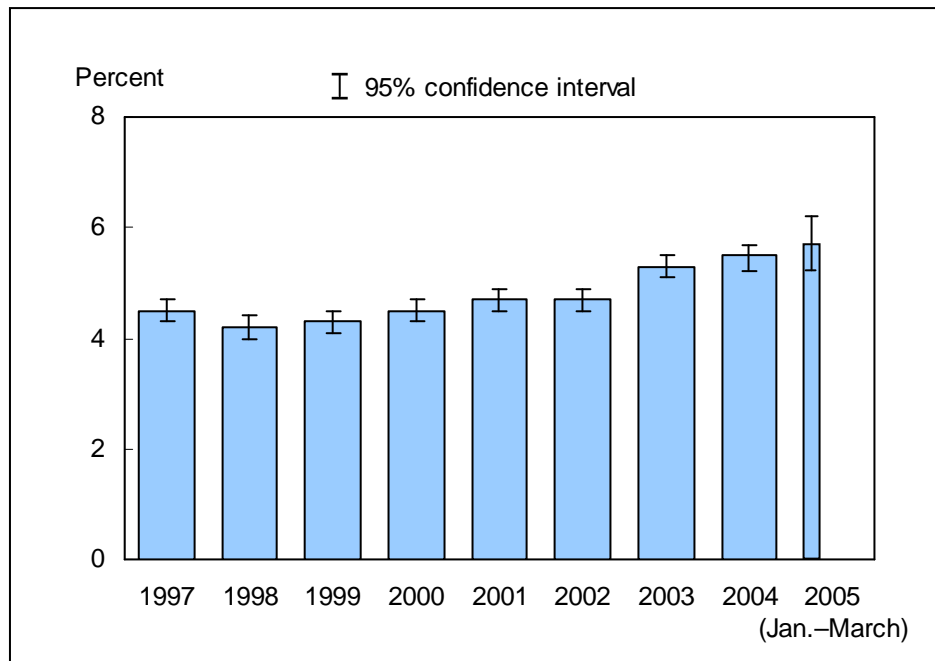


**Figure 3.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months: United States, 1997–2005**



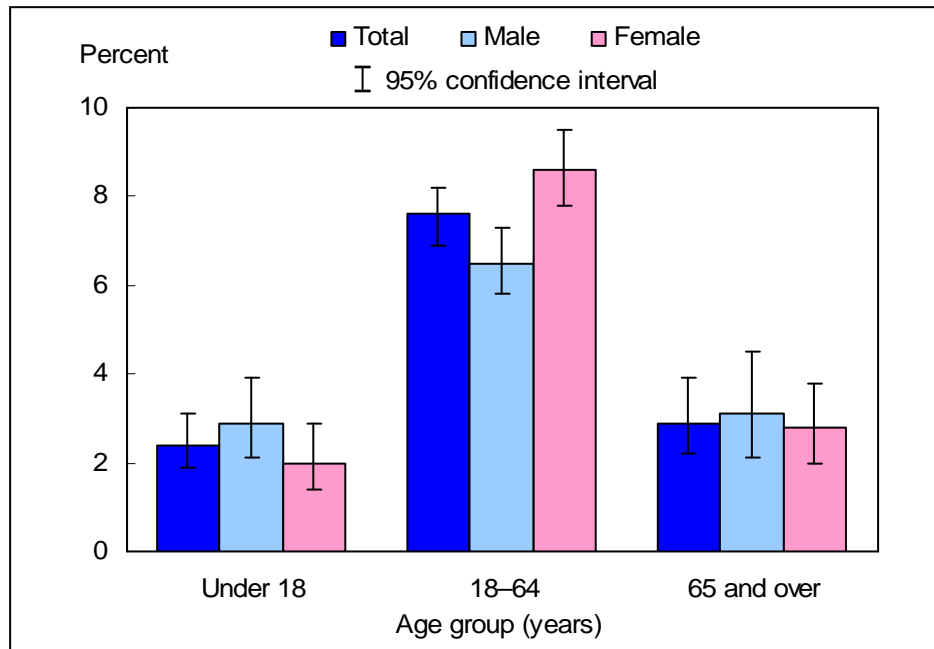
NOTES: The analyses excluded persons with unknown success in obtaining needed medical care (about 0.5% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See “About This Release” and table III in the Appendix for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997–2005 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2005 was based on data collected from January through March. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

■ In early 2005, 5.7% (95% confidence interval = 5.2%–6.2%) of the population was unable to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months. The estimate is slightly higher than, but not significantly different from, the 2004 estimate of 5.5%.

■ From 1998 through early 2005, an increasing trend has been observed in the percentage of persons who experienced this lack of access to medical care (4.2% in 1998 to 5.7% in early 2005).

**Figure 3.2. Percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2005**

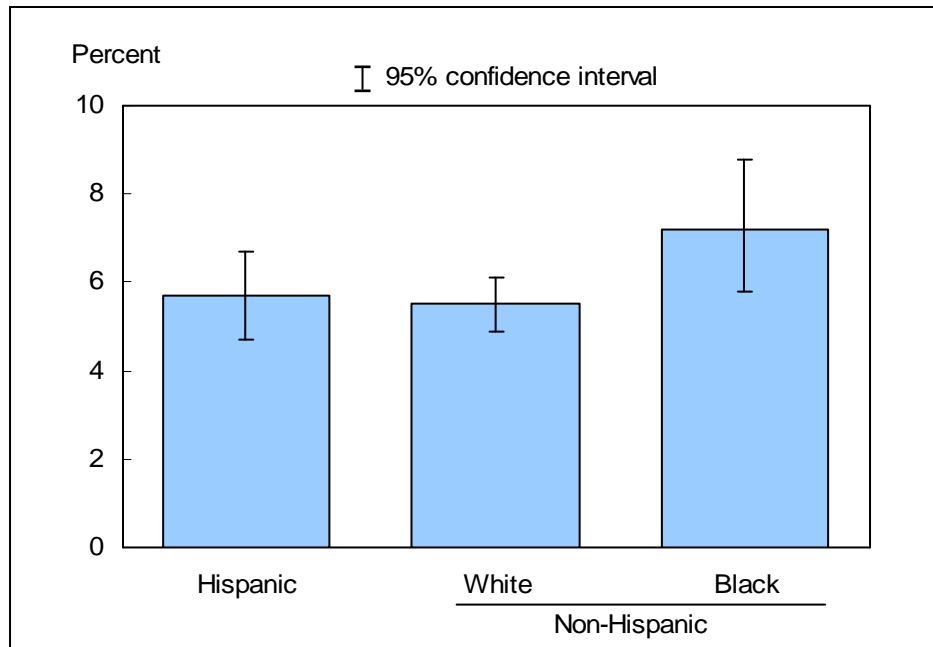


NOTE: The analyses excluded 53 persons (0.3%) with unknown success in obtaining needed medical care.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2005 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- For both sexes combined, the percentage of persons who were unable to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months was 2.4% for those aged under 18 years, 7.6% for those aged 18–64 years, and 2.9% for those aged 65 years and over.
- For adults 18–64 years, women were more likely than men to have experienced this lack of access to medical care during the past 12 months.

**Figure 3.3. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2005**



NOTES: The analyses excluded 53 persons (0.3%) with unknown success in obtaining needed medical care. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2005 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- After adjusting for age and sex, 5.7% of Hispanic persons, 5.5% of non-Hispanic white persons, and 7.2% of non-Hispanic black persons were unable to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the year preceding the interview.
- Non-Hispanic black persons were more likely than non-Hispanic white persons to experience this lack of access to medical care.

## Data tables for figures 3.1–3.3:

**Data table for figure 3.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months: United States, 1997–2005**

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	4.5	4.3-4.7
1998	4.2	4.0-4.4
1999	4.3	4.1-4.5
2000	4.5	4.3-4.7
2001	4.7	4.5-4.9
2002	4.7	4.5-4.9
2003	5.3	5.1-5.5
2004	5.5	5.2-5.7
January–March 2005	5.7	5.2-6.2

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 1997–2005. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

**Data table for figure 3.2. Percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2005**

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
<b>Under 18 years</b>		
Total	2.4	1.9-3.1
Male	2.9	2.1-3.9
Female	2.0	1.4-2.9
<b>18–64 years</b>		
Total	7.6	6.9-8.2
Male	6.5	5.8-7.3
Female	8.6	7.8-9.5
<b>65 years and over</b>		
Total	2.9	2.2-3.9
Male	3.1	2.1-4.5
Female	2.8	2.0-3.8
<b>All ages: crude<sup>1</sup></b>		
Total	5.7	5.2-6.2
Male	5.2	4.6-5.8
Female	6.2	5.7-6.8
<b>All ages: age-adjusted<sup>2</sup></b>		
Total	5.7	5.2-6.2
Male	5.1	4.6-5.7
Female	6.2	5.6-6.8

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 2005. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

**Data table for figure 3.3. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages who failed to obtain needed medical care due to cost at some time during the past 12 months, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2005**

<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>95% confidence interval</b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	5.7	4.7-6.7
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>		
<b>White, single race</b>	5.5	4.9-6.1
<b>Black, single race</b>	7.2	5.8-8.8

<sup>1</sup>Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 2005. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.