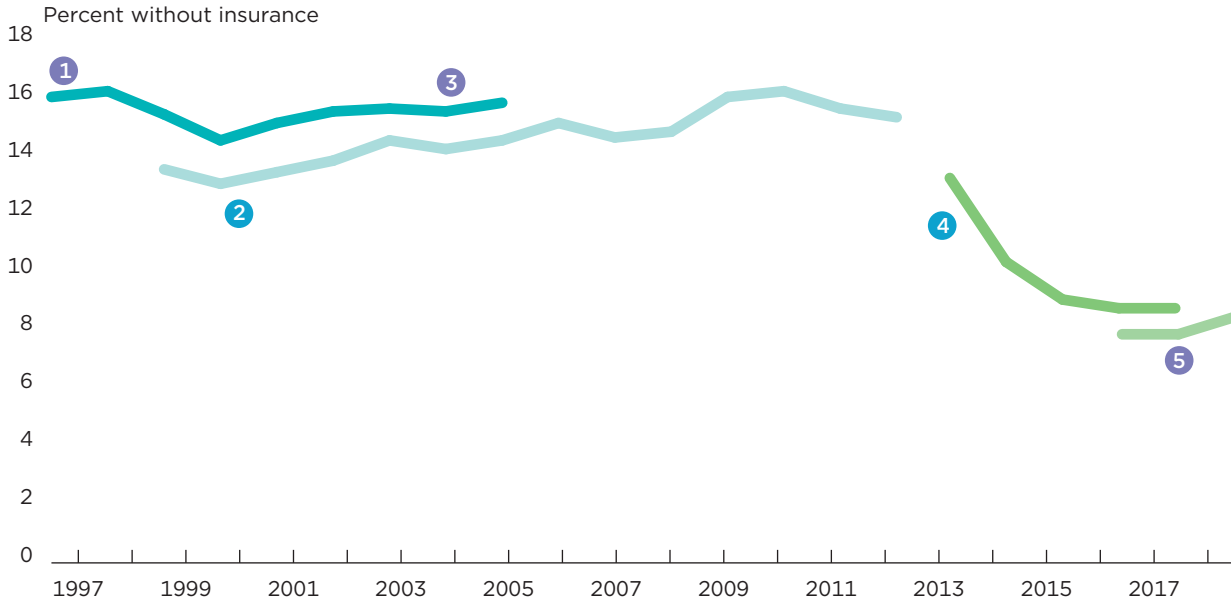


Figure A1.

Measuring Health Insurance Coverage With the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC): A History of Improvement



Changes in processing steps

1. People with no coverage other than access to Indian Health Service now considered uninsured. Overall estimates of health insurance coverage change only negligibly; however, the increase in the number of people covered by Medicaid may be partially due to this change.
3. These estimates from the 2005 CPS ASEC were revised based on improvements to the algorithm that assigned coverage to dependents, and there was an adjustment to the weights.
5. Updated processing system implemented to take full advantage of the 2014 CPS ASEC instrument redesign.

Change to survey instrument

2. Follow-up verification question added.
4. Health insurance questions were redesigned to address underreport of coverage. Estimates of overall coverage and coverage types are not comparable with later years.

Note: CPS measures prior-year coverage, e.g., 1997 statistics come from the 1998 CPS. For more information on the history of improvement to CPS ASEC health insurance content, see www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/newsroom/press-kits/2015/measuring_health_insurance.pdf.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 CPS ASEC Research File, 2018 CPS ASEC Bridge File, 2019 CPS ASEC, Table HI-1. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1987 to 2005, <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/demo/tables/health-insurance/time-series/original/orghihist1.txt>. Health Insurance Historical Tables—HIB Series, www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/health-insurance/historical-series/hib.html.