

Table 57 (page 1 of 2). Respondent-assessed health status according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1991–2001

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1997¹</i>	<i>1998¹</i>	<i>1999¹</i>	<i>2000¹</i>	<i>2001¹</i>
	Percent of persons with fair or poor health ²						
Total ^{3,4}	10.4	10.6	9.2	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.2
Age							
Under 18 years	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.8
Under 6 years	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6
6–17 years	2.6	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
18–44 years	6.1	6.6	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.4
18–24 years	4.8	4.5	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.3
25–44 years	6.4	7.2	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.7	6.0
45–54 years	13.4	13.4	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.9	11.7
55–64 years	20.7	21.4	18.2	18.0	18.5	17.9	19.2
65 years and over	29.0	28.3	26.7	26.7	26.1	27.0	26.6
65–74 years	26.0	25.6	23.1	23.9	22.7	22.6	23.0
75 years and over	33.6	32.2	31.5	30.4	30.2	32.2	30.8
Sex ³							
Male	10.0	10.1	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.0
Female	10.8	11.1	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.5
Race ^{3,5}							
White only	9.6	9.7	8.3	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.2
Black or African American only	16.8	17.2	15.8	15.7	14.6	14.6	15.4
American Indian and Alaska Native only	18.3	18.7	17.3	17.6	14.7	17.2	14.5
Asian only	7.8	9.3	7.8	7.1	8.6	7.4	8.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	---	---	---	12.9	16.4	13.8
Black or African American; White American Indian and Alaska Native; White	---	---	---	---	*20.5	14.6	*10.1
Asian; White	---	---	---	---	14.5	18.8	15.0
Hispanic origin and race ^{3,5}							
Hispanic or Latino	15.6	15.1	13.0	13.1	11.9	12.9	12.7
Mexican	17.0	16.7	13.1	13.5	12.3	12.9	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	#	#	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.9
White only	9.1	9.1	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.9
Black or African American only	16.8	17.3	15.8	15.8	14.6	14.6	15.5
Poverty status ^{3,6}							
Poor	22.8	23.7	21.4	22.2	21.7	20.9	21.0
Near poor	14.7	15.5	14.6	15.6	14.9	15.3	15.5
Nonpoor	6.8	6.7	6.1	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.2
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{3,5,6}							
Hispanic or Latino:							
Poor	23.6	22.7	19.8	21.7	18.9	19.1	18.8
Near poor	18.0	16.9	14.0	15.3	14.2	16.5	15.2
Nonpoor	9.3	8.7	8.8	7.9	8.2	8.4	9.2
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White only:							
Poor	21.9	22.8	20.6	21.3	20.5	20.1	19.4
Near poor	14.0	14.8	14.1	15.3	14.5	14.7	14.6
Nonpoor	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.8
Black or African American only:							
Poor	25.8	27.7	25.6	26.3	27.2	25.3	26.5
Near poor	17.0	19.3	19.5	19.3	18.2	19.4	20.9
Nonpoor	10.9	9.9	9.6	9.0	8.6	9.6	9.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region³							
Percent of persons with fair or poor health²							
Northeast	8.3	9.1	8.0	7.9	7.5	7.6	7.4
Midwest	9.1	9.7	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.8
South	13.1	12.3	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	10.8
West	9.7	10.1	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.8	8.6
Location of residence³							
Within MSA ⁷	9.9	10.1	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.7
Outside MSA ⁷	11.9	12.6	11.1	11.4	11.1	11.1	11.0

* 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.

#Estimates calculated upon request.

¹Data starting in 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey.

²See Appendix II, Health status, respondent-assessed.

³Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: Under 18 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁴Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty status.

⁵The 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 year 1999 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 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 year 1999, 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 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 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standards of the percent of persons in fair or poor health are: identical for the white and black groups; 0.1 percentage points lower for the Asian and Pacific Islander group; and 0.8 percentage points higher for the AI/AN group than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

⁶Poor 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. Missing family income data were imputed for 16–18 percent of persons in 1991 and 1995. Poverty status was unknown for 20 percent of persons in the sample in 1997, 25 percent in 1998, 28 percent in 1999, 27 percent in 2000, and 29 percent in 2001. See Appendix II, Family Income; Poverty level.

⁷MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm.

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