

CDC: No change in level of uninsured in U.S. in 2017

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(HealthDay)—Overall, 9.1 percent of individuals in the United States

were uninsured in 2017, which was not significantly different from the level in 2016, according to a report published online May 22 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Centers for Health Statistics.

Robin A. Cohen, Ph.D., from the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Md., and colleagues used 2017 National Health Interview Survey data to estimate full-year health insurance for the United States and 18 selected states.

The researchers found that 9.1 percent of persons (29.3 million) of all ages were uninsured at the time of the interview in 2017, which was not significantly different from 2016, but was 19.3 million fewer persons than in 2010. At the time of the interview, 12.8 percent of adults aged 18 to 64 years were uninsured: 19.3 and 69.3 percent had public and private health insurance coverage, respectively; of those with private health insurance plans, 4.3 percent had plans obtained through the Health Insurance Marketplace or state-based exchanges. Among children aged 0 to 17 years, 5.0, 41.3, and 55.0 percent were uninsured, had public coverage, and had private [health insurance coverage](#), respectively, in 2017.

From 2016 to 2017 there was an increase in the percentage of persons under age 65 years with [private health insurance](#) enrolled in a high-deductible health plan, from 39.4 to 43.7 percent.

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