Health Insurance Measurement:
Differences by Data Source

Survey	When is it collected?	What time period does the survey ask about?	What is the time frame of the resulting health Insurance coverage estimates?	Benefit/Use
Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement	February, March, April J F M A M J J A S O N D	Coverage during the last calendar year (January through December)	Uninsured during all of the previous calendar year	Combination of coverage estimates with employment and detailed income measures, forming a picture of economic well-being
American Community Survey	Continuous J F M A M J J A S O N D	Current coverage at date of interview	Annual estimate based on an average over 12 months	Provides health insurance measures by detailed geography, down to the Census Tract level
Survey of Income Program Participation	February, March, April, May J F M A M J J A S O N D	Coverage during every month of the prior year, including transitions on and off coverage, and between types of coverage	Annual estimate based on an average over 12 months	Measures transitions on and off health insurance, and changes in types of coverage
National Health Interview Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)	Continuous J F M A M J J A S O N D	Current coverage at date of interview And whether uninsured respondents have been uninsured more (or less) than 12 months	Averaged over 3 or 12 months (early and full year release) Averaged uninsured for less than or more than 12 months	Combines health insurance measures with detailed health conditions, forming a picture of health well-being

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