

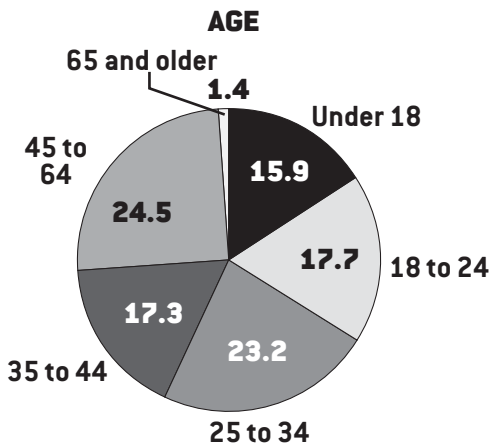
READING CIRCLE GRAPHS

Who Are the Uninsured?

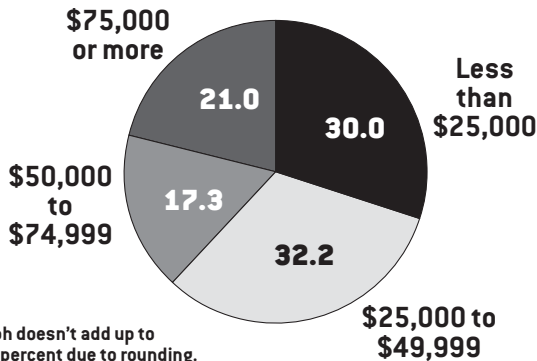
The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 46 million Americans lack health insurance. Who are they? Are they young, old, or middle-aged? Are

all of them poor? These three circle graphs give you a “snapshot” of America’s uninsured. Use them to answer the questions that follow.

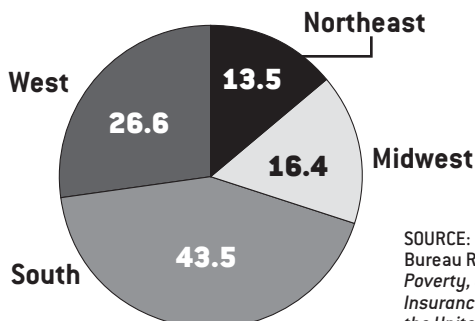
Characteristics of the Uninsured, 2008 (All data by percent.)



HOUSEHOLD INCOME (annual)*



REGION OF THE COUNTRY



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau Report: *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States, 2008*

QUESTIONS

1. Which region of the United States had the largest percent of the nation’s uninsured people in 2008? _____
2. Which age range shown comes closest to being one fourth of all uninsured Americans in 2008? _____
3. From any of these three graphs, can you tell the number of Americans under age 18 who are uninsured? Why or why not? _____

4. Medicare is a government program that provides health insurance to senior citizens. How do you suppose the first circle graph might look if Medicare did not exist? _____

5. Choose one category in each graph and combine them to describe an American who is *statistically* most likely to be uninsured.

