

TABLE 3—MEASURES OF ACCESS TO CARE JUST BEFORE 65 AND ESTIMATED DISCONTINUITIES AT 65

	1997–2003 NHIS				1992–2003 NHIS			
	Delayed care last year		Did not get care last year		Saw doctor last year		Hospital stay last year	
	Age 63–64 (1)	RD at 65 (2)	Age 63–64 (3)	RD at 65 (4)	Age 63–64 (5)	RD at 65 (6)	Age 63–64 (7)	RD at 65 (8)
Overall sample	7.2	–1.8 (0.4)	4.9	–1.3 (0.3)	84.8	1.3 (0.7)	11.8	1.2 (0.4)
<i>Classified by ethnicity and education:</i>								
White non-Hispanic:								
High school dropout	11.6	–1.5 (1.1)	7.9	–0.2 (1.0)	81.7	3.1 (1.3)	14.4	1.6 (1.3)
High school graduate	7.1	0.3 (2.8)	5.5	–1.3 (2.8)	85.1	–0.4 (1.5)	12.0	0.3 (0.7)
At least some college	6.0	–1.5 (0.4)	3.7	–1.4 (0.3)	87.6	0.0 (1.3)	9.8	2.1 (0.7)
Minority:								
High school dropout	13.6	–5.3 (1.0)	11.7	–4.2 (0.9)	80.2	5.0 (2.2)	14.5	0.0 (1.4)
High school graduate	4.3	–3.8 (3.2)	1.2	1.5 (3.7)	84.8	1.9 (2.7)	11.4	1.8 (1.4)
At least some college	5.4	–0.6 (1.1)	4.8	–0.2 (0.8)	85.0	3.7 (3.9)	9.5	0.7 (2.0)
<i>Classified by ethnicity only:</i>								
White non-Hispanic	6.9	–1.6 (0.4)	4.4	–1.2 (0.3)	85.3	0.6 (0.8)	11.6	1.3 (0.5)
Black non-Hispanic (all)	7.3	–1.9 (1.1)	6.4	–0.3 (1.1)	84.2	3.6 (1.9)	14.4	0.5 (1.1)
Hispanic (all)	11.1	–4.9 (0.8)	9.3	–3.8 (0.7)	79.4	8.2 (0.8)	11.8	1.0 (1.6)

Note: Entries in odd numbered columns are mean of variable in column heading among people ages 63–64. Entries in even numbered columns are estimated regression discontinuities at age 65, from models that include linear control for age interacted with dummy for age 65 or older (columns 2 and 4) or quadratic control for age, interacted with dummy for age 65 and older (columns 6 and 8). Other controls in models include indicators for gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, and sample year. Sample in columns 1–4 is pooled 1997–2003 NHIS. Sample in columns 5–8 is pooled 1992–2003 NHIS. Samples for regression models include people ages 55–75 only. Standard errors (in parentheses) are clustered by quarter of age.