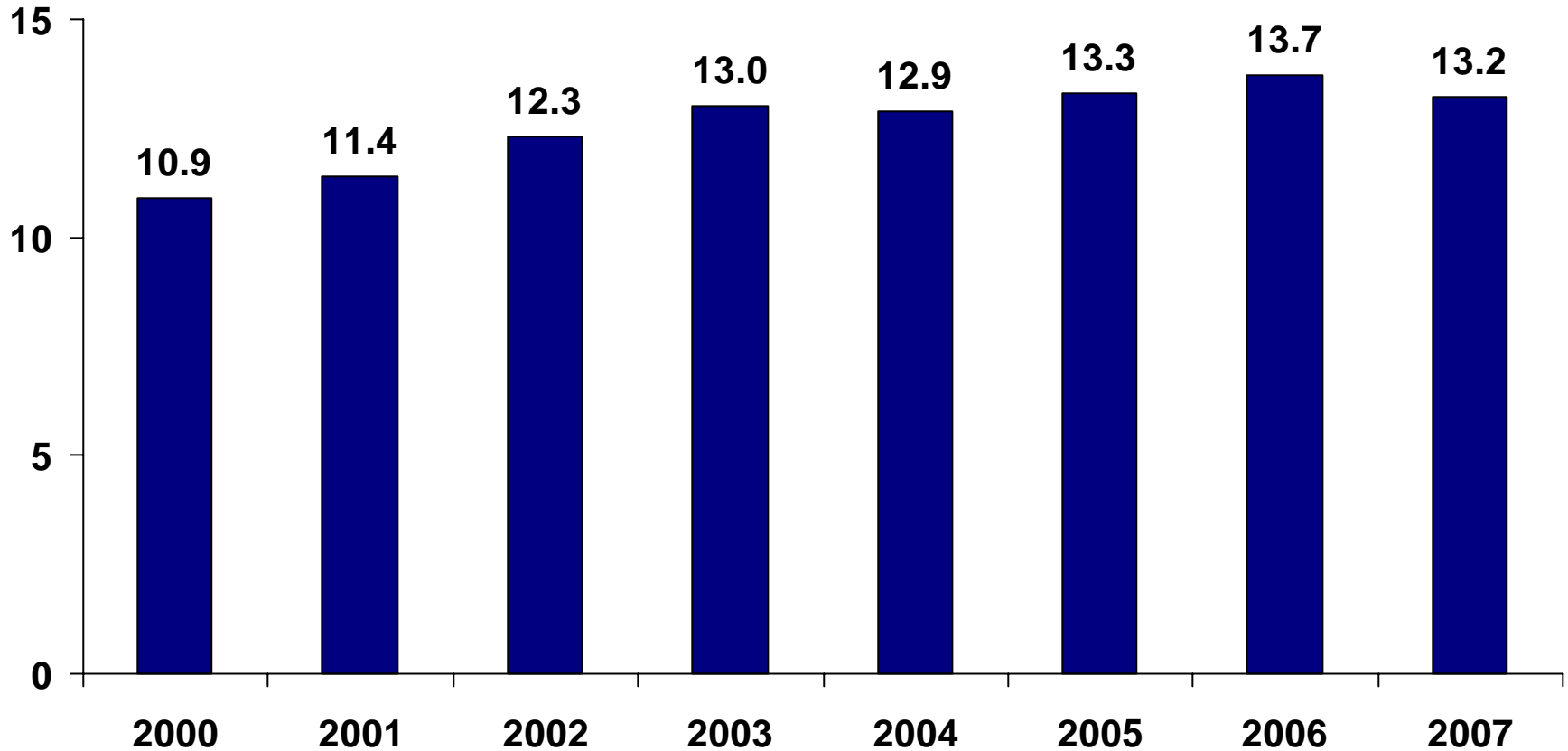


Figure 1. 13.2 Million Uninsured Young Adults in 2007, Up by 2.3 Million in Last Eight Years

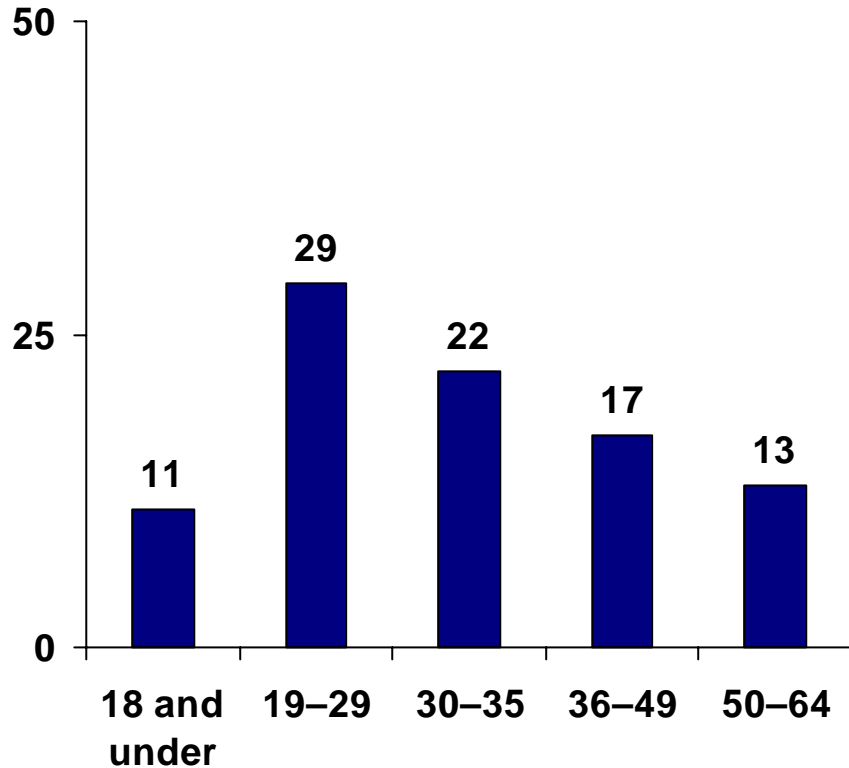
Millions uninsured, adults ages 19–29



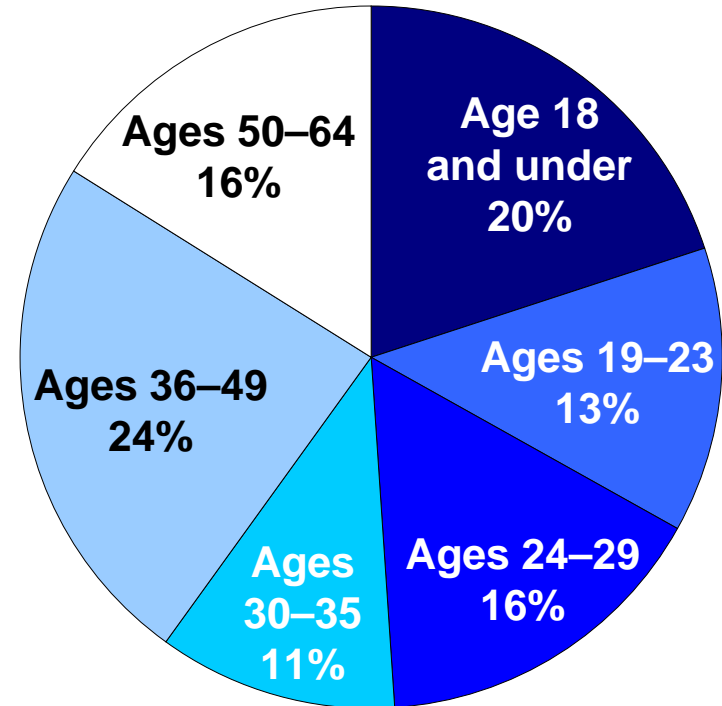
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Figure 2. Nearly 30 Percent of Young Adults Ages 19–29 Are Uninsured; They Are Also Disproportionately Represented Among the Uninsured

Percent uninsured

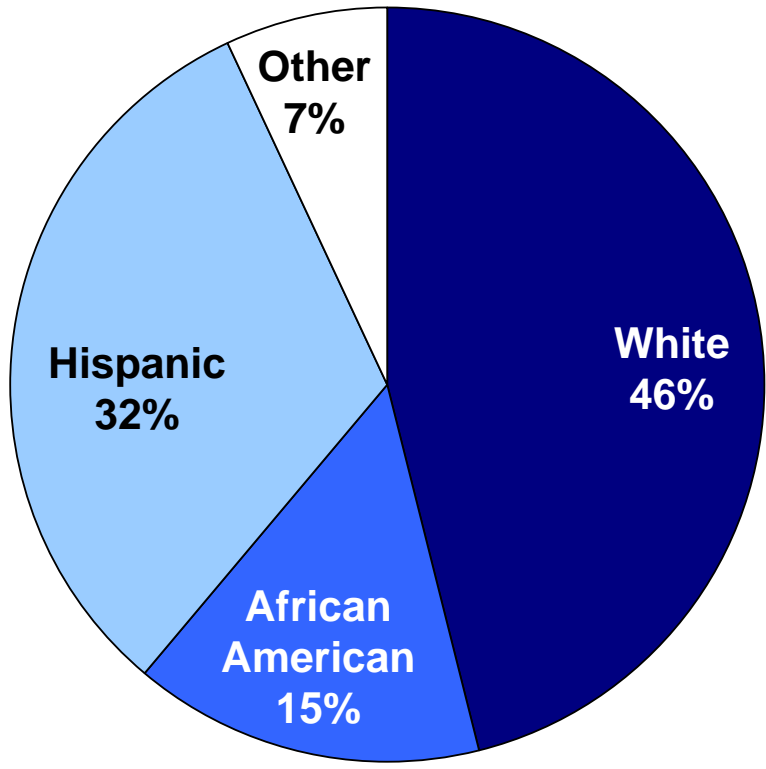
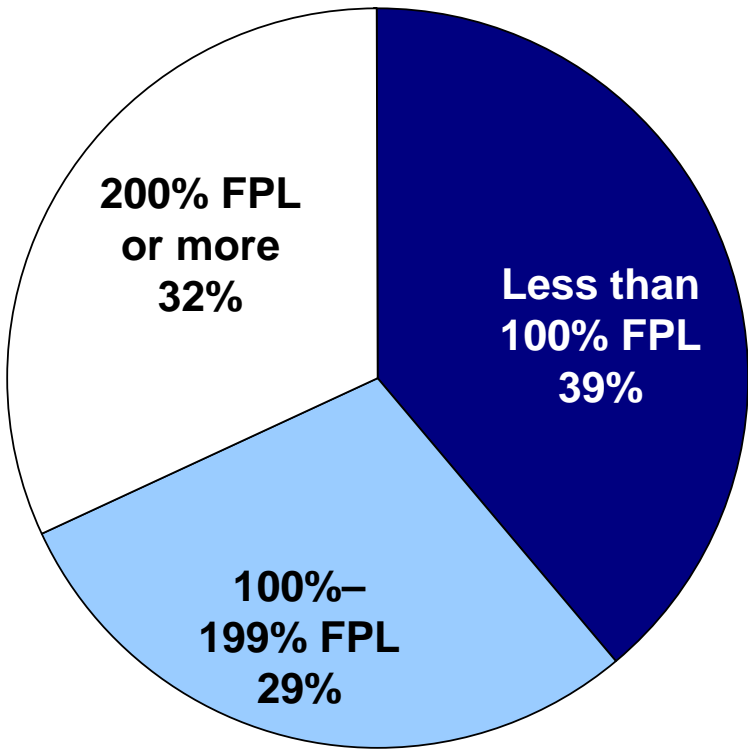


Age groups



Nonelderly uninsured = 45.0 million

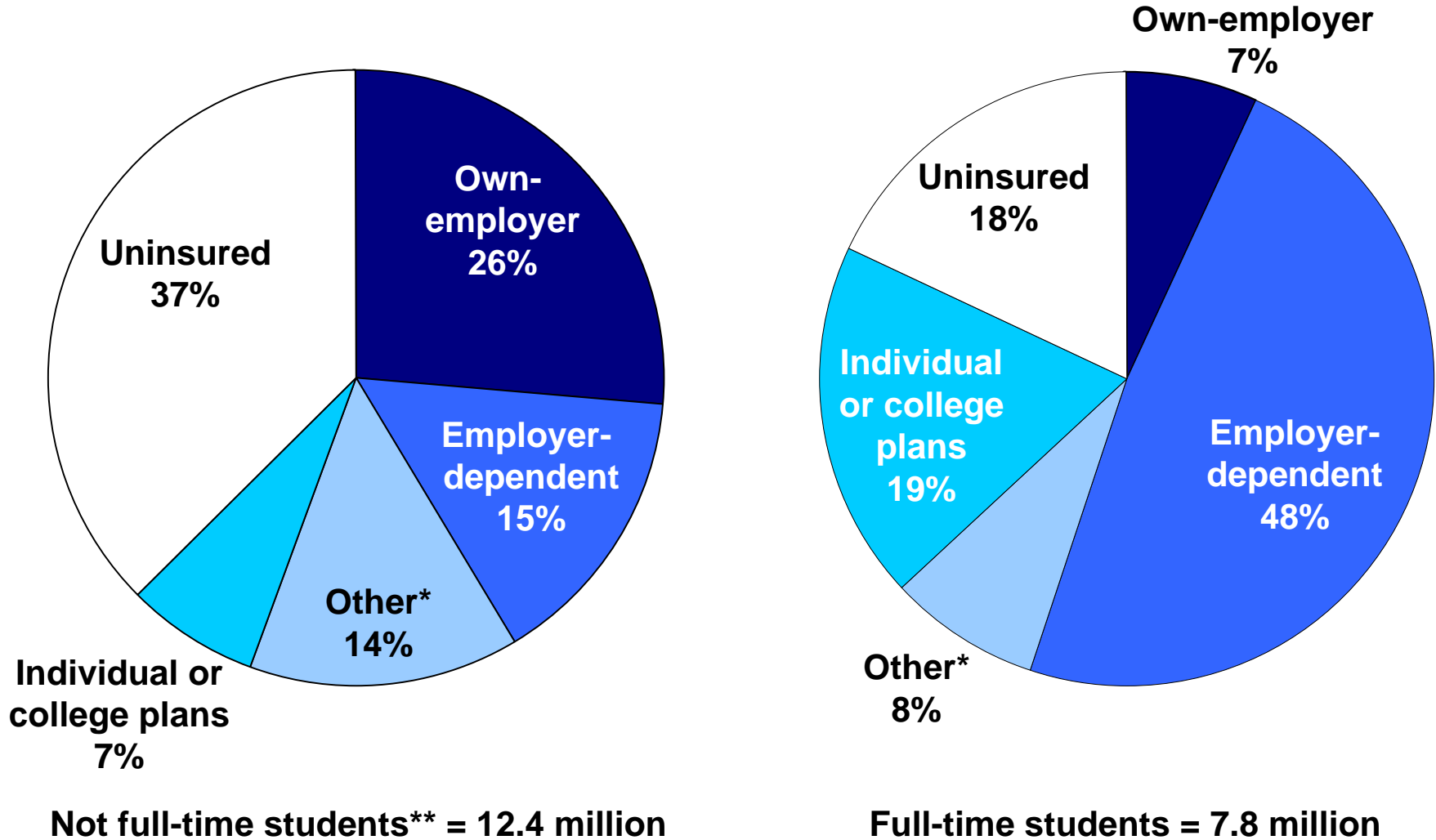
Figure 3. Nearly 70 Percent of Uninsured Young Adults Are in Households with Annual Incomes Below 200 Percent of the Federal Poverty Level



Uninsured young adults = 13.2 million

Note: Numbers may not sum to 100% because of rounding. FPL = federal poverty level.
Source: Analysis of the March 2008 Current Population Survey by S. Glied and B. Mahato of Columbia University for The Commonwealth Fund.

Figure 4. Uninsured Rates Among Part-Time Students and Non-Students Ages 19–23 Are About Twice That of Full-Time Students



* Other includes Medicare, Medicaid, and Military.

** Includes part-time students and non-students.

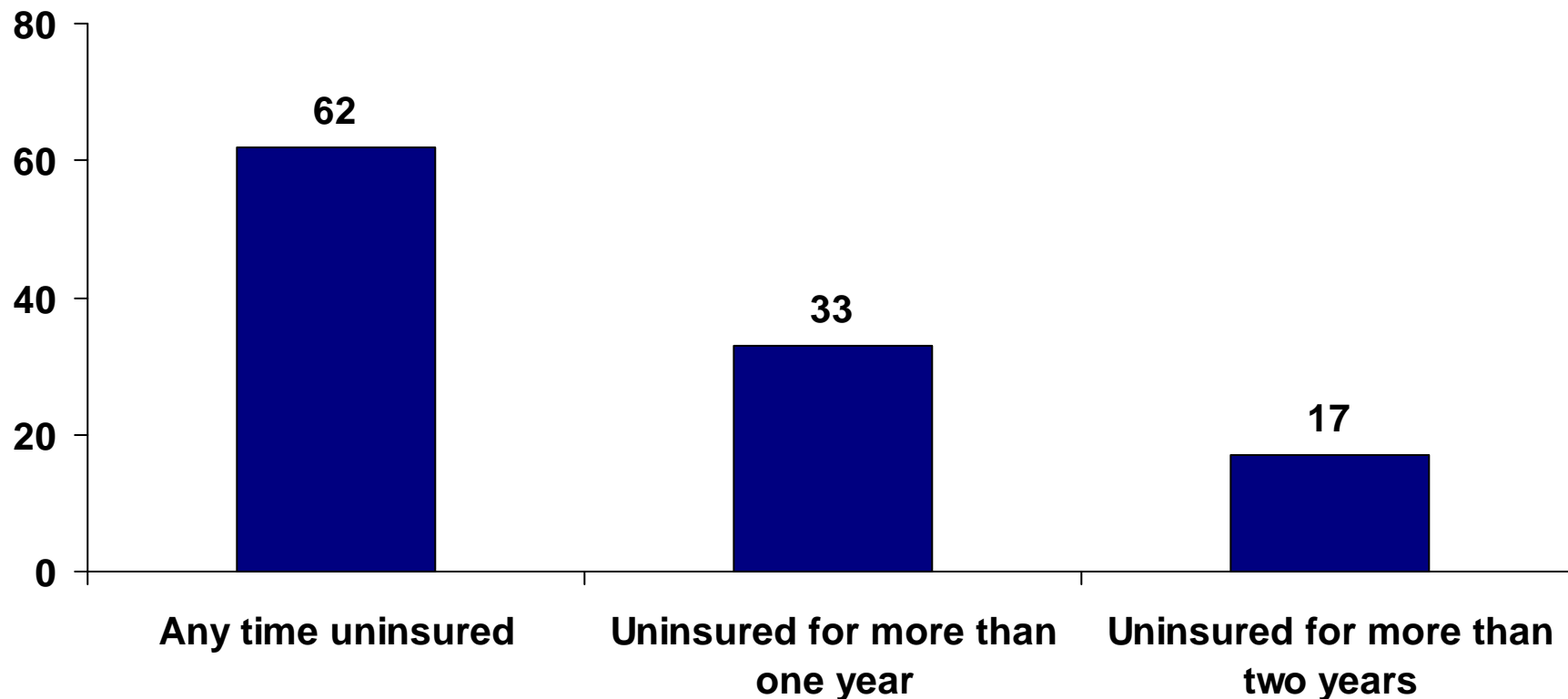
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Figure 5. Nineteenth Birthdays Are Critical Turning Points in Coverage for Young Adults

Percent Uninsured	Children, Age 18 and Under	Young Adults, Ages 19–29
Total	11%	29%
<100% FPL	19	51
100%–199% FPL	16	40
≥200% FPL	7	16

Figure 6. Nearly Two-Thirds of Young Adults Ages 19–23 Spent Some Time Uninsured over a Three-Year Period, 2001–2003*

Percent of young adults



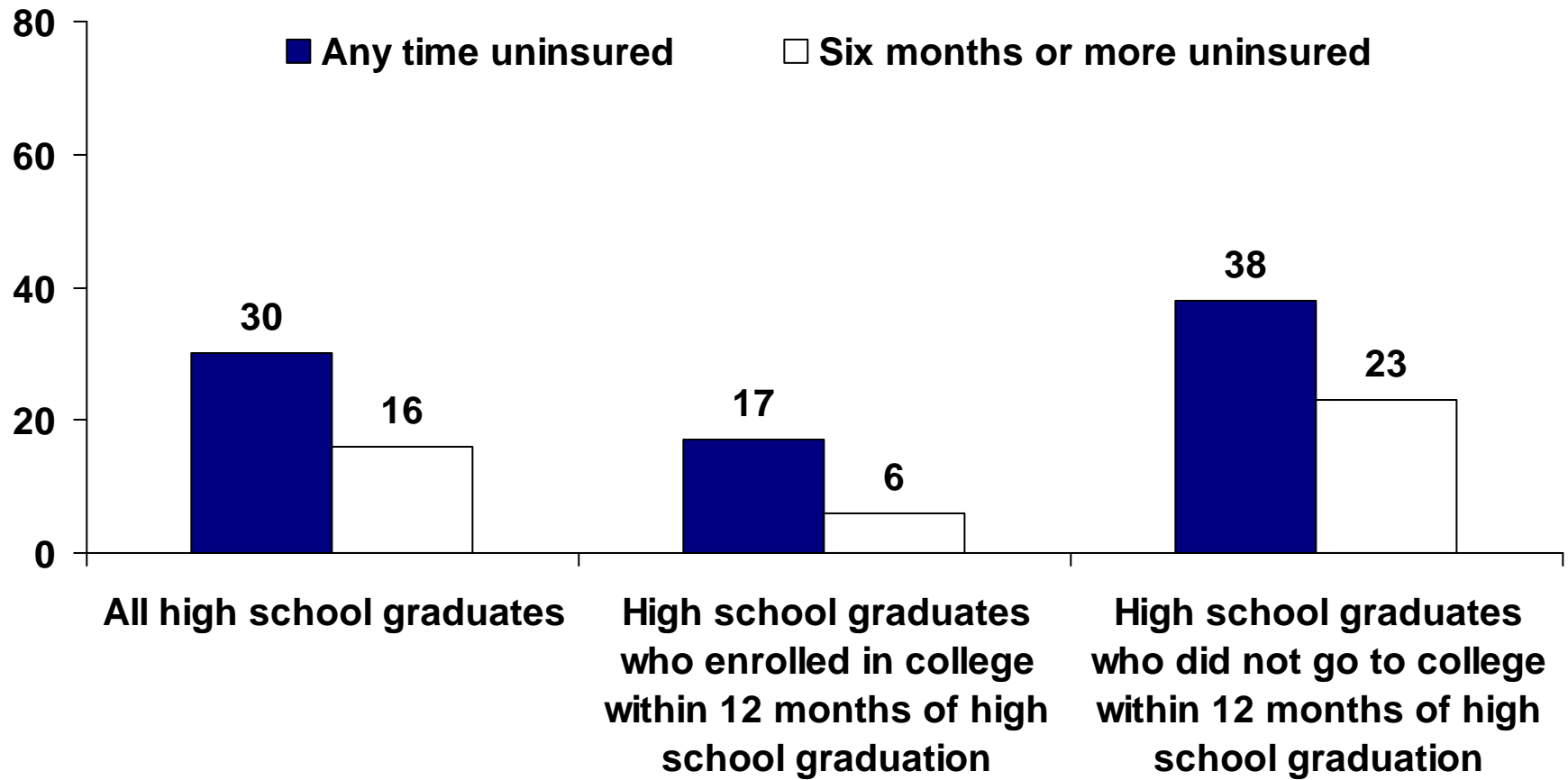
* Young adults who were ages 19 to 23 in 2001 were followed over 2001–2003.

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 of the Economic Policy Institute for The Commonwealth Fund.

Figure 7. Nearly Two-Fifths of High School Graduates Who Did Not Go to College Experienced Gaps in Insurance Coverage in the Year Following High School Graduation, 2001–2003*

Percent of high school graduates

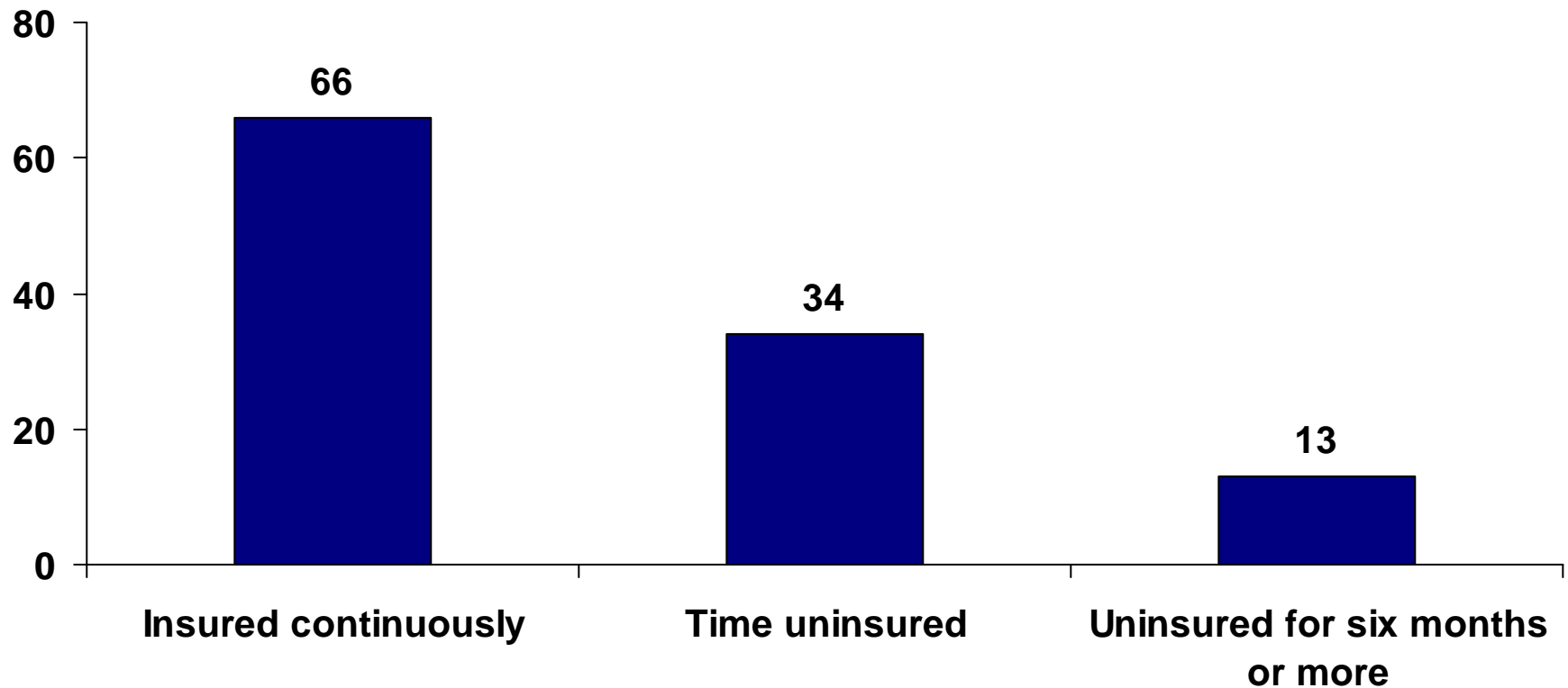


* People who graduated from high school during 2001–2003.

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Figure 8. One-Third of College Graduates Had a Time Uninsured in the Year Following College Graduation, 2001–2003*

Percent of college graduates



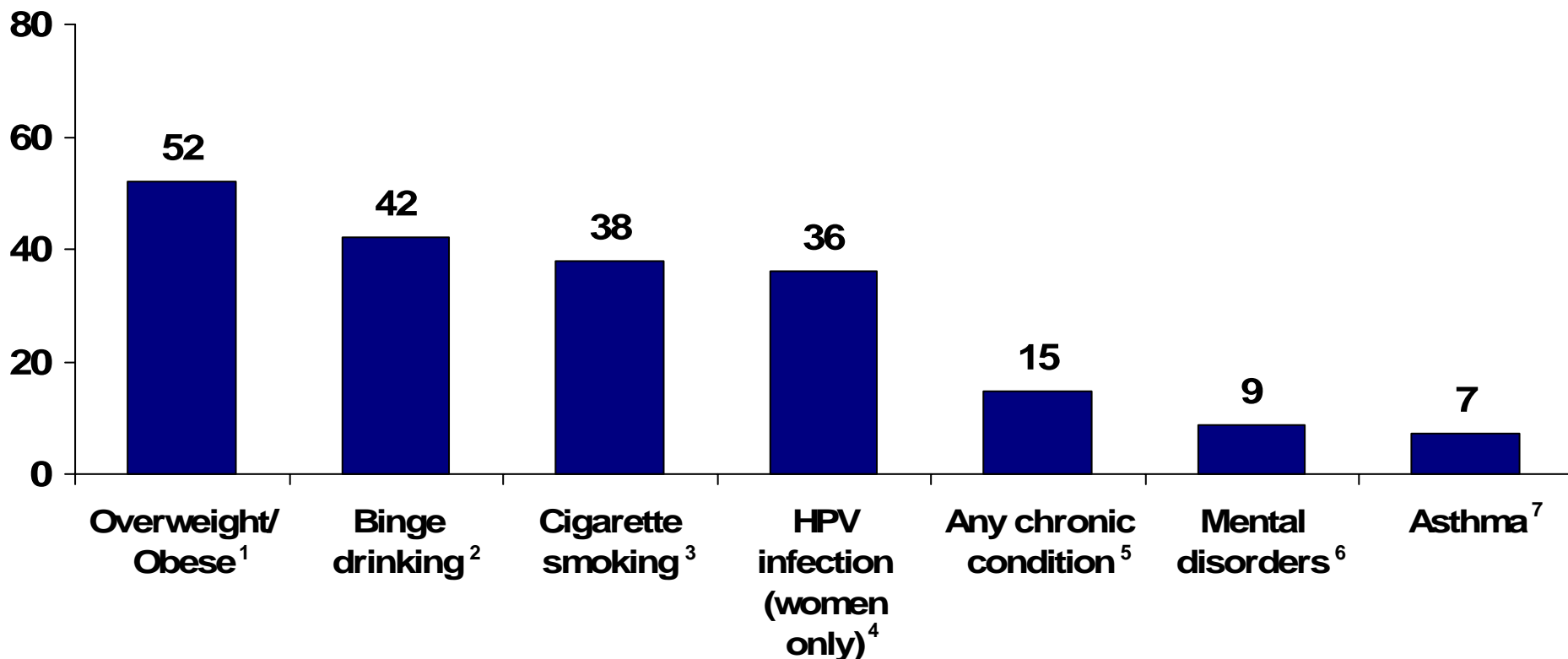
* People who graduated from college during 2001–2003.

Note: College graduates are defined as those with at least a bachelor's degree.

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Figure 9. More Than Half of Young Adults Are Overweight or Obese, Two of Five Report Binge Drinking or Smoke Cigarettes, and 15 Percent Have a Chronic Health Condition

Percent of young adults with the following health problems:



¹ Data from 2005–2006; ages 18–29. ² Binge drinking defined as ‘drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on at least one day in the past 30 days’; data from 2006; ages 18–25. ³ Data from 2006; ages 18–25. ⁴ Data from 2003–2004; women ages 20–29. ⁵ Any chronic condition includes physician-diagnosed arthritis, asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, or hypertension; data from 2004–2006; ages 18–29. ⁶ Mental disorders include major depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and panic disorder; data from 1999–2004; ages 20–29. ⁷ Data from 2004–2006; ages 18–29.

Figure 10. Two-Thirds of Uninsured Young Adults Had Cost-Related Access Problems in the Past Year, Compared with One-Third of Those Who Were Insured All Year

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

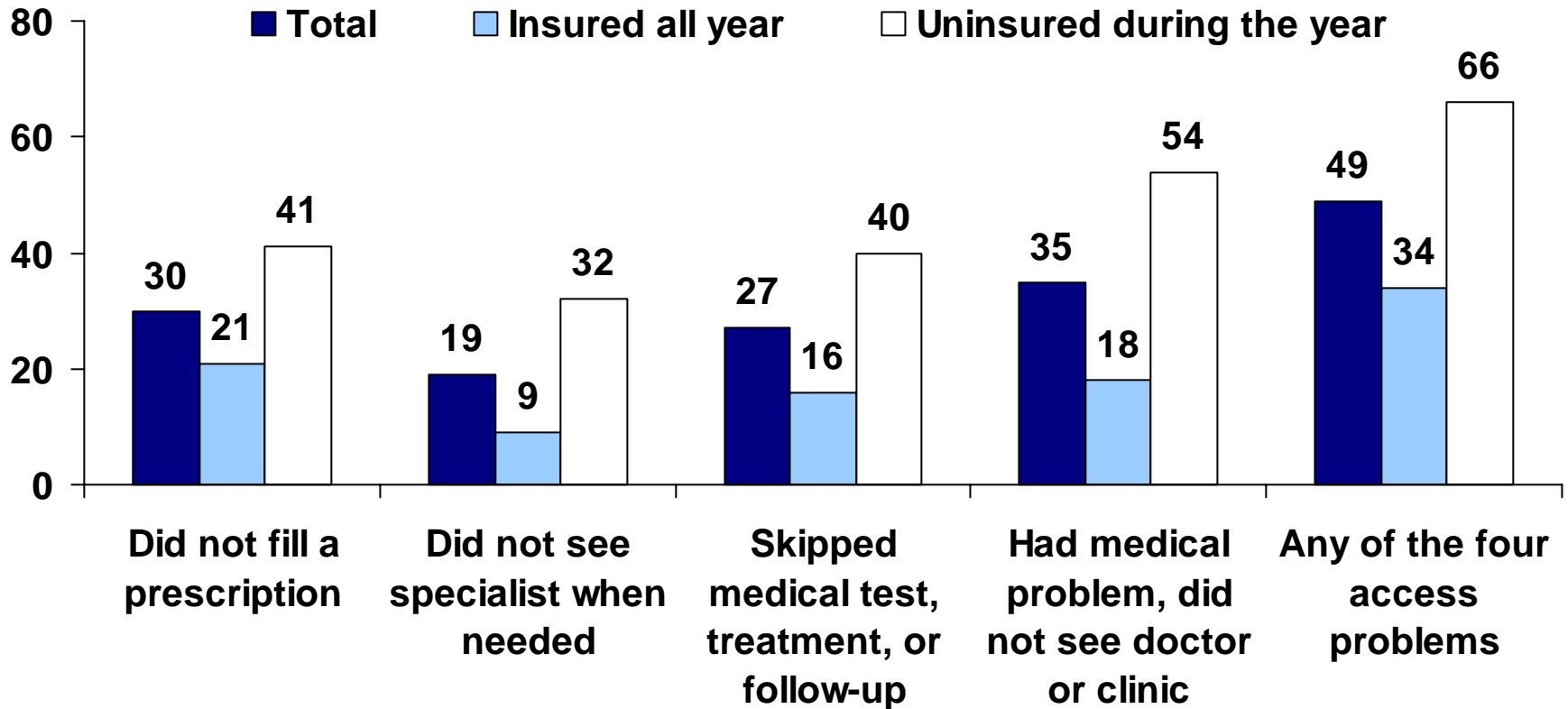


Figure 11. Young Adults Without Insurance Are Less Likely to Have a Regular Doctor Than Those Who Are Insured All Year

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

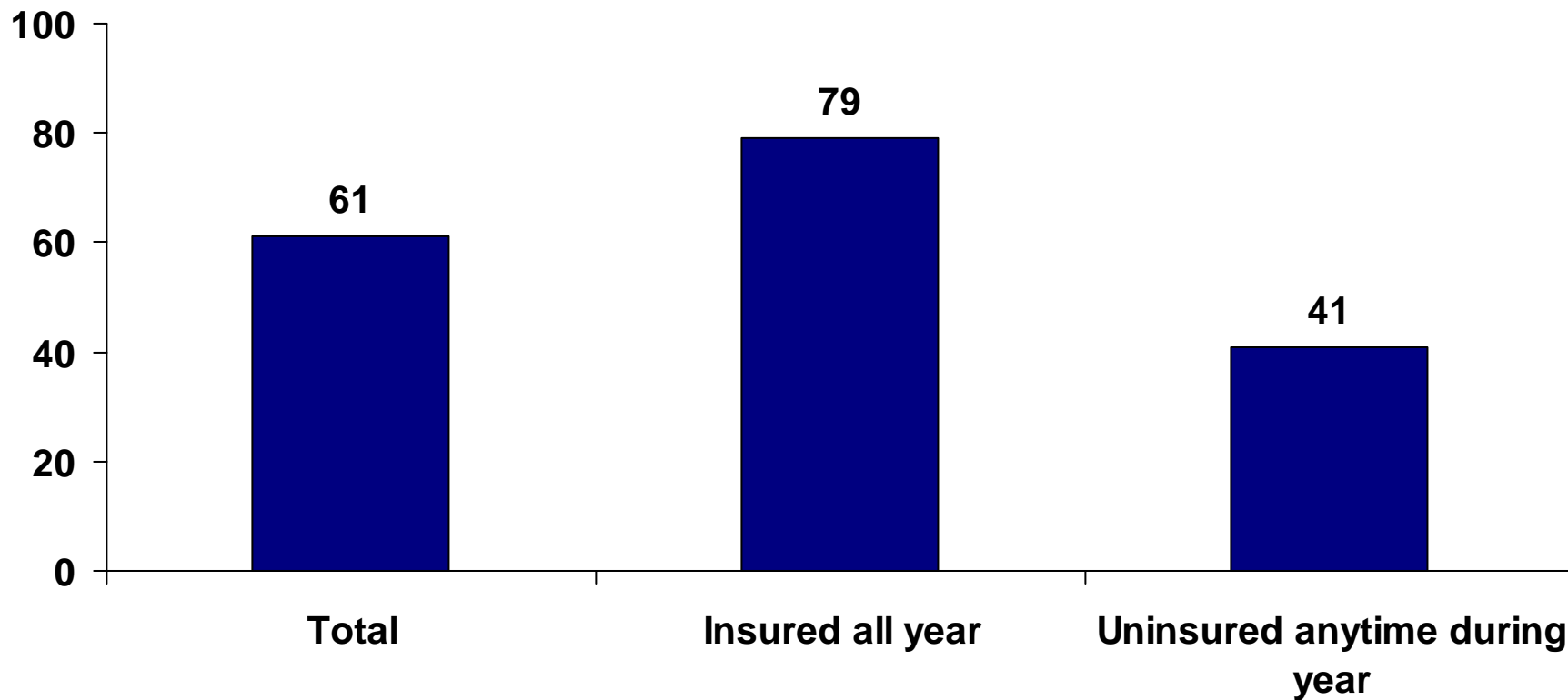
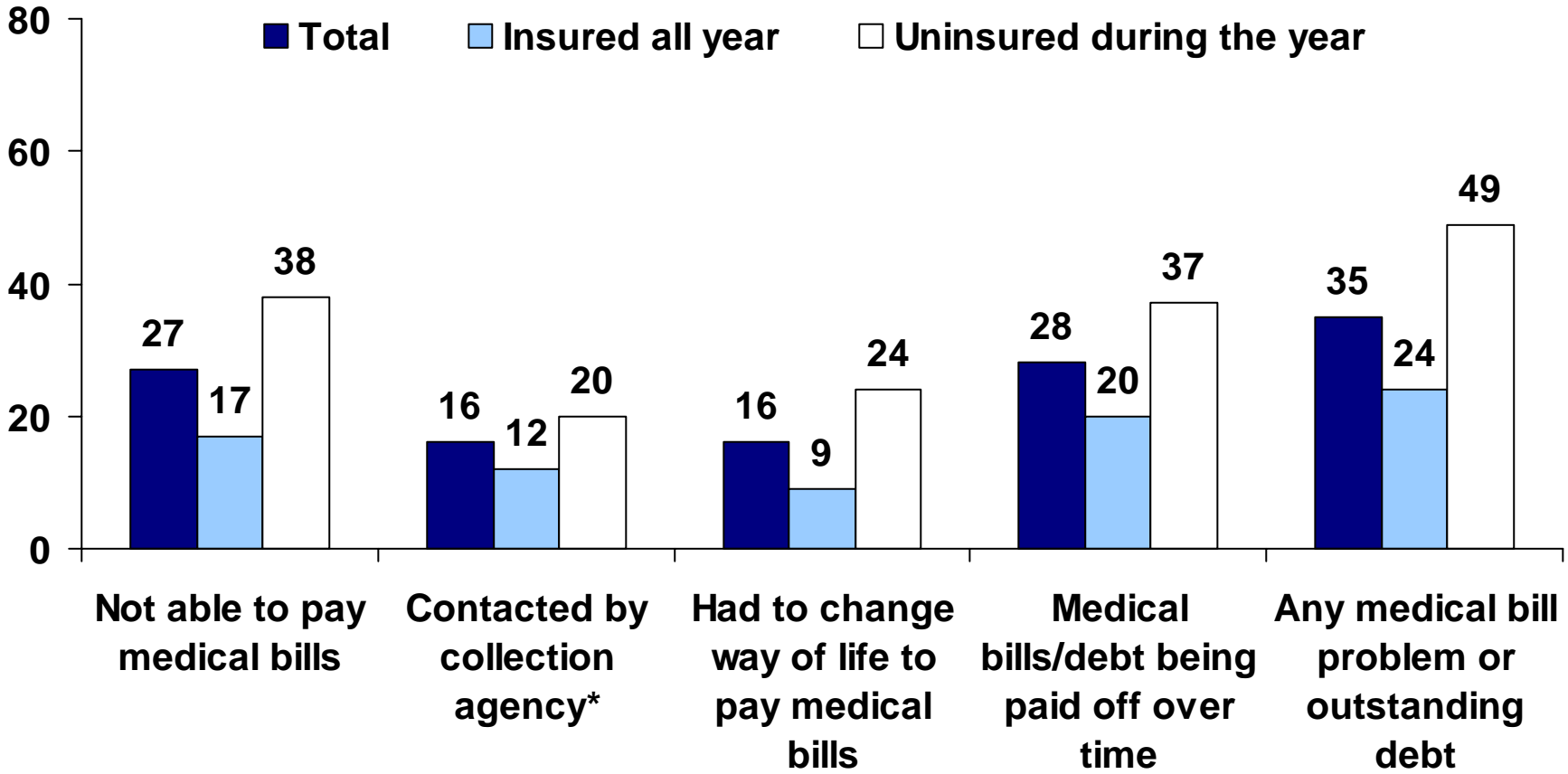


Figure 12. Half of Young Adults with Any Time Uninsured Had Medical Bill or Debt Problems, Twice That of Young Adults Who Were Insured All Year

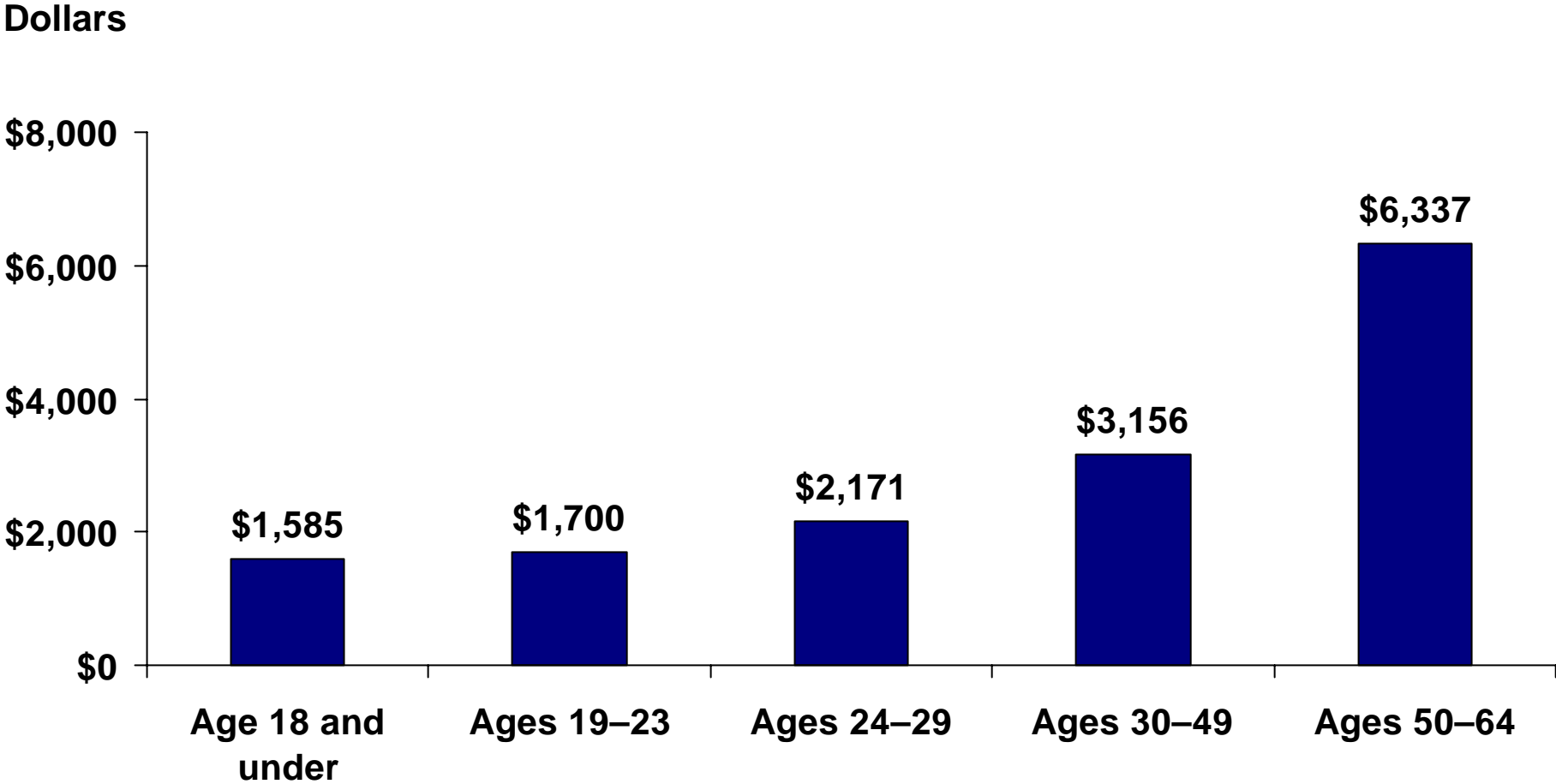
Percent of adults ages 19–29 who had the following problems in past year:



* Includes only those whose bill was sent to a collection agency when they were unable to pay the bill.

Source: The Commonwealth Fund Biennial Health Insurance Survey (2007).

Figure 13. Young Adults Ages 19–29 Have Lower Annual Expenditures on Health Care Than Middle-Age and Older Adults



* Inflated to 2009 dollars using actual and estimated annual growth rates in national health expenditures.
Source: Analysis of the 2006 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey by S. Glied and B. Mahato of Columbia University for The Commonwealth Fund.