

**Table 1 - CPS and MEPS
Non Elderly Population
Calendar Year 2004**

Characteristic	CPS		MEPS Point in Time		MEPS All Year		MEPS Ever During Year	
	Number (Millions)	Uninsured Rate	Number (Millions)	Uninsured Rate	Number (Millions)	Uninsured Rate	Number (Millions)	Uninsured Rate
TOTAL	45.5	17.8%	49.4	19.1%	36.1	14.0%	66.2	25.6%
GENDER								
Men	24.4	19.1%	27.3	21.2%	20.6	16.0%	35.2	27.4%
Women	21.1	16.5%	22.1	17.1%	15.5	11.9%	30.9	23.8%
AGE								
CHILDREN Under age 19	9.0	11.6%	9.9	12.3%	6.9	8.5%	16.2	19.9%
Under age 6	2.4	10.1%	2.4	8.9%	2.2	8.0%	5.1	18.7%
Age 6 to 11	2.6	11.0%	2.8	11.7%	1.7	6.8%	4.2	17.4%
Age 12 to 18	4.0	13.4%	4.7	15.8%	3.1	10.3%	6.9	23.2%
ADULTS Age 19-64								
Age 19-24	8.0	33.4%	8.5	35.9%	6.1	26.0%	11.2	47.3%
Age 25-34	10.2	25.9%	10.9	27.1%	8.0	19.9%	13.7	34.2%
Age 35-54	14.4	16.8%	15.5	18.4%	11.7	13.9%	19.6	23.3%
Age 55-64	3.9	13.3%	4.6	15.7%	3.3	11.4%	5.4	18.6%
RACE								
White*	34.6	17.0%	38.4	18.7%	28.3	13.8%	51.5	25.0%
Black*	7.2	21.3%	7.4	22.1%	5.1	15.2%	9.7	28.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.2	18.4%	2.0	16.0%	1.4	11.6%	2.8	22.7%
American Indian	0.7	32.5%	0.5	28.3%	0.4	23.2%	0.7	36.2%
Multiracial	0.9	18.3%	1.0	21.9%	0.8	16.1%	1.5	32.1%
HISPANIC ORIGIN								
Hispanic	13.6	34.2%	14.2	35.4%	11.6	28.8%	17.4	43.4%
Not Hispanic	32.0	14.8%	35.2	16.1%	24.5	11.2%	48.7	22.3%
FAMILY WORK STATUS								
2 or more full time	10.2	14.3%	8.2	12.6%	5.8	8.9%	12.2	18.7%
Only 1 full time	19.5	16.0%	20.1	16.2%	15.1	12.2%	27.7	22.4%
Only part time	4.7	26.3%	6.0	26.2%	4.0	17.6%	7.9	34.4%
Only self employed	3.9	26.6%	6.4	35.7%	5.1	28.3%	7.5	42.1%
No Workers	7.3	24.0%	8.7	30.6%	6.0	21.2%	10.9	38.1%

WAGE/SALARY FOR PRIMARY EARNER									
No wage earner	5.0	24.2%	15.1	32.6%	11.2	24.1%	18.5	39.8%	
Under \$7/hour	7.4	37.5%	4.0	35.2%	3.1	27.6%	5.0	43.5%	
\$7-\$15/hour	19.1	26.3%	20.1	25.7%	14.5	18.5%	26.8	34.3%	
\$15-\$25/hour	8.6	11.9%	6.9	11.0%	5.0	7.9%	10.5	16.8%	
More than \$25/hour	5.4	7.7%	3.2	5.4%	2.4	4.0%	5.4	9.0%	
FAMILY COMPOSITION									
WITH CHILDREN	23.7	15.1%	27.0	16.7%	19.3	11.9%	38.3	23.7%	
1 Adult	4.8	17.1%	5.5	18.0%	3.5	11.4%	8.1	26.4%	
2 Married adults	13.9	12.4%	16.1	14.7%	11.7	10.6%	22.5	20.5%	
Other	4.9	32.2%	5.4	25.3%	4.2	19.5%	7.6	35.8%	
WITHOUT CHILDREN	21.1	21.5%	22.4	23.2%	16.7	17.4%	27.9	28.9%	
1 Adult	9.3	25.8%	9.6	27.6%	7.2	20.8%	12.1	34.6%	
2 Married adults	8.4	16.4%	6.4	14.1%	4.6	10.1%	8.3	18.3%	
Other	4.2	35.0%	6.3	39.1%	4.9	30.2%	7.5	46.3%	
INCOME (Poverty Level)									
Under 100% FPL	11.8	33.9%	11.3	33.2%	8.5	25.0%	14.4	42.4%	
100 - 200 % FPL	12.7	29.2%	14.2	32.1%	10.5	23.6%	18.4	41.5%	
200 - 400% FPL	13.4	16.8%	15.7	19.1%	11.3	13.7%	21.3	25.9%	
More than 400% FPL	7.6	7.8%	8.1	8.3%	5.8	6.0%	12.0	12.3%	
*Includes both Hispanic and Non Hispanic									

The CPS estimates are based on ERIU tabulations of data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplement, conducted in March of 2005. CPS estimates of the uninsured are intended to represent persons who are uninsured throughout calendar year 2004. A person is considered insured if they were covered at any time during that calendar year; individuals insured for only one month are counted as insured. CPS estimates of the uninsured should be interpreted with caution. Respondents are asked to report on a time period that begins roughly 15 months prior to the time of the interview. Some respondents are likely to have trouble remembering back this far, while others may be confused by the time frame and respond instead about current coverage status. Studies that have examined and compared CPS estimates with data from other surveys suggest that CPS estimates of the uninsured are much closer to “point in time” than true full-year estimates.

The MEPS estimates are ERIU tabulations of 2004 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) data collected by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The tabulations reported here are based on responses to interview Rounds 3, 4, and 5 of Panel 5 and Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of Panel 6, which cover calendar year 2004 for both panels. Respondents report whether they were covered by any public or private source of health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, TRICARE/CHAMPUS, other public coverage, employment-based private, other private health insurance). Respondents are considered uninsured if they respond “no” to all of the coverage options; they are not asked directly if they are uninsured. We label those who are without health insurance for the entire year as “all-year uninsured,” and those without health insurance for at least one month and up to twelve months as “ever uninsured.” The

“point-in-time uninsured” estimates include those without coverage in the first round of the calendar year (Round 3 for those who entered the survey in 2000, and Round 1 for those who entered the survey in 2001).

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