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Characteristic	Under 18 years of age			Under 6 years of age			6–17 years of age		
	1993–94	1997–98 ¹	2000–01 ¹	1993–94	1997–98 ¹	2000–01 ¹	1993–94	1997–98 ¹	2000–01 ¹
Percent of children without a usual source of health care ²									
All children ³	7.7	6.7	6.4	5.2	4.5	4.4	9.0	7.8	7.3
Race ⁴									
White only	7.0	5.8	5.6	4.7	4.1	4.2	8.3	6.7	6.3
Black or African American only	10.3	8.9	7.4	7.6	5.6	4.0	11.9	10.4	9.0
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*9.3	*10.8	*6.7	*	*	*	*8.7	*	*
Asian only	9.7	10.7	9.9	*3.4	*	*7.5	13.5	14.4	11.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	---	*	---	---	*	---	---	*
2 or more races	---	---	6.0	---	---	*	---	---	*8.0
Hispanic origin and race ⁴									
Hispanic or Latino	14.3	13.2	14.1	9.3	7.6	9.3	17.7	16.7	17.0
Not Hispanic or Latino	6.7	5.6	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.2	7.8	6.4	5.6
White only	5.7	4.5	3.9	3.7	3.4	2.8	6.7	5.0	4.4
Black or African American only	10.2	8.8	7.4	7.7	5.4	4.0	11.6	10.4	9.0
Poverty status ⁵									
Poor	13.9	12.4	12.2	9.4	8.2	8.2	16.8	15.0	14.4
Near poor	9.8	10.1	9.4	6.7	6.5	7.1	11.6	12.0	10.7
Nonpoor	3.7	3.5	3.3	1.8	2.0	2.2	4.6	4.2	3.8
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{4,5}									
Hispanic or Latino:									
Poor	19.6	17.0	19.2	12.7	8.4	12.8	24.8	22.7	23.3
Near poor	15.3	16.0	15.6	9.9	10.2	11.4	18.9	19.9	18.1
Nonpoor	5.0	5.7	6.2	*2.7	*3.1	*4.2	6.5	7.3	7.3
Not Hispanic or Latino:									
White only:									
Poor	10.2	11.4	9.6	6.5	10.7	*	12.7	12.0	11.0
Near poor	8.7	6.6	6.5	6.3	4.5	*5.4	10.1	7.7	7.1
Nonpoor	3.4	2.8	2.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	4.2	3.3	3.0
Black or African American only:									
Poor	13.7	9.1	8.7	10.9	*5.4	*4.7	15.5	11.2	10.5
Near poor	9.1	12.5	8.3	*6.0	*7.2	*5.0	10.8	15.0	9.8
Nonpoor	4.6	6.4	4.1	*	*4.0	*	5.8	7.4	4.8
Health insurance status ⁶									
Insured	5.0	3.6	3.5	3.3	2.6	2.5	5.9	4.2	4.0
Private	3.8	3.1	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	4.6	3.6	3.4
Medicaid	8.9	5.5	5.1	6.4	4.1	3.8	11.3	6.7	6.0
Uninsured	23.5	27.8	28.9	18.0	19.0	20.7	26.0	31.6	32.5
Poverty status and health insurance status ⁵									
Poor:									
Insured	9.1	6.2	5.5	6.0	4.8	3.5	11.5	7.2	6.7
Uninsured	29.4	35.5	38.4	25.0	26.5	29.0	31.5	39.2	42.9
Near poor:									
Insured	6.0	5.1	5.3	4.0	3.4	4.3	7.2	6.1	5.9
Uninsured	22.9	27.1	27.0	18.0	18.4	20.4	25.3	30.9	30.1
Nonpoor:									
Insured	2.9	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	3.6	3.0	2.8
Uninsured	14.5	19.7	19.7	6.4	*10.6	*13.2	18.1	23.4	22.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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Geographic region									
Percent of children without a usual source of health care ²									
Northeast	4.1	3.1	2.3	2.9	*2.5	2.0	4.8	3.5	2.5
Midwest	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.1	4.0	3.6	5.9	4.9	5.4
South	10.9	8.4	7.6	7.3	5.3	4.9	12.7	9.9	9.0
West	8.6	9.8	9.4	5.3	5.5	6.2	10.6	12.0	11.1
Location of residence									
Within MSA ⁷	7.7	6.8	6.4	5.0	4.4	4.6	9.2	8.0	7.3
Outside MSA ⁷	7.8	6.4	6.3	6.0	4.7	3.5	8.7	7.2	7.6

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

-- Data not available.

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.

²Persons who report the emergency department as the place of their usual source of care are defined as having no usual source of care. See Appendix II, Usual source of care.

³Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown poverty status, and unknown health insurance status.

⁴The 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 with no usual source of care are: identical for white children; 0.1 percentage points lower for black children; 0.6 percentage points lower for AI/AN children; and 1.0 percentage points lower for Asian and Pacific Islander children than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

⁵Poor 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 14 percent of children in 1993–96. 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.

⁶Health insurance categories are mutually exclusive. Persons who reported both Medicaid and private coverage are classified as having private coverage. Medicaid includes other public assistance through 1996. 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. Health insurance status was unknown for 8–9 percent of children in the sample in 1993–96, and 1 percent in 1997–2001. See Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

⁷MSA 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). For more data on usual source of care, see National Health Interview Survey home page: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/htm. Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, access to care and health insurance supplements (1993–96). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core and sample child questionnaires.