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## How Many of the U.S. Nonelderly Population Have Health Insurance?

WASHINGTON—The percentage of nonelderly individuals (under age 65) in the United States who have health insurance dropped last year, from 82.6 percent in 2008 to 81.1 percent in 2009, according to recent data published by the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI).

At the same time, the share of nonelderly Americans who were uninsured grew to almost 19 percent in 2009. This was up from 17.4 percent in 2008 and above 18 percent for the first time. EBRI notes the recent economic recession and persistent high employment were the main factors.

Full results of the EBRI research are published in the September *EBRI Issue Brief*, online at <http://bit.ly/9fxsMO>

Here are the key findings on health insurance coverage in America:

- 18.9 percent of individuals were without health insurance in 2009. This number was up from 17.4 percent in 2008 and above 18 percent in for the first time. As a result, nearly 1 in 5 individuals under the age of 65 did not have health insurance in 2009.
- 59.0 percent of the nonelderly had employment-based health coverage in 2009, down from 61.1 percent in 2008.
- More than 214 million nonelderly individuals had health insurance in 2009, down from 217 million in 2008.
- The number of uninsured increased from 45.7 million in 2008 to 50 million in 2009.

### Nonelderly Population With Selected Sources of Health Insurance Coverage, 2008–2009

	2008	2009
	(percentage)	
Total	100%	100%
Employment-based Coverage	61.1	59.0
Own name	31.4	29.9
Dependent coverage	29.7	29.1
Individually Purchased	6.3	6.3
Public	19.4	21.1
Medicare	2.9	2.8
Medicaid	14.9	16.7
Tricare/CHAMPVA	3.0	3.1
<b>No Health Insurance</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates of the Current Population Survey, March 2009–2010 Supplements.

Note: Details may not add to totals because individuals may receive coverage from more than one source.

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