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2016 FALL DATA RELEASE RE-CAP

Over the last month, we've seen the release of insurance coverage estimates from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS), the 2015 Current Population Survey (CPS), and the first-quarter 2016 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). SHADAC has been actively tracking these releases and interpreting the new numbers to increase their accessibility. The following are highlights and resources from SHADAC's data release monitoring activities

Webcast: SHADAC and Census Bureau Experts Discuss New Data from the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey



In our [webcast](#) from September 21, 2016, [U.S. Census Bureau](#) experts Jennifer Cheeseman Day and Marina Vornovitsky provide an overview of 2015 health insurance data from the [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) and the [Current Population Survey \(CPS\)](#). Drs. Day and Vornovitsky, with SHADAC Senior Research Fellow Joanna Turner, discuss the new national and state coverage estimates; how to access estimates via Census reports and [American FactFinder](#); and how to use estimates from each survey. The webcast slides, recording, and supporting materials are available [here](#).

Also available on SHADAC's website are updated Excel workbooks containing sample counts by state for the 2015 ACS and CPS. [Access the ACS file here](#), or [click here to access the CPS file](#).

Brief: Comparing Federal Government Surveys That Count the Uninsured (2016 Update)



The 2016 update to SHADAC's annual brief, "[Comparing Federal Government Surveys That Count the Uninsured](#)," is now available. In this brief, SHADAC researchers present current and historical national estimates of uninsurance along with the most recent available state-level estimates from four federal surveys: The [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#), the [Current Population Survey \(CPS\)](#), the [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey – Household Component \(MEPS-HC\)](#), and the [National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#). Estimates for point-in-time and full-year uninsurance from these surveys are available in national and 50-state comparison tables. We also discuss the main reasons for variation in the estimates across the surveys.

New Tables and Maps Show State and County Uninsured Estimates for 2015

SHADAC produced [tables of state and county uninsured estimates for 2015](#) from the [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) using the [American FactFinder](#) tool from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). The tables provide state-level uninsured rates by several characteristics (such as age, race/ethnicity, and poverty level), for 2015 and comparison year 2014, along with 2014 and 2015 county-level uninsured estimates by age for all counties in the state with a population greater than 65,000. [Also available](#) are national maps and tables of additional 2014 and 2015 estimates including private and public coverage rates by state and uninsurance rates by state.



Coming Soon: 5-Year State and County Uninsured Estimates, 2011-2015

In December SHADAC will release 5-year estimates of uninsurance from the [American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#) for the pooled years 2011-2015 for all states and counties. The 5-year ACS is created by pooling together five years of ACS data to produce estimates for areas and subgroups with smaller populations. Tables will provide state-level uninsured rates for several characteristics (such as age, race/ethnicity, and poverty level) for each state along with county-level uninsured rates by age for all counties in the state. A 50-state comparison table will also be available. [Access the 5-year estimates for 2010-2014](#).

On The SHADAC Blog

- [2015 ACS: Variation in Public and Private Coverage at the State Level](#)
- [2015 ACS: Widespread State-level Declines in Uninsurance, with Inter-State Variation Persisting \(Infographic\)](#)

- [NHIS: 2016 Uninsured Rates Stable, Disparities Persist](#)

Recommended Reading

- ["Health Insurance Coverage Measurement in Two Surveys"](#)
(U.S. Census Bureau Blog)
- ["Two Views of the Changes in Health Insurance Rates from 2008 to 2015"](#)
(U.S. Census Bureau Blog)
- ["Another Look at Health Insurance Coverage Rates for Young Adults"](#)
(U.S. Census Bureau Blog)
- ["Majority of Workers Take Health Insurance Offered by Their Employers"](#)
(U.S. Census Bureau Blog)

Related Resources

- [U.S. Census Bureau Health Insurance Website](#)
- [American FactFinder](#)
- [CPS Table Creator](#)
- [U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Testing Tool](#)
- [Comparison of the Prevalence of Uninsured Persons from the NHIS and the CPS](#)

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