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ABSTRACT

This report uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2001 Current Population Survey to examine health insurance coverage. The number and percentage of people covered by employment-based health insurance rose significantly in 2000, driving the overall increase in health insurance coverage. Among the entire population age 18-64 years, workers were more likely to have health insurance than nonworkers. The proportion of uninsured declined in 2000. For poor people, the uninsured rate declined in 2000, though the rate for the near-poor increased. Hispanics were less likely than White non-Hispanics to have health insurance. The coverage rate for Blacks in 2000 did not differ statistically from the coverage rate for Asians and Pacific Islanders. American Indians and Alaska Natives were less likely to have health insurance than any other racial group. Males were less likely than females to have health insurance. The foreign-born population was less likely than the native population to be insured. Among all adults, the likelihood of being insured increased as the level of education rose. Young adults were less likely than any other age group to have health insurance. The uninsured rate for children dropped from 12.6 percent in 1999 to 11.6 percent in 2000. The highest uninsured rate for children was among those of Hispanic origin (24.9 percent). Some states had higher uninsured rates than others. (SM)



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An estimated 14.0 percent of the population were without health insurance coverage during the entire year in 2000, down from 14.3 percent in 1999. Similarly, the

number of people without health insurance coverage declined in 2000, to 38.7 million, down 0.6 million from the previous year.

The estimates in this report are based on the March 2001 Current Population Survey (CPS), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Respondents provide answers to the best of their ability, but as with all surveys, the estimates may differ from the actual values. A facsimile of the CPS March Supplement questionnaire is available electronically at www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cps-main.html.

Other highlights:1

- The number and percentage of people covered by employment-based health insurance rose significantly in 2000, driving the overall increase in health insurance coverage.
- Mirroring what happened for the total population, the proportion of uninsured

¹Confidence intervals for estimates are provided in Table A. Use these measures of sampling error when comparing estimates. children declined in 2000, from 12:6 percent in 1999 to 11.6 percent. The number of uninsured children declined from 9.1 million to 8:5 million.

Revised Health Insurance Coverage Estimates for 1999

In March 2000, the Current Population Survey (CPS) added experimental follow-up questions for people who responded "no" to all questions about specific types of health insurance coverage in order to verify whether these people were actually uninsured. Several other national surveys that collect health insurance information have had good success with the addition of such questions. Testing and evaluation by Census Bureau staff indicated that including follow-up verification questions results in more complete and accurate estimates of the population covered by health insurance.¹

Accordingly, the Census Bureau revised the estimates of the number of people covered and not covered by health insurance in 1999. As a result, the health insurance estimates for 1999 presented in this report differ from those published last September in Series P60-211, Health Insurance Coverage: 1999. These estimates are not directly comparable with CPS estimates from earlier years, before the health insurance verification questions were added. The technical appendix presents estimates for 1999 and 2000 without using the verification questions. This report and future releases of CPS health insurance estimates will be based on answers to questionnaires that have the verification questions. The changes in health insurance coverage from 1999 to 2000 are statistically the same with or without using the verification question.

'Nelson, Charles T., and Robert J. Mills; U.S. Census Bureau; "The March CPS Health Insurance Verification Question and Its Effect on Estimates of the Uninsured;" August 2001; www.census.gov/hhes/hlthins/verif.html.

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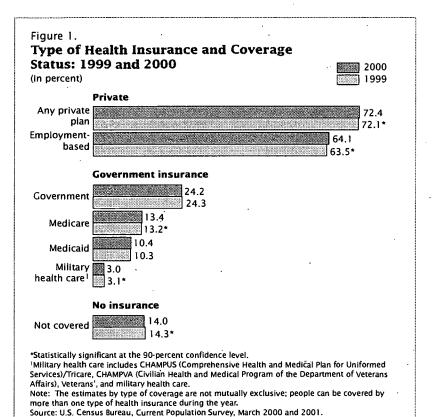


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- For poor people, the uninsured rate also declined in 2000 from 31.1 percent to 29.5 percent.
 Although medicaid insured 12.4 million poor people, 9.2 million poor people still had no health insurance in 2000.
- Compared with the previous year, health insurance coverage rates increased for those with household incomes below \$50,000, decreased for those with household incomes between \$50,000 and \$75,000, and were unchanged for those with \$75,000 and higher household incomes.
- Hispanics (68.0 percent) were less likely than White non-Hispanics (90.3 percent) to be covered by health insurance.² The coverage rate for Blacks in 2000 (81.5 percent) did not differ statistically from the coverage rate for Asians and Pacific Islanders (82.0 percent).
- American Indians and Alaska Natives were less likely to have health insurance than other racial groups, based on a 3-year average (1998-2000) 73.2 percent, compared with 80.5 percent of Blacks, 81.2 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders, and 89.9 percent of White non-Hispanics. However, they were more likely to have insurance than were Hispanics (67.2 percent).3
- Among the entire population 18 to 64 years old, workers (both full- and part-time) were more likely to have health insurance (83.8 percent) than nonworkers (76.4 percent), but among the poor, workers were less likely to

²Hispanics may be of any race.

³The difference in health insurance coverage rates between Blacks and Asians and Pacific Islanders was not statistically significant.



be covered (54.5 percent) than nonworkers (63.4 percent).

- The foreign-born population was less likely than the native population to be insured — 68.4 percent compared with 88.1 percent in 2000.
- Young adults (18 to 24 years old) were less likely than other age groups to have health insurance coverage 72.7 percent in 2000 compared with 84.3 percent of those 25 to 64 and, reflecting widespread medicare coverage, 99.3 percent of those 65 years and over.
- The male population was less likely than the female population to have health insurance coverage — 85.1 percent compared with 86.9 percent in 2000.

Employment-based insurance, the leading source of health coverage, drove the increase in insurance coverage rates.⁴

Most people (64.1 percent) were covered by a health insurance plan related to employment for some or all of 2000, an increase of 0.6 percentage points over the previous year. The increase in private health insurance coverage largely reflects the increase in employment-based insurance, which increased 0.3 percentage points to 72.4 percent in 2000 (see Figure 1).

The government also provides health insurance coverage, but that coverage rate did not change between 1999 and 2000. Among the



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^{&#}x27;Employment-based health insurance is coverage offered through one's own employment or a relative's.

Table A.

People Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Selected Characteristics: 1999 and 2000

(Numbers in thousands. For an explanation of confidence intervals (C.I.), see "Standard errors and their use" on the Census Bureau's CPS Web site at www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/2000/ssrcacc.htm)

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9 1			Uninsured	i			Uninsured	i		Uninsured	t
Characteristic .	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	Per-	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)
People Total	276,540	38,729	14.0	0.2	274,087	39,280	14.3	0.2	*-551	*-0.3	0.2
Sex Male Female	135,244 141,296	20,177 18,552	14.9 13.1	0.2 0.2	133,933 140,154	20,402 18,877	15.2 13.5	0.2 0.2	-226 -325	*-0.3 *-0.3	0.3 0.3
Race and Ethnicity White	226,401 194,161 35,919 11,384	29,285 18,898 6,629 2,051	12.9 9.7 18.5 18.0	0.2 0.2 0.5 1.0	224,806 193,633 35,509 10,925	29,385 19,237 6,963 2,080	13.1 9.9 19.6 19.0	0.2 0.2 0.5 1.0	–99 –340 *–333 –29	-0.1 *-0.2 *-1.2 -1.0	0.2 0.2 0.7 1.2
Hispanic ¹	33,863	10,835	32.0	0.7	32,804	10,566	32.2	0.7	*269	-0.2	0.6
Age Under 18 years 18 to 24 years 25 to 34 years 35 to 44 years 45 to 64 years 65 years and over	72,556 26,962 37,440 44,780 61,823 32,979	8,451 7,349 7,926 6,939 7,819 245	11.6 27.3 21.2 15.5 12.6 0.7	0.3 0.7 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.2	72,325 26,532 37,786 44,805 60,018 32,621	9,145 7,199 8,188 6,804 7,669 276	12.6 27.1 21.7 15.2 12.8 0.8	0.3 0.7 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.2	*–693 150 *–262 134 151	*-1.0 0.1 -0.5 0.3 -0.1 -0.1	0.3 0.8 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.1
Nativity Native Foreign born Naturalized citizen Not a citizen	246,613 29,927 11,390 18,538	29,270 9,459 1,807 7,652	11.9 31.6 15.9 41.3	0.2 0.8 1.0 1.0	245,708 28,379 10,622 17,758	30,155 9,125 1,764 7,361	12.3 32.2 16.6 41.5	0.2 0.8 1.0 1.0	*–885 *334 · 43 *291	*-0.4 -0.5 -0.7 -0.2	0.2 0.9 1.2 1.2
Region Northeast Midwest South West	52,809 62,953 97,444 63,334	6,019 6,787 15,357 10,566	11.4 10.8 15.8 16.7	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.3	52,038 63,595 95,928 62,526	5,988 6,412 15,767 11,112	11.5 10.1 16.4 17.8	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.3	31 *375 *410 *547	-0.1 *0.7 *-0.7 *-1.1	0.4 0.4 0.4 0.5
Household Income Less than \$25,000 \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 or more	61,130 75,351 59,237 80,822	13,898 12,783 6,496 5,552	22.7 17.0 11.0 6.9	0.5 0.3 0.3 0.2	64,628 77,119 56,873 75,467	15,003 13,176 5,827 5,273	23.2 17.1 10.2 7.0	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.2	*–1,105 *–393 *668 *279	-0.5 -0.1 *0.7 -0.1	0.5 0.4 0.4 0.3
Education (18 years and older) Total	203,985 33,950 65,833 40,068 15,702 48,432	30,278 9,026 10,816 5,369 1,619 3,448	14.8 26.6 16.4 13.4 10.3 7.1	0.2 0.7 0.3 0.5 0.7 0.3	201,762 34,087 66,141 39,940 14,715 46,880	30,135 8,780 10,812 5,571 1,680 3,292	14.9 25.8 16.3 13.9 11.4 7.0	0.2 0.7 0.3 0.5 0.7	143 246 3 -202 -61 156	-0.1 *0.8 0.1 *-0.5 *-1.1 0.1	0.2 0.7 0.4 0.5 0.8 0.4
Work Experience (18 to 64 years old) Total Worked during year Worked full-time Worked part-time Did not work	171,006 140,403 117,478 22,925 30,603	30,033 22,806 18,057 4,749 7,227	17.6 16.2 15.4 20.7 23.6	0.2 0.2 0.3 0.7 0.7	169,141 139,218 115,973 23,245 29,923	29,860 22,568 17,660 4,908 7,292	17.7 16.2 15.2 21.1 24.4	0.2 0.3 0.3 0.8 0.7	173 ´ 238 397 –159 –65	-0.1 - 0.1 -0.4 -0.8	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.8 0.8

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.



^{*}Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

²All numbers are derived from unrounded numbers. Some numbers and percentages may therefore appear to be slightly higher or lower than those computed with rounded figures from other columns.

entire population, 24.2 percent had government insurance, including medicare (13.4 percent), medicaid (10.4 percent), and military health care (3.0 percent). Many people carried coverage from more than one plan during the year; for example, 7.6 percent of people were covered by both private health insurance and medicare.

While the uninsured rate for the poor decreased between 1999 and 2000, the uninsured rate for the near poor increased.

Despite the medicaid program, 9.2 million, or 29.5 percent, of the poor had no health insurance of any kind during 2000. This percentage - more than double the rate for the total population - did, however, drop from 31.1 percent for the previous year. The uninsured poor comprised 23.8 percent of all uninsured people.

Medicaid was the most widespread type of health insurance among the poor, with 39.8 percent (12.4 million) of those in poverty covered by medicaid for some or all of 2000. This percentage did not change statistically from the previous year.5

Among the near poor (those with a family income greater than, but less than 125 percent of, the poverty level), 26.9 percent (3.3 million people) lacked health insurance in 2000. This percentage increased significantly from 1999, from 24.7 percent. Private health insurance coverage among the near poor (40.3 percent) and government health insurance coverage (44.6 percent) did not change significantly from 1999.

Kev demographic factors affect health insurance coverage.

Age - People 18 to 24 years old were less likely than other age groups to have health insurance coverage, with 72.7 percent covered for some or all of 2000. Because of medicare, almost all people 65 years and over (99.3 percent) had health insurance in 2000. For other age groups, health insurance coverage ranged from 78.8 percent to 88.4 percent (see Figure 2).

Among the poor, people 18 to 64 years old had a markedly lower health insurance coverage rate (59.0 percent) in 2000 than either people under 18 (78.5 percent) or 65 years and over (97.6 percent).

Race and Hispanic origin - The uninsured rate declined significantly in 2000 for Blacks and White non-Hispanics — for Blacks, from 19.6 percent to 18.5 percent and for White non-Hispanics, from 9.9 percent to 9.7 percent. Among Asian and Pacific Islanders, the apparent decline in the uninsured rate from 19.0 percent in 1999 to 18.0 percent in 2000 was not statistically significant.6 The uninsured rate among Hispanics (32.0 percent in 2000) also did not change significantly from 1999.78

⁶The Asian and Pacific Islander population consists of many distinct groups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration. Because of differences among them, data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate data for this population.

Because Hispanics may be of any race, use caution in comparing data for Hispanics and data for racial groups such as Blacks (3.1 percent of whom were Hispanic in 2000) and Asians and Pacific Islanders (1.9 percent of whom were Hispanic in 2000). Furthermore, the Hispanic population consists of many distinct groups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration. Because of differences among the individual groups, data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate data for this population.

The difference in health insurance coverage rates between Blacks and Asians and Pacific Islanders was not statistically significant.

The Current Population Survey, the source of these data, samples 50,000 households nationwide and is not large enough to produce reliable annual estimates for American Indians and Alaska Natives. However, Table C displays 3-year averages of the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives, their 3-year average uninsured rate, and 3-year average uninsured rates for other race groups. The 3-year average (1998-2000) shows that 26.8 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives were without coverage, compared with 19.5 percent for Blacks, 18.8 percent for Asians and Pacific Islanders, and 10.1 percent for White non-Hispanics.9 However, the 3-year average uninsured rate for Hispanics (32.8 percent) was higher than the uninsured rate for American Indians and Alaska Natives.10

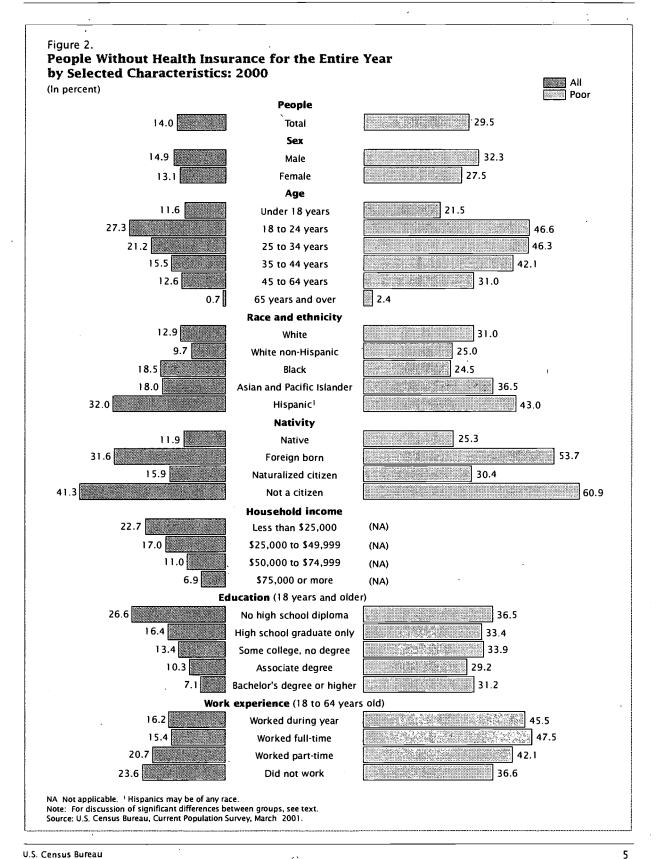
Nativity - In 2000, the proportion of the foreign-born population without health insurance (31.6 percent) was more than double that of the native population (11.9 percent).11 Among the foreign born, noncitizens were more likely than naturalized citizens to lack coverage - 41.3 percent compared with 15.9 percent.

Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate data for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) because the AIAN population consists of groups that differ in economic characteristics. Data from the 1990 census show that economic characteristics of those American Indians and Alaska Natives who live in American Indian and Alaska Native areas differ from the characteristics of those who live outside these areas. In addition, the CPS does not use separate population controls for weighting the AIAN samples to national totals. See Accuracy of Estimates on page 9 for a further discussion of CPS estimation procedures. Finally, proportional adjustment was used for the 1998 estimates to account for the verification questions added this

10The difference in health insurance coverage rates between Blacks and Asians and Pacific Islanders was not statistically significant.

'Natives are people born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or an outlying area of the United States, such as Guam or the U.S. Virgin Islands, and people who were born in a foreign country but who had at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. All other people born outside the United States are foreign born.

⁵Changes in year-to-year medicaid estimates should be viewed with caution. For more information, see the Technical Note on page 9.



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Table B.
Poor People Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Selected Characteristics: 1999 and 2000

(Numbers in thousands. For an explanation of confidence intervals (C.I.); see "Standard errors and their use" on the Census Bureau's CPS Web site at www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/2000/ssrcacc.htm)

		20	00			19	99		Change ² 1999 to 2000			
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Characteristic	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	Per- cent	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	
People Total	04.400	0.000		1.0	20.050	10.005	01.1	4.0				
Sex	31,139	9,200	29.5	1.3	32,258	10,025	31.1	1.3	*-825	*-1.5	1.4	
Male	13,437 17,701	4,336 4,864	32.3 27.5	2.1 1.8	13,813 18,445	4,630 5,395	33.5 29.2	2.1 1.8	–294 *–531	-1.3 -1.8	2.2 1.9	
Race and Ethnicity												
White	21,291	6,601	31.0	1.6	21,922	7,007	32.0	1.6	-406	-1.0	1.9	
Non-Hispanic	14,572	3,636	25.0	2.0	14,875	3,952	26.6	2.0	-315	-1.6	2.2 2.7	
Black Asian and Pacific Islander	7,901 1,226	1,933 447	24.5 36.5	2.6 7.2	8,360 1,163	2,238 457	26.8 39.3	2.6 7.2	*-305 -11	-2.3 -2.9	2.7 7.8	
Hispanic ¹	7,155	3,079	43.0	3.1	7,439	3,189	42.9	3.1	-110	0.2	2.6	
Age												
Under 18 years	11,633	2,505	21.5	1.8	12,109	2,753	22.7	1.8	*-248	-1.2	1.9	
18 to 24 years	3,893	1,816	46.6	2.6	4,603	2,035	44.2	2.6	*-219	2.4	2.6	
25 to 34 years	3,892	1,801	46.3	2.6	3,968	1,983	50.0	2.6	*-183	*-3.7	2.7	
35 to 44 years	3,678	1,547	42.1	2.6	3,733	1,566	41.9	2.6	-18	0.1	2.8	
45 to 64 years	4,682 3,360	1,450 81	31.0 2.4	2.1 0.8	4,678 3,167	1,612 76	34.5 2.4	2.1 0.8	*–162 5	*-3.5 -	2.3 0.9	
Nativity	5,555	-		5.5	5,.5.		,	0.0				
Native	26,442	6,677	25.3	1.5	27,507	7,479	27.2	1.5	*-802	*-1.9	1.5	
Foreign born	4.697	2,523	53.7	4.4	4,751	2,546	53.6	4.4	-23	0.1	4.6	
Naturalized citizen	1,107	337	30.4	8.4	968	334	34.5	8.4	2	-4.1	9.3	
Not a citizen	3,590	2,186	60.9	4.9	3,783	2,211	. 58.5	4.9	-25	2.4	5.1	
Region												
Northeast	5,433	1,192	21.9	2.8	5,678	1,255	22.1	2.8	-63	-0.2	2.9	
Midwest	5,971	1,592	26.7	3.1	6,210	1,489	24.0	3.1	102	2.7	3.1	
South	12,205 7,530	3,774 2,642	30.9 35.1	2.3 3.0	12,538 7,833	4,325 2,956	34.5 37.7	2.3 3.0	*-550 *-314	*-3.6 -2.6	2.4 3.2	
West	7,530	2,042	33.1	3.0	7,000	2,956	37.7	3.0	-314	-2.0	3.2	
Education (18 years and older) Total	19,506	6,695	34.3	1.8	20,149	7,272	36.1	1.8	*-577	-1.8	1.9	
No high school diploma	7,528	2,746	36.5	3.0	7,888	2,787	35.3	3.0	-377 -41	1.2	3.0	
High school graduate only	6.523	2,181	33.4	3.1	6,810	2.485	36.5	3.1	-304	-3.0	3.2	
Some college, no degree	3,035	1,028	33.9	4.6	3,162	1,235	39.1	4.6	*-207	*-5.2	4.8	
Associate degree	800	233	29.2	8.6	836	299	35.7	8.6	-66	-6.6	9.1	
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,620	506	31.2	6.1	1,452	466	32.1	6.1	40	-0.9	6.6	
Work Experience (18 to 64 years old)									:			
Total	16,146	6,614	41.0	2.0	16,982	7,196	42.4	2.0	*-582	-1.4	2.1	
Worked during year	7,924	3,603	45.5	3.0	8,649	4,009	46.4	3.0	*-406	-0.9	3.0	
Worked full-time	4,956	2,354	47.5	3.8	5,582	2,602	46.6	3.8	-248	0.9	3.8	
Worked part-time	2,968	1,249	42.1	4.8	3,066	1,407	45.9	4.8	-158	-3.8	5.0	
Did not work	8,222	3,010	36.6	2.8	8,333	3,187	38.2	2.8	-176	-1.6	3.0	

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.



^{*}Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

¹Hispanics may be of any race.
²All numbers are derived from unrounded numbers. Some numbers and percentages may therefore appear to be slightly higher or lower than those computed with rounded figures from other columns.

Table C.

People Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Race and Ethnicity (3-Year Average): 1998 to 2000

(Numbers in thousands)

Ol amada istic		Uninsured				
Characteristic	Total	Number	Percent			
Total	274,123	39,573	14,4			
White Non-Hispanic Black	224,834 193,623 35,499	29,843 19,536 6,919	13.3 10.1 19.5			
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,722 11,069	730 2,079	26.8 18.8			
Hispanic ¹	32,785	10,739	32.8			

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Figure 3. Workers Age 18 to 64 Covered by Their Own **Employment-Based Health Insurance** by Firm Size: 2000 (In percent) Total Less than 31.6 25 employees 25 to 99 56.0 employees 100 to 499 66.9 employees 500 to 999 68.9 employees 1.000 or more 70.0 employees Note: For discussion of significant differences between groups, see text. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2001.

Educational attainment - Among all adults, the likelihood of being insured increased as the level of education rose. For the poor, however, health insurance coverage rates did not differ across the education groups.

Economic status affects health insurance coverage.

Income - The likelihood of being covered by health insurance rises

with income. Among households with annual incomes of less than \$25,000, the percentage with health insurance was 77.3 percent; the level rises to 93.1 percent for those with incomes of \$75,000 or more (see Figure 2).

Compared with the previous year, the coverage rate for those with household incomes below \$50,000 increased 0.3 percentage points to 80.5 percent, while for those with

household incomes of \$50,000 to \$75,000, the coverage rate decreased 0.7 percentage points to 89.0 percent. Coverage rates remained the same for those with \$75,000 and higher household income.

Work experience - Of those 18 to 64 years old in 2000, full-time workers were more likely to be covered by health insurance (84.6 percent) than part-time workers (79.3 percent), and part-time workers were more likely to be insured than nonworkers (76.4 percent). However, among the poor, nonworkers (63.4 percent) were more likely to be insured than workers (54.5 percent). While poor full-time workers appear to be less likely than poor part-time workers to have coverage, the difference was not statistically significant.

Firm size - Of the 140.4 million workers in the United States who were 18-64 years old, 57.1 percent had employment-based health insurance policies in their own name (see Figure 3). The proportion generally increased with the size of the employing firm — 31.6 percent of workers employed by firms with fewer than 25 employees and 69.8 percent for workers employed by firms with 500 or more employees were insured, for example. (These estimates do not reflect the fact that some workers were covered by another family member's employment-based policy).

The uninsured rate for children decreased between 1999 and 2000.

The percentage of children (people under 18 years old) without health insurance in the United States dropped from 12.6 percent in 1999 to 11.6 percent in 2000. The



¹²Workers were classified as part time if they worked fewer than 35 hours per week in the majority of the weeks they worked in 1999.

increase in employment-based insurance accounted for most of the change; no change occurred in government health insurance coverage.

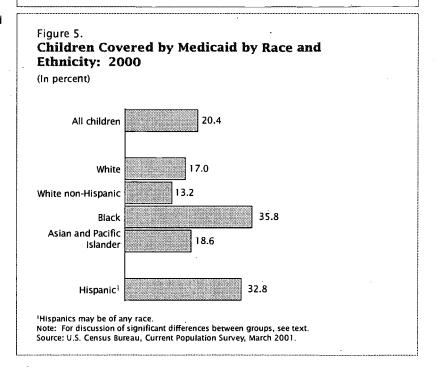
Among poor children, 21.5 percent (2.5 million children) had no health insurance during 2000. This percentage did not change statistically from the previous year. The percentage of poor children with government health insurance or employment-based coverage also did not change. Poor children made up 29.6 percent of all uninsured children in 2000.

Among near-poor children, the proportion without health insurance was 21.9 percent (0.9 million children) in 2000, statistically unchanged from 1999.¹³ For this group, private health insurance coverage decreased from 45.2 percent to 38.6 percent, but government health insurance coverage did not change.

The likelihood of health insurance coverage varies among children.

- Children 12 to 17 years old were more likely to be uninsured than those under 12 — 12.3 percent compared with 11.3 percent.
- The uninsured rate declined significantly in 2000 for Hispanic,
 White non-Hispanic, and Black
 children from 26.3 percent to
 24.9 percent for Hispanic children, from 7.8 percent to
 7.3 percent for White non-Hispanic children, and from

Figure 4. Uninsured Children by Race, Ethnicity, and Age: 2000 (in percent) All children Poor children Age Under 6 years 6 to 11 years 11.5 12 to 17 years Race and ethnicity 10.9 White White non-Hispanic Black 13.6 Asian and Pacific Islander Hispanic origin! ¹Hispanics may be of any race. Note: For discussion of significant differences between groups, see text. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2001.





¹³The difference in health insurance coverage rates between poor children and near-poor children was not statistically significant.

16.4 percent to 13.6 percent for Black children. The uninsured rate for Asian and Pacific Islander children in 2000 was 14.2 percent, statistically unchanged from 1999 (see Figure 4).14

- While most children (70.5 percent) were covered by an employment-based or privately purchased health insurance plan in 2000, one in five (20.4 percent) was covered by medicaid.
- Black children had a higher rate of medicaid coverage in 2000 than children of any other racial or ethnic group 35.8 percent, compared with 32.8 percent of Hispanic children, 18.6 percent of Asian and Pacific Islander children, and 13.2 percent of White non-Hispanic children (see Figure 5).
- Children living in single-parent families in 2000 were less likely to be insured than children living in married-couple families — 84.6 percent compared with 90.3 percent.

Some states had higher uninsured rates than others.

The proportion of people without health insurance ranged from 6.9 percent in Rhode Island to 22.6 percent in New Mexico, based on 3-year averages for 1998, 1999, and 2000 (see Table D). Although the data presented suggest that New Mexico had the highest uninsured rate, its rate was not statistically different from the rate for Texas. Conversely, the uninsured rate for Minnesota, though seemingly the second lowest, was not statistically different from lowa,

Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, or Missouri.

Comparisons of 2-year moving averages (1998-1999 and 1999-2000) show..that the proportion of people without coverage fell in 18 states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Wisconsin. Meanwhile, the proportion of people without coverage rose in eight states: Alaska, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Washington (see Figure 6).

ACCURACY OF THE ESTIMATES

Statistics from surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. All comparisons presented in this report take sampling error into account and meet the Census Bureau's standards for statistical significance. Nonsampling errors in surveys may be attributed to a variety of sources, such as how the survey was designed, how respondents interpret questions, how able and willing respondents are to provide correct answers, and how accurately answers are coded and classified. The Census Bureau employs quality control procedures throughout the production process — including the overall design of surveys, the wording of questions, review of the work of interviewers and coders, and statistical review of reports.

The Current Population Survey employs ratio estimation, whereby sample estimates are adjusted to independent estimates of the national population by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin. This weighting partially corrects for bias due to undercoverage, but how it

affects different variables in the survey is not precisely known. Moreover, biases may also be present when people who are missed in the survey differ from those interviewed in ways other than the categories used in weighting (age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin). All of these considerations affect comparisons across different surveys or data sources.

For further information on statistical standards and the computation and use of standard errors, contact Jeffrey Stratton of the Demographic Statistical Methods Division on the Internet at dsmd_s&a@census.gov.

Technical Note

This report presents data on the health insurance coverage of people in the United States during the 2000 calendar year. The data, which are shown by state and selected demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, were collected in the March 2001 Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS).

Treatment of major federal health insurance programs

The Current Population Survey (CPS) underreports medicare and medicaid coverage compared with enrollment and participation data from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).15 A major reason for the lower CPS estimates is that the CPS is not designed primarily to collect health insurance data; instead, it is largely a labor force survey. Consequently, interviewers receive less training on health insurance concepts. Additionally, many people may not be aware that they or their children are

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¹⁴The difference in health insurance coverage rates between Black children and Asian and Pacific Islander children was not statistically significant.

¹⁵CMS is the federal agency primarily responsible for administering the medicare and medicaid programs at the national level.

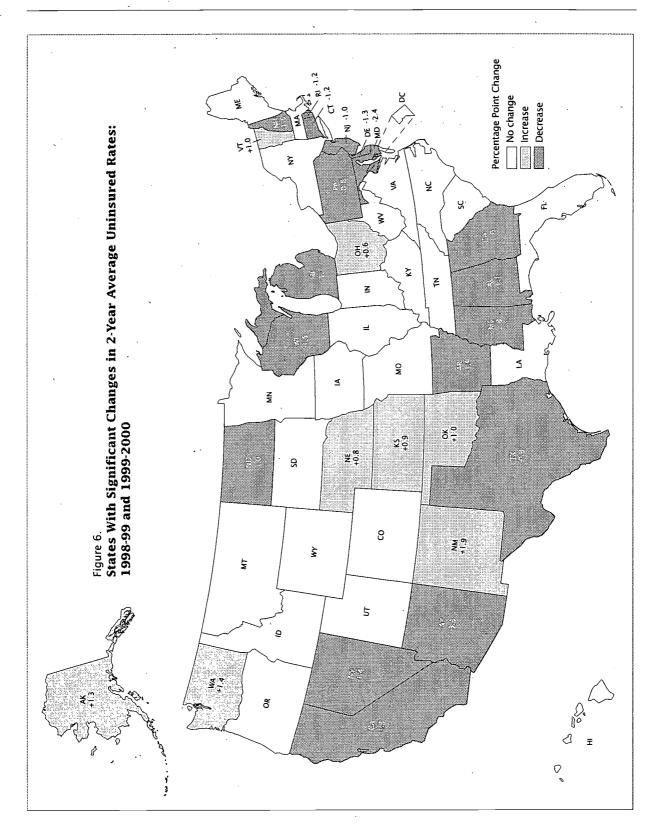


Table D.

Percent of People Without Health Insurance Coverage Throughout the Year by State (3-Year Average): 1998 to 2000

(Numbers in thousands. For an explanation of confidence intervals (C.I.), see "Standard errors and their use" on the Census Bureau's CPS Web site at www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/2000/ssrcacc.htm)

	20	00	19	99 1998			ear rage	2-y	ear movir	ng avera	ges	2-year aver	ence in moving rages 2000 less	
, State							1998	-2000	1999	-2000	1998	-1999		-1999
	Per- cent.	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Per- cent	90-pct. C.I. (±)										
United States	14.0	0.2	14.3	0.2	15.0	0.2	14.4	0.1	14.2	0.1	14.7	0.1	*0.5	0.1
Alabama	13.6	1.3	13.2	1.2	15.8	1.4	14.2	0.9	13.4	1.0	14.5	1.1	*-1.1	0.9
Alaska	19.3	1.5	18.3	1.5	16.7	1.4	18.1	1.0	18.8	1.2	17.5	1.1	*1.3 *–3.3	1.0 0.9
Arizona	16.0 13.7	1.2 1.2	20.0 14.5	1.4	22.5 17.6	1.4 1.4	19.5 15.3	0.9 0.9	18.0 14.1	1.1 1.0	21.3 16.0	1.1 1.1	-3.3 *-1.9	0.9
Arkansas	17.9	0.6	19.0	0.6	20.5	0.6	19.2	0.3	18.5	0.5	19.8	0.5	*-1.3	0.3
Colorado	13.3	1.3	15.2	1.3	13.7	1.3	14.1	0.9	14.3	1.0	14.4	1.0	-0.2	1.0
Connecticut	8.5	1.2	9.0	1.2	10.9	1.3	9.5	0.9	8.7	1.0	10.0	1.0	*-1.2	0.9
Delaware District of	10.6	1.3	9.9	1.2	13.2	1.4	11.2	0.9	10.3	1.0	11.5	1.1	*-1.3	0.9
Columbia	14.5 17.2	1.5 0.7	13.7 18.0	1.5 0.8	15.2 16.4	1.5 0.7	14.5 17.2	1.0 0.5	14.1 17.6	1.2 0.6	14.5 17.2	1.2 0.6	-0.4 0.4	1.1 0.4
Georgia	14.4	1.1	15.0	1.2	16.3	1.2	15.2	0.8	14.7	0.9	15.6	1.0	*-1.0	0.8
Hawaii	10.2	1.3	10.3	1.3	8.8	1.2	9.8	0.9	10.3	1.0	9.6	1.0	0.7	0.9
Idaho	15.5	1.3	18.1 13.0	1.4 0.7	16.1 13.6	1.3 0.8	16.5 13.3	0.9 0.5	16.8 13.2	1.1 - 0.6	17.1 13.3	1.1 0.6	-0.3 -0.1	0.9 0.5
Illinois	13.4 [°] 11.9	0.7 1.3	9.4	1.1	12.7	1.2	11.3	0.8	10.6	0.9	11.0	0.0	-0.1	0.5
lowa	8.8	1.1	7.6	1.0	8.2	1.1	8.2	0.7	8.2	0.9	7.9	0.8	0.3	0.8
Kansas	11.7	1.3	11.7	1.2	9.8	1.1	11.0	0.8	. 11.7	1.0	10.7	1.0	*0.9	0.9
Kentucky	13.0	1.3	13.2	1.3	13.2	1.3	13.1	0.9	13.1	1.0	13.2	1.0	-0.1	0.9
Louisiana	18.9	1.4	21.7	1.5	17.9	1.4	19.5	1.0	20.3	1.2	19.8	1.2	0.5	1.0
Maine	11.8	1.4	10.9	1.3	11.7	1.3	11.5	0.9	11.4	1.1	11.3	1.1	0.1	1.0
Maryland	9.9	1.2	10.9	1.3	14.7	1.4	11.9	0.9	10.4	1.0	12.8	1.1	*-2.4	0.9
Massachusetts	9.5	0.8	9.1	0.8	8.9	0.8	9.2	0.5	9.3	0.6	9.0	0.6	0.3 *–1.1	0.5
Michigan	9.8 9.0	0.7 1,1	10.1 7.3	0.7 1.0	12.0 8.3	0.8 1.0	10.6 8.2	0.5 0.7	10.0 8.1	0.6 0.8	11.1 7.8	0.6 0.8	0.3	0.4
Minnesota	12.9	1.2	15.6	1.3	18.5	1.4	15.7	0.7	14.3	1.0	17.1	1.1	*-2.8	0.7
Missouri	10.8	1.2	6.9	1.0	9.2	1.1	9.0	0.8	8.9	0.9	8.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Montana	18.4	1.4	17.8	1.4	18.6	1.4	18.3	1.0	18.1	1.1	18.2	1.1	-0.1	1.1
Nebraska	10.0	1.2	10.1	1.2	8.3	1.1	9.5	0.8	10.0	0.9	9.2	0.9	*0.8	0.8
Nevada	15.7	1.4	18.3	1.4	18.5	1.5	17.5	1.0	17.0	1.1	18.4	1.2	*-1.4	1.0
New Hampshire	6.8	1.1	9.2	1.2	9.8	1.3	8.6	0.8	8.0	1.0	9.5	1.0	*–1.5	0.8
New Jersey	12.5	0.8	11.9	0.8	14.5	0.9	12.9	0.6	12.2	0.6	13.2	0.7	*-1.0	0.5
New Mexico	23.8	1.5	24.1	1.6	20.0	1.4	22.6	1.0	23.9	1.2	22.0 15.4	1.2 0.5	*1.9	1.1 0.3
New York North Carolina	15.1 12.9	0.6	15.1 14.3	0.6	15.7 13.9	0.6 0.9	15.3 13.7	0.4 0.6	15.1 13.6	0.5 0.7	14.1	0.5	-0.3 -0.5	0.6
North Dakota	11.5	1.3	11.4	1.2	13.5	1.3	12.1	0.9	11.4	1.0	12.4	1.0	*-1.0	1.0
Ohio	10.8	0.7	10.2	0.7	9.6	0.7	10.2	0.5	10.5	0.6	9.9	0.6	*0.6	0.5
Oklahoma	19.3	1.4	16.4	1.3	17.3	1.4	17.7	0.9	17.8	1.1	16.8	1.1	*1.0	1.0
Oregon	13.8	1.4	13.9	1.3	13.5	1.3	13.7	0.9	13.8	1.1	13.7	1.1	0.1	1.0
Pennsylvania	7.5	0.6	8.3	0.6	9.2	0.6	8.3	0.4	7.9	0.5	8.7	0.5	*-0.8	0.4
Rhode Island	6.2	1.1	6.1	1.0	8.5	1.2	6.9	0.7	6.1	0.9	7.3	0.9	*-1.2	0.8
South Carolina	12.0	1.3	15.6	1.4	13.8	1.4	13.8	0.9	13.8	1,1	14.7	1.1 1.0	-0.9 -0.8	1.0 0.9
South Dakota Tennessee	11.7 10.3	1.2	10.8 10.3	1.2	13.4 11.8	1.3 1.2	12.0 10.8	0.8	11.3 10.3	0.9	12.1 11.0	1.0	-0.8 -0.7	0.8
Texas	21.4	0.8	22.0	0.8	23.2	0.8	22.2	0.5	21.7	0.6	22.6	0.6	*-0.9	0.6
Utah	13.4	1.2	13.2	1.2	13.0	1.2	13.2	0.8	13.3	0.9	13.1	0.9	0.2	0.8
Vermont	11.0	1.4	11.1	1.3	8.9	1.2	10.3	0.9	11.0	1.1	10.0	1.0	*1.0	0.9
Virginia	12.7	1.2	13.0	1.2	13.0	1.2	12.9	0.8	12.9	1.0	13.0	1.0	-0.1	0.8
Washington	13.7	1.4	13.8	1.3	10.9	1.2	12.8	0.9	13.8	1.1	12.3	1.0	*1.4	0.9
West Virginia	14.3	1.3	15.6	1.3	15.7	1.3	15.2	0.9	15.0	1.0	15.6	1.1	-0.7	0.9
Wisconsin	7.4	1.0	10.0	1.1	10.5	1.2	9.3	0.7	8.7	0.8	10.2	0.9	*-1.5	0.8
Wyoming	14.4	1.4	15.1	1.4	15.8	1.4	15.1	0.9	14.8	1.1	15.5	1.1	-0.7	1.0

^{*}Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1999, 2000, and 2001.





covered by a health insurance program if they have not used covered services recently and therefore fail to report coverage. CMS data, on the other hand, represent the actual number of people who enrolled or participated in these programs and are a more accurate source of coverage levels.

Changes in medicaid coverage estimates from one year to the next should be viewed with caution. Because many people who are covered by medicaid do not report that coverage, the Census Bureau assigns coverage to those who are generally regarded as "categorically eligible" (those who received some other benefits, usually public assistance payments, that make them eligible for medicaid). Since the number of people receiving public assistance has been dropping, the relationship between medicaid and public assistance has changed, so that the imputation process has introduced a downward bias in the most recent medicaid estimates.

As a result of consultation with health insurance experts, the Census Bureau modified the definition of the population without health insurance in the March 1998 Current Population Survey. Previously, people with no coverage other than access to Indian Health Service

were counted as part of the insured population. Beginning with the 1997 Health Insurance Coverage report, however, the Census Bureau counts these people as uninsured. The effect of this change on the overall estimates of health insurance coverage is negligible.

CPS health insurance verification questions

Prompted by findings in other national household surveys, the Census Bureau added experimental health insurance questions in the CPS March 2000 Supplement to ascertain whether people who responded "no" to a broad series of standard questions on health insurance were actually insured. Research indicated that when followup questions were used, about 8 percent of those previously classified as not having health insurance were in fact insured. Moreover, the most common type of coverage reported in the verification questions was private coverage. Based on their economic status, people covered through the verification questions resembled covered people more closely than uninsured people, and the results of verification were consistent with its effect in other surveys. Overall, the results indicate that the verification questions work well, resulting in a more complete and

accurate estimate of the population covered by health insurance. This report and future releases of CPS health insurance estimates will be based on answers to questionnaires that include the verification questions. Had this methodology been used last year, the number of people without health insurance in 1999 would have been 39.3 million, down from the 42.6 million published in September 2000. The technical appendix presents estimates for 1999 and 2000 without using the verification questions.

CPS sample expansion

The number of households interviewed using the March 2001 CPS was expanded from March 2000. Estimates in this report, however, are based on a subsample consistent with the March 2000 CPS. The Census Bureau will release a report this winter discussing the impact of the sample expansion on health insurance estimates. For further information, see www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/data_dissem_letterng.html.

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Table A-1. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Race and Ethnicity: 1987 to 2000

			Covered	d by private or o	jovernment	health insura	ance		
			Private hea	alth insurance	Gov	ernment hea	alth insuranc	e	
Year	Total people	Total	Total	Employment- based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	Not covered
ALL RACES									
NUMBERS									
2000 1999 ² 1999 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1992 ⁶ 1991 1990 1989 1989	276,540 274,087 271,743 269,094 266,792 264,314 262,105 259,753 256,830 251,447 248,886 246,191 243,685 241,187	237,812 234,807 231,533 227,462 225,646 225,077 223,733 222,387 220,040 218,189 216,003 214,167 212,807 211,005 210,161	200,171 197,523 194,599 190,861 188,532 187,395 185,881 184,318 182,351 181,466 181,375 182,135 183,610 182,019	177,226 174,093 172,023 168,576 165,091 163,221 161,453 159,634 148,318 148,796 150,077 150,215 151,644 150,940	66,936 66,582 66,176 66,087 66,685 69,000 69,776 70,163 68,554 66,244 63,882 60,965 57,382 56,850 56,282	28,648 28,221 27,854 28,956 31,451 31,645 31,749 29,416 26,880 24,261 21,185 20,728	37,015 36,109 36,066 35,887 35,590 35,227 34,655 33,901 33,230 32,907 32,260 31,495 30,925 30,458	8,301 8,564 8,530 8,747 8,527 8,712 9,375 11,165 9,510 9,820 9,922 9,870 10,105 10,542	38,729 39,280 42,554 44,281 43,448 41,716 40,582 39,718 39,713 38,641 35,445 34,719 33,385 32,680 31,026
PERCENTS	241,107	210,101	102,100	1,0,755	00,202	20,211	55, 155	10,0 .2	01,000
2000	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	86.0 85.7 84.5 83.7 84.9 84.8 84.7 85.0 86.1 86.4 86.4	72.4 72.1 71.0 70.2 70.1 70.2 70.3 70.3 70.2 70.7 72.1 73.2 74.6 74.7 75.5	64.1 63.5 62.8 62.0 61.4 61.2 61.1 57.9 59.7 60.4 61.6 61.9 62.1	24.2 24.3 24.1 24.3 24.8 25.9 26.4 25.4 24.5 23.3 23.3 23.3	10.4 10.3 10.2 10.3 10.8 11.8 12.1 12.2 11.5 10.7 9.7 8.6 8.5	13.4 13.2 13.2 13.2 13.2 13.1 12.9 12.7 13.1 13.0 12.8 12.7	3.0 3.1 3.1 3.2 3.3 3.5 4.3 3.7 3.7 3.7 3.9 4.0 4.1	14.0 14.3 15.5 16.3 16.1 15.6 15.4 15.2 15.3 15.0 14.1 13.9 13.6 13.4
NUMBERS									
2000	226,401 224,806 224,806 223,294 221,650 220,070 218,442 216,751 215,221 213,198 210,257 208,754 206,983 205,333 203,745	197,116 195,421 192,943 189,706 188,341 187,337 186,447 184,732 183,479 183,130 181,795 181,126 180,122 179,845	169,691 168,415 166,191 163,690 161,682 161,806 161,303 160,414 158,586 158,612 159,628 160,146 161,363 160,753 161,338	149,273 147,460 145,878 143,705 140,601 139,913 139,151 137,966 128,855 129,685 131,646 131,836 132,882 133,050 132,264	52,791 52,433 52,139 51,690 52,975 54,004 54,141 54,288 53,222 51,195 49,699 47,589 44,868 44,477 44,028	19,462 18,910 18,676 18,247 19,652 20,856 20,528 20,464 20,642 18,659 17,058 15,078 12,779 12,504	32,043 31,450 31,416 31,174 31,108 30,919 30,580 29,978 29,297 29,341 28,940 28,530 27,859 27,293 27,044	6,526 6,877 6,848 7,140 6,994 6,981 7,656 8,845 7,556 7,867 8,022 8,116 8,305 8,482	29,285 29,385 31,863 33,588 33,241 31,729 31,105 30,305 30,489 29,719 27,127 26,959 25,857 25,211 23,900

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Voor			Private hea	alth insurance	Gov	ernment hea	alth insuranc	е	
Year	Total people	Total	Total	Employment- based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	Not covered
WHITE—Con.									
PERCENTS									
2000 1999 ² 1999 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1992 ⁸ 1991 1990 1990 1989 1988 1988	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	87.1 86.9 85.8 85.0 85.6 85.8 86.1 87.1 87.1 87.5 87.7 88.3	75.0 74.9 73.9 73.3 72.9 73.5 73.8 74.0 75.9 76.7 78.0 78.3	65.9 65.6 64.9 64.4 63.4 63.6 63.7 63.7 59.9 60.8 62.6 63.2 64.2 64.2	23.3 23.2 23.1 23.9 24.5 24.8 25.0 24.7 24.0 23.6 22.8 21.7 21.7	8.6 8.4 8.3 8.9 9.5 9.4 9.6 8.8 1 7.2 6.1 6.0	14.2 14.0 14.0 14.0 14.0 14.0 13.8 13.6 13.8 13.7 13.5 13.3	2.9 3.1 3.2 3.2 3.5 4.1 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.9 4.0 4.2	12.9 13.1 14.2 15.0 14.4 14.2 14.0 14.2 13.9 12.9 12.9 12.5 12.3
WHITE NON-HISPANIC					j				
NUMBERS									
2000 1999 ² 1999 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 19949 1999 1998 1998	194, 161 193, 633 193, 633 193, 074 192, 178 191, 791 191, 271 192, 771 191, 087 189, 113 189, 216 188, 240 187, 078 186, 047 185, 044	175,263 174,396 172,271 170,184 169,043 169,699 169,272 170,541 168,306 167,394 168,015 167,889 167,048 166,922	154,238 153,440 151,539 149,910 148,426 149,686 150,181 147,729 147,967 149,798 150,306 151,424 151,009 151,817	134,891 133,718 132,381 130,956 128,280 128,355 128,633 119,861 120,482 123,109 123,261 124,311 124,622 124,068	45,081 45,001 44,749 44,699 45,691 46,501 47,475 46,158 44,649 44,228 42,732 40,624 40,259 39,792	13,560 13,325 13,120 12,985 14,046 15,082 14,381 15,052 14,980 12,750 11,423 9,759 9,522 9,143	29,938 29,484 29,457 29,212 29,211 28,918 28,467 27,795 27,853 27,695 27,313 26,738 26,224 26,054	6,068 6,329 6,306 6,675 6,504 6,537 7,163 8,318 7,243 7,104 7,402 7,528 7,567 7,743	18,898 19,237 21,363 22,890 23,135 22,092 21,999 22,230 22,781 21,719 20,406 20,224 19,188 19,000 18,122
PERCENTS	100.0	00.0	70.4		ا م م	7.0	15.4	2.1	0.7
2000 1999 ² 1999 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1991 1990 1989 1989 1988	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	90.3 90.1 88.0 88.5 88.5 88.5 89.3 89.3 89.8	79.4 79.2 78.3 77.6 77.2 78.3 77.9 77.3 78.2 79.2 79.8 80.9 81.2 82.0	69.5 69.1 68.4 67.8 66.8 66.9 67.1 66.7 62.7 63.7 65.1 65.5 66.4	23.2 23.2 23.8 24.4 24.3 24.6 24.2 23.6 23.4 22.7 21.7 21.6 21.5	7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 7.3 7.9 7.5 7.8 7.1 6.1 5.2 5.1	15.4 15.2 15.1 15.2 15.1 14.8 14.5 14.7 14.6 14.5 14.3 14.1	3.1 3.3 3.5 3.4 4.7 3.8 3.9 4.0 4.2 4.3	9.7 9.9 11.9 12.0 11.5 11.5 11.5 10.8 10.7 10.3 10.2 9.8

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Table A-1. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Race and Ethnicity: 1987 to 2000—Con.

			Covered	d by private or o	government	health insur	ance		
.,			Private hea	alth insurance	Gov	ernment hea	alth insuranc	e	
Year .	Total people	Total	Total	Employment- based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	Not covered
BLACK							٠		
NUMBERS	1								
2000 1999 ² 1998 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1994 ⁶ 1991 1990 1989 1989 1988	35,919 35,509 35,509 35,070 34,598 34,218 33,889 33,531 33,040 32,535 31,439 30,895 30,392 29,904 29,417	29,289 28,546 27,973 27,274 27,166 26,799 26,781 26,928 26,279 25,967 24,932 24,802 24,502 24,029 23,555	21, 146 20, 304 19, 805 18, 663 18, 544 17, 718 16, 590 15, 994 15, 466 15, 957 16, 520 15, 818 15, 358	19,522 18,730 18,363 17,132 17,077 16,358 15,683 15,693 13,545 13,297 13,560 14,187 13,418 13,055	11,144 11,251 11,165 11,524 11,157 12,074 12,465 12,588 12,588 12,588 11,776 11,150 10,443 10,443 10,445	7,293 7,570 7,495 7,903 7,750 8,572 9,184 9,007 9,283 9,122 8,352 7,809 7,123 7,049 7,046	3,811 3,598 3,703 3,573 3,393 3,316 3,167 3,072 3,154 3,248 3,106 3,043 2,918	1,359 1,203 1,198 1,111 1,100 1,357 1,171 1,683 1,331 1,459 1,482 1,402 1,385 1,385 1,497	6,629 6,963 7,536 7,797 7,432 7,419 7,108 6,603 6,761 6,567 6,507 6,093 5,843 5,845 5,862
PERCENTS 2000 1999 ² 1998 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1994 ⁶ 1991 1990 1980 1980 1988 1987 ⁷ ASIAN AND PACIFIC	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	81.5 80.4 78.8 78.5 78.5 79.0 80.3 79.5 79.8 79.3 80.3 80.4 80.4	58.9 57.2 55.8 53.2 53.6 51.8 50.5 51.1 50.2 49.2 49.2 51.6 54.4 52.9 52.2	54.4 52.7 51.7 48.9 49.4 47.8 46.3 46.5 41.4 41.6 42.3 43.9 46.7 44.9	31.0 31.7 31.4 32.9 32.2 35.3 37.9 38.1 37.5 36.1 34.4 35.3	20.3 21.3 21.1 22.5 22.4 25.1 26.9 28.0 26.6 25.3 23.4 23.6 24.0	10.6 10.1 10.6 10.3 9.9 9.8 9.4 9.3 10.1 10.0 9.9	3.8 3.4 3.2 3.2 4.5 5.0 4.5 4.7 4.5 4.6 5.1	18.5 19.6 21.2 22.2 21.5 21.7 21.0 19.7 20.5 20.2 20.7 19.7 19.6 19.9
ISLANDER NUMBERS									
2000	11,384 10,925 10,925 10,897 10,492 10,071 9,653 6,656 7,444 7,782 7,193 7,023 6,679 6,447 6,326	9,333 8,845 8,653 8,596 8,320 7,946 7,671 5,312 5,832 5,832 5,532 5,532 5,440	7,952 7,467 7,285 7,202 7,100 6,718 6,347 4,267 5,026 4,917 4,887 4,615 4,392 4,468	7,157 6,692 6,588 6,511 6,290 5,888 5,576 3,774 4,207 3,995 3,883 3,661 3,599 3,691	2,085 2,038 2,023 2,113 1,877 1,768 2,075 1,551 1,408 1,460 1,451 1,410 1,414 1,353 1,394	1,292 1,097 1,087 1,201 1,093 1,071 1,272 883 802 823 727 771 792 763 702	852 829 825 819 700 667 586 501 474 507 560 463 444 401 357	294 412 351 334 275 424 426 345 314 364 364 322 322 475	2,051 2,080 2,272 2,301 2,173 2,125 1,982 1,344 1,517 1,552 1,307 1,191 1,118 886

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Table A-1.

Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Race and Ethnicity: 1987 to 2000—Con.

			Covered	d by private or (government	health insur	ance		
.,	Γ		Private hea	alth insurance	Go	vernment he	alth insuranc	e	
Year	Total people	Total	Total	Employment- based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	Not covered
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER—Con.									
PERCENTS 2000 1999 ² 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1992 ⁶ 1991 1990 1989 1989 1987 ⁷ HISPANIC	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	82.0 81.0 79.2 78.9 79.3 78.9 79.5 79.6 80.1 81.8 83.0 82.8 82.7 86.0	69.9 68.3 66.7 66.1 67.7 65.8 64.1 67.5 66.8 69.1 68.1 70.6	62.9 61.3 60.3 59.8 60.0 58.5 57.8 56.7 53.3 54.1 55.5 55.3 54.8 55.8	18.3 18.7 18.5 19.4 17.9 17.6 21.5 23.3 18.9 18.8 20.2 20.1 21.0 22.0	11.3 10.00 9.9 11.0 10.4 10.6 13.2 13.3 10.8 10.6 10.1 11.0 11.9 11.8	7.5 7.6 7.5 7.5 6.7 6.6 6.1 7.5 6.4 6.5 7.8 6.6 6.2 5.6	2.6 3.8 3.2 3.2 2.7 4.4 4.6 4.0 4.8 5.2 4.8 5.0 7.5	18.0 19.0 20.8 21.1 20.7 21.1 20.5 20.2 20.4 19.9 18.2 17.0 17.2 17.3
NUMBERS 2000. 1999 ² . 1999. 1998. 1996. 1995. 1994 ⁴ . 1993 ⁵ . 1992 ⁶ . 1991. 1990. 1989. 1988. 1987 ⁷ .	33,863 32,804 32,804 31,689 30,773 29,703 28,438 27,521 26,646 25,682 22,096 21,437 20,779 20,076 19,428	23,027 22,238 21,853 20,493 20,239 19,730 18,964 18,244 18,235 17,242 15,128 14,476 13,684 13,456	16,217 15,775 15,424 14,377 13,751 12,187 11,743 12,021 11,330 10,336 10,281 10,188 9,845	15,088 14,481 14,214 13,310 12,790 12,140 11,309 9,981 9,786 8,972 8,948 8,914 8,831 8,490	8,236 7,919 7,875 7,401 7,718 7,784 8,027 7,829 7,873 7,099 5,845 5,169 4,526 4,414 4,482	6,306 5,978 5,946 5,585 5,970 6,255 6,478 6,328 5,703 4,597 3,912 3,125 3,214	2,187 2,054 2,047 2,026 1,974 1,806 1,732 1,677 1,613 1,578 1,309 1,180 1,114 1,029	534 594 589 503 526 474 516 630 523 522 519 595 594 631	10,835 10,566 10,951 11,196 10,534 9,974 9,474 9,277 8,411 8,441 6,968 6,958 6,952 6,391 5,972
PERCENTS 2000 1999 ² 1998 1998 1997 ³ 1996 1995 1994 ⁴ 1993 ⁵ 1991 1990 1989 1988 1987 ⁷	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	68.0 67.8 66.6 64.7 65.8 66.3 68.4 67.5 66.5 66.2 69.3	47.9 48.1 47.0 45.4 44.7 42.9 42.7 45.1 46.8 48.0 49.8 50.7 50.7	44.6 44.1 43.3 42.0 41.6 40.9 39.8 39.0 37.5 38.1 40.6 41.7 42.9 44.0 43.7	24.3 24.1 24.0 23.4 25.1 26.2 28.2 28.4 29.5 26.5 24.1 21.0 23.1	18.6 18.2 18.1 17.6 19.4 21.1 22.8 22.6 23.7 22.2 20.8 18.2 15.5 16.5	6.5 6.2 6.4 6.4 6.1 6.1 5.9 5.9 5.5 5.3	1.6 1.8 1.6 1.7 1.6 2.3 2.0 2.4 2.4 3.0 3.0 3.2	32.0 32.2 33.4 35.3 34.2 33.6 33.7 31.5 32.9 31.5 32.5 33.4 31.8 30.7

¹Includes CHAMPUS (Comprehensive Health and Medical Plan for Uniformed Services)/Tricare, Veterans', and military health care.
²These estimates reflect the results of follow-up health insurance verification questions.
³Beginning with the March 1998 CPS, people with no coverage other than access to Indian Health Service are no longer considered covered by health insurance; instead, they are considered to be uninsured. The effect of this change on the overall estimates of health insurance coverage is negligible; however, the decrease in the number of people covered by medicaid may be partially due to this change.
⁴Health insurance questions were redesigned. Increases in estimates of employment-based and military health care coverage may be partially due to questionnaire changes.
Overall coverage estimates were not affected.
⁵Data collection method changed from paper and pencil to computer-assisted interviewing.
⁴Implementation of 1990 census population controls.
⁵Inmplementation of a new March CPS processing system.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 1988-2001.



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Table A-2. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Selected Characteristics: 2000 (Numbers in thousands)

			Covered	by private o	or governm	ent health i	nsurance		
Characteristic			Private insur		Gov	ernment h	ealth insurar	nce	
Ghalaotora io	Total people	Total	Total	Employ- ment based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	No covere
NUMBERS									
People								İ	
Total	276,540	237,812	200,171	177,226	66,936	28,648	37,015	8,301	38,72
Sex Male	135,244 141,296	115,067 122,744	98,404 101,767	88,290 88,935	30,088 36,849	12,670 15,978	16,209 20,806	4,401 3,900	20,17 18,55
Race and Ethnicity	· i		<i>'</i>		,-		, j	·	•••
White Non-Hispanic Black	226,401 194,161 35,919	197,116 175,263 29,289	169,691 154,238 21,146	149,273 134,891 19,522	52,791 45,081 11,144	19,462 13,560 7,293	32,043 29,938 3,811	6,526 6,068 1,359	29,28 18,89 6,62
Asian and Pacific IslanderHispanic ²	11,384 33,863	9,333 23,027	7,952 16,217	7,157 15,088	2,085 8,236	1,292 6,306	852 2,187	294 534	2,05 10,83
Age Under 18 years	72,556	64,105	51,122	48,027	16,909	14,767	504	2,098	8.45
18 to 24 years	26,962	19,614	17,466	14,399	3,202	2,349	161	777	7,34
25 to 34 years	37,440 44,780	29,514 37,841	27,008 35,210	25,496 33,252	3,368 3,887	2,355 2,400	425 816	822 1,168	7,92 6,93
45 to 64 years	61,823	54,004	49,070	44,889	7,723	3,485	3,377	2,041	7,81
55 years and over	32,979	32,734	20,295	11,163	31,847	3,291	31,734	1,395	24
Nativity		217.212			04.400				
Native	246,613 29,927	217,343 20,468	183,733 16,438	162,637 14.589	61,163 5,774	25,682 2,965	33,693 3,322	7,858 443	29,27 9,45
Naturalized citizen	11,390	9,583	7,610	6,615	3,160	1,076	2,433	276	1,80
Not a citizen	18,538	10,886	8,828	7,974	2,613	1,889	889	167	7,65
Region		40 704		05.400	40.007	0.400	aa		0.04
Northeast	52,809 62,953	46,791 56,166	39,646 49,568	35,493 43,741	13,087 13,617	6,108 5,277	7,488 8,337	869 1,188	6,01 6,78
South	97,444	82,087	67,777	60,079	24,715	9,731	13,894	4,010	15,35
Vest	63,334	52,769	43,180	37,912	15,517	7,531	7,296	2,234	10,56
PERCENTS									
People									
Total	100.0	86.0	72.4	64.1	24.2	10.4	13.4	3.0	14.
Sex Male	100.0	85.1	72.8	65.3	22.2	9.4	12.0	3.3	14.
emale	100.0	86.9	72.0	62.9	26.1	11.3	14.7	2.8	13.
Race and Ethnicity		,		1					
Vhite	100.0	87.1	75.0	65.9	23.3	8.6	14.2	2.9	12
Non-Hispanic	100.0 100.0	90.3 81.5	79.4 58.9	69.5 54.4	23.2 31.0	7.0 20.3	15.4 10.6	3.1 3.8	9 18
Black	100.0	82.0	69.9	62.9	18.3	11.3	7.5	2.6	18
lispanic ²	100.0	68.0	47.9	44.6	24.3	18.6	6.5	1.6	32.
\ge									
Inder 18 years	100.0	88.4	70.5	66.2 53.4	23.3 11.9	20.4 8.7	0.7 0.6	2.9	11. 27
8 to 24 years 25 to 34 years	100.0 100.0	72.7 78.8	64.8 72.1	68.1	9.0	6.3	1.1	2.2	21
5 to 44 years	100.0	84.5	78.6	74.3	8.7	5.4	1.8	2.6	15
5 to 64 years	100.0 100.0	87.4 99.3	79.4	72.6	12.5	5.6	5.5	3.3 4.2	12
5 years and over	100.0	99.3	61.5	33.8	96.6	10.0	96.2	4.2	0
lativity lative	100.0	88.1	74.5	65.9	24.8	10.4	13.7	3.2	11.
oreign born	100.0	68.4	54.9	48.7	19.3	9.9	11.1	1.5	31
Naturalized citizen	100.0 100.0	84.1 58.7	66.8 47.6	58.1 43.0	27.7 14.1	9.4	21.4 4.8	2.4 0.9	15. 41.
	100.0	30.7	47.0	43.0	14.1	10.2	4.0	0.5	41.
legion Iortheast	100.0	88.6	75.1	67.2	24.8	11.6	14.2	1.6	11.
/lidwest	100.0	89.2	78.7	69.5	21.6	8.4	13.2	1.9	10.
South	100.0	84.2	69.6	61.7	25.4	10.0	14.3	4.1	15.
Nest	100.0	83.3	68.2	59.9	24.5	11.9	11.5	3.5	16.

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Table A-2. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Selected Characteristics: 2000—Con.

(Numbers in thousands)

			Covered	by private of	or governm	ent health i	nsurance		
Characteristic				health ance	Gov	ernment h	ealth insurar	nce	
	Total people	Total	Total	Employ- ment based	Total	Medicaid	Medicare	Military health care ¹	Not covered
NUMBERS				,					
Household Income Less than \$25,000. \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 or more	61,130 75,351 59,237 80,822	47,232 62,568 52,741 75,270	25,165 52,862 49,315 72,828	16,889 45,907 45,847 68,583	32,007 19,390 8,024 7,515	16,958 7,401 2,544 1,744	17,554 11,052 4,222 4,186	1,564 2,671 1,894 2,172	13,898 12,783 6,496 5,552
Education (18 years and older) Total	203,985 33,950 65,833 40,068 15,702 48,432	173,707 24,924 55,018 34,699 14,083 44,984	149,049 15,561 46,739 31,104 12,954 42,691	129,199 12,106 40,121 26,610 11,691 38,671	50,027 14,624 17,779 7,912 2,698 7,014	13,880 5,593 4,771 1,939 586 991	36,511 11,074 13,060 5,219 1,733 5,426	6,203 . 667 2,016 1,613 667 1,240	30,278 9,026 10,816 5,369 1,619 3,448
Work Experience (18 to 64 years old) Total Worked during year Worked full-time Worked part-time Did not work	171,006 140,403 117,478 22,925 30,603	140,973 117,597 99,421 18,176 23,376	128,754 112,713 96,298 16,415 16,040	118,036 104,705 90,960 13,744 13,331	18,181 8,696 6,135 2,562 9,484	10,589 4,622 2,944 1,678 5,967	4,777 798 426 372 3,979	4,808 3,589 2,911 677 1,219	30,033 22,806 18,057 4,749 7,227
PERCENTS									
Household Income Less than \$25,000. \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 or more	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	77.3 83.0 89.0 93.1	41.2 70.2 83.3 90.1	27.6 60.9 77.4 84.9	52.4 25.7 13.5 9.3	27.7 9.8 4.3 2.2	28.7 14.7 7.1 5.2	2.6 3.5 3.2 2.7	22.7 17.0 11.0 6.9
Education (18 years and older) Total	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	85.2 73.4 83.6 86.6 89.7 92.9	73.1 45.8 71.0 77.6 82.5 88.1	63.3 35.7 60.9 66.4 74.5 79.8	24.5 43.1 27.0 19.7 17.2 14.5	6.8 16.5 7.2 4.8 3.7 2.0	17.9 32.6 19.8 13.0 11.0	3.0 2.0 3.1 4.0 4.2 2.6	14.8 26.6 16.4 13.4 10.3 7.1
Work Experience (18 to 64 years old) Total	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	82.4 83.8 84.6 79.3 76.4	75.3 80.3 82.0 71.6 52.4	69.0 74.6 77.4 60.0 43.6	10.6 6.2 5.2 11.2 31.0	6.2 3.3 2.5 7.3 19.5	2.8 0.6 0.4 1.6 13.0	2.8 2.6 2.5 3.0 4.0	17.6 16.2 15.4 20.7 23.6

¹Includes CHAMPUS (Comprehensive Health and Medical Plan for Uniformed Services)/Tricare, Veterans', and military health care. ²Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2001.



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Table A-3.

People Without Health Insurance for the Entire Year by Selected Characteristics: 1999 and 2000

(Estimates without adjustment for the health insurance verification question)

(Numbers in thousands. For an explanation of confidence intervals (C.I.), see "Standard errors and their use" on the Census Bureau's CPS Web site at www.bls.census.gov/cps/ads/2000/ssrcacc.htm)

		20	00			19	99		Chang	je² 1999 t	o 2000
Obinti-			Uninsured	ı			Uninsured	I		Uninsured	t
Characteristic	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Total	Number	Per- cent ²	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	Per- cent	Percent 90-pct. C.I. (±)
People Total	276,540	42,294	15.3	0.2	274,087	42,554	15.5	0.2	-259´	*-0.2	0.2
Sex - Male: Female	135,244 141,296	22,002 20,292	16.3 14.4	0.2 0.2	133,933 140,154	22,073 20,481	16.5 14.6	0.3 0.2	-70 -189	-0.2 -0.3	0.3 0.3
Race and Ethnicity White Non-Hispanic Black Asian and Pacific Islander	226,401 194,161 35,919 11,384	31,998 21,265 7,255 2,244	14.1 11.0 20.2 19.7	0.2 0.2 0.5 1.0	193,633 35,509 10,925	31,863 21,363 7,536 2,272	14.2 11.0 21.2 20.8	0.2 0.2 0.7 1.0	135 -97 *-280 -28	- -0.1 · *-1.0 -1.1	0.2 0.2 0.7 1.2
Age Under 18 years 18 to 24 years 25 to 34 years 35 to 44 years 45 to 64 years 65 years and over	33,863 72,556 26,962 37,440 44,780 61,823 32,979	9,433 7,867 8,538 7,542 8,522 392	13.0 29.2 22.8 16.8 13.8 1.2	0.7 0.3 0.7 0.5 0.5 0.3	32,804 72,325 26,532 37,786 44,805 60,018 32,621	10,951 10,023 7,688 8,755 7,377 8,289 422	33.4 13.9 29.0 23.2 16.5 13.8 1.3	0.7 0.3 0.7 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.2	*251 *–590 179 –217 165 233 –30	-0.3 *-0.9 0.2 -0.4 0.4 -	0.6 0.4 0.8 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.2
Nativity Native Foreign born Naturalized citizen Not a citizen	246,613 29,927 11,390 18,538	32,415 9,879 1,957 7,922	13.1 33.0 17.2 42.7	0.2 0.8 1.0 1.0	245,708 28,379 10,622 17,758	33,089 9,465 1,900 7,565	13.5 33.4 17.9 42.6	0.2 0.8 1.0 1.0	*674 *415 57 *357	*-0.3 -0.3 -0.7 0.1	0.2 0.9 1.2 1.2
Region Northeast. Midwest South West	52,809 62,953 97,444 63,334	6,800 7,510 16,469 11,515	12.9 11.9 16.9 18.2	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.3	52,038 63,595 95,928 62,526	6,641 7,075 16,887 11,950	12.8 11.1 17.6 19.1	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.3	159 *436 *–418 *–436	0.1 *0.8 *–0.7 *–0.9	0.4 0.4 0.4 0.5
Household Income Less than \$25,000. \$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 or more	61,130 75,351 59,237 80,822	14,669 13,750 7,239 6,636	24.0 18.2 12.2 8.2	0.5 0.3 0.3 0.2	64,628 77,119 56,873 75,467	15,577 13,996 6,706 6,275	24.1 18.1 11.8 8.3	0.5 0.3 0.3 0.3	*–908 –245 *532 *361	-0.1 0.1 *0.4 -0.1	0.5 0.4 0.4 0.3
Education (18 years and older) Total No high school diploma High school graduate only Some college, no degree. Associate degree Bachelor's degree or higher	203,985 33,950 65,833 40,068 15,702 48,432	32,862 9,404 11,693 5,951 1,797 4,016	16.1 27.7 17.8 14.9 11.4 8.3	0.2 0.7 0.3 0.5 0.7 0.3	201,762 34,087 66,141 39,940 14,715 46,880	32,531 9,111 11,619 6,051 1,902 3,848	16.1 26.7 17.6 15.2 12.9 8.2	0.2 0.7 0.3 0.5 0.7 0.3	331 *293 74 –100 –104 169	*1.0 0.2 -0.3 *-1.5 0.1	0.2 0.7 0.4 0.5 0.8 0.4
Work Experience (18 to 64 years old) Total	171,006 140,403 117,478 22,925 30,603	32,469 24,416 19,389 5,027 8,053	19.0 17.4 16.5 21.9 26.3	0.2 0.2 0.3 0.7 0.7	169,141 139,218 115,973 23,245 29,923	32,108 24,187 18,984 5,204 7,921	19.0 17.4 16.4 22.4 26.5	0.2 0.3 0.3 0.8 0.7	361 229 405 –177 132	- 0.1 -0.5 -0.2	0.3 0.3 0.3 0.9 0.8

⁻ Represents zero or rounds to zero. *Stat

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March 2000 and 2001.



^{*}Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

²All numbers are derived from unrounded numbers. Some numbers and percentages may therefore appear to be slightly higher or lower than those computed with rounded figures from other columns.



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