

Table A-6a. Age-adjusted percentages (with standard errors) of hearing trouble, vision trouble, and absence of teeth among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015

Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Total	14.4 (0.25)	9.0 (0.23)	6.8 (0.18)
Sex			
Male	17.6 (0.37)	7.4 (0.29)	6.8 (0.26)
Female	11.5 (0.31)	10.6 (0.33)	6.7 (0.23)
Age (years)			
18–44	5.8 (0.28)	5.6 (0.28)	2.3 (0.17)
45–64	16.2 (0.46)	11.6 (0.42)	7.1 (0.35)
65–74	30.2 (0.93)	11.9 (0.62)	15.2 (0.75)
75 and over	46.5 (1.11)	19.1 (0.98)	25.3 (1.03)
Race			
One race ²	14.3 (0.25)	9.0 (0.23)	6.7 (0.18)
White	15.4 (0.29)	9.1 (0.26)	6.6 (0.20)
Black or African American	8.9 (0.48)	10.3 (0.54)	8.0 (0.49)
American Indian or Alaska Native	23.5 (3.12)	10.9 (2.42)	8.1 (2.15)
Asian	9.1 (0.72)	6.3 (0.71)	5.6 (0.64)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*7.5 (3.50)	*9.7 (4.16)	*10.1 (3.96)
Two or more races ³	17.6 (1.97)	12.4 (1.75)	10.1 (1.56)
Black or African American, white	*9.2 (3.22)	*9.3 (4.14)	12.4 (2.69)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	27.1 (4.12)	14.9 (2.67)	10.5 (2.16)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race			
Hispanic or Latino	9.3 (0.47)	9.3 (0.53)	6.2 (0.43)
Mexican or Mexican American	10.5 (0.64)	9.3 (0.74)	5.6 (0.53)
Not Hispanic or Latino	15.1 (0.28)	9.0 (0.25)	6.9 (0.20)
White, single race	16.6 (0.34)	9.1 (0.30)	6.9 (0.23)
Black or African American, single race	8.8 (0.49)	10.2 (0.55)	8.1 (0.50)
Education ⁵			
Less than a high school diploma	17.2 (0.76)	13.5 (0.73)	15.2 (0.70)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	16.6 (0.55)	9.5 (0.46)	8.8 (0.39)
Some college	17.7 (0.51)	10.7 (0.45)	6.6 (0.34)
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.6 (0.43)	7.4 (0.37)	3.3 (0.24)
Current employment status ⁷			
Employed	13.3 (0.47)	7.1 (0.34)	4.9 (0.34)
Full-time	12.8 (0.68)	6.2 (0.40)	4.5 (0.48)
Part-time	14.3 (0.85)	9.4 (0.70)	6.0 (0.61)
Not employed but has worked previously	17.4 (0.49)	13.7 (0.58)	8.9 (0.34)
Not employed and has never worked	10.1 (0.80)	9.1 (0.88)	10.2 (0.92)

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Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Family income ⁸			
Less than \$35,000	16.3 (0.48)	13.3 (0.45)	11.7 (0.39)
\$35,000 or more	13.9 (0.33)	7.5 (0.28)	4.9 (0.22)
\$35,000–\$49,999	15.8 (0.71)	9.7 (0.74)	7.3 (0.57)
\$50,000–\$74,999	14.9 (0.63)	9.5 (0.58)	5.5 (0.46)
\$75,000–\$99,999	14.3 (0.77)	6.1 (0.54)	4.7 (0.48)
\$100,000 or more	12.3 (0.56)	6.2 (0.45)	3.3 (0.35)
Poverty status ⁹			
Poor	16.0 (0.68)	14.9 (0.69)	13.7 (0.64)
Near poor	16.2 (0.63)	12.1 (0.56)	10.7 (0.50)
Not poor	14.1 (0.31)	7.5 (0.26)	4.9 (0.19)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰			
Under 65:			
Private	8.4 (0.28)	6.1 (0.27)	2.8 (0.17)
Medicaid	13.7 (0.81)	14.0 (0.77)	9.5 (0.67)
Other coverage	16.5 (1.21)	12.7 (1.23)	7.2 (0.91)
Uninsured	8.4 (0.63)	9.1 (0.67)	4.4 (0.49)
65 and over:			
Private	37.5 (1.13)	13.8 (0.84)	15.9 (0.85)
Medicare and Medicaid	38.7 (2.46)	27.1 (2.26)	37.2 (2.48)
Medicare Advantage	36.7 (1.48)	15.3 (1.11)	17.9 (1.11)
Medicare only	36.7 (1.81)	15.2 (1.43)	22.8 (1.57)
Other coverage	47.3 (2.59)	13.4 (1.81)	27.3 (2.57)
Uninsured	*29.5 (9.58)	*19.0 (8.70)	*18.9 (6.82)
Marital status			
Married	14.6 (0.35)	7.9 (0.30)	5.8 (0.23)
Widowed	13.8 (1.88)	8.7 (1.44)	7.9 (0.59)
Divorced or separated	15.0 (0.66)	11.9 (0.72)	8.2 (0.56)
Never married	10.9 (0.66)	9.9 (0.59)	7.7 (0.62)
Living with a partner	19.1 (1.38)	11.6 (1.21)	7.1 (0.90)
Place of residence ¹¹			
Large MSA	12.4 (0.31)	8.3 (0.31)	5.8 (0.25)
Small MSA	15.8 (0.49)	9.7 (0.40)	7.1 (0.30)
Not in MSA	18.9 (0.72)	10.9 (0.64)	9.2 (0.53)
Region			
Northeast	12.5 (0.61)	7.9 (0.49)	6.6 (0.43)
Midwest	16.2 (0.52)	9.3 (0.48)	7.0 (0.39)
South	14.1 (0.40)	9.4 (0.40)	7.1 (0.30)
West	14.7 (0.51)	9.0 (0.44)	6.0 (0.35)

Table A-6a. Age-adjusted percentages (with standard errors) of hearing trouble, vision trouble, and absence of teeth among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015

Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex			
Hispanic or Latino, male	11.6 (0.76)	7.6 (0.64)	5.4 (0.56)
Hispanic or Latina, female	7.4 (0.57)	11.0 (0.78)	6.8 (0.59)
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White, single race, male	20.4 (0.51)	7.4 (0.37)	7.1 (0.33)
White, single race, female	13.0 (0.41)	10.7 (0.45)	6.7 (0.30)
Black or African American, single race, male	9.9 (0.76)	8.2 (0.75)	7.2 (0.73)
Black or African American, single race, female	8.1 (0.62)	12.0 (0.77)	8.5 (0.63)

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

¹ Respondents were asked, "These next questions are about your hearing without the use of hearing aids or other listening devices. Is your hearing excellent, good, [do you have] a little trouble hearing, moderate trouble, a lot of trouble, or are you deaf?" For this table, "a little trouble hearing," "moderate trouble," "a lot of trouble," and "deaf" are combined into one category. Estimates of hearing trouble for 2015 may not be comparable with estimates from 2006 and earlier.

Regarding their vision, respondents were asked, "Do you have any trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses?" Respondents were also asked "Are you blind or unable to see at all?" For this table, "any trouble seeing" and "blind" are combined into one category.

Respondents were asked, "Have you lost all of your upper and lower natural (permanent) teeth?"

A person may be represented in more than one column.

² Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

³ Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

⁴ Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

⁵ Shown only for adults aged 25 and over. Estimates are age adjusted to the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population using four age groups: 25-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over.

⁶ GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

⁷ "Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

⁸ Includes persons who reported a dollar amount or who would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

⁹ "Poor" persons are defined as having income below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

¹⁰ Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Adults with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy. "Uninsured" includes adults who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

¹¹ MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population size of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population size of less than 1 million. "Not in MSA" consists of persons not living in a metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on data from the Sample Adult file and was weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding. "Total" includes other races not shown separately and persons with unknown education, family income, poverty status, and health insurance characteristics. Unless otherwise specified, estimates are age-adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using four age groups: 18-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over. Estimates for age groups are not age-adjusted. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>). Suggested citation: Blackwell DL, Villarroel MA. Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2015 National Health Interview Survey. National Center for Health Statistics. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2015.

Table A-6b. Frequencies (in thousands) of hearing trouble, vision trouble, and absence of teeth among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Total	242,501	37,207	22,866	17,492
Sex				
Male	116,875	21,451	8,863	8,227
Female	125,625	15,755	14,003	9,265
Age (years)				
18–44	112,760	6,513	6,271	2,618
45–64	83,239	13,516	9,679	5,879
65–74	27,297	8,256	3,247	4,151
75 and over	19,204	8,921	3,669	4,845
Race				
One race ²	238,301	36,571	22,437	17,157
White	191,218	32,471	18,295	14,075
Black or African American	29,796	2,482	3,053	2,165
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,307	481	215	172
Asian	14,360	1,101	826	693
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	619	*35	*48	*52
Two or more races ³	4,200	636	429	336
Black or African American, white	851	*41	*37	*56
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,647	475	239	199
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race				
Hispanic or Latino	37,755	2,832	3,151	1,716
Mexican or Mexican American	22,992	1,732	1,819	932
Not Hispanic or Latino	204,746	34,375	19,715	15,777
White, single race	157,410	30,032	15,487	12,577
Black or African American, single race	28,418	2,367	2,907	2,100
Education ⁵				
Less than a high school diploma	26,648	5,444	3,951	4,925
High school diploma or GED ⁶	50,847	9,774	5,289	5,370
Some college	61,605	11,137	6,759	4,156
Bachelor's degree or higher	72,373	9,339	5,173	2,269
Current employment status ⁷				
Employed	148,914	15,023	9,589	5,198
Full-time	121,609	11,797	7,240	3,837
Part-time	25,508	3,070	2,186	1,282
Not employed but has worked previously	79,530	20,767	12,103	10,887
Not employed and has never worked	13,899	1,378	1,129	1,389

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Family income ⁸				
Less than \$35,000	66,342	12,114	9,269	8,763
\$35,000 or more	148,656	20,544	11,283	6,962
\$35,000–\$49,999	25,114	4,138	2,442	1,965
\$50,000–\$74,999	37,018	5,749	3,622	2,126
\$75,000–\$99,999	27,607	3,958	1,714	1,214
\$100,000 or more	58,917	6,699	3,505	1,657
Poverty status ⁹				
Poor	28,022	3,966	3,855	3,298
Near poor	42,375	7,351	5,297	4,918
Not poor	159,450	24,099	12,586	8,339
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰				
Under 65:				
Private	135,220	12,406	8,762	4,068
Medicaid	25,313	3,407	3,490	2,361
Other coverage	9,086	2,123	1,469	976
Uninsured	24,896	2,002	2,141	998
65 and over:				
Private	19,581	7,097	2,579	2,958
Medicare and Medicaid	3,267	1,268	887	1,218
Medicare Advantage	11,634	4,141	1,741	2,038
Medicare only	7,890	2,805	1,185	1,729
Other coverage	3,808	1,772	476	1,003
Uninsured	249	*79	*39	*36
Marital status				
Married	128,583	21,023	10,997	8,179
Widowed	14,720	5,135	2,504	3,381
Divorced or separated	27,858	5,008	3,853	3,016
Never married	53,374	3,650	3,855	1,967
Living with a partner	17,665	2,351	1,610	916
Place of residence ¹¹				
Large MSA	134,062	17,145	11,318	8,045
Small MSA	74,299	12,520	7,500	5,645
Not in MSA	34,140	7,541	4,047	3,802
Region				
Northeast	42,320	5,947	3,624	3,109
Midwest	54,367	9,349	5,238	4,107
South	90,015	13,734	8,895	6,934
West	55,798	8,177	5,109	3,342

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex				
Hispanic or Latino, male	18,798	1,616	1,201	729
Hispanic or Latina, female	18,957	1,216	1,949	987
Not Hispanic or Latino:				
White, single race, male	76,483	17,653	6,113	6,150
White, single race, female	80,927	12,379	9,374	6,426
Black or African American, single race, male	12,771	1,141	991	820
Black or African American, single race, female	15,647	1,226	1,916	1,280

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Regarding their vision, respondents were asked, "Do you have any trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses?" Respondents were also asked "Are you blind or unable to see at all?" For this table, "any trouble seeing" and "blind" are combined into one category.

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Table A-6c. Crude percentages (with standard errors) of hearing trouble, vision trouble, and absence of teeth among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015

Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Total	15.3 (0.28)	9.4 (0.24)	7.2 (0.20)
Sex			
Male	18.4 (0.43)	7.6 (0.30)	7.0 (0.28)
Female	12.5 (0.34)	11.2 (0.34)	7.4 (0.26)
Age (years)			
18–44	5.8 (0.28)	5.6 (0.28)	2.3 (0.17)
45–64	16.2 (0.46)	11.6 (0.42)	7.1 (0.35)
65–74	30.2 (0.93)	11.9 (0.62)	15.2 (0.75)
75 and over	46.5 (1.11)	19.1 (0.98)	25.3 (1.03)
Race			
One race ²	15.4 (0.28)	9.4 (0.24)	7.2 (0.20)
White	17.0 (0.33)	9.6 (0.27)	7.4 (0.23)
Black or African American	8.3 (0.47)	10.2 (0.56)	7.3 (0.49)
American Indian or Alaska Native	20.8 (3.44)	9.3 (2.27)	7.4 (2.10)
Asian	7.7 (0.75)	5.8 (0.66)	4.8 (0.60)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*5.6 (2.32)	*7.7 (3.32)	*8.5 (3.60)
Two or more races ³	15.1 (1.97)	10.2 (1.51)	8.0 (1.34)
Black or African American, white	*4.8 (2.12)	*4.4 (1.98)	*6.6 (3.19)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	28.8 (4.09)	14.5 (2.85)	12.1 (2.62)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race			
Hispanic or Latino	7.5 (0.41)	8.3 (0.49)	4.5 (0.35)
Mexican or Mexican American	7.5 (0.51)	7.9 (0.64)	4.1 (0.42)
Not Hispanic or Latino	16.8 (0.32)	9.6 (0.26)	7.7 (0.23)
White, single race	19.1 (0.39)	9.8 (0.31)	8.0 (0.27)
Black or African American, single race	8.3 (0.49)	10.2 (0.57)	7.4 (0.51)
Education ⁵			
Less than a high school diploma	20.5 (0.84)	14.8 (0.75)	18.5 (0.82)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	19.2 (0.63)	10.4 (0.48)	10.6 (0.49)
Some college	18.1 (0.56)	11.0 (0.46)	6.7 (0.36)
Bachelor's degree or higher	12.9 (0.45)	7.2 (0.36)	3.1 (0.24)
Current employment status ⁷			
Employed	10.1 (0.31)	6.4 (0.24)	3.5 (0.19)
Full-time	9.7 (0.33)	6.0 (0.27)	3.2 (0.19)
Part-time	12.0 (0.79)	8.6 (0.62)	5.0 (0.53)
Not employed but has worked previously	26.1 (0.55)	15.2 (0.47)	13.7 (0.43)
Not employed and has never worked	9.9 (0.80)	8.1 (0.78)	10.0 (0.88)

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Family income ⁸			
Less than \$35,000	18.3 (0.54)	14.0 (0.47)	13.2 (0.45)
\$35,000 or more	13.8 (0.35)	7.6 (0.28)	4.7 (0.22)
\$35,000–\$49,999	16.5 (0.79)	9.7 (0.75)	7.8 (0.64)
\$50,000–\$74,999	15.5 (0.70)	9.8 (0.59)	5.7 (0.48)
\$75,000–\$99,999	14.3 (0.81)	6.2 (0.53)	4.4 (0.46)
\$100,000 or more	11.4 (0.53)	6.0 (0.41)	2.8 (0.28)
Poverty status ⁹			
Poor	14.2 (0.69)	13.8 (0.68)	11.8 (0.65)
Near poor	17.4 (0.67)	12.5 (0.58)	11.6 (0.56)
Not poor	15.1 (0.35)	7.9 (0.27)	5.2 (0.21)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰			
Under 65:			
Private	9.2 (0.30)	6.5 (0.28)	3.0 (0.18)
Medicaid	13.5 (0.83)	13.8 (0.77)	9.3 (0.68)
Other coverage	23.4 (1.57)	16.2 (1.34)	10.7 (1.19)
Uninsured	8.0 (0.60)	8.6 (0.64)	4.0 (0.46)
65 and over:			
Private	36.2 (1.14)	13.2 (0.81)	15.1 (0.82)
Medicare and Medicaid	38.9 (2.56)	27.2 (2.27)	37.3 (2.48)
Medicare Advantage	35.6 (1.49)	15.0 (1.08)	17.5 (1.09)
Medicare only	35.6 (1.77)	15.0 (1.39)	22.0 (1.57)
Other coverage	46.5 (2.63)	12.5 (1.72)	26.3 (2.55)
Uninsured	31.8 (8.40)	*15.7 (6.87)	*14.3 (4.84)
Marital status			
Married	16.4 (0.41)	8.6 (0.32)	6.4 (0.25)
Widowed	34.9 (1.18)	17.0 (0.98)	23.0 (1.07)
Divorced or separated	18.0 (0.68)	13.8 (0.66)	10.8 (0.65)
Never married	6.8 (0.42)	7.2 (0.42)	3.7 (0.31)
Living with a partner	13.3 (0.99)	9.1 (0.84)	5.2 (0.61)
Place of residence ¹¹			
Large MSA	12.8 (0.35)	8.4 (0.31)	6.0 (0.27)
Small MSA	16.9 (0.56)	10.1 (0.42)	7.6 (0.33)
Not in MSA	22.1 (0.82)	11.9 (0.67)	11.1 (0.69)
Region			
Northeast	14.1 (0.70)	8.6 (0.54)	7.3 (0.49)
Midwest	17.2 (0.56)	9.6 (0.49)	7.6 (0.45)
South	15.3 (0.47)	9.9 (0.43)	7.7 (0.35)
West	14.7 (0.56)	9.2 (0.44)	6.0 (0.37)

Table A-6c. Crude percentages (with standard errors) of hearing trouble, vision trouble, and absence of teeth among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015

Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex			
Hispanic or Latino, male	8.6 (0.64)	6.4 (0.55)	3.9 (0.43)
Hispanic or Latina, female	6.4 (0.52)	10.3 (0.75)	5.2 (0.53)
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White, single race, male	23.1 (0.60)	8.0 (0.39)	8.0 (0.38)
White, single race, female	15.3 (0.46)	11.6 (0.46)	7.9 (0.35)
Black or African American, single race, male	8.9 (0.75)	7.8 (0.73)	6.4 (0.71)
Black or African American, single race, female	7.8 (0.62)	12.2 (0.80)	8.2 (0.66)

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.
- Quantity zero.

¹ Respondents were asked, "These next questions are about your hearing without the use of hearing aids or other listening devices. Is your hearing excellent, good, [do you have] a little trouble hearing, moderate trouble, a lot of trouble, or are you deaf?" For this table, "a little trouble hearing," "moderate trouble," "a lot of trouble," and "deaf" are combined into one category. Estimates of hearing trouble for 2015 may not be comparable with estimates from 2006 and earlier.

Regarding their vision, respondents were asked, "Do you have any trouble seeing, even when wearing glasses or contact lenses?" Respondents were also asked "Are you blind or unable to see at all?" For this table, "any trouble seeing" and "blind" are combined into one category. Respondents were asked, "'Have you lost all of your upper and lower natural (permanent) teeth?'"

A person may be represented in more than one column.

² Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

³ Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

⁴ Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

⁵ Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

⁶ GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

⁷ "Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

⁸ Includes persons who reported a dollar amount or who would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

⁹ "Poor" persons are defined as having income below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

¹⁰ Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Adults with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy. "Uninsured" includes adults who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

¹¹ MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population size of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population size of less than 1 million. "Not in MSA" consists of persons not living in a metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on data from the Sample Adult file and was weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding. "Total" includes other races not shown separately and persons with unknown education, family income, poverty status, and health insurance characteristics. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>). Suggested citation: Blackwell DL, Villarroel MA. Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2015 National Health Interview Survey. National Center for Health Statistics. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2015.