

9.6 percent of people of all ages uninsured in first half of 2021

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(HealthDay)—From January through June 2021, 31.1 million people of

all ages were uninsured (9.6 percent), which was not significantly different from 2020, according to early estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, released by the National Center for Health Statistics at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Robin A. Cohen, Ph.D., from the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland, and colleagues present estimates of health insurance coverage for the civilian noninstitutionalized U.S. population based on data from the National Health Interview Survey for January through June 2021.

The researchers found that at the time of interview, 31.1 million people of all ages (9.6 percent) were uninsured in January through June 2021, which was not significantly different from the 31.6 million people (9.7 percent) in 2020. Among [adults](#) aged 18 to 64 years, 14.0, 21.6, and 66.3 percent were uninsured, had public coverage, and had private [health](#) insurance coverage, respectively, from January through June 2021. The corresponding proportions among children aged 0 to 17 years were 4.4, 44.7, and 53.1 percent. Among adults aged 18 to 64 years, the likelihood of being uninsured was higher among Hispanic adults than non-Hispanic Black, non-Hispanic White, and non-Hispanic Asian adults (31.4 versus 14.7, 9.0, and 6.1 percent, respectively).

From 2019 to the first six months of 2021, there was an increase observed in the percentage of people younger than 65 years of age with exchange-based coverage, from 3.7 to 4.3 percent.

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