

Table 1. Percentage of persons under 65 years of age with Medicaid or who are uninsured by selected demographic characteristics using Method 1 and Method 2 estimation procedures: United States, July – December 2004

Selected demographic characteristics	Medicaid ¹		Uninsured ²	
	Method 2 ³	Method 1 ³	Method 2 ³	Method 1 ³
Percent (standard error)				
Age				
Under 65 years	12.4 (0.31)	12.0 (0.30)	16.6 (0.32)	17.0 (0.33)
Under 18 years	25.7 (0.64)	24.8 (0.63)	9.4 (0.44)	10.4 (0.44)
18-64 years	7.0 (0.22)	6.7 (0.22)	19.5 (0.34)	19.7 (0.34)
Poverty⁴ status				
Poor	47.7 (1.40)	46.0 (1.38)	28.0 (1.19)	29.7 (1.25)
Near Poor	22.7 (0.82)	21.9 (0.83)	29.2 (0.92)	30.1 (0.95)
Not Poor	3.0 (0.17)	2.9 (0.16)	9.7 (0.32)	9.7 (0.32)
Age and poverty⁴ status				
Under 18 years				
Poor	72.1 (1.89)	68.8 (1.92)	13.3 (1.72)	16.6 (1.88)
Near Poor	40.0 (1.51)	38.4 (1.52)	15.2 (1.15)	16.7 (1.19)
Not Poor	6.2 (0.45)	6.2 (0.45)	5.2 (0.44)	5.3 (0.44)
18-64 years				
Poor	31.6 (1.36)	30.8 (1.35)	37.7 (1.44)	38.5 (1.44)
Near Poor	12.7 (0.72)	12.2 (0.71)	37.3 (1.03)	37.8 (1.04)
Not Poor	1.8 (0.13)	1.8 (0.13)	11.2 (0.33)	11.3 (0.33)
Hispanic or Latino origin⁵ and race				
Hispanic or Latino	22.3 (0.68)	21.0 (0.67)	33.8 (0.84)	35.1 (0.88)
Mexican or Mexican American	22.1 (0.74)	20.9 (0.74)	36.9 (1.02)	38.1 (1.05)
Not Hispanic or Latino	10.6 (0.32)	10.3 (0.32)	13.5 (0.32)	13.8 (0.32)
White, single race	7.9 (0.32)	7.7 (0.32)	12.4 (0.35)	12.6 (0.35)
Black or African American, single race	23.9 (1.18)	23.0 (1.16)	17.2 (0.70)	18.1 (0.69)

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³Beginning in quarter 3 of 2004, two additional questions were added to the NHIS Insurance section to reduce potential errors in reporting of Medicare and Medicaid status. Persons 65 years and over not reporting Medicare coverage were asked explicitly about Medicare coverage, and persons under 65 years with no reported coverage were asked explicitly about Medicaid coverage. Estimates calculated without using the additional information from these questions are noted as Method 1. Estimates calculated using the additional information from these questions are noted as Method 2.

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Table 2. Percentage of persons under 65 years of age with Medicaid or who are uninsured, by selected demographic characteristics using Method 1 and Method 2 estimation procedures: United States, 2004

Selected demographic characteristics	Medicaid ¹		Uninsured ²	
	Method 2 ³	Method 1 ³	Method 2 ³	Method 1 ³
Percent (standard error)				
Age				
Under 65 years	12.0 (0.24)	11.8 (0.24)	16.4 (0.23)	16.6 (0.23)
Under 18 years	25.4 (0.49)	24.9 (0.49)	9.2 (0.30)	9.7 (0.29)
18-64 years	6.6 (0.17)	6.5 (0.17)	19.3 (0.26)	19.4 (0.26)
Poverty⁴ status				
Poor	47.5 (1.03)	46.6 (1.03)	29.6 (0.89)	30.5 (0.92)
Near Poor	22.0 (0.59)	21.5 (0.60)	28.9 (0.66)	29.4 (0.66)
Not Poor	2.9 (0.13)	2.8 (0.13)	9.4 (0.23)	9.5 (0.23)
Age and poverty⁴ status				
Under 18 years				
Poor	71.9 (1.35)	70.2 (1.35)	14.5 (1.15)	16.2 (1.22)
Near Poor	39.2 (1.13)	38.4 (1.14)	15.0 (0.81)	15.8 (0.82)
Not Poor	6.2 (0.33)	6.1 ((0.33)	4.9 (0.30)	4.9 (0.30)
18-64 years				
Poor	31.2 (1.02)	30.8 (1.02)	39.7 (1.09)	40.1 (1.09)
Near Poor	12.0 (0.48)	11.8 (0.48)	37.0 (0.72)	37.2 (0.72)
Not Poor	1.7 (0.11)	1.7 (0.10)	11.0 (0.26)	11.1 (0.26)
Hispanic or Latino origin⁵ and race				
Hispanic or Latino				
Mexican or Mexican American	22.2 (0.55)	21.5 (0.55)	34.4 (0.64)	35.1 (0.65)
Not Hispanic or Latino	22.0 (0.63)	21.5 (0.63)	37.6 (0.82)	38.1 (0.83)
Not Hispanic or Latino				
White, single race	10.2 (0.25)	10.1 (0.25)	13.2 (0.23)	13.3 (0.23)
Black or African American, single race	7.4 (0.26)	7.4 (0.26)	12.0 (0.25)	12.1 (0.25)
	23.9 (0.80)	23.5 (0.79)	17.3 (0.58)	17.8 (0.58)

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Table 3. Percentage of persons age 65 years and over with report of Medicare coverage, by race/ethnicity and poverty: United States, July – December 2004

Hispanic or Latino origin ¹ and race and poverty ²	Medicare		Uninsured ³	
	Method 2 ⁴	Method 1 ⁴	Method 2 ⁴	Method 1 ⁴
Total	94.9 (0.37)	86.5 (0.65)	0.8 (0.13)	1.8 (0.21)
Race/ethnicity				
Hispanic or Latino	83.1 (1.88)	76.0 (2.37)	5.9 (1.27)	6.7 (1.32)
Mexican or Mexican American	81.5 (2.47)	72.1 (3.08)	9.3 (2.25)	10.4 (2.30)
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.7 (0.36)	87.2 (0.67)	0.5 (0.10)	1.5 (0.21)
White, single race	95.4 (0.36)	87.4 (0.69)	0.3 (0.08)	1.2 (0.22)
Black or African American, single race	91.0 (1.38)	80.4 (1.87)	*1.5 (0.60)	*2.5 (0.85)
Poverty Status				
Poor	94.3 (1.11)	86.9 (1.69)	*1.8 (0.72)	3.8 (0.98)
Near Poor	96.2 (0.74)	90.4 (1.15)	*0.9 (0.30)	1.9 (0.49)
Not Poor	94.3 (0.61)	84.9 (1.02)	*0.6 (0.19)	1.2 (0.28)

¹Estimates preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of greater than 30% and should be used with caution as they do not meet the standard of reliability or precision.

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Table 4. Percentage of persons age 65 years and over with report of Medicare coverage, by race/ethnicity and poverty: United States, 2004

Hispanic or Latino origin ¹ and race and poverty ²	Medicare		Uninsured ³	
	Method 2 ⁴	Method 1 ⁴	Method 2 ⁴	Method 1 ⁴
Total	91.6 (0.34)	87.4 (0.42)	1.1 (0.13)	1.6 (0.15)
Race/ethnicity				
Hispanic or Latino	76.7 (1.58)	73.1 (1.66)	7.4 (0.98)	7.8 (1.00)
Mexican or Mexican American	76.0 (1.94)	71.2 (2.10)	9.7 (1.49)	10.2 (1.51)
Not Hispanic or Latino	92.6 (0.35)	88.3 (0.44)	0.7 (0.12)	1.2 (0.15)
White, single race	92.3 (0.36)	88.2 (0.44)	0.5 (0.12)	1.0 (0.15)
Black or African American, single race	87.8 (1.00)	82.4 (1.25)	1.6 (0.32)	2.1 (0.48)
Poverty Status				
Poor	89.3 (1.20)	85.7 (1.34)	2.9 (0.65)	3.9 (0.73)
Near Poor	94.2 (0.64)	91.3 (0.78)	0.9 (0.21)	1.4 (0.28)
Not Poor	91.7 (0.43)	86.9 (0.67)	0.5 (0.13)	0.9 (0.17)

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