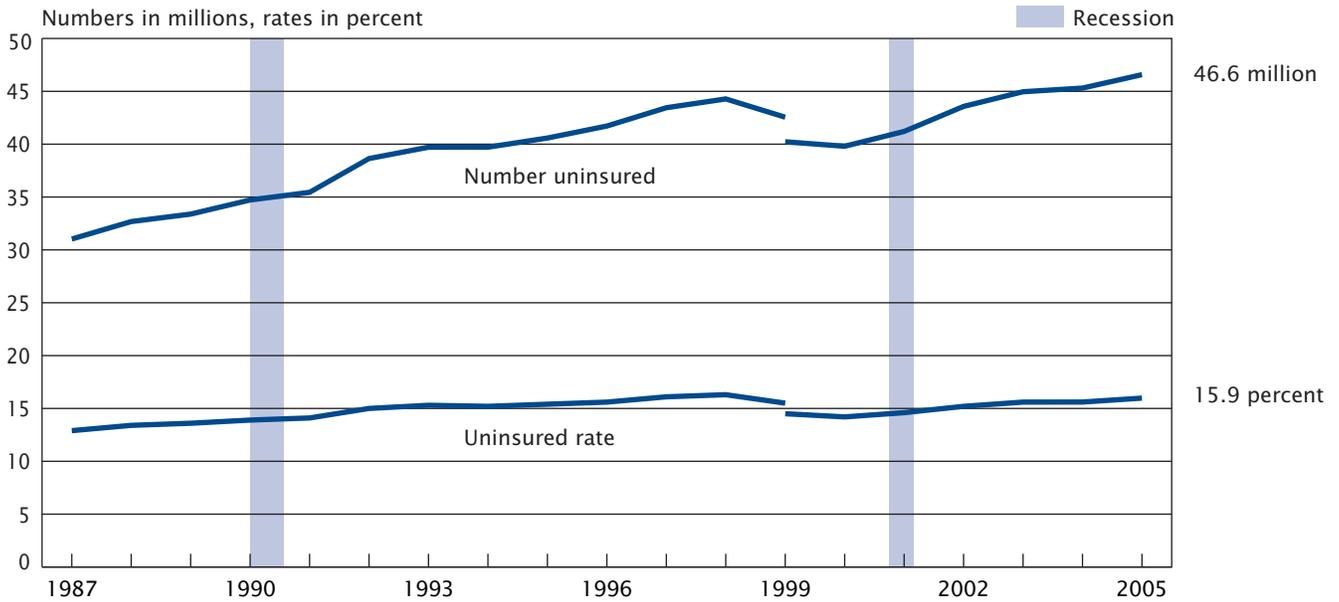


Figure 7.
Number Uninsured and Uninsured Rate: 1987 to 2005



Notes: Respondents were not asked detailed health insurance questions before the 1988 Current Population Survey. Implementation of Census 2000-based population controls occurred for the 2000 ASEC, which collected data for 1999. These estimates also reflect the results of follow-up verification questions which were asked of people who responded "no" to all questions about specific types of health insurance coverage in order to verify whether they were actually uninsured. This change increased the number and percentage of people covered by health insurance, bringing the CPS more in line with estimates from other national surveys.

The 2004 data have been revised to reflect a correction to the weights in the 2005 ASEC. The estimates also reflect improvements to the algorithm that assigns coverage to dependents.

The data points are placed at the midpoints of the respective years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1988 to 2006 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.