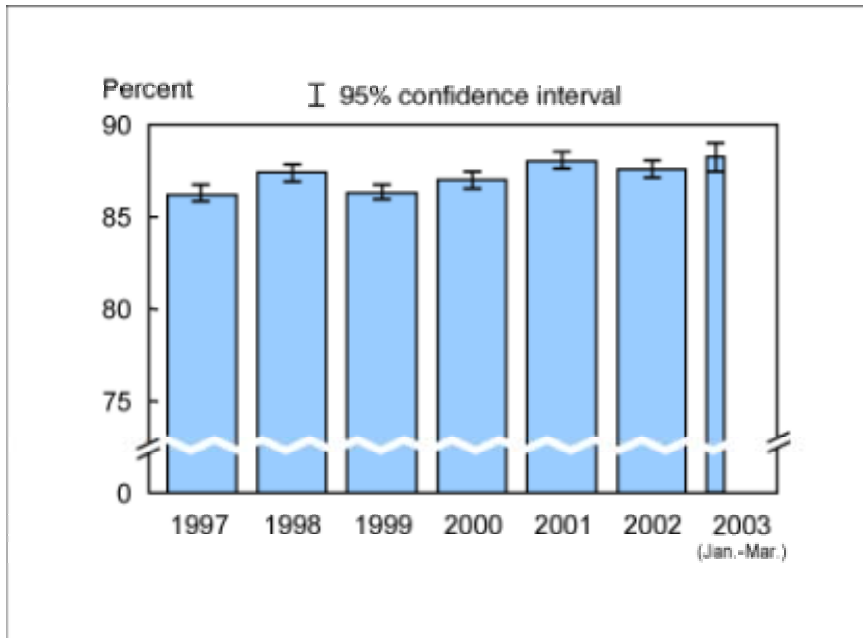


**Figure 2.1. Percent of persons of all ages with a usual place to go for medical care: United States, 1997-2003**

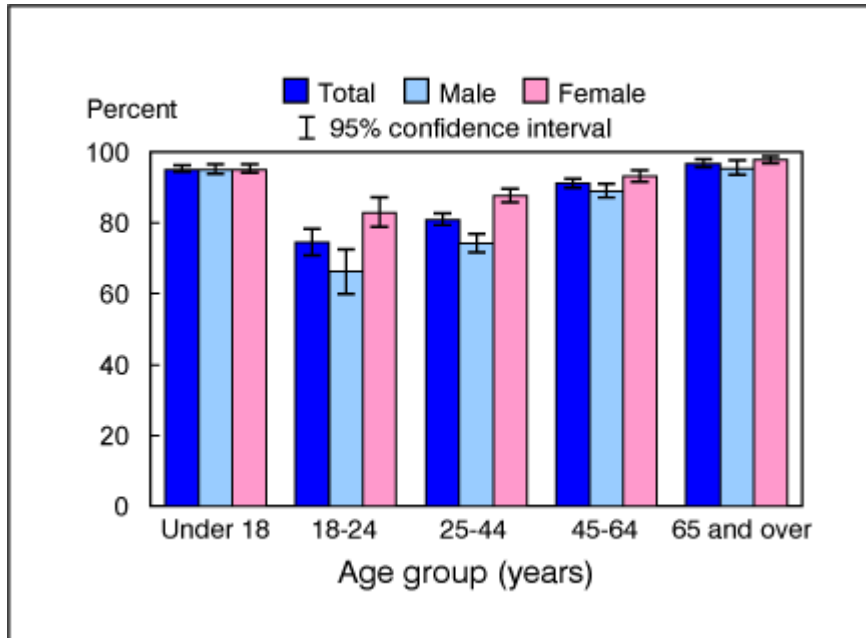


NOTES: The usual place to go for medical care does not include a hospital emergency room. The analysis excluded persons with unknown usual place to go for medical care (about 0.6% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Combined Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

- In early 2003, the percent of persons who had a usual place to go for medical care was 88.2% (95% CI = 87.4%-89.0%), which was slightly higher than but not statistically different from the 2002 estimate of 87.6%.
- The annual percent of persons of all ages who had a usual place to go for medical care was 86.2% in 1997, 87.4% in 1998, 86.3% in 1999, 87.0% in 2000, 88.0% in 2001, and 87.6% in 2002.

**Figure 2.2. Percent of persons of all ages with a usual place to go for medical care, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2003**

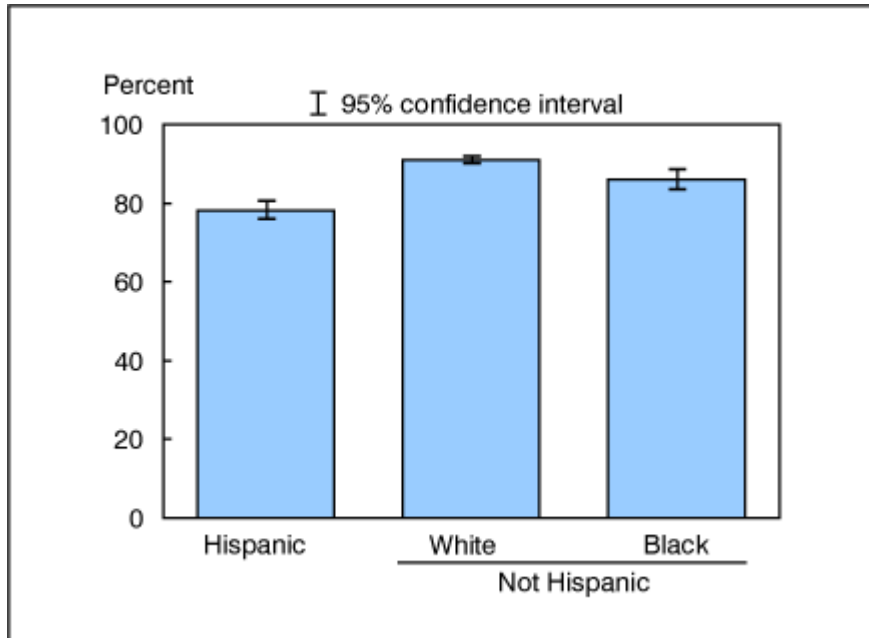


NOTES: The usual place to go for medical care does not include a hospital emergency room. The analysis excluded 54 (0.5%) persons with unknown usual place to go for medical care.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components of the 2003 National Health Interview Surveys.

- Of the five age groups, persons aged 18-24 years were least likely to have a usual place to go for medical care. Children under age 18 years were more likely than adults aged 18-64 years to have a usual place to go for medical care.
- For adults aged 18-64 years, men were less likely than women to have a usual place to go for medical care.
- Among those aged 18 years and over, the percent of persons having a usual place to go for medical care increased with age.

**Figure 2.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of persons of all ages who had a usual place to go for medical care, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003**



NOTES: The usual place to go for medical care does not include a hospital emergency room. The analysis excluded 54 (0.5%) persons with unknown usual place to go for medical care. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult and Sample Child Core components of the 2003 National Health Interview Surveys.

- After adjusting for age and sex, the percent of persons with a usual place to go for medical care was 78.1% for Hispanic persons, 90.9% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 86.0% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Of the three race/ethnic groups, Hispanic persons were least likely to have a usual place to go for medical care.

## Data tables for figures 2.1-2.3:

**Data table for figure 2.1. Percent of persons of all ages with a usual place to go for medical care: United States, 1997-2003**

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	Crude <sup>1</sup>	Age adjusted <sup>2</sup>
<b>1997</b>	86.2 (85.8-86.7)	86.3 (85.9-86.7)
<b>1998</b>	87.4 (86.9-87.8)	87.4 (87.0-87.9)
<b>1999</b>	86.3 (85.9-86.7)	86.4 (86.0-86.8)
<b>2000</b>	87.0 (86.5-87.4)	87.0 (86.6-87.4)
<b>2001</b>	88.0 (87.6-88.5)	88.0 (87.6-88.5)
<b>2002</b>	87.6 (87.1-88.0)	87.6 (87.1-88.2)
<b>2003 (January-March)</b>	88.2 (87.4-89.0)	88.2 (87.4-89.0)

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

**Data table for figure 2.2. Percent of persons of all ages with a usual place to go for medical care, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2003**

<b>Age and sex</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>95% confidence interval</b>
<b>Under 18 years</b>		
Total	95.1	93.4-94.5
Men	95.0	93.2-94.6
Women	95.1	93.2-94.7
<b>18-24 years</b>		
Total	74.4	71.4-75.1
Men	66.1	63.1-68.8
Women	82.8	78.4-82.6
<b>25-44 years</b>		
Total	80.9	80.5-82.2
Men	74.1	73.6-76.3
Women	87.6	86.6-88.4
<b>45-64 years</b>		
Total	91.1	90.1-91.4
Men	89.0	87.4-89.4
Women	93.1	92.2-93.7
<b>65 years and over</b>		
Total	96.7	95.4-96.6
Men	95.4	95.1-97.0
Women	97.7	95.2-96.7
<b>Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup></b>		
Total	88.2	87.3-88.2
Men	84.7	84.0-85.3
Women	91.6	90.3-91.2

<sup>1</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

**Data table for figure 2.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of persons of all ages who had a usual place to go for medical care, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003**

<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent (95% confidence interval)</b>	
	<b>Age- sex- adjusted<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Age adjusted<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	78.1 (75.9-80.4)	77.9 (75.5-80.3)
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>		
<b>White, single race</b>	90.9 (90.0-91.7)	90.9 (90.0-91.7)
<b>Black, single race</b>	86.0 (83.5-88.5)	86.4 (83.9-88.9)

<sup>1</sup>Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates are age- sex- adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.