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Characteristic	Under 18 years of age		Under 6 years of age		6–17 years of age	
	1997–98	2000–01	1997–98	2000–01	1997–98	2000–01
Percent of children without a health care visit <sup>1</sup>						
All children <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	12.8	12.7	5.7	6.6	16.3	15.8
Race <sup>3</sup>						
White only . . . . .	12.2	12.0	5.5	6.6	15.5	14.6
Black or African American only . . . . .	14.3	15.1	6.5	6.3	18.1	19.0
American Indian and Alaska Native only . . . . .	13.8	22.4	*	*	*17.6	*25.0
Asian only . . . . .	16.3	15.2	*5.6	*8.7	22.1	18.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific						
Islander only . . . . .	---	*	---	*	---	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	8.5	---	*	---	13.6
Hispanic origin and race <sup>3</sup>						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	19.3	19.7	9.7	10.0	25.3	25.5
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	11.6	11.4	4.8	5.8	14.9	14.0
White only . . . . .	10.7	10.3	4.3	5.5	13.7	12.6
Black or African American only . . . . .	14.5	14.8	6.5	6.5	18.3	18.5
Poverty status <sup>4</sup>						
Poor . . . . .	17.7	18.5	8.1	10.4	23.8	22.9
Near poor . . . . .	16.1	17.1	7.0	8.8	20.8	21.5
Nonpoor . . . . .	9.7	9.5	3.9	4.0	12.5	12.1
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status <sup>3,4</sup>						
Hispanic or Latino:						
Poor . . . . .	23.4	23.2	11.8	11.5	31.2	30.4
Near poor . . . . .	20.1	21.8	9.3	12.9	27.3	27.4
Nonpoor . . . . .	12.9	13.6	7.1	*4.8	16.2	18.4
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only:						
Poor . . . . .	13.7	16.1	*5.4	*11.0	19.3	18.9
Near poor . . . . .	14.0	14.1	6.0	6.9	18.1	17.9
Nonpoor . . . . .	9.1	8.6	3.4	3.8	11.6	10.7
Black or African American only:						
Poor . . . . .	16.1	16.1	*7.5	*8.2	21.0	19.8
Near poor . . . . .	16.6	18.1	*7.0	*7.8	21.1	23.0
Nonpoor . . . . .	12.2	12.4	*4.0	*4.1	15.6	15.9
Health insurance status <sup>5</sup>						
Insured . . . . .	10.4	10.5	4.5	5.2	13.4	13.2
Private . . . . .	10.4	10.3	4.3	4.7	13.1	12.9
Medicaid . . . . .	10.1	11.0	5.0	6.3	14.4	14.2
Uninsured . . . . .	28.8	30.6	14.6	18.8	34.9	35.7
Poverty status and health insurance status <sup>4</sup>						
Poor:						
Insured . . . . .	13.2	13.6	5.7	7.5	18.4	17.2
Uninsured . . . . .	34.5	37.8	19.6	23.8	40.6	44.4
Near poor:						
Insured . . . . .	12.5	13.7	4.4	5.9	16.9	18.0
Uninsured . . . . .	27.9	31.5	16.9	22.9	32.7	35.5
Nonpoor:						
Insured . . . . .	8.9	8.9	3.6	3.6	11.4	11.4
Uninsured . . . . .	23.0	21.9	*8.8	*13.2	28.6	25.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region						
Percent of children without a health care visit <sup>1</sup>						
Northeast . . . . .	7.0	6.5	3.1	4.6	8.9	7.3
Midwest . . . . .	12.2	10.5	5.9	5.3	15.3	12.9
South . . . . .	14.3	15.1	5.6	7.4	18.5	18.9
West . . . . .	16.3	16.8	7.9	8.2	20.7	21.3
Location of residence						
Within MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	12.3	12.3	5.4	6.5	15.9	15.2
Outside MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	14.6	14.6	6.9	6.8	17.9	18.1

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a RSE of greater than 30 percent.

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup> Respondents were asked how many times a doctor or other health care professional was seen in the past 12 months at a doctor's office, clinic, or some other place. Excluded are visits to emergency rooms, hospitalizations, home visits, and telephone calls. Beginning in 2000 dental visits were also excluded. See Appendix II, Health care contact.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown poverty status, and unknown health insurance status.

<sup>3</sup> The race groups, white, black, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Native Hawaiian and 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 data years 1999–2000 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for 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 1997 Standards. The 1999–2000 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 data years 1999–2000, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the category "Asian only" included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999–2000 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999–2000 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999–2000 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Estimates based on the 1977 Standard of the percent of children under 18 years of age without a recent health care visit are: 0.1 percentage points higher for white children; 0.3 percentage points lower for black children; 1.0 percentage points lower for AI/AN children; and 1.2 percentage points lower for Asian and Pacific Islander children than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>4</sup> Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of the poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. Poverty status was unknown for 17 percent of children in the sample in 1997, 21 percent in 1998, 24 percent in 1999, and 23 percent in 2000 and 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.

<sup>5</sup> Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having private coverage. Starting in 1997 Medicaid includes state-sponsored health plans and State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The category "insured" also includes military, other State, and Medicare coverage. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

<sup>6</sup> MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Some numbers in this table for health insurance estimates were revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey questionnaire was redesigned. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey. Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See [www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm).

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, family core and sample child questionnaires.