

# Health Insurance Coverage: 2020

In this fact sheet, we explore the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC) as a source of data on health insurance coverage.

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The CPS ASEC produces national-level estimates of health insurance coverage for a wide range of demographic and economic characteristics, including family status, race and Hispanic origin, age, metropolitan residence, income, poverty status, and work experience.

The CPS ASEC is collected in February, March, and April of each year and provides estimates of health insurance coverage in the previous calendar year. In 2020, changes to data collection were necessitated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Users should consider the impact of the pandemic on CPS data collection in interpreting CPS ASEC estimates of health insurance coverage in 2019, and in comparing

### Key Fact

The CPS ASEC produces estimates of health insurance coverage for the nation and by demographic groups.

these estimates to other years. More information is available at [www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2020/demo/SEHSD-WP2020-13.html](http://www.census.gov/library/working-papers/2020/demo/SEHSD-WP2020-13.html).

The survey collects detailed income and employment information, making it possible to examine changes in health insurance coverage in relation to changes in the overall economic well-being of the nation. Making comparisons over time requires caution since these estimates reflect changes implemented to the survey, including redesign of the questionnaire in 2014 and improvements to the CPS ASEC processing system in 2018.