Table 1 - MEPS
Characteristics of the Uninsured: Non Elderly Population
Calendar Year 2000: Uninsured All Year

Characteristic	Population (Millions)	Distribution of Population	Uninsured (Millions)	Distribution of Uninsured	Uninsured Rate
TOTAL	245.2	100.0%	32.4	100.0%	13.2%
GENDER					
Men	121.6	49.6%	17.8	55.0%	14.6%
Women	123.6	50.4%	14.6	45.0%	11.8%
AGE					
CHILDREN Under age 19	79.7	32.5%	7.9	24.5%	10.0%
Under age 6	27.7	11.3%	2.5	7.7%	9.0%
Age 6 to 11	24.3	9.9%	2.2	6.6%	8.9%
Age 12 to 18	27.8	11.3%	3.3	10.2%	11.9%
ADULTS Age 19-64	165.5	67.5%	24.4	75.5%	14.8%
Age 19-24	22.6	9.2%	5.3	16.4%	23.5%
Age 25-34	37.4	15.3%	6.2	19.2%	16.6%
Age 35-54	81.8	33.4%	10.1	31.3%	12.4%
Age 55-64	23.7	9.7%	2.8	8.6%	11.7%
RACE					
White*	199.8	81.5%	25.1	77.3%	12.5%
Black*	34.1	13.9%	5.7	17.7%	16.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.1	3.7%	1.1	3.4%	12.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.3	0.9%	0.5	1.6%	22.6%
HISPANIC ORIGIN					
Hispanic	32.1	13.1%	9.2	28.4%	28.6%
Not Hispanic	213.1	86.9%	23.2	71.6%	10.9%
FAMILY WORK STATUS					
2 or more full time	66.1	26.9%	5.0	15.4%	7.6%
Only 1 full time	121.2	49.4%	13.9	43.1%	11.5%
Only part time	19.0	7.8%	4.1	12.5%	21.3%
Only self employed	15.6	6.4%	4.6	14.3%	29.8%
No Workers	23.3	9.5%	4.7	14.7%	20.4%
WAGE/SALARY FOR PRIMARY EARNERS					
No wage earner	38.8	15.8%	9.3	28.7%	23.9%
Under $7/hour	19.1	7.8%	4.8	14.7%	25.0%
$7-$15/hour	80.7	32.9%	13.0	40.1%	16.1%
$15-$25/hour	61.2	25.0%	4.1	12.7%	6.7%
More than $25/hour	45.4	18.5%	1.2	3.8%	2.7%
*Includes both Hispanic and Non Hispanic					

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Table 1 - MEPS (Cont'd) Characteristics of the Uninsured: Non Elderly Population Calendar Year 2000: Uninsured All Year					
Characteristic	**Population (Millions)**	**Distribution of Population**	**Uninsured (Millions)**	**Distribution of Uninsured**	**Uninsured Rate**
FAMILY COMPOSITION					
WITH CHILDREN	157.7	64.3%	19.2	59.2%	12.1%
1 Adult	30.4	12.4%	4.9	15.1%	16.1%
2 Married adults	107.9	44.0%	9.8	30.3%	9.1%
Other	19.4	7.9%	4.5	13.8%	23.0%
WITHOUT CHILDREN	87.5	35.7%	13.2	40.8%	15.1%
1 Adult	31.1	12.7%	5.1	15.8%	16.5%
2 Married adults	41.9	17.1%	3.8	11.6%	9.0%
Other	14.5	5.9%	4.3	13.4%	29.8%
INCOME (Poverty Level)					
0 - 100% FPL	28.5	11.6%	6.9	21.2%	24.1%
100 - 200 % FPL	40.2	16.4%	9.7	29.9%	24.1%
200 - 400% FPL	78.9	32.2%	10.5	32.4%	13.3%
More than 400% FPL	97.7	39.8%	5.4	16.5%	5.5%

These estimates are based on ERIU tabulations of 2000 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) data collected by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The MEPS employs an overlapping panel design and collects data on two calendar years for each respondent. The tabulations reported here are based on responses to interview Rounds 3, 4, and 5 of Panel 4 and Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of Panel 5, which cover calendar year 2000 for both panels. Coverage status is obtained at the initial interview. At each subsequent interview, respondents are asked about whether their coverage has changed since the last interview and, if so, how and when. 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. A person may gain or lose coverage during a year and these data permit estimates of the number lacking coverage at a particular point in time, at some time during the year, and throughout the entire year. 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 1999, and Round 1 for those who entered the survey in 2000).

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