

Table 130 (page 1 of 4). Health insurance coverage for persons 65 years of age and over, according to type of coverage and selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1989–2001

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

Characteristic	Private insurance ¹						Private insurance obtained through workplace ^{1,2}					
	1989	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001	1989	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number in millions												
Total ³	22.4	23.5	21.5	20.8	20.6	20.6	11.2	12.4	12.0	11.3	11.7	11.9
Percent of population												
Total, age adjusted ^{3,4}	76.1	74.5	66.7	64.0	63.1	62.7	37.3	38.9	37.1	34.6	35.6	36.0
Total, crude ³	76.5	74.6	66.7	64.1	63.1	62.7	38.4	39.5	37.3	34.9	35.8	36.1
Age												
65–74 years	78.2	75.1	66.6	64.5	62.7	63.0	43.7	43.3	40.4	38.6	39.4	39.7
75 years and over	73.9	73.9	66.8	63.5	63.6	62.4	30.2	34.1	33.5	30.3	31.4	31.9
75–84 years	75.9	75.7	68.1	64.6	64.6	63.9	32.0	36.0	35.7	32.3	33.1	33.3
85 years and over	65.5	67.3	61.8	59.6	59.5	57.0	22.8	27.3	25.3	23.2	24.7	26.7
Sex ⁴												
Male	77.4	76.6	68.5	64.5	64.3	63.8	42.1	43.3	41.4	38.6	39.7	40.1
Female	75.4	73.2	65.5	63.8	62.2	61.9	34.0	35.8	34.0	31.8	32.5	33.0
Race ^{4,5}												
White only	79.8	78.3	70.3	67.6	66.9	66.4	38.7	40.4	38.5	35.8	37.2	37.4
Black or African American only	42.3	40.3	40.3	39.9	35.6	37.6	23.7	24.6	27.4	27.5	25.0	27.9
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*	*	*37.9	*35.2	*	*31.8	*	*	*	*33.3	*	*
Asian only	#	#	40.8	33.1	43.3	40.9	#	#	28.3	21.4	23.2	23.5
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	---	---	*	*	*	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	---	---	56.0	63.1	50.0	---	---	---	*26.9	48.4	32.3
Hispanic origin and race ^{4,5}												
Hispanic or Latino	42.3	39.8	29.1	26.9	23.4	24.0	22.2	18.4	17.9	17.4	15.1	16.2
Mexican	33.5	31.8	26.5	27.4	20.3	24.8	20.2	15.9	17.5	16.9	12.8	16.8
Not Hispanic or Latino	77.2	76.2	68.7	66.2	65.5	65.2	37.7	39.9	38.2	35.7	36.8	37.2
White only	81.0	80.3	72.3	69.7	69.1	68.8	39.3	41.7	39.5	36.8	38.3	38.6
Black or African American only	42.4	40.1	40.5	40.1	35.6	37.6	23.7	24.4	27.6	27.6	25.0	28.0
Percent of poverty level ^{4,6}												
Below 100 percent	46.1	40.0	32.8	28.3	29.9	27.8	11.6	13.8	10.2	8.8	10.8	11.9
100–149 percent	67.7	67.6	48.7	44.6	44.2	45.7	22.2	26.7	19.3	14.7	16.1	20.6
150–199 percent	81.1	76.0	65.6	62.0	63.1	63.1	39.0	38.7	31.4	27.2	29.8	28.1
200 percent or more	85.5	85.3	78.6	75.5	74.4	74.2	49.4	49.3	49.8	45.4	47.3	46.8
Geographic region ⁴												
Northeast	76.1	76.2	72.0	66.0	66.7	66.1	42.2	44.6	43.9	39.7	38.7	38.8
Midwest	81.9	82.3	78.3	77.0	75.9	72.4	40.0	44.7	41.6	38.5	41.2	40.5
South	73.0	70.7	62.0	60.2	58.4	60.2	32.0	33.7	33.3	31.0	31.9	34.1
West	74.7	68.8	54.9	51.5	51.5	51.7	37.1	33.6	30.9	30.6	31.7	30.6
Location of residence ⁴												
Within MSA ⁷	76.6	74.7	65.5	62.8	61.4	61.2	39.9	40.9	38.7	36.0	36.9	36.5
Outside MSA ⁷	74.8	73.9	70.6	68.2	68.5	68.1	30.2	32.2	31.8	30.0	31.5	34.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 130 (page 2 of 4). Health insurance coverage for persons 65 years of age and over, according to type of coverage and selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1989–2001

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

Characteristic	Medicare fee-for-service only ^{1,8}						Medicare health maintenance organization ^{1,9}					
	1989	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001	1989	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Number in millions											
Total ³	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.9	---	---	4.7	5.2	5.0	4.2
	Percent of population											
Total, age adjusted ^{3,4}	15.7	14.8	14.5	15.8	16.8	17.9	---	---	14.4	16.0	15.2	12.9
Total, crude ³	15.4	14.7	14.5	15.8	16.8	17.9	---	---	14.5	16.0	15.2	12.9
Age												
65–74 years	13.8	14.4	13.7	15.6	16.4	17.4	---	---	15.3	16.1	15.8	12.8
75 years and over	17.8	15.2	15.4	15.9	17.4	18.4	---	---	13.5	15.9	14.6	13.1
75–84 years	16.2	14.1	14.2	15.2	16.0	17.0	---	---	13.7	16.5	15.5	13.4
85 years and over	24.9	19.2	19.7	18.4	22.7	23.7	---	---	12.8	13.7	11.1	11.9
Sex ⁴												
Male	14.9	14.3	13.2	15.4	16.1	17.4	---	---	14.7	16.5	15.6	12.5
Female	16.2	15.0	15.4	16.0	17.4	18.2	---	---	14.2	15.6	15.0	13.3
Race ^{4,5}												
White only	13.9	13.5	13.3	14.4	15.5	16.5	---	---	14.0	15.8	15.2	13.0
Black or African American only	34.9	29.0	26.7	28.0	29.6	30.5	---	---	17.6	16.5	14.7	11.2
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*	*	*26.6	*39.1	*	*37.9	---	---	*	*	*	*
Asian only	#	#	*12.6	22.0	21.4	19.8	---	---	17.0	18.9	16.0	13.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	---	---	*	*	*	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	---	---	*19.1	*	*21.7	---	---	---	*21.8	*29.8	*16.3
Hispanic origin and race ^{4,5}												
Hispanic or Latino	22.7	23.6	20.6	22.8	20.8	23.9	---	---	24.4	25.7	25.0	20.1
Mexican #	#	#	21.5	26.3	22.7	29.3	---	---	23.3	26.0	24.5	18.9
Not Hispanic or Latino	15.5	14.3	14.2	15.3	16.6	17.5	---	---	13.9	15.4	14.6	12.5
White only	13.6	12.9	12.9	13.9	15.3	16.1	---	---	13.5	15.2	14.5	12.5
Black or African American only	34.9	29.1	26.7	28.0	29.6	30.5	---	---	17.5	16.5	14.7	11.2
Percent of poverty level ^{4,6}												
Below 100 percent	26.4	23.4	21.9	24.8	23.6	23.3	---	---	11.0	13.8	14.4	8.6
100–149 percent	20.7	18.6	22.2	23.1	22.0	24.5	---	---	16.6	17.7	17.0	12.5
150–199 percent	13.6	16.8	14.3	17.1	16.6	16.6	---	---	18.6	20.4	16.0	15.0
200 percent or more	11.0	10.8	8.0	10.3	11.4	11.5	---	---	15.2	15.7	16.7	14.5
Geographic region ⁴												
Northeast	17.4	15.3	12.3	13.8	17.1	17.6	---	---	12.7	17.5	12.5	13.5
Midwest	13.8	11.0	12.9	11.7	13.5	16.1	---	---	7.7	9.0	8.4	7.5
South	16.6	15.9	17.5	20.3	19.6	19.7	---	---	12.5	12.2	13.2	10.2
West	14.4	17.2	13.7	14.9	15.7	17.3	---	---	28.2	31.0	30.6	23.8
Location of residence ⁴												
Within MSA ⁷	15.9	14.9	13.4	14.9	16.4	17.6	---	---	17.7	19.7	18.7	15.8
Outside MSA ⁷	15.5	14.2	18.2	18.7	18.2	19.0	---	---	3.5	3.4	4.4	3.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 130 (page 3 of 4). Health insurance coverage for persons 65 years of age and over, according to type of coverage and selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1989–2001

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

Characteristic	Medicaid ^{1,10}					
	1989	1995	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Number in millions					
Total ³	2.0	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.7
	Percent of population					
Total, age adjusted ^{3,4}	7.2	9.6	8.1	7.4	7.6	8.1
Total, crude ³	7.0	9.4	8.1	7.3	7.6	8.1
Age						
65–74 years	6.3	8.4	7.8	6.6	7.7	7.8
75 years and over	8.2	10.9	8.4	8.1	7.5	8.5
75–84 years	7.9	9.9	7.8	7.2	7.2	8.1
85 years and over	9.7	14.3	10.5	11.4	8.6	10.3
Sex ⁴						
Male	5.2	5.8	6.2	5.3	5.5	6.1
Female	8.6	12.2	9.5	8.8	9.2	9.7
Race ^{4,5}						
White only	5.6	7.4	6.4	5.6	5.6	6.2
Black or African American only	21.2	28.4	18.0	18.2	19.6	20.0
American Indian and Alaska Native only	*	*	*	*	*35.8	*
Asian only	#	#	33.4	28.2	21.3	23.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	---	---	*	*	*19.9
Hispanic origin and race ^{4,5}						
Hispanic or Latino	26.4	32.7	27.2	24.0	29.6	30.1
Mexican	#	#	29.0	17.5	28.1	25.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	6.6	8.5	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.8
White only	4.9	6.1	5.4	4.7	4.6	4.9
Black or African American only	21.1	28.5	18.0	18.1	19.5	20.0
Percent of poverty level ^{4,6}						
Below 100 percent	28.2	36.4	36.7	35.7	35.0	38.8
100–149 percent	9.0	12.8	14.1	15.3	16.2	18.6
150–199 percent	4.7	5.9	6.1	4.2	4.7	7.1
200 percent or more	2.4	2.4	3.5	2.9	2.8	3.1
Geographic region ⁴						
Northeast	5.4	8.9	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.9
Midwest	3.7	5.8	4.9	5.7	4.5	5.1
South	9.7	11.8	9.6	8.2	9.4	9.3
West	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.2	8.6	10.0
Location of residence ⁴						
Within MSA ⁷	6.5	8.9	8.0	6.9	7.2	8.1
Outside MSA ⁷	8.8	11.7	8.4	8.8	9.0	8.3

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* 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.

Estimates calculated upon request.

- - - Data not available.

¹Almost all persons 65 years of age and over are covered by Medicare also. In 2001, 90 percent of older persons with private insurance also had Medicare.

²Private insurance originally obtained through a present or former employer or union. Starting in 1997 also includes private insurance obtained through workplace, self-employed, or professional association.

³Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty level.

⁴Estimates are for persons 65 years of age and older and are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using two age groups: 65–74 years and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

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 and later 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 with private health insurance are: 0.1 percentage points lower for the white group; 0.3 percentage points higher for the black group; and 1 percentage point higher for the Asian and Pacific Islander group than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

⁶Missing family income data were imputed for 22–25 percent of the sample 65 years of age and over in 1994–96. Percent of poverty level was unknown for 29 percent of sample persons 65 or older in 1997, 34 percent in 1998, 38 percent in 1999, 39 percent in 2000, and 40 percent in 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.

⁷MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

⁸Medicare fee-for-service only includes persons who are not covered by private health insurance, Medicaid, or a Medicare health maintenance organization.

⁹Persons reporting Medicare coverage are considered to have HMO coverage if they responded yes when asked if they were under a Medicare managed care arrangement such as an HMO.

¹⁰Includes public assistance through 1996. Starting in 1997 includes State-sponsored health plans. In 2001 the age-adjusted percent of the population 65 years of age and over covered by Medicaid was 7.6 percent, and 0.5 percent were covered by State-sponsored health plans.

NOTES: In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) was redesigned, including changes to the questions on health insurance coverage. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey and Appendix II, Health insurance coverage. Percents do not add to 100 because elderly persons with more than one type of insurance in addition to Medicare appear in more than one column, and because the percent of elderly persons without health insurance (1.3 percent in 2001) is not shown. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, health insurance supplements (1984, 1989, 1994–1996). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core questionnaires.