Table 2 - MEPS
Characteristics of Uninsured: Adult Population (Age 19-64)
Calendar Year 2001: Uninsured Ever During the Year

Characteristic	Population (Millions)	Distribution of Population	Uninsured (Millions)	Distribution of Uninsured	Uninsured Rate
TOTAL	169.8	100.0%	46.1	100.0%	27.2%
GENDER					
Men	83.4	49.1%	24.2	52.5%	29.0%
Women	86.4	50.9%	21.9	47.5%	25.4%
AGE					
ADULTS age 19-64	169.8	100.0%	46.1	100.0%	27.2%
Age 19-24	22.8	13.4%	10.6	22.9%	46.3%
Age 25-34	38.8	22.8%	13.2	28.6%	34.1%
Age 35-54	83.4	49.1%	18.1	39.3%	21.7%
Age 55-64	24.8	14.6%	4.2	9.1%	17.0%
RACE					
White*	140.7	82.8%	37.2	80.6%	26.4%
Black*	20.5	12.0%	6.6	14.2%	32.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7.2	4.2%	1.8	1.3%	25.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1.5	0.9%	0.6	3.9%	38.4%
HISPANIC ORIGIN					
Hispanic	21.6	12.7%	11.1	24.0%	51.4%
Not Hispanic	148.3	87.3%	35.0	76.0%	23.6%
EDUCATION					
Less than HS	23.9	14.1%	11.8	25.6%	49.3%
HS only	60.2	35.5%	18.2	39.4%	30.2%
Some post-HS	28.6	16.8%	7.2	15.6%	25.2%
4-year college degree or more	56.6	33.3%	8.8	19.1%	15.5%
Unknown	0.5	0.3%	0.2	0.4%	39.6%
INDIVIDUAL WORK STATUS (Annual)					
Full time	97.7	57.5%	20.5	44.5%	21.0%
Part time	18.3	10.8%	6.1	13.3%	33.4%
Self Employed	15.9	9.4%	5.8	12.6%	36.6%
Did Not Work	37.3	21.9%	13.2	28.7%	35.5%
Unknown	0.7	0.4%	0.5	1.0%	69.8%
FAMILY WORK STATUS					
2 or more full time	47.7	28.1%	8.6	18.6%	18.0%
Only 1 full time	80.3	47.3%	20.6	44.7%	25.7%
Only part time	12.9	7.6%	5.2	11.2%	40.0%
Only self employed	11.3	6.7%	5.0	10.8%	43.9%
No Workers	17.6	10.4%	6.8	14.7%	38.4%

*Includes both Hispanic and Non Hispanic

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| Table 2 – MEPS (Cont'd) | | | | | |
| Characteristics of Uninsured: Adult Population (Age 19-64) | | | | | |
Calendar Year 2001: Uninsured Ever During the Year					
Characteristic	Population (Millions)	Distribution of Population	Uninsured (Millions)	Distribution of Uninsured	Uninsured Rate
WAGE/SALARY FOR PRIMARY EARNERS					
No wage earner	28.8	17.0%	11.7	25.4%	40.7%
Under $7/hour	9.4	5.5%	4.9	10.6%	52.1%
$7-$15/hour	55.5	32.7%	20.4	44.3%	36.9%
$15-$25/hour	42.3	24.9%	5.9	12.9%	14.1%
More than $25/hour	33.9	19.9%	3.1	6.7%	9.2%
FAMILY COMPOSITION					
WITH CHILDREN	78.9	46.4%	21.6	46.8%	27.4%
1 Adult	11.0	6.4%	4.0	8.7%	36.6%
2 Married adults	56.2	33.1%	12.8	27.8%	22.8%
Other	11.7	6.9%	4.8	10.4%	40.9%
WITHOUT CHILDREN	91.0	53.6%	24.5	53.2%	27.0%
1 Adult	32.9	19.4%	10.8	23.4%	32.8%
2 Married adults	43.5	25.6%	7.1	15.4%	16.3%
Other	14.6	8.6%	6.6	14.4%	45.5%
INCOME (Poverty Level)					
0 - 100% FPL	16.8	9.9%	8.9	19.3%	52.9%
100 - 200 % FPL	25.8	15.2%	12.8	27.7%	49.6%
200 - 400% FPL	52.2	30.7%	14.7	31.8%	28.1%
More than 400% FPL	75.1	44.2%	9.8	21.2%	13.0%

These estimates are based on ERIU tabulations of 2001 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 5 and Rounds 1, 2, and 3 of Panel 6, which cover calendar year 2001 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 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