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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The number of people without health insurance continues to be a key public policy concern. Numerous sources of data, both public and private, gather information on the uninsured but they produce estimates that vary widely. This report discusses estimates of the number of uninsured using data from four federally administered surveys: the March Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), and the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS). In 1998 (the most recent year for which data are available from all four surveys), estimates of the number of uninsured for the full year ranged from 21.2 million using SIPP data to 43.6 million using data from the March CPS, a difference of more than 22 million individuals. Estimates of the number of uninsured at a point in time as well as the number who were ever uninsured during the year also vary among MEPS, NHIS, and SIPP (the March CPS does not support these estimates). The number of uninsured at a point in time in...



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