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# **National Survey on the Uninsured**

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### **Methodology:**

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The results of this project are based on a telephone survey conducted between January 10 and February 9, 2000, among a total sample of 1,985 adults 18 years or older (921 uninsured adults and 1,064 insured adults). This includes a nationally representative random sample of 1,205 adults (167 uninsured adults and 1,064 insured adults) and a national, randomly selected oversample of 754 uninsured adults (the results are weighted to reflect the actual distribution in the nation). Since few Americans ages 65 and older are uninsured due to the Medicare program, we present all comparisons between insured and uninsured adults based on those under age 65 (866 insured and 890 uninsured). Fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research. The margin of sampling error for all adults is +/- 3 percent, for uninsured adults under age 65 it is +/- 3.5 percent, and for insured adults under age 65 it is +/- 3.5 percent. For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of error is higher. Note that in addition to sampling error there are other possible sources of measurement error. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

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S1. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
National Total	46	45	9
National Total Under 65	47	45	8
Uninsured Under 65	40	51	9
Insured Under 65	48	43	8

1. Do you personally know someone who doesn't have health insurance?

	Yes	No	Don't know
National Total	53	45	1
National Total Under 65	58	41	1
Uninsured Under 65	83	17	1
Insured Under 65	54	45	1

2. Do you currently have health care coverage from any health plan or health insurance program including those provided by the government, such as Medicare or Medicaid, or do you not have any health insurance at this time?

	Yes	No	Don't know
National Total	86	14	*
National Total Under 65	84	16	*
Uninsured Under 65	-	100	-
Insured Under 65	100	-	*

3. If you were going to describe uninsured Americans - those with no health insurance at all – which one or two types of people would come to your mind first?

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Poor people	33	34	27	35
Unemployed people	16	17	11	19
The elderly	13	13	10	13
Immigrants	4	4	3	5
Children	8	8	6	8
Working families/Employed	18	19	23	18
Members of minority groups	8	8	9	8
People like yourself	2	2	6	2
Homeless	6	7	2	8
Don't want it/Don't care	1	*	*	*
Younger people/30 and under	6	5	6	4
Disabled/ill	*	*	1	*
Single parents (single moms and dads	2	3	2	2
Middle aged	*	*	*	*
Uneducated/poorly educated	1	1	1	1
Women/divorced women	1	1	1	1
Other	3	3	4	3
Don't know	13	12	16	12

\* multiple answers accepted

4. I'd like to ask you to think about uninsured Americans – that is, people with no health insurance at all. Would you say that more of them are:

	Employed people and people from families in which someone is employed	Unemployed people and people from families in which no one is employed	Don't Know
National Total	39	57	4
National Total Under 65	41	55	3
Uninsured Under 65	54	41	5
Insured Under 65	40	57	3

5. Do you think Americans with **NO** health insurance are more likely, less likely, or about the same as those **WITH** health insurance to...

a. Have a regular source where they get medical care

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	11	68	18	3
National Total Under 65	11	70	17	2
Uninsured Under 65	16	63	19	2
Insured Under 65	10	71	17	2

b. Have had a recent physician visit

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	10	74	14	2
National Total Under 65	9	77	13	1
Uninsured Under 65	13	66	19	2
Insured Under 65	9	79	12	1

c. Put off or postpone seeking care

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	65	22	12	1
National Total Under 65	66	22	12	*
Uninsured Under 65	62	24	14	1
Insured Under 65	66	22	12	*

d. Get needed medical care

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	13	64	21	1
National Total Under 65	13	66	20	1
Uninsured Under 65	15	62	21	1
Insured Under 65	10	68	21	1

e. Use preventive health services

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	16	62	18	3
National Total Under 65	16	65	17	2
Uninsured Under 65	19	54	23	3
Insured Under 65	14	67	16	3

f. Have health problems

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	43	8	47	2
National Total Under 65	43	8	47	1
Uninsured Under 65	38	14	45	2
Insured Under 65	46	8	46	1

g. Have hospital or emergency room visits that could have been avoided

	More Likely	Less Likely	About the Same	Don't Know
National Total	45	30	22	3
National Total Under 65	45	30	24	1
Uninsured Under 65	36	35	26	3
Insured Under 65	47	29	22	1

6. I'm going to read you the names of 10 candidates who say they are running for president in the year 2000. Regardless of who you might vote for, please tell me which ONE of these candidates you think would do the best job of addressing the problem of people without health insurance. The candidates are:

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Al Gore	30	30	27	29
Bill Bradley	10	11	8	11
George W. Bush	24	23	27	23
John McCain	7	6	5	6
Pat Buchanan	2	2	3	2
Gary Bauer	1	1	*	1
Alan Keyes	2	2	1	2
Steve Forbes	2	2	2	2
Donald Trump	3	3	3	3
Orrin Hatch	1	1	*	1
Other candidate	*	*	*	*
None would do a good job	5	4	7	4
Don't know	14	14	16	15

7. Which of the following, **OPTION ONE** or **OPTION TWO** do you think would be the better way to guarantee health insurance coverage for Americans? **OPTION ONE** is, building on the current system in which employers contribute to their employees' health insurance, which they get through their job, and the Government covers the cost of insurance for the poor and unemployed or **OPTION TWO** which is, switching to a system in which all individuals would buy their own health insurance but would receive a tax credit or subsidy to help them with the cost of the plan.

	Option One	Option Two	Neither	Don't Know
National Total	54	39	4	3
National Total Under 65	55	39	4	2
Uninsured Under 65	48	44	5	2
Insured Under 65	56	38	4	2

8. I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the (first/next) one...

- a. A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single (government) plan.

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	44	53	3
National Total Under 65	45	53	2
Uninsured Under 65	58	41	1
Insured Under 65	43	55	2

- b. Requiring businesses to offer private health insurance for their employees

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	77	21	2
National Total Under 65	78	20	2
Uninsured Under 65	79	19	2
Insured Under 65	78	20	2

- c. Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	74	25	1
National Total Under 65	75	24	1
Uninsured Under 65	77	22	1
Insured Under 65	74	25	1

d. Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	67	31	2
National Total Under 65	68	30	2
Uninsured Under 65	74	24	2
Insured Under 65	68	30	2

e. Expanding state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for people without health insurance.

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	78	21	1
National Total Under 65	77	21	1
Uninsured Under 65	83	16	1
Insured Under 65	78	21	1

9/10. I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the (first/next) one... / Of those options you just said you favored, which ONE do you MOST prefer? Is it...?

**Summary Table:**

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
A single (government) plan to provide health insurance for all Americans	21	22	25	22
A new law requiring businesses to offer private health insurance for their employees	21	22	17	23
A new law offering tax deductions or other financial assistance to help the uninsured pay for private health insurance	20	21	19	20
Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance	14	12	14	12
Expanding state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for people without health insurance	21	20	23	21
Do not favor any plans	2	2	1	2
Don't know	1	1	1	1



11. I'd like your opinion of a proposal to deal with the problem of uninsured children... Under this proposal, ALL parents would be required to buy health insurance for their children. Low- and moderate-income parents would receive an income tax refund or subsidy to help them pay for it. Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose requiring all parents to buy health insurance for their children?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	57	40	3
National Total Under 65	58	40	2
Uninsured Under 65	53	45	3
Insured Under 65	58	39	2

12. As you may know, a few years ago, Congress passed a law to help states cover more uninsured children. What is your opinion of a proposal to extend this insurance to the parents of the eligible child as well? Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and the taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose extending this government subsidized insurance coverage to parents?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
National Total	56	41	3
National Total Under 65	58	39	3
Uninsured Under 65	65	33	3
Insured Under 65	56	41	3

13. Would you be willing to pay FIFTY DOLLARS more per month--either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes--in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance coverage, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	41	56	3
National Total Under 65	45	53	2
Uninsured Under 65	47	50	2
Insured Under 65	43	55	3

(Asked of respondents not willing to pay an extra fifty dollars)

14. Would you be willing to pay an extra THIRTY DOLLARS a month, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	20	77	3
National Total Under 65	21	76	2
Uninsured Under 65	31	66	3
Insured Under 65	20	77	3

(Asked of respondents not willing to pay an extra thirty dollars)

15. Would you be willing to pay an extra FIVE DOLLARS a month, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	55	44	2
National Total Under 65	56	43	2
Uninsured Under 65	61	37	2
Insured Under 65	57	42	1

13/14/15. Would you be willing to pay FIFTY DOLLARS more per month--either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes--in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance coverage, or not?/ Would you be willing to pay an extra THIRTY DOLLARS a month, or not?/ Would you be willing to pay an extra FIVE DOLLARS a month, or not?

Summary:

	-----Willing To Pay-----				Not willing to pay	Don't Know
	NET	\$50	\$30	\$5		
National Total	79	41	12	26	20	1
National Total Under 65	81	45	12	24	19	1
Uninsured Under 65	86	47	16	22	14	1
Insured Under 65	80	43	12	26	19	1

16. There are many reasons why people do not have health insurance. For each of the following, please tell me if this is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you do not currently have health insurance.

	----- Uninsured Under 65-----				
	-----Reason -----				
	NET	Major	Minor	Not a Reason	Don't Know
a. You are unemployed or between jobs	48	36	12	52	-
b. Another family member <b>HAS</b> health insurance, but it does <b>NOT</b> cover you	42	25	17	58	*
c. Your job doesn't offer coverage	61	48	13	38	1
d. You can't get coverage or were refused insurance due to poor health, illness, or age	40	23	16	60	-
e. It is too expensive	86	74	11	14	*
f. You don't think you need it	40	19	21	59	1
g. You don't know how to get insurance	35	16	19	65	*
h. You don't think anyone will sell you coverage	35	17	18	64	1

### Q16 Major Reason Summary

#### Uninsured Under 65 Saying Each is a Major Reason

You are unemployed or between jobs	36
Another family member <b>HAS</b> health insurance, but it does <b>NOT</b> cover you	25
Your job doesn't offer coverage	48
You can't get coverage or were refused insurance due to poor health, illness, or age	23
It is too expensive	74
You don't think you need it	19
You don't know how to get insurance	16
You don't think anyone will sell you coverage	17

16/17. There are many reasons why people do not have health insurance. For each of the following, please tell me if this is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you do not currently have health insurance./ Of those things you just said were major reasons, which **ONE** is the **MOST** important reason?

	Uninsured Under 65
You are unemployed or between jobs	15
Another family member <b>HAS</b> health insurance, but it does <b>NOT</b> cover you	3
Your job doesn't offer coverage	15
You can't get coverage or were refused insurance due to poor health, illness, or age	5
It is too expensive	47
You are in good health so you don't think you need it	3
You don't know how to get insurance	3
You don't think anyone will sell you coverage	1
None are major reasons	7
Don't know	1

(Asked of uninsured respondents)

18. How long have you been uninsured?

	<3 months	3 months – < 1 year	1 year – < 2 years	2 years +	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	11	16	12	59	2

19. Do you have a regular place you go to when you are sick or want medical advice?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	87	12	*
National Total Under 65	86	14	*
Uninsured Under 65	64	36	-
Insured Under 65	91	9	*

20. At what type of health care place do you usually receive your medical care?  
 (READ IF NECESSARY: Is it a doctor's office, a clinic or health center, a hospital emergency room, a holistic or alternative medicine provider, or some other place?)

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Doctor's office	68	66	34	72
Clinic or health center	20	22	35	20
Hospital emergency room	9	9	18	7
A holistic or alternative medicine provider	*	*	1	*
Nowhere	1	2	11	*
Other	1	1	1	1
Don't Know	-	-	1	-

21. Gender

	Male	Female
National Total	48	52
National Total Under 65	51	49
Uninsured Under 65	52	48
Insured Under 65	49	51

22. In the last 12 months, have you (READ LIST) ...

a. Received a mammogram (asked of female respondents only)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	39	61	*
National Total Under 65	36	64	-
Uninsured Under 65	16	84	-
Insured Under 65	40	60	-

b. Received a pap smear (asked of female respondents only)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	65	35	1
National Total Under 65	73	27	*
Uninsured Under 65	49	51	*
Insured Under 65	76	24	*

c. Received a prostate exam (asked of male respondents only)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	25	75	*
National Total Under 65	19	81	*
Uninsured Under 65	12	87	*
Insured Under 65	20	79	*

d. Received a routine physical examination or check up			
	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	69	31	*
National Total Under 65	66	34	*
Uninsured Under 65	47	53	-
Insured Under 65	70	30	*

e. Visited a doctor (or health clinic) for an illness?			
	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	59	41	-
National Total Under 65	58	42	-
Uninsured Under 65	46	54	-
Insured Under 65	61	39	-

f. Received care in an emergency room?			
	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	24	76	-
National Total Under 65	24	76	-
Uninsured Under 65	27	73	-
Insured Under 65	24	76	-

**Summary Table – Percent who said “Yes” to Each**

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Received a routine physical examination or check up	69	66	47	70
Received a pap smear (Asked of female respondents)	65	73	49	76
Visited a doctor (or health clinic) for an illness	59	58	46	61
Received a mammogram (Asked of female respondents)	39	36	16	40
Received a prostate exam (Asked of male respondents)	25	19	12	20
Received care in an emergency room	24	24	27	24

23. In the past year, did you have any problems paying medical bills, including doctor or hospital, prescription drugs, nursing home, or home care bills?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	20	80	*
National Total Under 65	21	79	*
Uninsured Under 65	39	60	*
Insured Under 65	18	82	*

(Asked of respondents who had problems paying medical bills)

24. How much of an impact have these bills had on you and your family... a major impact, a minor impact, or no real impact on you and your family?

	-----Impact-----				
	NET	Major Impact	Minor Impact	No Impact	Don't Know
National Total	89	48	41	10	1
National Total Under 65	89	50	39	10	1
Uninsured Under 65	94	68	26	6	-
Insured Under 65	87	40	47	12	1

25. In the past year, *because of the cost* have you ... (READ EACH ITEM)

a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	15	85	-
National Total Under 65	17	83	-
Uninsured Under 65	39	61	*
Insured Under 65	13	87	-

b. Not filled a prescription

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	13	87	*
National Total Under 65	14	86	*
Uninsured Under 65	30	69	*
Insured Under 65	12	88	-

c. Had problems getting mental health care

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	4	96	1
National Total Under 65	4	95	*
Uninsured Under 65	13	86	1
Insured Under 65	4	96	*

26. Please tell me, including yourself, how many family members, counting adults and children, are there living in this home? Please include anyone who is temporarily in the hospital, in a nursing home, or away at school?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
National Total	34	28	15	13	7	2	*	1
National Total Under 65	28	27	17	15	9	2	1	1
Uninsured Under 65	30	24	19	14	8	4	1	1
Insured Under 65	27	28	17	16	8	2	1	1

**(Asked of respondents who have more than 1 person living at home)**

27. Of these people in your household, how many are persons under 18 years of age?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
National Total	42	23	20	11	3	1	*
National Total Under 65	36	26	22	12	4	1	*
Uninsured Under 65	34	24	25	9	5	2	*
Insured Under 65	36	26	21	13	2	*	1

(Asked of respondents with children in household)

28. In the past 12 months, has there been any period of time in which your children, or children you are responsible for, were completely without any health plan or medical insurance coverage?

	Yes	No	Does not apply (vol.)	Don't Know
National Total	16	82	1	*
National Total Under 65	17	82	1	*
Uninsured Under 65	47	51	2	1
Insured Under 65	12	86	1	*

**(Asked of insured respondents only)**

29a. In the past year, what would you estimate your (or your family's) out-of-pocket healthcare costs to be? This would include any amount you pay for your health insurance either directly or taken out of your paycheck or your co-payments, or your deductibles or anything else your health insurance doesn't cover.

	<\$50	\$50 – \$99.9	\$100 – \$499.9	\$500 – \$999.9	\$1,000 < \$2,000	\$2,000	Don't Know
National Total	11	6	26	13	14	23	7
National Total Under 65	10	6	28	13	14	24	5
Insured Under 65	10	6	28	13	14	24	5



29b. In the past year, what would estimate you (or your family) have paid for your healthcare costs?

	<\$50	\$50 – \$99.9	\$100 – \$499.9	\$500 – \$999.9	\$1,000 < \$2,000	\$2,000	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	21	9	25	14	10	16	5

Q29a/Q29b Summary Table

	<\$50	\$50 – \$99.9	\$100 – \$499.9	\$500 – \$999.9	\$1,000 < \$2,000	\$2,000	Don't Know
National Total	13	7	25	12	14	22	7
National Total Under 65	12	7	26	13	14	23	5
Uninsured Under 65	21	9	25	14	10	16	5
Insured Under 65	10	6	28	13	14	24	5

30. Have you ever been contacted by a collection agency about unpaid medical bills?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	26	74	*
National Total Under 65	29	71	*
Uninsured Under 65	39	60	*
Insured Under 65	27	73	*

**(Asked of respondents who have been contacted by a collection agency)**

31. Are you currently making payments to a collection agency for medical care expenses?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	22	78	-
National Total Under 65	22	78	-
Uninsured Under 65	29	71	*
Insured Under 65	22	78	-

Q30/Q31 Summary Table

	---Contacted by Collection Agency---			Not Contacted by a Collection agency	Don't Know
	NET	Yes, making payments	No, not making payments		
National Total	26	6	20	74	*
National Total Under 65	29	6	23	71	*
Uninsured Under 65	39	11	28	60	*
Insured Under 65	27	6	21	73	*

32. How familiar are you with Medicaid, the program that provides medical assistance for low-income families? Would that be (READ ITEMS)?

	-----Familiar-----			-----Not Familiar-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Very	Not at all	
National Total	49	18	31	50	22	28	1
National Total Under 65	50	18	31	50	22	28	*
Uninsured Under 65	47	21	26	53	17	36	-
Insured Under 65	49	17	32	50	24	26	*

33. If you were told you were eligible for (MEDICAID/state-specific)—would you want to enroll or not?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	52	41	7
National Total Under 65	54	41	5
Uninsured Under 65	73	21	6
Insured Under 65	50	44	5

Q32/Q33 Summary Table

	-----Familiar-----			-----Not Familiar-----			Don't Know
	NET	Yes	No	NET	Yes	No	
National Total	50	29	19	50	24	22	*
National Total Under 65	50	29	20	50	25	21	*
Uninsured Under 65	47	37	9	53	35	12	-
Insured Under 65	49	27	21	50	24	23	*

34. How familiar are you with the Children's Health Insurance Program/(insert state-specific) another program that provides medical assistance for low-income families? Would that be (READ ITEMS)?

	-----Familiar-----			-----Not Familiar-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Very	Not at all	
National Total	24	8	16	76	20	56	*
National Total Under 65	27	9	18	73	20	53	-
Uninsured Under 65	29	13	16	71	17	54	-
Insured Under 65	26	9	18	74	20	53	-

**(Asked of respondents with children in household)**

35. If you were told your (child/children) were eligible for (state-specific/ Children’s Health Insurance Program)—would you want to enroll or not?

	Yes	No	Don’t Know
National Total	61	35	4
National Total Under 65	62	34	4
Uninsured Under 65	84	13	2
Insured Under 65	58	38	4

**Q34/Q35 Summary Table**

	-----Familiar-----			No Children in HH	---Not Familiar---			No Children in HH	Don’t Know
	NET	Yes	No		NET	Yes	No		
National Total	24	9	3	11	76	14	10	50	*
National Total Under 65	27	11	4	12	73	17	12	42	-
Uninsured Under 65	29	19	2	9	71	20	4	45	-
Insured Under 65	26	10	4	12	74	17	14	42	-

(Asked of respondents with children in household)

36. Right now, is your (child/children) covered by ANY health insurance – either public or private health insurance?

	Yes	No	No Children in HH	Don’t Know
National Total	91	6	2	1
National Total Under 65	91	6	2	1
Uninsured Under 65	55	41	2	2
Insured Under 65	96	2	2	*

(Asked of respondents with insured children)

37. Is that public health insurance – such as Medicaid, Children Health Insurance Program or another state program – or PRIVATE health insurance – such as health insurance you or someone in your household gets through a job or buys on their own?  
**PROBE BEFORE ACCEPTING “PRIVATE”:** Just to make sure, this is PRIVATE insurance, correct? NOT public health insurance – like Medicaid/(state specific)?

	Public Health Insurance	Private Health Insurance	Don’t Know
National Total	26	72	1
National Total Under 65	27	72	1
Uninsured Under 65	69	29	2
Insured Under 65	22	77	1

Q36/37 Summary Table

	-----Child Covered-----			Child not covered	No children in household	Don't Know
	NET	Public Health Insurance	Private Health Insurance			
National Total	35	9	25	2	62	*
National Total Under 65	41	11	30	3	55	*
Uninsured Under 65	25	17	7	19	55	1
Insured Under 65	44	9	34	1	55	*

**(Asked of respondents with uninsured children)**

38. You told me that your (child/children) (does not/do not) currently have health insurance coverage. There are many reasons why children may not have health insurance. Why doesn't your (child/children) have health insurance coverage right now?

	Uninsured Under 65
Child doesn't need coverage because he/she is healthy	1
Cannot afford insurance	51
Don't know how to get my child coverage	3
Tried to apply for Medicaid/(public health insurance program)but could not get it	10
Employer or spouse's employer doesn't offer coverage for children	7
Employer or spouse's employer offers coverage but doesn't pay enough or anything towards it	1
Not yet eligible for insurance/not at job long enough	4
Not responsible for child/not being covered by their father	5
Presently unemployed	5
Finances/money problems	
Haven't made decision/haven't applied	2
Prefer to pay out of pocket	2
Waiting for application processes	3
Choose not to/don't need it	1
Other	14
Don't Know	2

(Asked of respondents with uninsured children)

39. Have you ever tried to enroll your (child/children) in Medicaid?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	50	48	2

Q32/39 Summary Table

	-----Familiar-----				-----Not Familiar-----			
	NET	Yes	No	No children in household or child covered	NET	Yes	No	No children in household or child covered
Uninsured Under 65	47	7	3	37	53	3	6	44

(Asked of respondents with uninsured children)

40. Have you ever tried to enroll you (child/children) in the Children's Health Insurance Program/(insert state-specific)?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	20	79	1

42. Was there a time over the past year when you (or someone in your family) needed medical care, but did not get it?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	10	90	--
National Total Under 65	12	88	-
Uninsured Under 65	34	66	*
Insured Under 65	8	92	-

(Asked of respondents who themselves or someone in their family needed medical help but didn't get it)

42/43. Was there a time over the past year when you (or someone in your family) needed medical care, but did not get it?/Was that you, or someone else in the family?

**Summary Table**

	-----Yes-----				No	Don't Know
	NET	Respondent	Someone Else	Both		
National Total	10	6	3	1	90	--
National Total Under 65	12	7	4	1	88	-
Uninsured Under 65	34	22	8	3	66	*
Insured Under 65	8	4	3	1	92	-

(Asked of respondents who needed medical help but didn't get it)

44. What was the main reason that you did not get the medical help needed in this situation? (DO NOT READ ITEMS)

	Uninsured Under 65
Could not get an appointment	1
Don't know good doctor/clinic to go to	*
Cost too much	70
Could not get off work	-
Not easy to get to the office/clinic	1
Not covered by insurance	19
Too nervous or afraid	1
No transportation/too far	1
Other	8
Don't Know	1

Q42/43/44a Was there a time over the past year when you needed medical care, but did not get it? / How serious would you say the condition that you needed medical care for but did not get it was... was it very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

	-----Need Medical care But didn't get it-----							Did not need medical care/got needed care
	---Very Serious/Somewhat serious---				--Not too serious/Not at all serious--			
	NET	NET	Very serious	Somewhat serious	NET	Not too serious	Not at all serious	
National Total	7	5	2	3	1	1	*	93
Nat'l Total Under 65	8	6	3	4	1	1	*	92
Uninsured Under 65	26	20	10	10	5	4	1	74
Insured Under 65	4	3	1	2	1	1	-	96

45. In the past 12 months, have you (or someone else in your household) ever put off or postponed seeking health care you felt you needed but you could not afford?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	18	82	*
National Total Under 65	20	79	*
Uninsured Under 65	48	51	*
Insured Under 65	14	86	*

45/46. In the past 12 months, have you (or someone else in your household) ever put off or postponed seeking health care you felt you needed but you could not afford? / Was that you, or someone else in the family?

**Summary Table**

	-----Yes-----				No	Don't Know
	NET	Respondent	Someone Else	Both		
National Total	18	12	4	1	82	*
National Total Under 65	20	14	4	2	79	*
Uninsured Under 65	48	34	9	5	51	*
Insured Under 65	14	9	4	1	86	*

(Asked of total respondents who themselves or someone in their household postponed seeking health care)

47. Did you eventually get the care you thought you needed?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	39	61	--
National Total Under 65	39	61	--
Uninsured Under 65	30	70	--

45/46/48. In the past 12 months, have you ever put off or postponed seeking health care you felt you needed but you could not afford? / How serious would you say the condition that you postponed seeking care for was... was it very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Postponed Seeking Health Care	14	16	39	10
Serious (NET)	9	10	28	5
Very Serious	3	3	12	2
Somewhat Serious	6	6	16	3
Not Serious (NET)	5	6	10	5
Not too Serious	4	5	8	4
Not at all Serious	1	1	3	1
Did not postpone seeking healthcare	86	84	61	90
Don't Know	*	*	*	*

**(Asked of respondents who themselves postponed seeking health care)**

48a. Did your condition get worse because you postponed getting health care?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	52	46	2
National Total Under 65	53	45	1
Uninsured Under 65	47	46	6

(Asked of uninsured respondents)

49. About how much do you think it would cost per month to buy health insurance for just yourself?

	\$1-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	500+	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	36	23	9	4	2	3	24

**(Asked of uninsured respondents who live with other family members)**

50. About how much do you think it would cost per month to buy health insurance for your family?

	\$1-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	500+	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	17	18	11	10	10	10	24

51. If you decided to buy health insurance (for yourself / your family), do you think you would have to give up other things?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Uninsured Under 65	76	21	3



**(Asked of uninsured respondents who think they would have to give up other things to get health insurance)**

52. What do you think you would have to give up to pay your insurance bill?

	Uninsured Under 65 Who Say They Would Have to Give Up Something
Cut Living Expenses (NET)	53
Utilities (SUBNET)	10
Electric bill/cut back on electric	4
Telephone/cut LD calls	6
Utilities (unspecified)	1
Other utilities	1
Food/groceries/cut food budget	21
Clothing	7
Car/truck/car payments/leasing (gas/fuel/repairs)	13
Insurance (car/home/life)	4
Housing/rent/mortgage payments (relocation)	13
Transportation	1
Other living expenses	2
Give Up/Cut Back on Non-Necessities (NET)	22
TV/Cable	7
Luxuries/material things (new car)	7
Eating out	3
Shopping/limit buying/budget more (no family gifts)	3
Put less into savings/401K	1
Personal items	*
Other non-necessities	3
Give Up/Cut back on extra activities (NET)	23
Family/recreational activities/outdoor activities	4
Entertainment/going out/having a good time (movies)	11
Vacations/travel	2
Other extra activities	*
Move bills around/pay every other month/paying other bills/work more	8
Other	9
Nothing/have nothing to give up/cut back	1
Don't Know	10

\* multiple answers accepted

51/52. Summary Table

	Among All Uninsured Under 65
Cut Living Expenses	40
Give Up/Cut Back on Non-Necessities	17
Give Up/Cut Back on Extra Activities	17
Move Bills Around/Pay Every Other Month/Paying	6
Other Bills/Work More	
Other	7
Don't Know	8
Nothing	21

\* multiple answers accepted

53. For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year or so? (READ LIST)

a. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	13	87	--
National Total Under 65	15	85	--
Uninsured Under 65	29	71	--
Insured Under 65	12	88	--

b. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	17	83	--
National Total Under 65	20	80	--
Uninsured Under 65	36	64	*
Insured Under 65	16	84	--

c. Have you been able to save money for the future?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	54	46	*
National Total Under 65	53	47	*
Uninsured Under 65	26	74	*
Insured Under 65	58	42	*

d. Have you invested in the stock market?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	35	65	--
National Total Under 65	35	65	--
Uninsured Under 65	9	91	--
Insured Under 65	41	59	--

54. Are you currently working full-time, working part-time, or are you retired, unemployed, a student, a homemaker, or something else?

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Working full time	52	62	44	65
Working part time	10	11	17	10
Retired	18	5	3	5
Unemployed	5	6	17	5
A student	3	4	7	4
Homemaker	6	7	8	6
Something else	5	5	4	5
Don't Know	--	-	-	-

54/55. Are you currently working full-time, working part-time, or are you retired, unemployed, a student, a homemaker, or something else?/ Are you self-employed or do you work for someone else?

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
Working full time	52	62	44	65
Self-employed	6	7	9	7
Working for someone else	46	54	35	58
Working part time	10	11	17	10
Self-employed	3	3	4	2
Working for someone else	7	8	13	8
Retired	18	5	3	5
Unemployed	5	6	17	5
A student	3	4	7	4
Homemaker	6	7	8	6
Something else	5	5	4	5
Don't Know	--	--	--	--

56. In the past 12 months, have you decided to stay in one job, rather than take another, mainly because the job you held at the time offered better health care benefits?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	22	77	1
National Total Under 65	23	77	1
Uninsured Under 65	10	88	1
Insured Under 65	23	76	*

57. In the past 12 months, have you decided to *take a different job*, rather than stay at a job, mainly because the new job offered better health care benefits?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	9	90	*
National Total Under 65	10	90	*
Uninsured Under 65	19	81	-
Insured Under 65	8	92	*

58. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: ) Is that (agree/disagree) strongly or somewhat?. How about (READ ITEMS)...

a. Health care should be provided equally to everyone, just as public education is

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't Know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
National Total	84	62	22	15	8	7	1
Nat'l Total Under 65	85	65	21	14	7	7	*
Uninsured Under 65	91	77	13	9	6	3	*
Insured Under 65	85	63	22	14	7	8	1

b. Health care, like owning a home, should be available only to those who can afford it

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't Know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
National Total	13	6	7	86	20	66	1
Nat'l Total Under 65	11	5	7	89	19	70	*
Uninsured Under 65	13	7	6	86	15	72	1
Insured Under 65	11	4	6	89	19	70	*

c. Health insurance ranks high on my list of priorities for where to spend my money

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't Know
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
National Total	69	42	27	29	18	10	2
Nat'l Total Under 65	69	40	29	30	19	11	1
Uninsured Under 65	51	29	22	46	27	19	2
Insured Under 65	73	43	30	26	17	9	1

59. How comfortable are you telling your friends or family that you are uninsured, are you (READ ITEMS):

	-----Comfortable-----			-----Uncomfortable-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very Comfortable	Comfortable	NET	Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable	
Uninsured Under 65	54	19	35	43	25	18	2

60. Now I'm going to read you a list of things people sometimes worry about. Thinking about the near future, tell me how concerned you are that each of these items might come true. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned that, in the future ... (READ LIST) How about...(READ NEXT ITEM)?

a. You might be denied a medical procedure

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	62	34	28	38	16	22	*
National Total Under 65	65	36	28	35	15	20	*
Uninsured Under 65	77	58	19	23	9	14	*
Insured Under 65	63	34	29	37	16	21	*

b. You may not always be able to go to the doctor who you use now

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	56	28	27	44	17	27	*
National Total Under 65	57	28	29	43	18	25	*
Uninsured Under 65	62	38	25	37	16	22	1
Insured Under 65	56	28	28	44	19	25	*

c. The quality of your health care could get worse

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	71	40	32	29	13	16	--
National Total Under 65	73	42	32	27	13	14	--
Uninsured Under 65	77	53	24	23	10	13	1
Insured Under 65	72	40	31	28	14	15	-

d. You might have difficulty paying your rent or mortgage

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	42	25	17	58	17	41	*
National Total Under 65	47	27	19	53	18	35	*
Uninsured Under 65	67	50	17	33	11	22	*
Insured Under 65	44	25	19	56	19	37	-

e. Your health could get worse

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	72	38	33	28	16	12	*
National Total Under 65	73	40	33	27	16	11	*
Uninsured Under 65	79	56	23	20	10	11	*
Insured Under 65	71	38	33	29	17	12	*

f. Health care expenses could hurt your credit rating, making it difficult to get credit or loans in the future.

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	48	23	26	51	20	32	*
National Total Under 65	52	25	27	48	20	28	*
Uninsured Under 65	68	44	24	31	12	20	1
Insured Under 65	48	22	26	52	21	30	*

g. The amount you pay for your health care services or health insurance will increase

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	75	39	36	24	11	13	*
National Total Under 65	78	39	39	22	10	12	*
Uninsured Under 65	79	53	26	20	7	12	2
Insured Under 65	78	38	40	22	11	11	*

h. You might not be able to get the health care you think you need because you can't afford it

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	57	32	24	43	16	27	--
National Total Under 65	60	34	26	40	17	23	--
Uninsured Under 65	82	58	24	18	7	11	*
Insured Under 65	57	31	25	43	18	25	-

i. You may not have health insurance for others in your family (asked of respondents who live with other family members)

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	57	38	19	43	15	28	--
National Total Under 65	60	40	19	40	16	24	--
Uninsured Under 65	80	61	19	20	7	13	1
Insured Under 65	56	36	19	44	18	27	-

j. You will not be able to get the proper preventive tests because you don't have insurance

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	49	30	20	50	17	33	1
National Total Under 65	52	32	20	47	17	30	*
Uninsured Under 65	80	57	23	19	7	12	1
Insured Under 65	47	28	19	53	19	34	*

k. You may not be able to get the newest treatment for an illness

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not Concerned-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not Too	Not at all	
National Total	63	34	29	37	17	20	*
National Total Under 65	66	36	30	34	17	17	*
Uninsured Under 65	78	54	24	22	10	12	1
Insured Under 65	64	33	31	36	18	18	*

(Asked of total insured respondents)

61. *Have you been without health insurance any time in the past TWO years?*

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Insured Under 65	17	82	*

62. What is your marital status? Are you currently married, living as married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

	Married	Living as married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Never been married	Don't Know
National Total	41	3	3	16	12	26	--
National Total Under 65	43	3	3	17	4	31	--
Uninsured Under 65	31	6	7	14	4	37	*
Insured Under 65	46	3	3	17	4	28	-

63. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	---Excellent/Very Good---			Good	-----Fair/Poor-----			Don't Know
	NET	Excellent	Very Good		NET	Fair	Poor	
National Total	54	20	33	26	20	15	5	*
National Total Under 65	56	22	34	25	19	15	4	*
Uninsured Under 65	47	21	26	25	28	21	7	*
Insured Under 65	58	22	36	24	17	14	4	*



64. Do you have an ongoing or a serious health problem like heart disease, arthritis, or a mental health condition that requires frequent medical care, for example, regular doctor visits, or daily medications?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	27	73	--
National Total Under 65	22	78	--
Uninsured Under 65	23	77	*
Insured Under 65	22	78	-

(Asked of respondents with children in household)

65. How about (your child/any of your children) ? Do any of your children have an ongoing or a serious health problem like asthma, diabetes, or a mental health condition that requires frequent medical care, for example, regular doctor visits, or daily medications?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	18	81	1
National Total Under 65	18	81	1
Uninsured Under 65	18	82	1
Insured Under 65	17	82	1

66. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No pref/not interested in politics	Other party	Don't Know
National Total	24	33	36	5	*	1
National Total Under 65	24	31	39	5	*	1
Uninsured Under 65	17	35	37	9	*	2
Insured Under 65	25	32	38	4	*	2

**(Asked of employed respondents who are not self-employed)**

67. Does your employer offer a health plan (offer to pay all or some of your health insurance costs)?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	81	18	2
National Total Under 65	81	17	2
Uninsured Under 65	38	59	3
Insured Under 65	87	12	1

**(Asked of respondents whose employer offers a health plan)**

68. Why don't you participate in this health plan? (DO NOT READ ITEMS)

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65
Expensive	21	21	37
Don't need health plan	12	12	5
Don't understand	--	--	1
Not eligible	14	14	11
Not eligible yet, but will be later	39	39	28
Other	11	11	13
Don't Know	3	3	5

69. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

	-----Less than HS---			HS Grad	Bus/ Tech /Voc.	-----Some College+-----				Don't Know
	NET	None/ 1-8	9-11			NET	Some college	College Grad	Post- grad	
National Total	51	4	14	30	3	49	22	17	10	--
National Total Under 65	48	2	14	30	2	52	23	18	10	--
Uninsured Under 65	65	8	20	34	3	35	23	10	3	--
Insured Under 65	45	2	12	29	2	55	25	19	12	--

**70/71/72. INCOME SUMMARY TABLE**

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
<b>LESS THAN \$50,000 (NET)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>58</b>
Less than \$20,000 (SUBNET)	25	23	52	17
\$20,000 to under \$30,000 (SUBNET)	17	18	21	17
30,000 to under \$50,000 (SUBNET)	20	21	13	23
Less than \$50,000 (unspec)	3	1	2	1
<b>\$50,000 OR MORE (NET)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>
Don't Know	3	2	3	2

73. What is your age?

	18-29	30-39	40-54	55+	65+
National Total	22	24	27	27	16
National Total Under 65	27	28	33	12	-
Uninsured Under 65	39	26	25	10	-
Insured Under 65	26	27	35	13	-

74. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
National Total	10	90	*
National Total Under 65	12	88	*
Uninsured Under 65	23	76	*
Insured Under 65	11	89	*

75. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

	White	Black/African American	Asian	Other/mixed	Don't Know
National Total	80	12	1	6	*
National Total Under 65	78	13	2	7	*
Uninsured Under 65	67	20	1	11	1
Insured Under 65	79	12	2	6	*

74/75. RACE SUMMARY TABLE

	National Total	National Total Under 65	Uninsured Under 65	Insured Under 65
White Non-Hispanic	74	72	54	74
Black/African-American Non-Hispanic	11	12	16	11
Hispanic (NET)	10	12	23	11
Asian American	1	2	1	2
Some other race	3	3	4	3
Don't Know	*	*	1	*



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