Figure 1. There Are 13.7 Million Uninsured Young Adults, Ages 19–29, Almost 30 Percent of Nonelderly Uninsured, 2006

Nonelderly uninsured = 46.4 million

Note: Numbers may not sum to 100% because of rounding.
Figure 2. Uninsured Young Adults, Ages 19–29, by Poverty Status and Race/Ethnicity, 2006

Uninsured young adults = 13.7 million

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Figure 3. Insurance Sources for Young Adults, Ages 19–23, 2006

Not full-time students** = 12.5 million

Full-time students = 7.6 million

* Other includes Medicare, Medicaid, and Military.
** Includes part-time students and non-students.
## Figure 4. Uninsured Children and Young Adults, by Poverty Level, 2006

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<th>Children, Ages 18 and Under</th>
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<td>Total</td>
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Figure 5. Young Adults Who Spent Time Uninsured During 2001–2003*

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- 62%
- 33%
- 17%

* Young adults who were 19 to 23 in 2001 were followed over 2001–2003. Data show what percent had time uninsured during that period. Source: Analysis of the 2001 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation by E. Gould for The Commonwealth Fund.
Figure 6. High School Graduates with Gaps in Insurance Coverage in the Year Following Graduation, by Student Status, 2001–2003*

Percent of high school graduates

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Figure 7. One-Third of College Graduates Had Time Uninsured in Year Following Graduation, 2001–2003*

Percent of college graduates

- Insured continuously: 66%
- Time uninsured: 34%
- Uninsured for six months or more: 13%

Note: College graduates are defined as those with at least a bachelor degree.
Figure 8. Lacking Health Insurance Threatens Young Adults’ Access to Care, 2007

Percent of adults ages 19–29 reporting the following problems in the past year because of cost:

- Did not fill a prescription: Total 30, Insured all year 21, Uninsured during the year 19
- Did not see specialist when needed: Total 19, Insured all year 9, Uninsured during the year 10
- Skipped medical test, treatment, or follow-up: Total 27, Insured all year 16, Uninsured during the year 9
- Had medical problem, did not see doctor or clinic: Total 35, Insured all year 18, Uninsured during the year 17
- Any of the four access problems: Total 49, Insured all year 34, Uninsured during the year 17

Figure 9. Young Adults Without Insurance Are Less Likely to Have a Regular Doctor, 2007

Percent of adults ages 19–29 who have a regular doctor

- Total: 61
- Insured all year: 79
- Uninsured anytime during year: 41

Figure 10. Young Adults with Any Time Uninsured Have High Rates of Medical Bill Problems, 2007

Percent of adults ages 19–29 who had the following problems in past year:

- Not able to pay medical bills
- Contacted by collection agency*
- Had to change way of life to pay medical bills
- Medical bills/debt being paid off over time
- Any medical bill problem or outstanding debt

* Includes only those whose bill was sent to a collection agency when they were unable to pay the bill.
Figure 11. Annual Per Capita Total Health Expenditures by Age Group, 2008*

* Inflated to 2008 dollars using actual and estimated annual growth rates in national health expenditures.

Source: Analysis of the 2005 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey by S. Glied and B. Mahato for The Commonwealth Fund.