

FACT SHEET

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Poverty and Uninsured Facts

- There were 37.0 million people in poverty (12.7 percent) in 2004, up from 35.9 million (12.5 percent) in 2003, according to the *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*.
- In 2004, the poverty rate declined for Asians (9.8 percent in 2004, down from 11.8 percent in 2003), remained unchanged for Hispanics (21.9 percent) and blacks (24.7 percent) and rose for non-Hispanic whites (8.6 percent in 2004, up from 8.2 percent in 2003), according to the *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*.
- 14.8% (43.6 million) of Americans are uninsured; 19.8% (36.5 million) are adults and 9.3% (6.8 million) are children, according to the *National Health Interview Survey, 2006*.
- Nearly 1 in 10 low-income families report putting off medical care for lack of health insurance or money, according the *Low-Income Working Families: Facts & Figures*, August, 2005.
- The South has the highest uninsured rate in America at 18.3 percent, according to the *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*.