

Table A-18a. Age-adjusted percent distribution (with standard errors) of length of time since last contact with doctor or other health care professional among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	6 months or less since last contact ¹	More than 6 months, but not more than 1 year since last contact ¹	More than 1 year, but not more than 2 years since last contact ¹	More than 2 years, but not more than 5 years ago since last contact ¹	More than 5 years (excluding "Never") since last contact ¹	Never had contact ¹
Total	100.0	69.7 (0.39)	14.7 (0.31)	7.2 (0.23)	4.4 (0.18)	2.6 (0.13)	1.5 (0.13)
Sex							
Male	100.0	63.9 (0.59)	15.6 (0.48)	8.5 (0.35)	6.0 (0.29)	4.0 (0.24)	1.9 (0.19)
Female	100.0	75.3 (0.51)	13.7 (0.40)	5.8 (0.29)	2.9 (0.21)	1.2 (0.12)	1.1 (0.12)
Age (years)							
18–44	100.0	61.2 (0.64)	17.9 (0.49)	9.5 (0.39)	6.2 (0.29)	3.3 (0.22)	2.0 (0.20)
45–64	100.0	74.7 (0.62)	12.9 (0.47)	5.7 (0.32)	3.5 (0.24)	2.1 (0.20)	1.1 (0.16)
65–74	100.0	85.5 (0.66)	8.7 (0.53)	2.7 (0.33)	1.1 (0.15)	1.5 (0.22)	0.5 (0.12)
75 and over	100.0	89.0 (0.74)	7.0 (0.59)	2.0 (0.33)	0.5 (0.12)	0.6 (0.15)	0.9 (0.24)
Race							
One race ²	100.0	69.6 (0.39)	14.7 (0.30)	7.2 (0.24)	4.4 (0.18)	2.5 (0.13)	1.5 (0.13)
White	100.0	70.0 (0.43)	14.4 (0.33)	7.0 (0.26)	4.6 (0.20)	2.6 (0.16)	1.4 (0.14)
Black or African American	100.0	69.7 (1.09)	15.8 (0.89)	7.7 (0.67)	3.4 (0.45)	2.0 (0.30)	1.4 (0.34)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	67.3 (3.22)	13.8 (2.88)	7.9 (1.99)	4.4 (1.24)	2.9 (0.95)	*
Asian	100.0	65.6 (1.60)	17.4 (1.34)	7.8 (0.81)	4.2 (0.71)	2.7 (0.49)	2.4 (0.59)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	65.3 (6.60)	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	70.8 (2.49)	13.0 (2.07)	5.5 (1.10)	6.2 (1.49)	3.7 (0.98)	0.8 (0.49)
Black or African American, white	100.0	65.2 (5.92)	15.4 (4.26)	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	71.8 (3.70)	9.4 (2.22)	6.1 (1.83)	11.0 (3.22)	1.6 (0.60)	-
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race							
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	63.4 (1.12)	15.0 (0.85)	9.6 (0.65)	5.5 (0.50)	3.6 (0.40)	2.8 (0.43)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	61.8 (1.53)	13.9 (1.09)	11.0 (0.94)	6.1 (0.66)	4.1 (0.55)	3.1 (0.58)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	71.1 (0.41)	14.5 (0.32)	6.7 (0.23)	4.2 (0.18)	2.3 (0.13)	1.2 (0.12)
White, single race	100.0	72.0 (0.44)	14.2 (0.35)	6.3 (0.26)	4.3 (0.21)	2.3 (0.15)	1.0 (0.12)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	69.6 (1.13)	15.8 (0.93)	7.8 (0.69)	3.3 (0.46)	2.1 (0.32)	1.4 (0.35)
Education ⁵							
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	63.9 (1.38)	12.0 (0.97)	9.0 (0.87)	6.7 (0.78)	5.6 (0.68)	2.9 (0.50)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	67.0 (0.84)	14.0 (0.71)	7.6 (0.48)	5.5 (0.44)	4.0 (0.38)	1.9 (0.28)
Some college	100.0	72.9 (0.70)	13.5 (0.57)	6.2 (0.43)	3.9 (0.33)	2.4 (0.24)	1.1 (0.20)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	74.1 (0.61)	15.0 (0.49)	5.5 (0.31)	3.4 (0.25)	1.3 (0.15)	0.7 (0.12)
Current employment status ⁷							
Employed	100.0	67.3 (0.49)	15.8 (0.39)	7.6 (0.28)	4.8 (0.22)	3.0 (0.19)	1.5 (0.15)
Full-time	100.0	66.1 (0.63)	16.2 (0.49)	8.1 (0.41)	5.0 (0.27)	3.3 (0.25)	1.4 (0.16)
Part-time	100.0	70.0 (1.09)	14.4 (0.86)	6.8 (0.65)	4.7 (0.53)	2.3 (0.39)	1.9 (0.43)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	76.1 (0.84)	12.0 (0.58)	6.5 (0.56)	3.1 (0.37)	1.3 (0.17)	0.9 (0.20)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	70.7 (1.79)	11.7 (1.25)	7.4 (1.14)	4.5 (0.80)	2.8 (0.59)	3.0 (0.64)

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Family income⁸							
Less than \$35,000	100.0	68.7 (0.74)	12.8 (0.51)	7.4 (0.42)	5.3 (0.34)	3.7 (0.28)	2.1 (0.26)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	70.7 (0.48)	15.0 (0.39)	7.0 (0.28)	4.1 (0.22)	2.0 (0.15)	1.2 (0.15)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	66.5 (1.24)	14.6 (0.93)	9.0 (0.82)	5.9 (0.59)	2.9 (0.44)	1.1 (0.25)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	69.6 (0.91)	14.0 (0.71)	7.0 (0.56)	4.6 (0.45)	3.1 (0.35)	1.6 (0.35)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	70.0 (1.14)	13.8 (0.86)	8.0 (0.68)	4.4 (0.55)	1.9 (0.30)	1.8 (0.46)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	73.2 (0.72)	16.1 (0.61)	5.8 (0.41)	3.1 (0.29)	1.2 (0.22)	0.7 (0.15)
Poverty status⁹							
Poor	100.0	70.1 (1.06)	11.8 (0.76)	7.4 (0.63)	4.6 (0.47)	3.7 (0.46)	2.4 (0.36)
Near poor	100.0	66.3 (0.92)	14.2 (0.72)	8.1 (0.57)	5.6 (0.44)	3.8 (0.41)	2.0 (0.31)
Not poor	100.0	70.8 (0.47)	15.1 (0.37)	6.8 (0.27)	4.0 (0.20)	2.0 (0.14)	1.2 (0.14)
Health insurance coverage¹⁰							
Under 65:							
Private	100.0	69.0 (0.52)	16.8 (0.43)	7.2 (0.29)	4.2 (0.22)	1.7 (0.15)	1.1 (0.15)
Medicaid	100.0	72.5 (1.24)	13.0 (0.95)	7.4 (0.76)	3.8 (0.47)	2.1 (0.36)	1.2 (0.30)
Other coverage	100.0	78.8 (2.04)	13.6 (1.72)	4.0 (0.83)	1.5 (0.54)	1.1 (0.43)	1.0 (0.53)
Uninsured	100.0	40.3 (1.39)	16.0 (0.94)	14.5 (0.91)	13.4 (0.89)	10.5 (0.83)	5.3 (0.69)
65 and over:							
Private	100.0	89.0 (0.68)	7.4 (0.55)	1.8 (0.29)	0.8 (0.16)	0.5 (0.16)	0.6 (0.16)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	92.1 (1.35)	3.9 (0.88)	2.7 (1.00)	0.3 (0.19)	0.5 (0.26)	0.5 (0.32)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	87.2 (1.02)	9.2 (0.94)	1.8 (0.41)	0.5 (0.14)	0.8 (0.24)	0.5 (0.18)
Medicare only	100.0	82.2 (1.26)	8.6 (0.97)	3.6 (0.62)	1.4 (0.29)	2.7 (0.49)	1.6 (0.55)
Other coverage	100.0	86.9 (1.67)	7.5 (1.27)	3.5 (1.00)	0.7 (0.39)	1.2 (0.50)	0.2 (0.23)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status							
Married	100.0	70.5 (0.59)	15.3 (0.45)	6.7 (0.31)	4.1 (0.27)	2.1 (0.19)	1.2 (0.16)
Widowed	100.0	75.5 (4.81)	*	*	*	2.1 (0.91)	0.5 (0.17)
Divorced or separated	100.0	71.8 (1.19)	13.5 (0.94)	6.3 (0.65)	4.3 (0.50)	3.4 (0.62)	0.7 (0.20)
Never married	100.0	67.8 (0.87)	14.5 (0.65)	8.3 (0.52)	4.6 (0.34)	2.8 (0.26)	2.1 (0.29)
Living with a partner	100.0	66.8 (1.62)	13.4 (1.33)	8.4 (0.98)	6.0 (0.62)	3.7 (0.56)	1.7 (0.38)
Place of residence¹¹							
Large MSA	100.0	70.0 (0.53)	15.2 (0.43)	6.7 (0.31)	4.0 (0.22)	2.6 (0.19)	1.6 (0.16)
Small MSA	100.0	70.0 (0.68)	13.9 (0.49)	7.7 (0.43)	5.0 (0.33)	2.5 (0.20)	1.0 (0.16)
Not in MSA	100.0	67.3 (1.11)	14.1 (0.78)	8.2 (0.64)	5.5 (0.62)	2.5 (0.26)	2.3 (0.54)
Region							
Northeast	100.0	72.0 (0.99)	15.6 (0.78)	6.4 (0.59)	3.1 (0.38)	1.5 (0.26)	1.4 (0.32)
Midwest	100.0	70.0 (0.69)	14.3 (0.55)	6.9 (0.45)	5.3 (0.37)	2.5 (0.24)	1.0 (0.20)
South	100.0	69.6 (0.63)	14.2 (0.47)	7.0 (0.38)	4.5 (0.31)	2.8 (0.20)	2.0 (0.24)
West	100.0	67.7 (0.92)	15.1 (0.73)	8.2 (0.48)	4.5 (0.35)	3.1 (0.35)	1.3 (0.24)

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex							
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	58.7 (1.62)	15.3 (1.29)	10.6 (0.93)	6.8 (0.77)	5.8 (0.72)	2.8 (0.59)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	68.2 (1.42)	14.8 (1.03)	8.6 (0.87)	4.2 (0.57)	1.3 (0.34)	2.8 (0.52)
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race, male	100.0	65.8 (0.66)	15.6 (0.53)	7.7 (0.42)	6.0 (0.36)	3.4 (0.26)	1.5 (0.21)
White, single race, female	100.0	78.2 (0.57)	12.7 (0.48)	5.0 (0.32)	2.6 (0.22)	1.1 (0.14)	0.5 (0.09)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	64.1 (1.87)	15.9 (1.38)	9.6 (1.10)	5.1 (0.85)	3.4 (0.62)	1.9 (0.59)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	74.3 (1.39)	15.6 (1.24)	6.2 (0.86)	1.9 (0.55)	1.0 (0.32)	1.0 (0.30)

* Estimate is considered unreliable, as specified in National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf), and is not shown.

¹Based on a survey question that asked respondents, "About how long has it been since you saw or talked to a doctor or other health care professional about your own health?" Contacts may include office, hospital, or home visits, and phone calls (but not calls made for arranging appointments). Response categories for this question were 6 months or less; more than 6 months, but not more than 1 year ago; more than 1 year, but not more than 2 years ago; more than 2 years, but not more than 5 years ago; more than 5 years ago; and never.

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

³Refers 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.

⁴Refers 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.

⁵Shown 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.

⁶GED 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.

⁸Includes persons in families that reported either a dollar amount or would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

⁹"Poor" persons live in families defined as below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons live in families with incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons live in families with incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

¹⁰Based 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.

¹¹MSA 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>).

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.

Table A-18b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of length of time since last contact with doctor or other health care professional among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

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Total	246,657	172,668	34,576	16,587	10,181	6,005	3,423
Sex							
Male	118,990	76,612	17,882	9,611	6,735	4,550	2,089
Female	127,667	96,055	16,695	6,976	3,446	1,455	1,333
Age (years)							
18–44	113,636	68,664	20,043	10,684	6,902	3,686	2,191
45–64	83,494	61,588	10,631	4,721	2,881	1,759	905
65–74	29,454	24,848	2,517	787	308	435	151
75 and over	20,073	17,566	1,385	394	91	125	176
Race							
One race ²	241,760	169,346	33,920	16,301	9,879	5,812	3,381
White	192,033	136,167	25,981	12,427	8,000	4,687	2,483
Black or African American	30,560	20,902	4,752	2,336	1,022	599	415
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,944	1,924	419	231	137	81	*
Asian	15,675	10,031	2,734	1,212	650	425	362
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	548	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	4,897	3,322	656	285	303	194	42
Black or African American, white	1,183	687	221	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,863	1,338	170	105	198	28	*
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race							
Hispanic or Latino	39,416	23,714	6,211	3,951	2,350	1,535	1,156
Mexican or Mexican American	23,657	13,784	3,503	2,724	1,583	1,087	750
Not Hispanic or Latino	207,242	148,954	28,365	12,636	7,831	4,470	2,267
White, single race	157,443	115,532	20,579	8,883	5,899	3,323	1,395
Black or African American, single race	29,127	19,903	4,529	2,233	952	599	397
Education ⁵							
Less than a high school diploma	24,473	16,558	2,658	1,898	1,288	1,141	613
High school diploma or GED ⁶	51,376	35,549	6,521	3,513	2,423	1,796	826
Some college	61,418	44,875	7,986	3,555	2,209	1,384	629
Bachelor's degree or higher	78,981	57,755	11,778	4,266	2,651	1,039	532
Current employment status ⁷							
Employed	154,311	99,765	25,326	12,138	7,930	4,738	2,460
Full-time	126,572	80,970	21,176	10,130	6,631	4,044	1,926
Part-time	25,582	17,434	3,795	1,785	1,230	586	501
Not employed but has worked previously	79,750	64,340	7,718	3,419	1,688	901	593
Not employed and has never worked	12,466	8,461	1,520	1,023	558	366	369

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Family income⁸							
Less than \$35,000	62,681	43,505	7,543	4,245	3,001	2,145	1,188
\$35,000 or more	158,267	111,633	23,217	10,648	6,286	3,101	1,806
\$35,000–\$49,999	24,774	16,628	3,489	2,112	1,371	704	257
\$50,000–\$74,999	38,018	26,560	5,175	2,581	1,647	1,134	582
\$75,000–\$99,999	28,310	19,718	3,856	2,233	1,216	504	493
\$100,000 or more	67,166	48,727	10,696	3,723	2,052	760	474
Poverty status⁹							
Poor	27,569	18,765	3,292	2,071	1,293	1,050	659
Near poor	39,410	26,246	5,375	3,011	2,079	1,422	732
Not poor	167,503	119,598	24,223	10,623	6,246	3,112	1,842
Health insurance coverage¹⁰							
Under 65:							
Private	136,430	94,279	22,127	9,404	5,385	2,179	1,415
Medicaid	25,831	18,425	3,322	1,893	980	544	304
Other coverage	9,334	7,504	1,098	348	119	105	56
Uninsured	24,357	9,569	3,876	3,519	3,217	2,547	1,291
65 and over:							
Private	20,155	17,619	1,537	373	165	93	109
Medicare and Medicaid	3,643	3,217	136	93	12	16	18
Medicare Advantage	13,349	11,534	1,220	241	63	107	69
Medicare only	8,457	6,806	698	299	128	241	115
Other coverage	3,578	3,046	272	132	27	47	7
Uninsured	261	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status							
Married	129,268	93,401	18,101	7,722	4,618	2,447	1,448
Widowed	14,492	11,993	1,386	379	184	195	132
Divorced or separated	27,735	20,402	3,323	1,567	1,010	860	171
Never married	55,574	34,515	9,148	5,177	2,990	1,648	1,320
Living with a partner	19,212	12,092	2,541	1,719	1,380	854	352
Place of residence¹¹							
Large MSA	142,082	99,153	20,784	9,158	5,373	3,564	2,133
Small MSA	73,127	51,716	9,665	5,143	3,291	1,696	664
Not in MSA	31,448	21,799	4,127	2,285	1,517	745	625
Region							
Northeast	45,169	32,715	6,595	2,610	1,272	652	542
Midwest	53,793	37,886	7,383	3,516	2,658	1,306	495
South	89,318	62,475	12,051	5,834	3,765	2,265	1,681
West	58,377	39,592	8,548	4,628	2,486	1,782	706

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex							
Hispanic or Latino, male	19,584	10,687	3,167	2,206	1,457	1,259	594
Hispanic or Latina, female	19,832	13,027	3,044	1,745	893	276	562
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race, male	76,561	52,066	10,921	5,232	4,071	2,438	995
White, single race, female	80,881	63,466	9,657	3,652	1,828	885	401
Black or African American, single race, male	13,175	8,215	2,106	1,264	662	444	244
Black or African American, single race, female	15,952	11,688	2,423	969	289	155	153

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Total	100.0	70.9 (0.38)	14.2 (0.29)	6.8 (0.22)	4.2 (0.17)	2.5 (0.12)	1.4 (0.12)
Sex							
Male	100.0	65.2 (0.58)	15.2 (0.46)	8.2 (0.33)	5.7 (0.27)	3.9 (0.23)	1.8 (0.18)
Female	100.0	76.3 (0.49)	13.3 (0.37)	5.5 (0.27)	2.7 (0.19)	1.2 (0.11)	1.1 (0.12)
Age (years)							
18–44	100.0	61.2 (0.64)	17.9 (0.49)	9.5 (0.39)	6.2 (0.29)	3.3 (0.22)	2.0 (0.20)
45–64	100.0	74.7 (0.62)	12.9 (0.47)	5.7 (0.32)	3.5 (0.24)	2.1 (0.20)	1.1 (0.16)
65–74	100.0	85.5 (0.66)	8.7 (0.53)	2.7 (0.33)	1.1 (0.15)	1.5 (0.22)	0.5 (0.12)
75 and over	100.0	89.0 (0.74)	7.0 (0.59)	2.0 (0.33)	0.5 (0.12)	0.6 (0.15)	0.9 (0.24)
Race							
One race ²	100.0	71.0 (0.39)	14.2 (0.29)	6.8 (0.22)	4.1 (0.17)	2.4 (0.12)	1.4 (0.12)
White	100.0	71.8 (0.41)	13.7 (0.31)	6.5 (0.24)	4.2 (0.18)	2.5 (0.14)	1.3 (0.13)
Black or African American	100.0	69.6 (1.09)	15.8 (0.90)	7.8 (0.67)	3.4 (0.46)	2.0 (0.30)	1.4 (0.34)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	66.2 (3.41)	14.4 (3.20)	7.9 (2.01)	4.7 (1.30)	2.8 (0.96)	*
Asian	100.0	65.1 (1.66)	17.7 (1.39)	7.9 (0.81)	4.2 (0.72)	2.8 (0.50)	2.3 (0.57)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	69.2 (2.77)	13.7 (2.24)	5.9 (1.21)	6.3 (1.55)	4.0 (1.10)	0.9 (0.57)
Black or African American, white	100.0	58.9 (6.18)	18.9 (5.22)	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	72.8 (3.57)	9.2 (2.10)	5.7 (1.61)	10.8 (3.09)	1.5 (0.57)	*
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race							
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	60.9 (1.18)	16.0 (0.90)	10.2 (0.69)	6.0 (0.54)	3.9 (0.45)	3.0 (0.46)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	58.8 (1.59)	14.9 (1.16)	11.6 (1.00)	6.8 (0.73)	4.6 (0.62)	3.2 (0.61)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	72.8 (0.39)	13.9 (0.30)	6.2 (0.21)	3.8 (0.16)	2.2 (0.12)	1.1 (0.11)
White, single race	100.0	74.2 (0.41)	13.2 (0.32)	5.7 (0.23)	3.8 (0.18)	2.1 (0.13)	0.9 (0.11)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	69.6 (1.13)	15.8 (0.93)	7.8 (0.69)	3.3 (0.46)	2.1 (0.32)	1.4 (0.35)
Education ⁵							
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	68.5 (1.29)	11.0 (0.88)	7.9 (0.73)	5.3 (0.61)	4.7 (0.54)	2.5 (0.42)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	70.2 (0.78)	12.9 (0.62)	6.9 (0.43)	4.8 (0.37)	3.5 (0.33)	1.6 (0.23)
Some college	100.0	74.0 (0.69)	13.2 (0.55)	5.9 (0.40)	3.6 (0.31)	2.3 (0.22)	1.0 (0.20)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	74.0 (0.63)	15.1 (0.50)	5.5 (0.31)	3.4 (0.25)	1.3 (0.16)	0.7 (0.11)
Current employment status ⁷							
Employed	100.0	65.5 (0.49)	16.6 (0.40)	8.0 (0.28)	5.2 (0.23)	3.1 (0.18)	1.6 (0.16)
Full-time	100.0	64.8 (0.54)	17.0 (0.46)	8.1 (0.31)	5.3 (0.25)	3.2 (0.21)	1.5 (0.17)
Part-time	100.0	68.8 (1.14)	15.0 (0.91)	7.0 (0.67)	4.9 (0.54)	2.3 (0.39)	2.0 (0.45)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	81.8 (0.54)	9.8 (0.39)	4.3 (0.31)	2.1 (0.21)	1.1 (0.12)	0.8 (0.12)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	68.8 (1.87)	12.4 (1.31)	8.3 (1.28)	4.5 (0.82)	3.0 (0.61)	3.0 (0.58)

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Family income⁸							
Less than \$35,000	100.0	70.6 (0.70)	12.2 (0.48)	6.9 (0.38)	4.9 (0.31)	3.5 (0.25)	1.9 (0.23)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	71.2 (0.48)	14.8 (0.38)	6.8 (0.26)	4.0 (0.21)	2.0 (0.14)	1.2 (0.14)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	67.7 (1.21)	14.2 (0.91)	8.6 (0.78)	5.6 (0.56)	2.9 (0.43)	1.0 (0.23)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	70.5 (0.90)	13.7 (0.69)	6.8 (0.54)	4.4 (0.43)	3.0 (0.34)	1.5 (0.33)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	70.4 (1.16)	13.8 (0.83)	8.0 (0.67)	4.3 (0.54)	1.8 (0.28)	1.8 (0.44)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	73.3 (0.72)	16.1 (0.59)	5.6 (0.38)	3.1 (0.29)	1.1 (0.20)	0.7 (0.15)
Poverty status⁹							
Poor	100.0	69.2 (1.09)	12.1 (0.76)	7.6 (0.65)	4.8 (0.48)	3.9 (0.49)	2.4 (0.37)
Near poor	100.0	67.5 (0.90)	13.8 (0.69)	7.7 (0.54)	5.3 (0.42)	3.7 (0.39)	1.9 (0.29)
Not poor	100.0	72.2 (0.45)	14.6 (0.35)	6.4 (0.25)	3.8 (0.19)	1.9 (0.13)	1.1 (0.13)
Health insurance coverage¹⁰							
Under 65:							
Private	100.0	69.9 (0.51)	16.4 (0.42)	7.0 (0.28)	4.0 (0.21)	1.6 (0.14)	1.0 (0.14)
Medicaid	100.0	72.3 (1.26)	13.0 (0.96)	7.4 (0.77)	3.8 (0.48)	2.1 (0.37)	1.2 (0.30)
Other coverage	100.0	81.3 (1.67)	11.9 (1.34)	3.8 (0.74)	1.3 (0.43)	1.1 (0.37)	0.6 (0.31)
Uninsured	100.0	39.8 (1.39)	16.1 (0.96)	14.7 (0.93)	13.4 (0.90)	10.6 (0.84)	5.4 (0.70)
65 and over:							
Private	100.0	88.6 (0.70)	7.7 (0.57)	1.9 (0.31)	0.8 (0.17)	0.5 (0.17)	0.5 (0.15)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	92.1 (1.33)	3.9 (0.88)	2.7 (0.96)	0.3 (0.20)	0.5 (0.25)	0.5 (0.34)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	87.2 (1.02)	9.2 (0.93)	1.8 (0.40)	0.5 (0.14)	0.8 (0.26)	0.5 (0.18)
Medicare only	100.0	82.1 (1.24)	8.4 (0.93)	3.6 (0.64)	1.5 (0.33)	2.9 (0.52)	1.4 (0.48)
Other coverage	100.0	86.3 (1.79)	7.7 (1.34)	3.8 (1.12)	0.8 (0.40)	1.3 (0.55)	0.2 (0.20)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status							
Married	100.0	73.1 (0.55)	14.2 (0.40)	6.0 (0.27)	3.6 (0.23)	1.9 (0.16)	1.1 (0.14)
Widowed	100.0	84.0 (1.04)	9.7 (0.85)	2.7 (0.43)	1.3 (0.34)	1.4 (0.28)	0.9 (0.24)
Divorced or separated	100.0	74.6 (0.89)	12.2 (0.68)	5.7 (0.48)	3.7 (0.37)	3.1 (0.40)	0.6 (0.13)
Never married	100.0	63.0 (0.91)	16.7 (0.71)	9.4 (0.57)	5.5 (0.38)	3.0 (0.29)	2.4 (0.32)
Living with a partner	100.0	63.9 (1.44)	13.4 (1.04)	9.1 (0.87)	7.3 (0.74)	4.5 (0.68)	1.9 (0.43)
Place of residence¹¹							
Large MSA	100.0	70.7 (0.53)	14.8 (0.42)	6.5 (0.30)	3.8 (0.21)	2.5 (0.18)	1.5 (0.16)
Small MSA	100.0	71.7 (0.65)	13.4 (0.48)	7.1 (0.39)	4.6 (0.30)	2.3 (0.19)	0.9 (0.15)
Not in MSA	100.0	70.1 (1.08)	13.3 (0.71)	7.3 (0.54)	4.9 (0.53)	2.4 (0.22)	2.0 (0.49)
Region							
Northeast	100.0	73.7 (0.94)	14.9 (0.74)	5.9 (0.53)	2.9 (0.35)	1.5 (0.23)	1.2 (0.27)
Midwest	100.0	71.2 (0.66)	13.9 (0.52)	6.6 (0.43)	5.0 (0.35)	2.5 (0.23)	0.9 (0.19)
South	100.0	70.9 (0.62)	13.7 (0.45)	6.6 (0.36)	4.3 (0.29)	2.6 (0.18)	1.9 (0.22)
West	100.0	68.6 (0.93)	14.8 (0.72)	8.0 (0.46)	4.3 (0.34)	3.1 (0.34)	1.2 (0.23)

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex							
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	55.2 (1.72)	16.3 (1.40)	11.4 (1.01)	7.5 (0.84)	6.5 (0.80)	3.1 (0.67)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	66.6 (1.48)	15.6 (1.06)	8.9 (0.91)	4.6 (0.62)	1.4 (0.37)	2.9 (0.53)
Not Hispanic or Latino:							
White, single race, male	100.0	68.8 (0.62)	14.4 (0.48)	6.9 (0.37)	5.4 (0.31)	3.2 (0.25)	1.3 (0.18)
White, single race, female	100.0	79.4 (0.52)	12.1 (0.44)	4.6 (0.29)	2.3 (0.19)	1.1 (0.13)	0.5 (0.09)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	63.5 (1.89)	16.3 (1.42)	9.8 (1.12)	5.1 (0.87)	3.4 (0.62)	1.9 (0.59)
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