

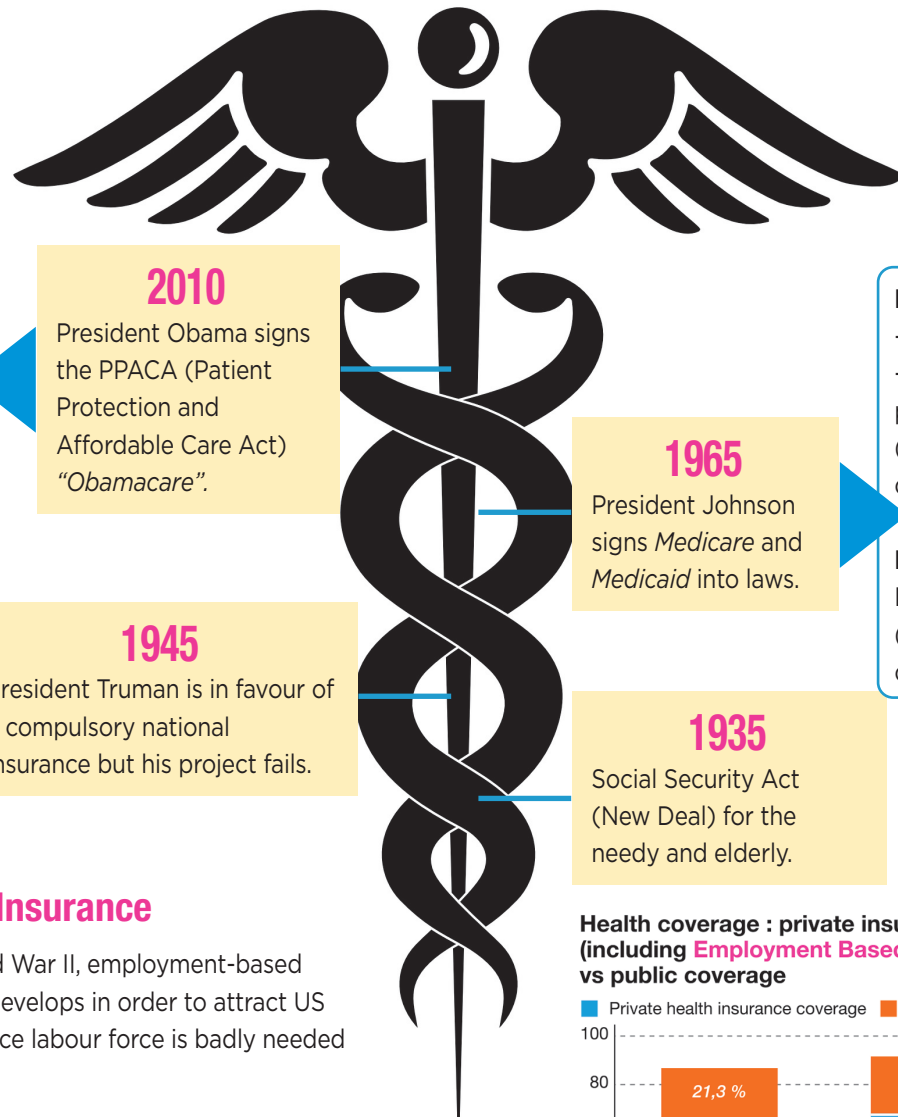
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# The American Healthcare System

Public health coverage exists, but most healthcare insurances are private, which means that people get coverage individually or through their employers.

## Public Health Insurance

**2020** Despite Republican opposition under Trump's presidency, Obamacare has held up so far and is likely to be extended under Biden's mandate.



Health protection is extended to:  
- more low middle class people  
- those who are ineligible for public programmes  
(20% Americans covered in 2011)

**2010**  
President Obama signs the PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) "Obamacare".

**1965**  
President Johnson signs *Medicare* and *Medicaid* into laws.

**Medicare for:**  
- People over 65  
- Disabled young people  
(17,8 % Americans covered in 2018)

**Medicaid for:**  
Low income people  
(17,9 % Americans covered in 2018)

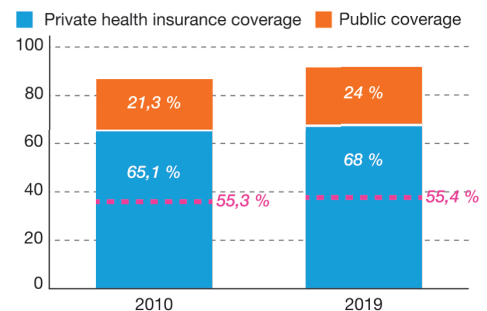
**1945**  
President Truman is in favour of a compulsory national insurance but his project fails.

**1935**  
Social Security Act (New Deal) for the needy and elderly.

## Private Insurance

After World War II, employment-based insurance develops in order to attract US workers since labour force is badly needed at the time.

Health coverage : private insurance (including **Employment Based**) vs public coverage



Sources: US Census Bureau, Income Poverty and Health Insurance in the United States: 2010, 2011. And Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2019.