Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance: 2017

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• Data are based on the Current Population Survey’s Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS ASEC).

• CPS ASEC is the official source of national poverty estimates.

• Official poverty estimates are calculated in accordance with OMB Statistical Policy Directive 14.
• Includes Current Population Survey (CPS) and American Community Survey (ACS) data.

• ACS is the recommended source for smaller populations and levels of geography.
Median household income was $61,400 in 2017, an increase in real terms of 1.8 percent from the 2016 median of $60,300. This is the third consecutive annual increase in median household income.

Note: The data for 2013 and beyond reflect the implementation of the redesigned income questions. Income rounded to nearest $100.
The official poverty rate in 2017 was 12.3 percent, down 0.4 percentage points from 2016. In 2017, there were 39.7 million people in poverty, not statistically different from the number in poverty in 2016.

The Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) rate in 2017 was 13.9 percent. This is not statistically different from the 2016 SPM rate of 14.0 percent.
The percentage of people without health insurance coverage for the entire calendar year was 8.8 percent, or 28.5 million people. The uninsured rate and number of uninsured in 2017 were not statistically different from 2016.

*Military health care includes TRICARE and CHAMPVA (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs) as well as care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the military.