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The percentage of U.S. adults ages 18-64 without health insurance for over a year and who are unemployed has declined -- from 16.3% in 2010 to 10.1% in January-September 2016.  
Source: [National Health Interview Survey](#)

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<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

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United States - Health - Statistics  
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Free

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English

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### ***Brief History***

In 1960, the National Office of Vital Statistics and the National Health Survey merged to form the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Since 1987 it has been a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### ***Scope and Coverage***

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is a principal agency of the U.S. Federal Statistical System which provides data to identify and address health issues. NCHS compiles statistical information to help guide public health and health policy decisions. Collaborating with other public and private health partners, NCHS employs a variety of data collection mechanisms to obtain accurate information from multiple sources. This process provides a broad perspective to understand the population's health, influences on its health, and health outcomes. It collects data from birth and death records, medical records, interview surveys, and through direct physical examinations and laboratory testing. NCHS has developed a record linkage program designed to maximize the scientific value of the Center's population-based surveys. Linked data files enable researchers to examine the factors that influence disability, chronic disease, health care utilization, morbidity and mortality.

### ***Kind of Information***

In the 'FastStats', statistics are given on different topics. Those are diseases and conditions, infectious/immune, family life, health care and insurance, disability and risk factors, injuries, life stages and populations and reproductive health etc. The National Health Care Surveys provide information about the organizations and providers that supply health care, the services they render, and the patients they serve. It also conducts the National Survey of Family Growth, that obtains information on factors affecting birth and pregnancy rates, adoptions, and maternal and infant health, and supplements the information obtained on birth certificates collected through the National Vital Statistics System.

A list of chart-book figures is given in different formats like excel, power point and PDF. Topic wise arrangement can be seen in that case. Such as:

**Natality**

**Figure 4.** Teenage childbearing, by maternal age and race and Hispanic origin: United States, 2004-2014  [PPT - 279 KB]  [PDF - 299 KB]

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**Morbidity**

**Figure 5.** Selected notifiable disease rates: United States, 2003 and 2013  [PPT - 279 KB]  [PDF - 299 KB]  [XLS - 310 KB]

State and territory wise vital records can be accessed from specific offices. Generally those records are given on birth, death, marriage, divorce etc. including information on relevant addresses, cost of per copy, remarks etc. An example is shown below:

California

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Birth

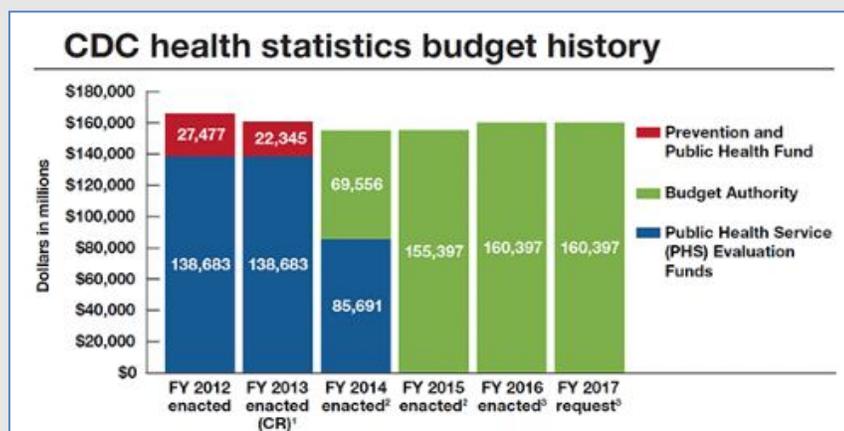
Event: Birth

Cost of copy: \$25.00

Address:  
 CA Department of Public Health - Vital  
 Records  
 MS: 5103  
 P.O. Box 997410  
 Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Remarks: The State office has records since July 1905. For earlier records, contact the County Recorder in the county where the event occurred.

It gives information on clinical growth charts, computer programmes, individual growth charts, data tables, educational materials etc. Information also given on CDC health statistics budget including graphical representation as follows:



NCHS offers a number of employment opportunities for students and recent graduates including fellowships, postdoctoral research programs, and internships or summer employment through the Pathways Program. Opportunities are posted regularly on the NCHS employment opportunities page. It gives an overall idea on data collection systems, different types of programmes, data tools, data visualization, NCHS pressroom, events, news, announcements etc.

### Special Features

- Statistical report, authority profile, survey, data systems and NCHS factsheets can be downloaded from the given link.
- Videos can be seen with some relevant topics.

- Users can avail advanced search facility.

**Arrangement Pattern** Topics, on which health data of United States are given, arranged alphabetically. Alphabetical arrangement also can be seen in case of names of the states and territories. Examples are shown below:

- Asian or Pacific Islander Population
- Black or African American Population
- Child and Adolescent Health
- Disability

Topics

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States and territories

Survey reports are arranged in ascending chronological order as follows:

- 1992: [Series 10, No. 189](#) [PDF - 15.5 MB]
- 1993: [Series 10, No. 190](#) [PDF - 13.9 MB]
- 1994: [Series 10, No. 193](#) [PDF - 36 MB]
- 1995: [Series 10, No. 199](#) [PDF - 32 MB]
- 1996: [Series 10, No. 200](#) [PDF - 3.2 MB]

**Remarks**

NCHS is considered as the Nation's principal health statistics agency. It provides statistical information which will guide actions and policies to improve the health of the American people and it also provides accurate, relevant and timely data.

**Comparable Tools**

- Health Statistics - U.S. Census Bureau ( <https://www.census.gov/topics/health.html> )
- WHO - United States of America ( [www.who.int/country/usa/en](http://www.who.int/country/usa/en) )

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