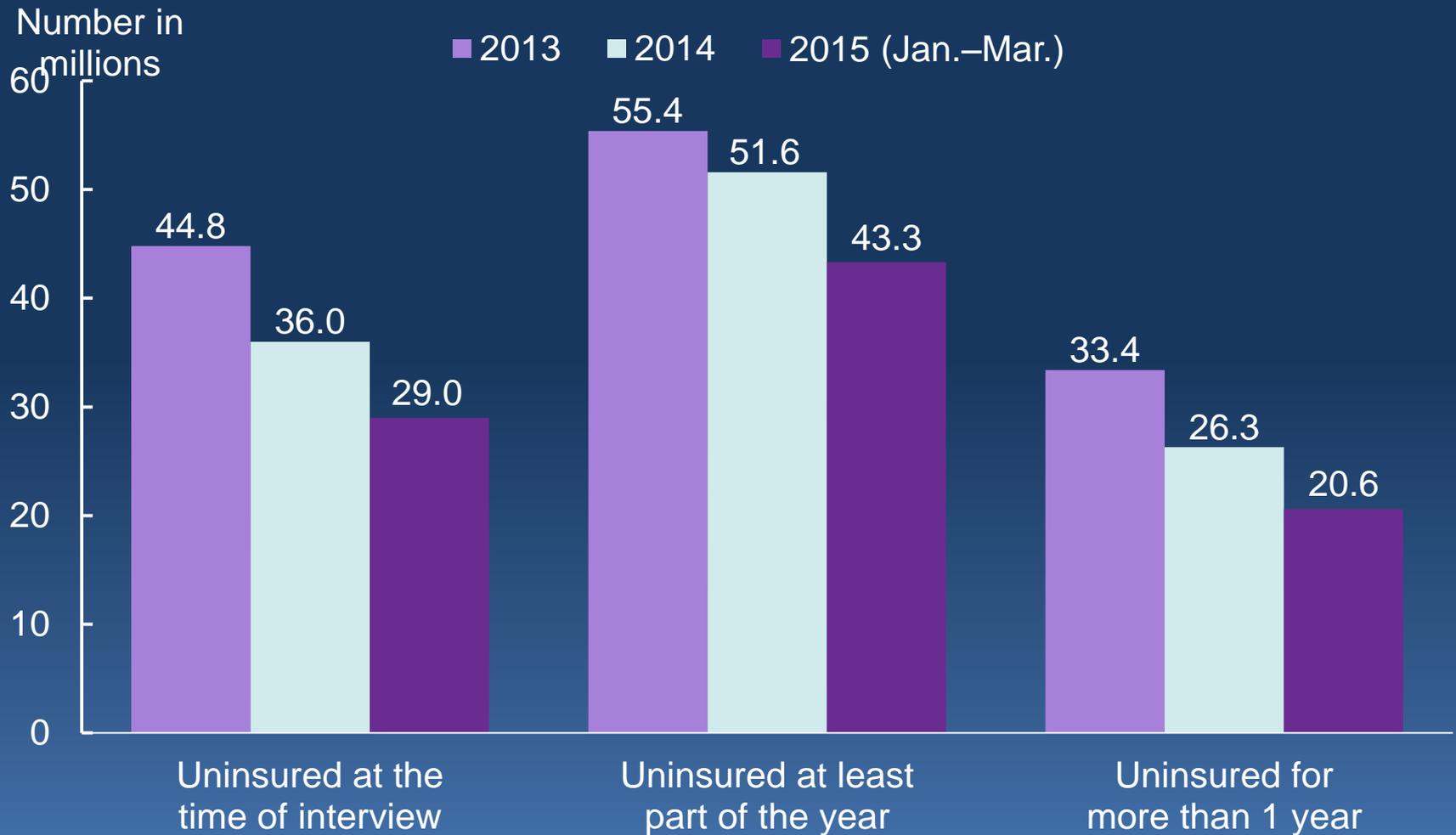


Percentages of persons of all ages without health insurance using three measures of uninsurance: United States, 2013–March 2015



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2013-2015, Family Core component.

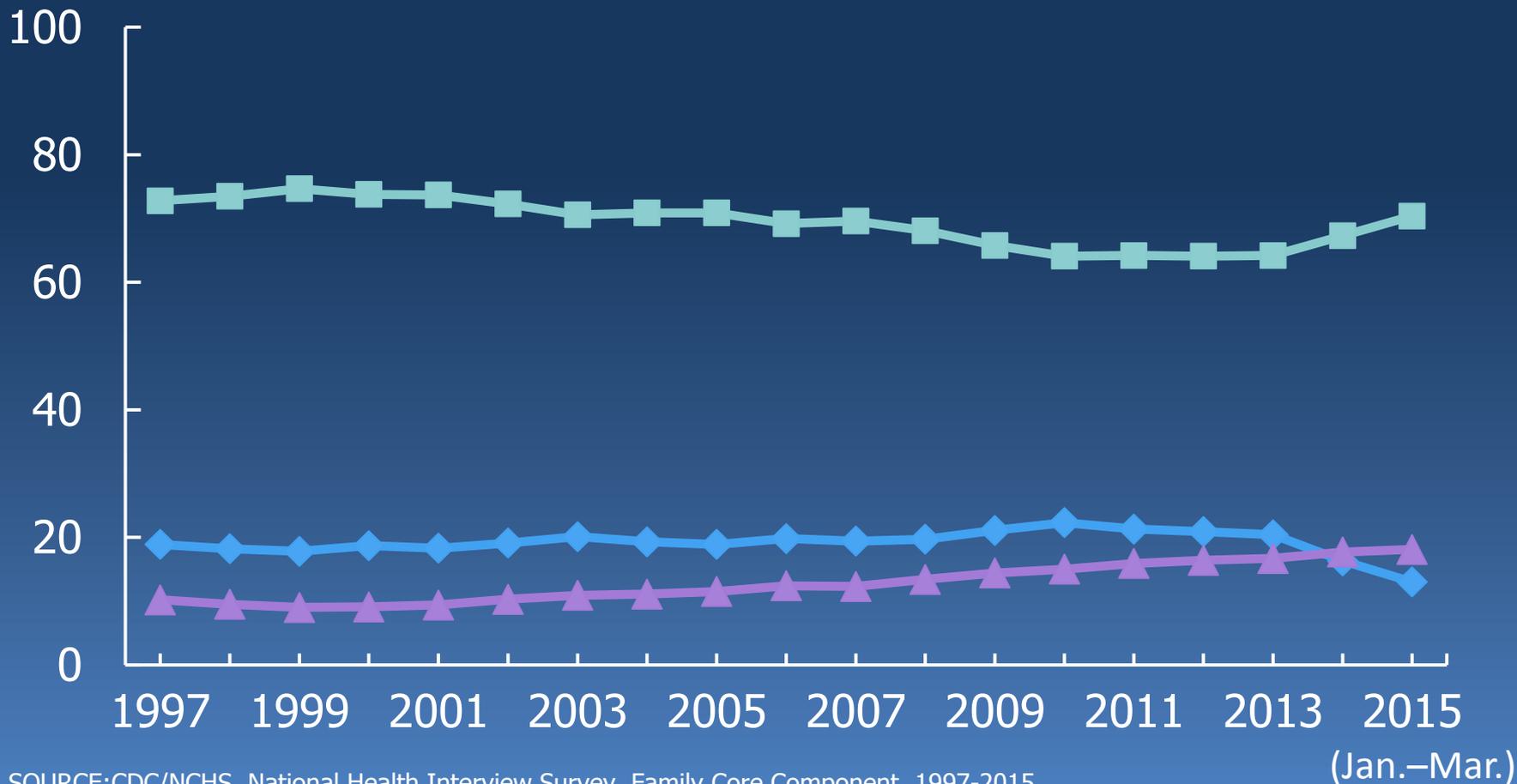
Number (millions) of persons of all ages without health insurance using three measures of uninsurance: United States, 2013–March 2015



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2013-2015, Family Core component.

Percentage of adults aged 18–64 who were uninsured or who had private or public coverage at the time of interview, 1997–March 2015

◆ uninsured ■ private ▲ public

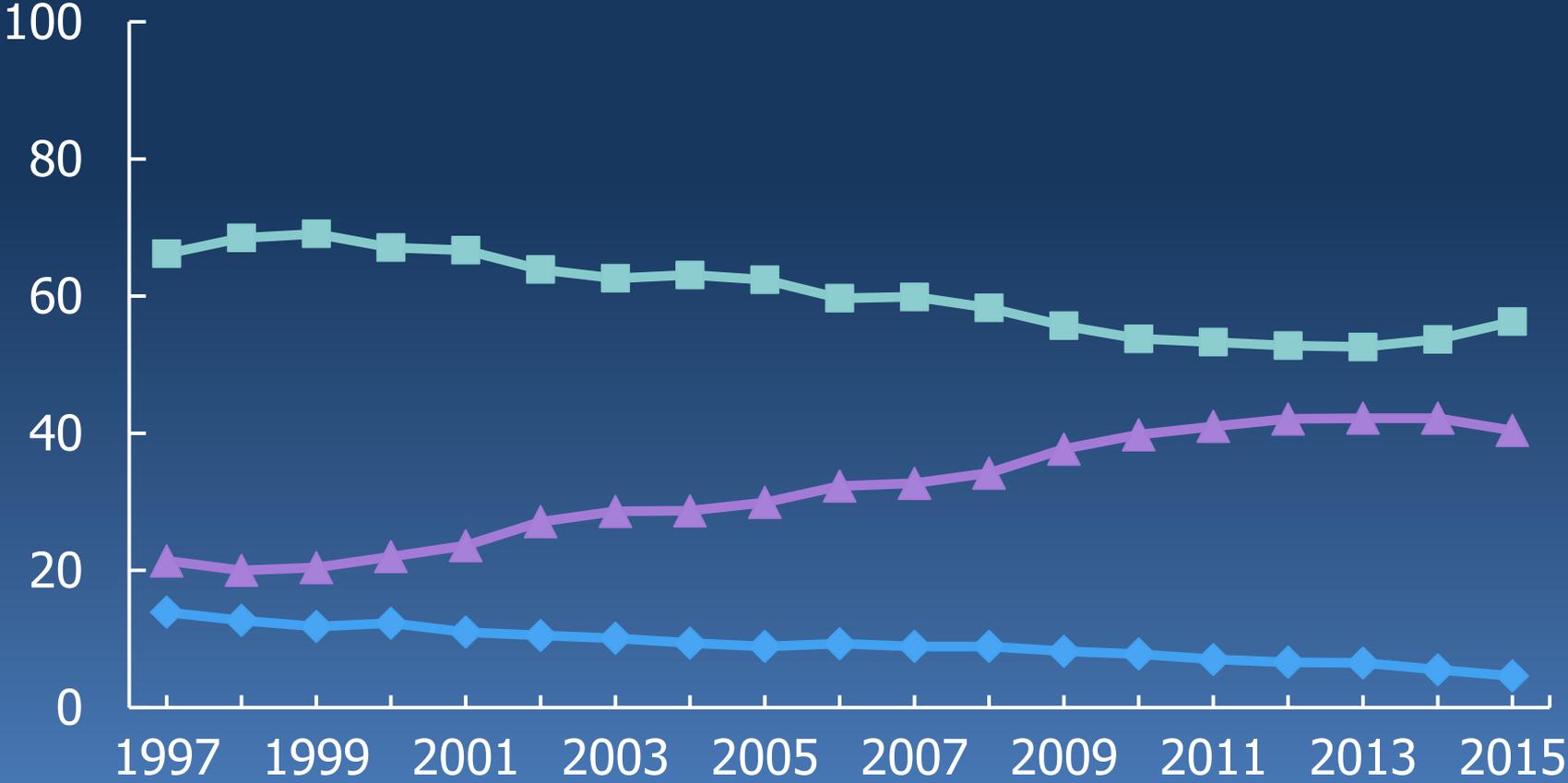


SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, Family Core Component, 1997-2015

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Percentage of children aged 0–17 years who were uninsured or who had private or public coverage at the time of interview, 1997–March 2015

◆ uninsured ■ private ▲ public



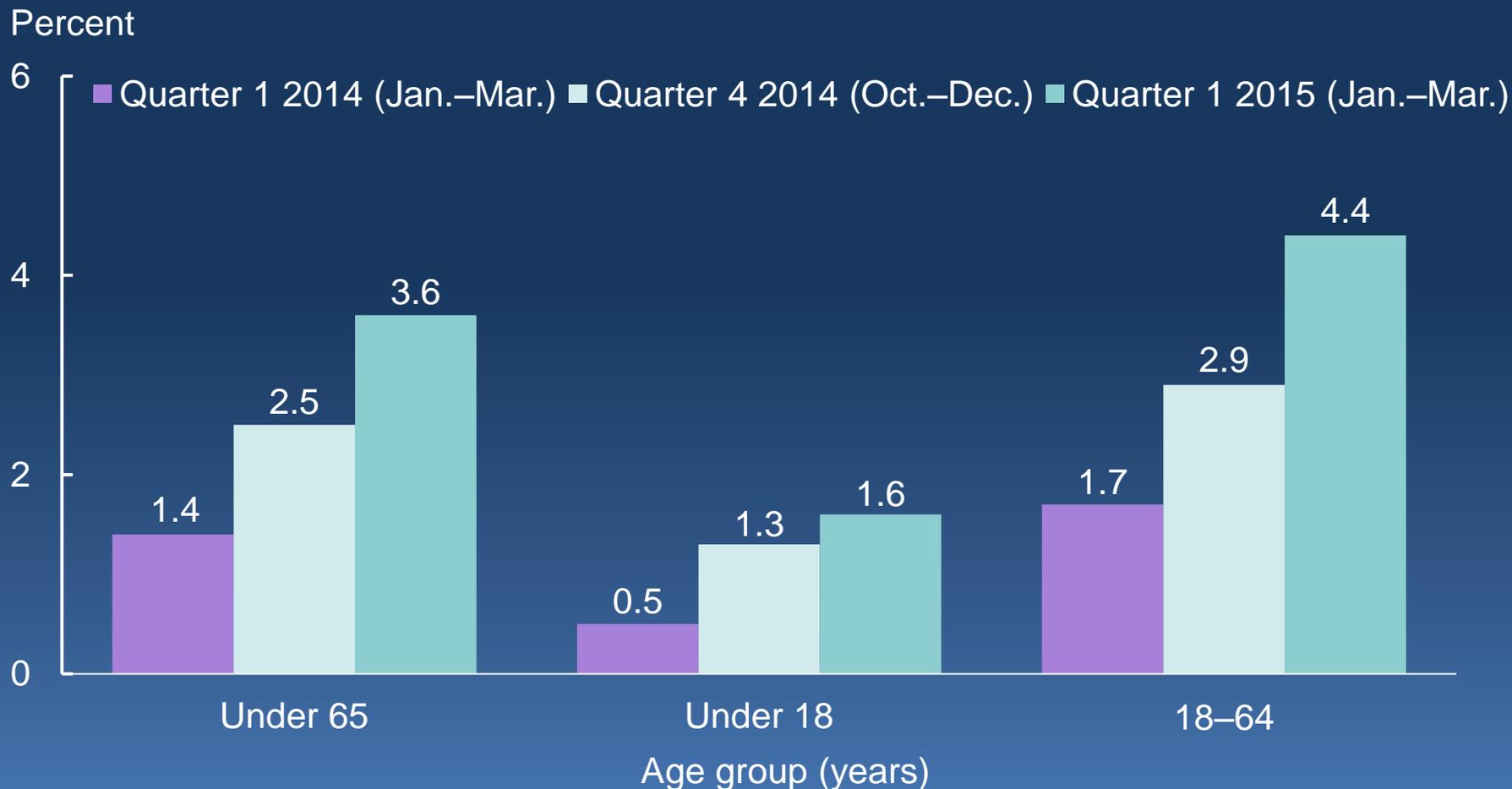
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Private Coverage

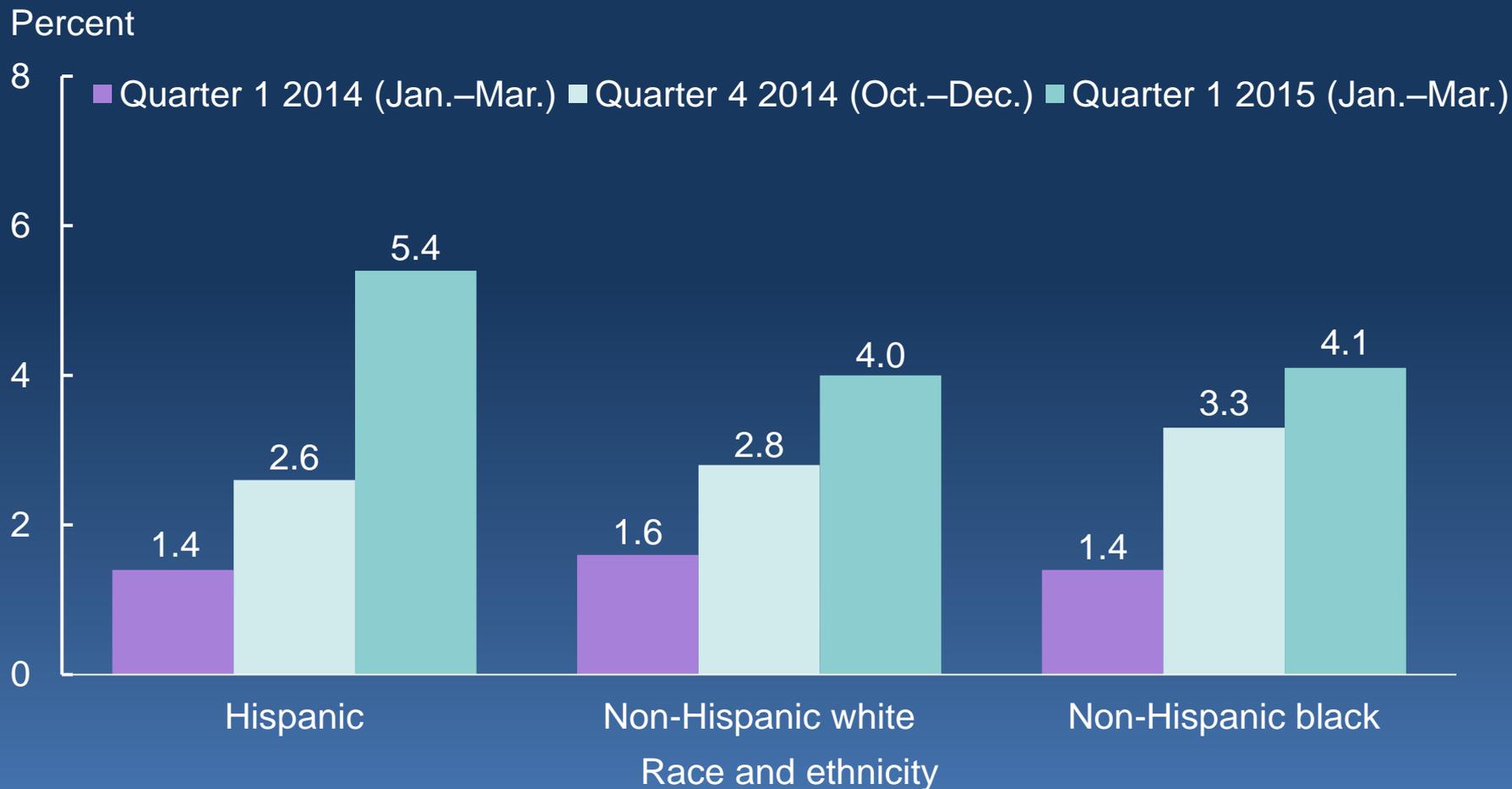
- Among persons under age 65:
 - In the first 3 months of 2015, 66.5% (179.1 million) were covered by private health insurance at the time of interview.
 - This includes 3.6% (9.7 million) covered by private plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges at the time of interview between January and March 2015.

Percentage of persons under age 65 with private health insurance obtained through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges, by age group and selected quarters: United States, January 2014–March 2015



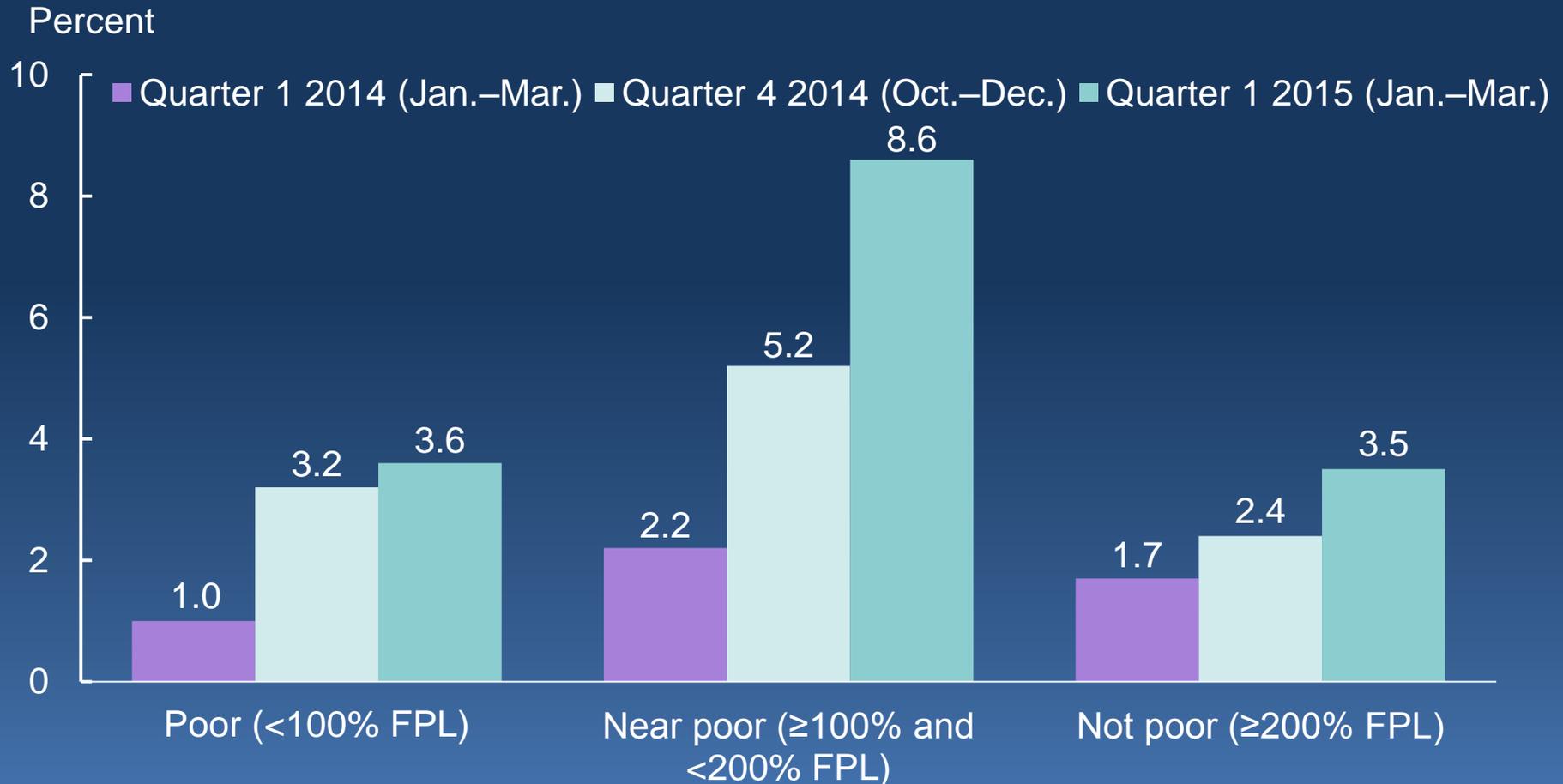
NOTES: Includes persons who have purchased a private health insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges that were established as part of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111–148, P.L. 111–152). All persons who have exchange-based coverage are considered to have private health insurance. SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2014 and 2015, Family Core component.

Percentage of persons aged 18-64 years with private health insurance obtained through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges, by race and ethnicity and selected quarters: United States, January 2014–March 2015



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Percentage of persons aged 18-64 years with private health insurance obtained through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges, by poverty status and selected quarters: United States, January 2014–March 2015



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Summary of changes between 2014 and quarter 1 2015

- Among persons under age 65:
 - Decrease in the uninsured (all three measures)
 - No change in public coverage
 - Increase in private coverage
 - 1st quarter 2015 –9.7 million covered by exchange plans

Summary of changes between 2014 and quarter 1 2015

- Increase in exchange coverage for:
 - Children and adults aged 18–64
 - Hispanic, Non-Hispanic white, and Non-Hispanic black adults aged 18–64
 - Poor, near poor, and not poor adults 18–64

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