



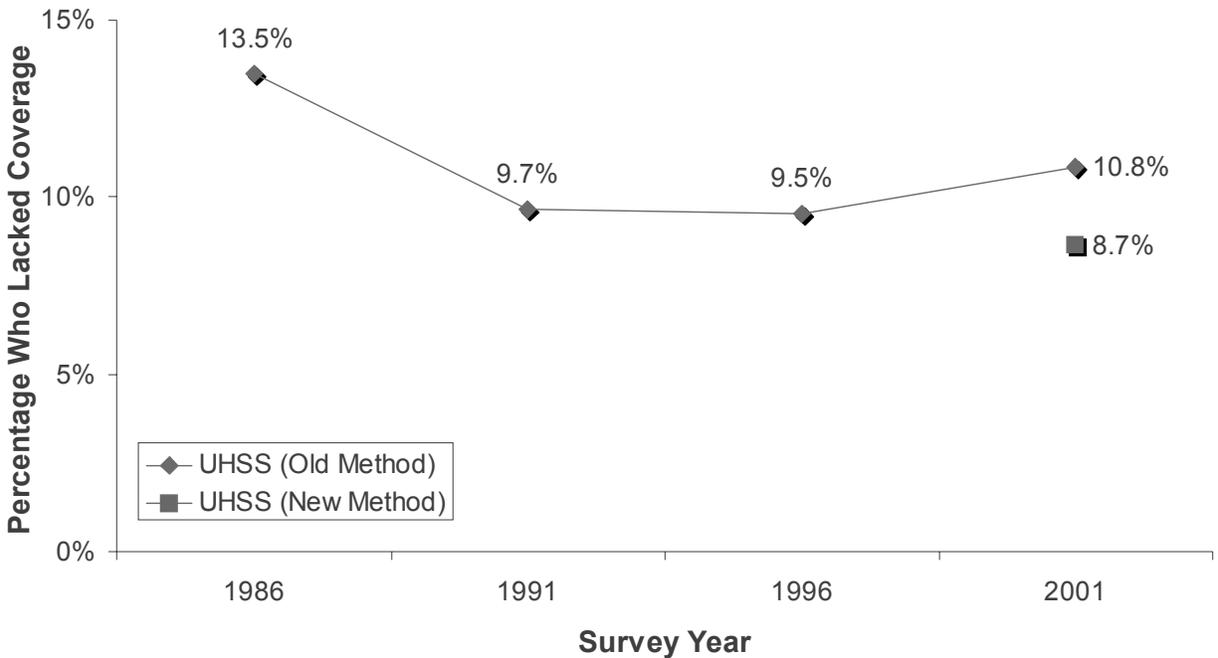
Appendix A:

Comparison of Health Insurance Coverage Measure to Past Reports





Percentage of Persons Who Lacked Health Insurance Coverage, Utah 1986-2001



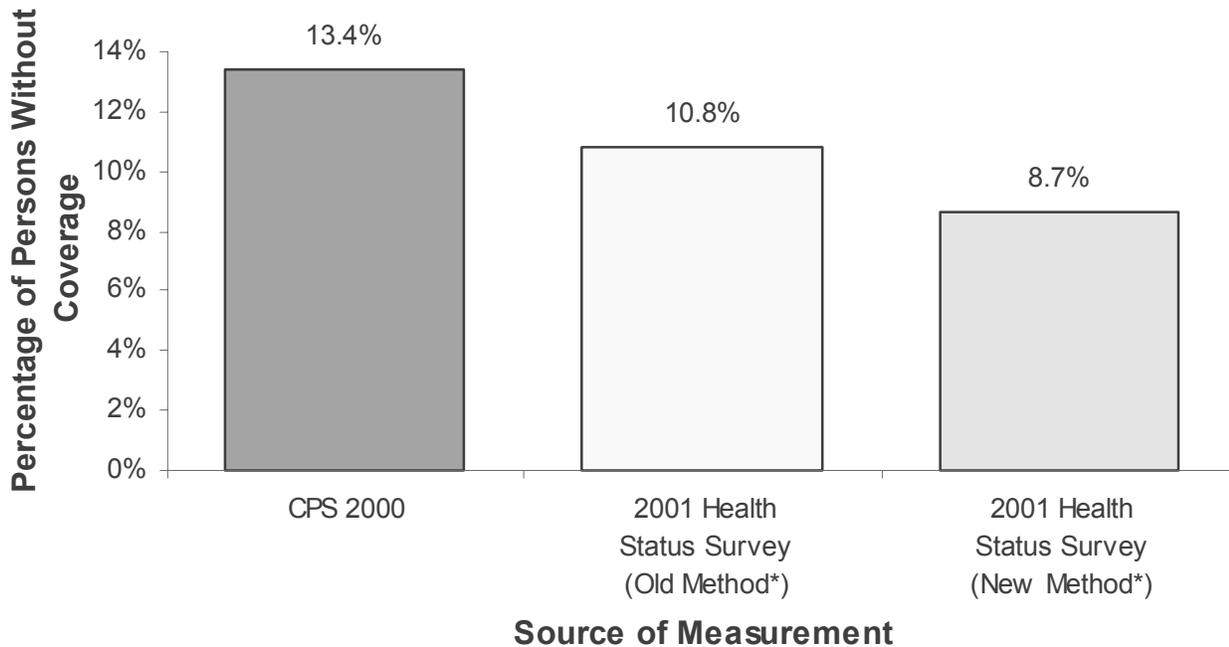
Source: Utah Health Status Surveys, 1986 to 2001

Note: "Old Method" refers to the method used in years 1996 and earlier, "New Method" refers to a method used in 2001 that uses additional questions to verify health insurance coverage status.

- The Utah Health Status Survey (UHSS) has been conducted every five years since 1986. The estimated percentage of persons without any health insurance coverage was at its lowest (9.53%) in 1996.
- The UHSS and the Current Population Survey suggest that the percentage of persons lacking health insurance coverage has increased since 1996. The new UHSS method suggests that the rate may be lower than we previously believed, but does not suggest a decrease from 1996 to 2001.
- Throughout this report, the "New Method" figure is used to represent our best estimate of the number and proportion of Utahns who lacked health insurance coverage.



Percentage of Persons Without Health Insurance Coverage by Source of Measurement, Utah 2001

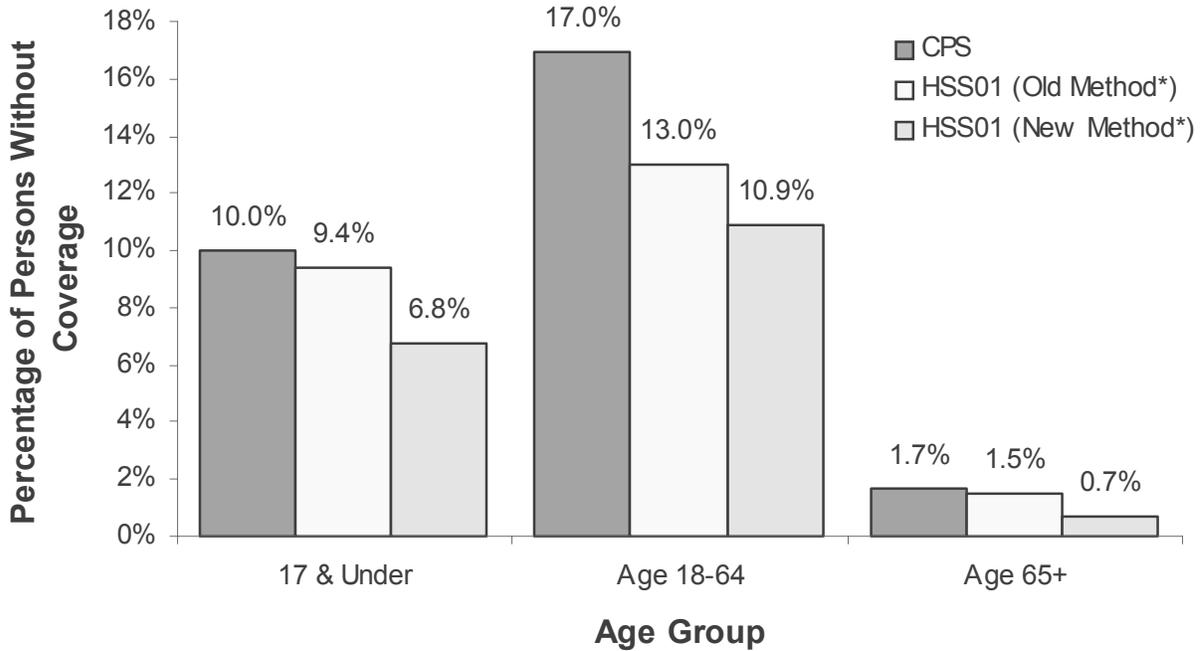


**Old Method* refers to the method of questioning used in the 1996 Utah Health Status Survey. The *New Method* used additional questions designed to verify lack of health insurance coverage.

- The estimated percentage of persons who lacked health insurance coverage differs depending on the method used to collect the information.
- The estimates for lack of coverage produced by state surveys has typically been lower than that produced by the national Current Population Survey (CPS). This is true in Utah.
- In 2001, we included follow-up questions designed to verify lack of health insurance coverage. We were able to calculate our estimate with and without the answers provided by those new questions. The middle bar, above, shows what the 2001 percentage would have been, had we used the 1996 Health Status Survey methodology; the bar on the right shows the 2001 estimate using the new methodology.



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- In this graph, the three methods of measuring health insurance coverage are compared for three age groups.
- For all three groups, the 2000 Current Population Survey provides higher estimates for percentage uninsured than the Utah Health Status Survey.
- For both surveys, “health insurance” was defined such that it included government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).