

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, 2017

Selected characteristic	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Total	14.4 (0.25)	10.5 (0.24)	6.4 (0.18)
Sex			
Male	16.6 (0.37)	8.6 (0.31)	6.3 (0.23)
Female	12.5 (0.34)	12.3 (0.37)	6.6 (0.25)
Age (years)			
18–44	6.0 (0.28)	7.2 (0.32)	2.3 (0.17)
45–64	17.2 (0.48)	13.1 (0.41)	6.5 (0.33)
65–74	27.3 (0.80)	13.4 (0.63)	14.2 (0.67)
75 and over	45.1 (1.10)	18.9 (0.85)	24.9 (0.97)
Race			
One race ²	14.3 (0.25)	10.4 (0.24)	6.4 (0.18)
White	15.6 (0.28)	10.5 (0.27)	6.4 (0.20)
Black or African American	8.8 (0.56)	12.5 (0.68)	7.9 (0.55)
American Indian or Alaska Native	14.0 (2.01)	10.9 (1.66)	5.5 (1.34)
Asian	8.7 (0.84)	6.7 (0.73)	5.2 (0.65)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	18.5 (1.92)	14.5 (2.16)	6.8 (1.15)
Black or African American, white	15.5 (3.16)	*	14.9 (3.69)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	25.6 (3.55)	11.8 (2.55)	7.4 (1.68)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race			
Hispanic or Latino	10.2 (0.72)	11.8 (0.77)	6.3 (0.55)
Mexican or Mexican American	11.2 (0.95)	11.4 (0.98)	5.6 (0.62)
Not Hispanic or Latino	15.1 (0.26)	10.3 (0.24)	6.5 (0.19)
White, single race	16.6 (0.31)	10.2 (0.27)	6.5 (0.22)
Black or African American, single race	8.7 (0.56)	12.5 (0.69)	8.0 (0.57)
Education ⁵			
Less than a high school diploma	15.8 (0.79)	14.7 (0.80)	13.7 (0.73)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	17.2 (0.57)	11.6 (0.51)	9.5 (0.43)
Some college	17.6 (0.52)	12.0 (0.45)	6.4 (0.34)
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.7 (0.44)	8.2 (0.35)	3.3 (0.25)
Current employment status ⁷			
Employed	13.6 (0.47)	7.7 (0.28)	4.8 (0.29)
Full-time	12.8 (0.60)	7.5 (0.35)	4.8 (0.44)
Part-time	14.6 (0.91)	9.2 (0.68)	5.6 (0.55)
Not employed but has worked previously	16.3 (0.48)	14.5 (0.58)	8.0 (0.32)
Not employed and has never worked	10.8 (1.10)	13.8 (1.39)	9.9 (0.98)

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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	16.1 (0.46)	15.4 (0.49)	10.4 (0.36)
\$35,000 or more	14.3 (0.30)	8.9 (0.28)	4.7 (0.21)
\$35,000–\$49,999	16.0 (0.67)	11.2 (0.67)	7.2 (0.54)
\$50,000–\$74,999	15.1 (0.64)	10.4 (0.63)	6.0 (0.42)
\$75,000–\$99,999	13.7 (0.70)	8.0 (0.64)	4.6 (0.46)
\$100,000 or more	13.5 (0.51)	7.7 (0.44)	2.8 (0.28)
Poverty status ⁹			
Poor	15.9 (0.79)	16.7 (0.81)	11.8 (0.65)
Near poor	15.7 (0.60)	14.5 (0.67)	9.9 (0.46)
Not poor	14.2 (0.30)	8.8 (0.27)	4.9 (0.20)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰			
Under 65:			
Private	9.2 (0.29)	7.6 (0.28)	3.0 (0.19)
Medicaid	13.0 (0.86)	16.5 (0.90)	7.0 (0.55)
Other coverage	16.6 (1.40)	12.9 (1.21)	5.9 (0.80)
Uninsured	9.3 (0.68)	11.1 (0.78)	4.5 (0.47)
65 and over:			
Private	37.5 (1.01)	14.0 (0.76)	15.7 (0.80)
Medicare and Medicaid	33.5 (2.51)	24.1 (2.31)	32.4 (2.38)
Medicare Advantage	33.8 (1.34)	15.1 (1.04)	18.4 (1.13)
Medicare only	34.8 (1.63)	16.6 (1.34)	22.5 (1.48)
Other coverage	41.3 (2.64)	20.3 (2.25)	19.6 (2.04)
Uninsured	*	*	*
Marital status			
Married	14.2 (0.34)	8.8 (0.29)	5.4 (0.23)
Widowed	14.7 (2.54)	9.3 (1.05)	8.7 (1.03)
Divorced or separated	16.0 (0.67)	13.5 (0.75)	7.9 (0.44)
Never married	11.1 (0.60)	11.9 (0.65)	7.1 (0.57)
Living with a partner	16.4 (1.34)	10.1 (1.01)	8.2 (1.05)
Place of residence ¹¹			
Large MSA	12.8 (0.33)	9.6 (0.32)	5.3 (0.23)
Small MSA	15.7 (0.46)	11.6 (0.47)	7.2 (0.36)
Not in MSA	18.3 (0.77)	11.8 (0.55)	9.7 (0.57)
Region			
Northeast	12.0 (0.54)	8.7 (0.55)	6.2 (0.46)
Midwest	16.9 (0.53)	10.2 (0.47)	7.2 (0.42)
South	13.5 (0.41)	11.4 (0.39)	7.2 (0.30)
West	15.4 (0.53)	10.7 (0.50)	4.9 (0.31)

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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	11.2 (1.01)	9.0 (1.06)	5.8 (0.77)
Hispanic or Latina, female	9.6 (1.05)	14.6 (1.11)	6.9 (0.82)
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White, single race, male	19.5 (0.46)	8.2 (0.36)	6.5 (0.28)
White, single race, female	13.9 (0.42)	12.2 (0.43)	6.5 (0.30)
Black or African American, single race, male	8.0 (0.85)	11.9 (1.09)	7.2 (0.76)
Black or African American, single race, female	9.4 (0.77)	13.1 (0.93)	8.7 (0.80)

* 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.

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 2017 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>).

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.

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, 2017

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Hearing trouble ¹	Vision trouble ¹	Absence of all natural teeth ¹
Total	246,657	38,264	26,899	17,168
Sex				
Male	118,990	20,816	10,516	7,837
Female	127,667	17,448	16,383	9,330
Age (years)				
18–44	113,636	6,776	8,206	2,578
45–64	83,494	14,392	10,946	5,429
65–74	29,454	8,047	3,958	4,178
75 and over	20,073	9,049	3,789	4,983
Race				
One race ²	241,760	37,468	26,236	16,888
White	192,033	33,203	21,055	13,807
Black or African American	30,560	2,599	3,812	2,210
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,944	350	305	129
Asian	15,675	1,247	1,013	713
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	548	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	4,897	796	662	279
Black or African American, white	1,183	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,863	508	252	154
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race				
Hispanic or Latino	39,416	3,337	4,324	1,883
Mexican or Mexican American	23,657	2,080	2,339	861
Not Hispanic or Latino	207,242	34,926	22,575	15,285
White, single race	157,443	30,292	17,221	12,126
Black or African American, single race	29,127	2,468	3,656	2,161
Education ⁵				
Less than a high school diploma	24,473	4,833	4,046	4,367
High school diploma or GED ⁶	51,376	10,062	6,332	5,736
Some college	61,418	11,214	7,549	4,143
Bachelor's degree or higher	78,981	10,427	6,416	2,382
Current employment status ⁷				
Employed	154,311	16,775	12,200	5,577
Full-time	126,572	13,349	9,680	4,299
Part-time	25,582	3,208	2,395	1,264
Not employed but has worked previously	79,750	20,183	13,084	10,335
Not employed and has never worked	12,466	1,286	1,611	1,245

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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	62,681	11,410	9,952	7,749
\$35,000 or more	158,267	22,720	14,200	7,314
\$35,000–\$49,999	24,774	4,297	2,824	1,958
\$50,000–\$74,999	38,018	6,048	4,039	2,394
\$75,000–\$99,999	28,310	3,841	2,262	1,275
\$100,000 or more	67,166	8,535	5,074	1,687
Poverty status ⁹				
Poor	27,569	4,073	4,406	2,914
Near poor	39,410	6,720	5,862	4,401
Not poor	167,503	25,623	15,372	8,664
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰				
Under 65:				
Private	136,430	13,737	10,820	4,389
Medicaid	25,831	3,302	4,220	1,770
Other coverage	9,334	1,945	1,419	808
Uninsured	24,357	2,129	2,606	1,039
65 and over:				
Private	20,155	7,237	2,735	2,995
Medicare and Medicaid	3,643	1,216	875	1,162
Medicare Advantage	13,349	4,404	1,989	2,376
Medicare only	8,457	2,744	1,372	1,844
Other coverage	3,578	1,430	701	687
Uninsured	261	*	*	*
Marital status				
Married	129,268	21,206	12,530	7,878
Widowed	14,492	4,901	2,656	3,370
Divorced or separated	27,735	5,703	4,461	2,797
Never married	55,574	4,184	5,330	2,048
Living with a partner	19,212	2,238	1,897	1,072
Place of residence ¹¹				
Large MSA	142,082	18,838	13,965	7,697
Small MSA	73,127	12,688	8,870	5,897
Not in MSA	31,448	6,738	4,063	3,573
Region				
Northeast	45,169	6,188	4,201	3,195
Midwest	53,793	9,776	5,698	4,133
South	89,318	12,833	10,648	6,831
West	58,377	9,467	6,353	3,009

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex				
Hispanic or Latino, male	19,584	1,637	1,568	768
Hispanic or Latina, female	19,832	1,700	2,755	1,115
Not Hispanic or Latino:				
White, single race, male	76,561	17,011	6,772	5,795
White, single race, female	80,881	13,281	10,449	6,331
Black or African American, single race, male	13,175	995	1,537	816
Black or African American, single race, female	15,952	1,473	2,119	1,346

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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, 2017

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Total	15.5 (0.28)	10.9 (0.24)	7.0 (0.20)
Sex			
Male	17.5 (0.41)	8.8 (0.31)	6.6 (0.25)
Female	13.7 (0.36)	12.8 (0.36)	7.3 (0.27)
Age (years)			
18–44	6.0 (0.28)	7.2 (0.32)	2.3 (0.17)
45–64	17.2 (0.48)	13.1 (0.41)	6.5 (0.33)
65–74	27.3 (0.80)	13.4 (0.63)	14.2 (0.67)
75 and over	45.1 (1.10)	18.9 (0.85)	24.9 (0.97)
Race			
One race ²	15.5 (0.28)	10.9 (0.24)	7.0 (0.20)
White	17.3 (0.31)	11.0 (0.27)	7.2 (0.23)
Black or African American	8.5 (0.57)	12.5 (0.70)	7.2 (0.56)
American Indian or Alaska Native	11.9 (1.96)	10.4 (1.71)	4.4 (1.16)
Asian	8.0 (0.84)	6.5 (0.72)	4.6 (0.62)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	16.2 (1.84)	13.6 (2.13)	5.7 (1.01)
Black or African American, white	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	27.3 (3.60)	13.6 (3.17)	8.2 (1.95)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race			
Hispanic or Latino	8.5 (0.65)	11.0 (0.74)	4.8 (0.46)
Mexican or Mexican American	8.8 (0.89)	9.9 (0.87)	3.6 (0.46)
Not Hispanic or Latino	16.9 (0.30)	10.9 (0.24)	7.4 (0.21)
White, single race	19.2 (0.34)	10.9 (0.27)	7.7 (0.25)
Black or African American, single race	8.5 (0.58)	12.6 (0.72)	7.4 (0.58)
Education ⁵			
Less than a high school diploma	19.7 (0.90)	16.5 (0.85)	17.9 (0.86)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	19.6 (0.62)	12.3 (0.51)	11.2 (0.48)
Some college	18.3 (0.57)	12.3 (0.46)	6.7 (0.36)
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.2 (0.45)	8.1 (0.35)	3.0 (0.23)
Current employment status ⁷			
Employed	10.9 (0.32)	7.9 (0.27)	3.6 (0.19)
Full-time	10.5 (0.33)	7.6 (0.29)	3.4 (0.20)
Part-time	12.5 (0.86)	9.4 (0.69)	4.9 (0.48)
Not employed but has worked previously	25.3 (0.53)	16.4 (0.47)	13.0 (0.39)
Not employed and has never worked	10.3 (0.99)	12.9 (1.28)	10.0 (1.04)

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Family income ⁸			
Less than \$35,000	18.2 (0.52)	15.9 (0.49)	12.4 (0.42)
\$35,000 or more	14.4 (0.33)	9.0 (0.28)	4.6 (0.21)
\$35,000–\$49,999	17.3 (0.76)	11.4 (0.68)	7.9 (0.60)
\$50,000–\$74,999	15.9 (0.69)	10.6 (0.62)	6.3 (0.46)
\$75,000–\$99,999	13.6 (0.73)	8.0 (0.63)	4.5 (0.45)
\$100,000 or more	12.7 (0.49)	7.6 (0.40)	2.5 (0.24)
Poverty status ⁹			
Poor	14.8 (0.80)	16.0 (0.82)	10.6 (0.65)
Near poor	17.1 (0.66)	14.9 (0.67)	11.2 (0.51)
Not poor	15.3 (0.32)	9.2 (0.27)	5.2 (0.21)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰			
Under 65:			
Private	10.1 (0.32)	7.9 (0.28)	3.2 (0.20)
Medicaid	12.8 (0.87)	16.4 (0.90)	6.9 (0.56)
Other coverage	20.8 (1.50)	15.2 (1.20)	8.7 (1.12)
Uninsured	8.7 (0.66)	10.7 (0.76)	4.3 (0.45)
65 and over:			
Private	35.9 (1.00)	13.6 (0.74)	14.9 (0.77)
Medicare and Medicaid	33.4 (2.51)	24.1 (2.32)	31.9 (2.42)
Medicare Advantage	33.0 (1.32)	14.9 (1.02)	17.9 (1.11)
Medicare only	32.5 (1.63)	16.2 (1.32)	21.8 (1.45)
Other coverage	40.0 (2.56)	19.6 (2.17)	19.2 (2.00)
Uninsured	*	*	*
Marital status			
Married	16.4 (0.38)	9.7 (0.30)	6.1 (0.25)
Widowed	33.8 (1.11)	18.4 (0.92)	23.3 (1.17)
Divorced or separated	20.6 (0.78)	16.1 (0.70)	10.1 (0.49)
Never married	7.5 (0.45)	9.6 (0.52)	3.7 (0.29)
Living with a partner	11.7 (0.92)	9.9 (0.93)	5.6 (0.62)
Place of residence ¹¹			
Large MSA	13.3 (0.36)	9.8 (0.32)	5.4 (0.24)
Small MSA	17.4 (0.54)	12.1 (0.47)	8.1 (0.40)
Not in MSA	21.4 (0.88)	12.9 (0.53)	11.4 (0.63)
Region			
Northeast	13.7 (0.60)	9.3 (0.54)	7.1 (0.53)
Midwest	18.2 (0.58)	10.6 (0.47)	7.7 (0.43)
South	14.4 (0.46)	11.9 (0.40)	7.7 (0.32)
West	16.2 (0.61)	10.9 (0.52)	5.2 (0.34)

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, 2017

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	8.4 (0.82)	8.0 (0.95)	3.9 (0.55)
Hispanic or Latina, female	8.6 (1.00)	13.9 (1.11)	5.6 (0.74)
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White, single race, male	22.2 (0.53)	8.8 (0.37)	7.6 (0.33)
White, single race, female	16.4 (0.45)	12.9 (0.42)	7.8 (0.34)
Black or African American, single race, male	7.6 (0.84)	11.7 (1.13)	6.2 (0.72)
Black or African American, single race, female	9.2 (0.81)	13.3 (0.96)	8.4 (0.83)

* 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.

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 2017 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>).

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.