



# Medical Expenditure Panel Survey

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MEPS HC-001: 1996 Panel Round 1 Population Characteristics

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Household Component person level demographics, employment, health status, and health insurance.

This file contains the first public use data file to be released from the 1996 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (MEPS HC). Released as an ASCII file with SAS, SPSS, and STATA programming statements, this public use file provides information collected on a nationally representative sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population of the United States during the first part of 1996. This file consists of data obtained in Round 1 of the survey and contains variables pertaining to survey administration, demographics, employment, health status, and health insurance.

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The following statistics were derived from this data:

17% of the U.S. population were uninsured throughout the first half of 1996.

19.6% of privately insured children in single parent families get health insurance coverage from a policyholder not residing in their household.

Almost 53% of children covered by Medicaid have at least one parent that works.

A greater percentage of workers are being offered health insurance by their employers in 1996 than in 1987; however, a smaller proportion are accepting insurance.

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