



Changes in Health Insurance Coverage in the United States, 2014

These figures describe the health insurance coverage shifts that occurred during the 2014 calendar year, the first year of the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) coverage expansion provisions. These provisions included the launch of the health insurance marketplaces in all states and the optional Medicaid expansion adopted by 26 states and the District of Columbia in 2014.

Overall, the number of uninsured Americans declined considerably over the course of 2014. However, many Americans continued to experience short spells of uninsurance or other changes in their coverage situation over the course of the year. Compared to Medicaid and individual market coverage, employer-sponsored insurance continued to be the most stable form of coverage in 2014.

Data Source:

CHRT analyzed data from the household component of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS). MEPS is a federal survey that measures the cost and use of health care and asks respondents to identify the type(s) of health insurance coverage they had each month, if any.

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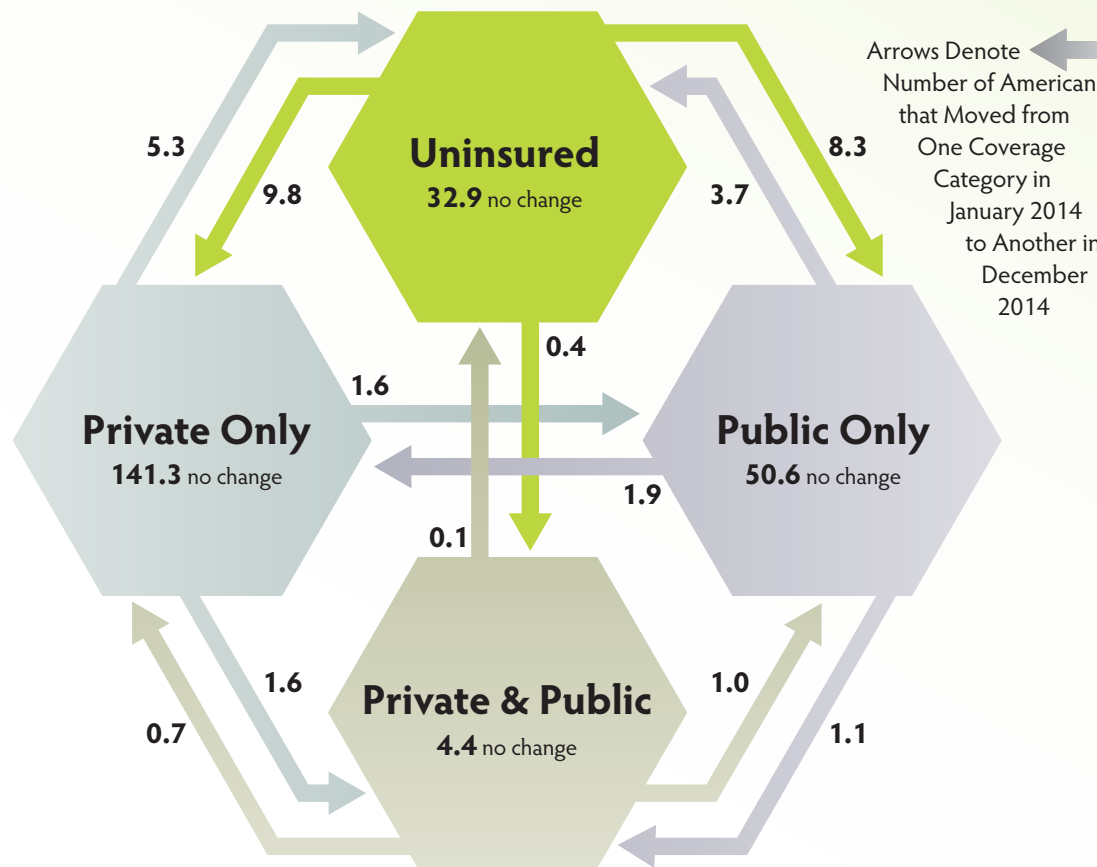
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More than 35 Million Americans Ended 2014 in a Different Coverage Category from the Beginning of the Year

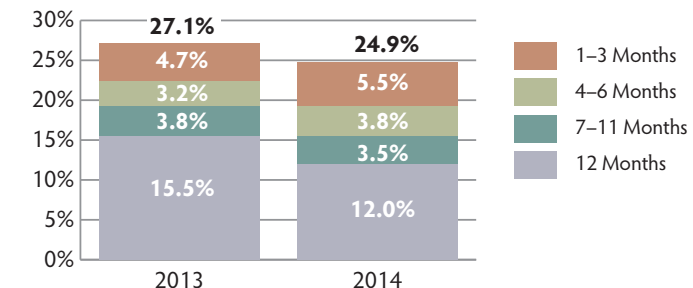
Number of Non-Elderly Americans by Coverage Category from January to December 2014 (millions)



Coverage Category (millions)	Jan 2014 Point in Time	Transitioned Away	Transitioned To	Net Transitions	Dec 2014 Point in Time
Uninsured	51.5	18.6	9.1	-9.4	42.0
Private Only	149.9	8.5	12.5	+3.9	153.8
Public Only	57.3	6.7	10.8	+4.2	61.5
Private & Public	6.2	1.8	3.1	+1.3	7.5
Total	264.8	35.5	35.5	0	264.8

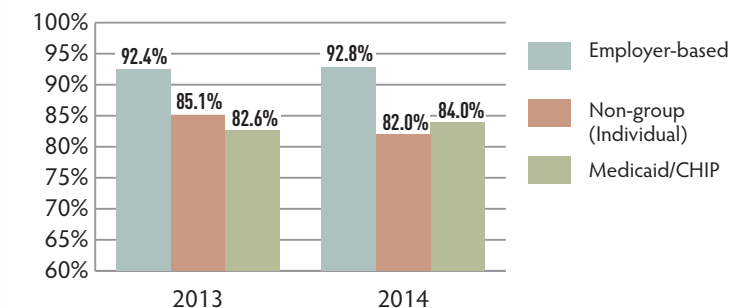
The Number of Long-term Uninsured Declined But Many Americans Still Experienced Uninsured Spells

Percentage of Non-Elderly Americans by Number of Uninsured Months During Year



Employer-based Coverage Remained the Most Stable Form of Insurance in 2014

Percentage of Non-Elderly Americans Who Started With and Maintained the Same Coverage All Year



Most of the Reduction of the Uninsured Population in 2014 Occurred in the First Six Months

Number of Uninsured Non-Elderly Americans by Month in 2014 (millions)

