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Characteristic	1984	1997	2000 ¹	2005 ²	2009 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²	2017 ²	2018 ²	2019 ²
Number (millions)										
Total, under 65 years ³	14.0	22.9	23.2	33.2	42.4	52.6	55.4	54.6	54.7	55.5
Percent of population										
Total, under 65 years ³	6.8	9.7	9.5	12.9	16.1	19.6	20.6	20.2	20.2	20.5
Age group										
Under 19 years	11.7	18.0	19.2	26.6	33.9	38.6	39.2	37.4	37.4	37.3
Under 6 years	15.5	24.7	24.7	34.0	41.4	43.8	44.2	41.7	42.1	41.8
6–18 years	9.8	14.9	16.8	23.3	30.3	36.3	36.9	35.4	35.3	35.3
Under 18 years	11.9	18.4	19.6	27.2	34.5	39.4	39.9	37.8	38.0	37.9
6–17 years	10.1	15.2	17.2	23.9	30.9	37.3	37.9	36.0	36.0	36.0
18–64 years	4.5	5.9	5.2	7.2	8.9	12.1	13.2	13.5	13.5	14.1
18–44 years	5.1	6.6	5.6	8.3	10.3	13.8	15.0	15.2	15.5	15.4
18–24 years	6.4	8.8	8.1	11.3	14.0	17.9	18.5	19.0	19.1	17.8
19–25 years	6.3	8.5	7.3	10.3	12.2	16.1	16.3	16.9	17.3	15.8
25–34 years	5.3	6.8	5.5	8.0	10.1	13.3	14.7	15.3	15.8	16.2
35–44 years	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.6	7.7	11.3	12.8	12.2	12.6	12.6
45–64 years	3.4	4.6	4.5	5.5	6.9	9.9	10.8	11.3	10.7	12.3
45–54 years	3.2	4.0	4.2	5.2	7.0	9.8	11.2	11.7	10.4	12.1
55–64 years	3.6	5.6	4.9	5.8	6.8	9.9	10.4	11.0	11.1	12.5
Sex										
Male	5.4	8.4	8.2	11.6	14.4	17.8	19.1	18.5	18.5	18.8
Female	8.1	11.1	10.8	14.3	17.8	21.4	22.0	21.8	21.8	22.2
Sex and marital status ⁴										
Male:										
Married	1.9	2.5	2.2	3.5	4.1	6.2	7.0	6.4	6.6	6.2
Divorced, separated, or widowed	4.9	5.7	6.1	7.0	8.3	12.0	12.6	15.5	12.8	14.5
Never married	4.8	7.0	7.2	10.4	13.1	17.6	19.6	19.6	19.9	17.7
Female:										
Married	2.6	3.5	3.1	4.7	5.3	8.1	8.8	8.1	8.4	9.1
Divorced, separated, or widowed	16.0	14.7	12.7	14.6	18.7	21.6	23.3	24.7	24.0	24.6
Never married	10.7	14.2	13.2	17.3	20.9	24.9	25.7	26.5	26.4	25.3
Race ⁵										
White only	4.6	7.4	7.1	11.0	13.7	16.9	17.9	17.5	17.7	16.1
Black or African American only	20.5	22.4	21.2	24.9	29.5	34.1	34.3	33.4	32.2	35.0
American Indian or Alaska Native only	*28.2	19.6	15.1	24.2	29.7	35.5	34.3	34.8	33.9	32.2
Asian or Pacific Islander only	*8.7	9.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asian only .....	...	...	7.5	8.2	9.9	14.7	16.5	16.7	15.0	14.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only .....	...	...	*	*	*	*	*	27.8	32.9	23.1
2 or more races .....	...	...	19.1	22.0	30.1	30.2	31.5	29.7	29.6	29.3
Hispanic origin and race ⁵										
Hispanic or Latino	13.3	17.6	15.5	22.9	27.6	31.3	33.5	32.0	32.2	30.9
Mexican	12.2	17.2	14.0	23.0	28.4	32.1	34.2	33.3	34.4	31.9
Puerto Rican	31.5	31.0	29.4	31.9	32.1	35.7	38.9	35.5	33.2	39.1
Cuban	*4.8	7.3	9.2	17.7	16.7	22.4	22.8	21.0	18.0	20.9
Other Hispanic or Latino	7.9	15.3	14.5	19.7	24.6	28.6	30.7	29.0	28.3	27.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	6.2	8.7	8.5	11.1	13.7	16.9	17.5	17.2	17.1	17.8
White only	3.7	6.1	6.1	8.5	10.4	13.0	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.7
Black or African American only	20.7	22.1	21.0	24.8	29.1	33.4	33.6	32.6	31.6	34.8

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Characteristic	1984	1997	2000 ¹	2005 ²	2009 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²	2017 ²	2018 ²	2019 ²
Age and percent of poverty level ⁶										
Percent of population										
Under 65 years:										
Below 100%	33.0	40.5	38.4	45.7	51.2	56.5	60.6	58.2	59.5	60.1
100%–199%	5.3	13.0	16.2	23.4	29.0	34.0	38.1	40.2	40.4	39.6
100%–133%	8.7	20.1	22.4	30.6	39.3	43.9	47.6	49.7	49.4	49.2
134%–199%	3.7	9.5	13.1	19.5	23.6	28.1	32.6	35.0	35.7	35.0
200%–399%	0.8	2.7	4.0	6.6	8.0	9.9	11.3	13.5	13.1	12.6
400% or more	0.2	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.7
Under 19 years:										
Below 100%	42.0	56.4	56.9	69.4	77.5	83.3	84.8	80.6	82.5	83.3
100%–199%	6.5	20.3	27.8	41.7	52.7	59.1	61.9	63.0	65.0	65.3
100%–133%	10.3	31.1	36.4	51.0	65.6	71.7	70.9	73.5	75.7	76.1
134%–199%	4.7	14.8	23.3	36.2	45.3	50.6	55.9	56.6	59.1	59.5
200%–399%	1.0	4.4	7.6	13.0	16.4	18.5	20.9	23.9	23.0	21.3
400% or more	*	1.3	2.1	2.9	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.2
Under 18 years:										
Below 100%	43.3	58.0	58.5	71.2	78.3	84.7	86.7	83.4	83.8	84.8
100%–199%	6.6	20.8	28.4	42.5	53.5	60.0	62.6	63.4	65.8	66.3
100%–133%	10.4	32.0	36.9	52.0	66.9	72.3	72.0	73.7	76.7	77.1
134%–199%	4.8	15.1	23.8	36.9	45.9	51.6	56.5	57.2	59.9	60.4
200%–399%	1.0	4.5	7.6	13.3	16.8	18.9	21.2	24.0	23.1	21.5
400% or more	*	1.3	2.2	2.9	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.0
18–64 years:										
Below 100%	25.3	28.0	24.9	29.6	33.6	39.7	44.8	44.0	45.3	46.4
100%–199%	4.5	8.6	9.1	13.1	16.2	21.4	25.9	28.2	28.0	27.0
100%–133%	7.6	13.0	13.2	17.9	23.7	28.3	34.2	36.3	35.7	34.1
134%–199%	3.1	6.5	7.2	10.7	12.4	17.6	21.3	24.0	23.9	23.8
200%–399%	0.7	1.9	2.4	3.8	4.6	6.7	7.6	9.4	9.2	9.4
400% or more	0.2	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.3
Level of difficulty ⁷										
18–64 years:										
A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all	---	---	---	---	---	33.1	36.1	33.6	33.4	38.2
Some difficulty	---	---	---	---	---	13.7	14.7	15.6	15.0	16.8
No difficulty	---	---	---	---	---	9.6	10.7	10.3	9.9	10.6
Geographic region										
Northeast	8.6	11.3	10.6	13.3	17.3	21.4	21.6	21.2	21.2	23.2
Midwest	7.4	8.4	8.0	12.3	16.4	18.6	19.8	18.3	17.5	17.4
South	5.1	8.7	9.4	12.7	14.8	18.7	18.4	18.8	18.9	19.2
West	7.0	11.7	10.4	13.8	16.8	20.9	24.0	23.2	23.7	23.3
Location of residence ⁸										
Within MSA	7.1	9.7	8.9	12.4	15.2	18.9	19.8	19.6	19.6	19.9
Outside MSA	6.1	10.1	11.9	15.5	20.8	24.4	25.4	24.3	23.8	24.3

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* Estimates are considered unreliable. Starting with 2016 data, the reliability of survey percentage estimates is assessed using new multistep National Center for Health Statistics data presentation standards for proportions. Before 2016 data, the reliability of estimates was evaluated based on relative standard errors (RSEs). Data preceded by an asterisk have an RSE of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%. For more information, see Sources and Definitions, Relative standard error (RSE); Statistical reliability of estimates.

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Estimates 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.

²Beginning in quarter 3 of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), people under age 65 with no reported coverage are asked explicitly about Medicaid coverage. Estimates were calculated with and without the additional information from this question in the columns labeled 2004(1) and 2004(2) (in spreadsheet version), respectively, and estimates are calculated with the additional information starting with 2005 data.

³Includes all other races not shown separately and those with unknown sex, unknown marital status, unknown disability (functional limitation) status, and, in 1984 and 1989, unknown poverty level.

⁴Includes people aged 14–64 before 2019 data. Starting with 2019 data, includes adults aged 18–64. See Sources and Definitions, Marital status.

⁵The race groups White, Black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races include people of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. People 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 race-specific estimates are for people who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes people who reported more than one racial group. These data include separate estimates for Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander groups. Before 1999, data were tabulated with four racial groups according to the 1977 standards and included a combined Asian or Pacific Islander category. Estimates for single-race categories before 1999 included people 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 are treated as missing, and then race is imputed if these were the only race responses. Almost all people with a race response of other race are of Hispanic origin. See Sources and Definitions, Hispanic origin; Race.

⁶Percent 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 people under age 65 in 1984 and 1989. Missing family income data are imputed for 1995 and beyond. See Sources and Definitions, Family income; Poverty.

⁷Functional limitation is defined by the reported level of difficulty in six domains of functioning: seeing (even if wearing glasses), hearing (even if wearing hearing aids), mobility (walking or climbing stairs), communication (understanding or being understood by others), cognition (remembering or concentrating), and self-care (such as washing all over or dressing). Respondents with answers to one or more of the six questions are included in one of three mutually exclusive categories. Adults who respond "a lot of difficulty" or "cannot do at all/unable to do" to at least one question are classified in the "a lot of difficulty or cannot do at all" category. Of the remaining respondents, adults who respond "some difficulty" to at least one question are classified in the "some difficulty" category, and adults who respond "no difficulty" to all questions are classified in the "no difficulty" category. Adults who respond "don't know" or "refused" to all six questions are excluded. During 2010–2019, 0%–8% of respondents were missing data and excluded. See Sources and Definitions, Functional limitation.

⁸MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2016 data, MSA status is determined using 2010 census data and the 2010 standards for defining MSAs. For more information, including the definition applied before 2016, see Sources and Definitions, Metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

NOTES: The category Medicaid coverage includes people who had any of the following at the time of interview: Medicaid, other public assistance (through 1996), state-sponsored health plan (starting in 1997), or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (starting in 1999). It also includes those who had another type of coverage in addition to one of these. In 2019, 18.4% of people under age 65 reported being covered by Medicaid, 0.9% by state-sponsored health plans, and 0.9% by CHIP. Estimates may not sum to total because of rounding. The number of people with Medicaid coverage is calculated by multiplying the percentage with Medicaid coverage by the number of people under age 65 in the civilian noninstitutionalized U.S. population, as determined from the poststratification Census control total for each survey year. Percentages of people with Medicaid coverage are calculated with unknown values excluded from denominators. See Sources and Definitions, Health insurance coverage; Medicaid. Data before 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for later years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. In 2019, the NHIS questionnaire was redesigned and other changes were made to weighting and design methodology. Data for 2019 have not been fully evaluated for comparability with earlier years. For more information on the 2019 NHIS redesign and evaluation of the redesign on selected indicators, see: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2019_quest_redesign.htm. Also see Sources and Definitions, Health insurance coverage; National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Estimates in this table may differ slightly from other estimates based on the same data and presented elsewhere if different methodologies were used (for example, how missing data were handled). Data have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Standard errors and data for additional years are available in the Excel spreadsheet version of this table on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/index.htm>.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. See Sources and Definitions, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).