

**Table 1 - MEPS  
 Characteristics of the Uninsured: Non Elderly Population  
 Calendar Year 2003: Uninsured All Year**

Characteristic	Population (Millions)	Distribution of Population	Uninsured (Millions)	Distribution of Uninsured	Uninsured Rate
TOTAL	255.9	100.0%	34.9	100.0%	13.6%
<b>GENDER</b>					
Men	127.6	49.9%	19.8	56.7%	15.5%
Women	128.3	50.1%	15.1	43.3%	11.8%
<b>AGE</b>					
CHILDREN Under age 19	81.0	31.6%	6.4	18.4%	7.9%
Under age 6	26.5	10.4%	1.9	5.5%	7.2%
Age 6 to 11	24.9	9.7%	1.7	4.9%	6.9%
Age 12 to 18	29.5	11.5%	2.8	8.0%	9.4%
ADULTS Age 19 -64	175.0	68.4%	28.4	81.6%	16.2%
Age 19-24	22.4	8.8%	6.5	18.7%	29.1%
Age 25-34	40.2	15.7%	7.7	22.0%	19.1%
Age 35-54	83.9	32.8%	11.3	32.4%	13.5%
Age 55-64	28.4	11.1%	2.9	8.4%	10.3%
<b>RACE</b>					
White*	204.7	80.0%	27.6	79.3%	13.5%
Black*	33.2	13.0%	4.7	13.6%	14.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.8	4.6%	1.6	4.6%	13.6%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.0	0.8%	0.4	1.2%	20.9%
Multiracial	4.2	1.6%	0.4	1.3%	10.7%
<b>HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>					
Hispanic	38.6	15.1%	10.8	30.9%	27.9%
Not Hispanic	217.3	84.9%	24.1	69.1%	11.1%
<b>FAMILY WORK STATUS</b>					
2 or more full time	66.2	25.9%	6.5	18.7%	9.9%
Only 1 full time	124.2	48.5%	14.1	40.4%	11.3%
Only part time	21.5	8.4%	4.7	13.4%	21.7%
Only self employed	16.4	6.4%	4.2	12.1%	25.6%
No Workers	27.6	10.8%	5.4	15.4%	19.5%
<b>WAGE/SALARY FOR PRIMARY EARNERS</b>					
No wage earner	44.0	17.2%	9.6	27.6%	21.8%
Under \$7/hour	12.3	4.8%	3.6	10.4%	29.5%
\$7-\$15/hour	79.4	31.0%	15.1	43.2%	19.0%
\$15-\$25/hour	64.8	25.3%	4.4	12.6%	6.8%
More than \$25/hour	55.4	21.6%	2.2	6.2%	3.9%

\*Includes both Hispanic and Non Hispanic

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<b>Table 1 - MEPS (Cont'd)</b>					
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<b>Calendar Year 2003: Uninsured All Year</b>					
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<b>FAMILY COMPOSITION</b>					
WITH CHILDREN	163.0	63.7%	19.2	55.1%	11.8%
1 Adult	30.4	11.9%	3.8	11.0%	12.6%
2 Married adults	109.9	43.0%	10.9	31.2%	9.9%
Other	22.7	8.9%	4.5	12.9%	19.8%
<b>WITHOUT CHILDREN (All)</b>					
1 Adult	30.4	11.9%	6.3	18.2%	20.9%
2 Married adults	43.1	16.8%	4.5	12.8%	10.3%
Other	15.3	6.0%	4.5	12.9%	29.5%
<b>INCOME (poverty level)</b>					
0 - 100% FPL	32.9	12.9%	7.8	22.5%	23.8%
100 - 200 % FPL	43.9	17.2%	10.8	31.0%	24.6%
200 - 400% FPL	79.7	31.2%	10.0	28.8%	12.6%
More than 400% FPL	99.4	38.8%	6.2	17.7%	6.2%

These estimates are based on ERIU tabulations of 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) data collected by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The MEPS employs an overlapping panel design and collects data on two calendar years for each respondent. The tabulations reported here are based on responses to interview Rounds 3, 4, and 5 of Panel 6 and Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of Panel 7, which cover calendar year 2003 for both panels. Coverage status is obtained at the initial interview. At each subsequent interview, respondents are asked about whether their coverage has changed since the last interview and, if so, how and when. Respondents report whether they were covered by any public or private source of health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, TRICARE/CHAMPUS, other public coverage, employment-based private, other private health insurance). Respondents are considered uninsured if they respond "no" to all of the coverage options; they are not asked directly if they are uninsured. A person may gain or lose coverage during a year and these data permit estimates of the number lacking coverage at a particular point in time, at some time during the year, and throughout the entire year. We label those who are without health insurance for the entire year as "all-year uninsured," and those without health insurance for at least one month and up to twelve months as "ever uninsured." The "point-in-time uninsured" estimates include those without coverage in the first round of the calendar year (Round 3 for those who entered the survey in 2001, and Round 1 for those who entered the survey in 2003).

For further discussion of issues related to counting the uninsured see "[Counting and Characterizing the Uninsured](#)," by Pamela Farley Short, and ERIU [Research Highlight 1: A Revolving Door: How Individuals Move In and Out of Health Insurance Coverage](#)