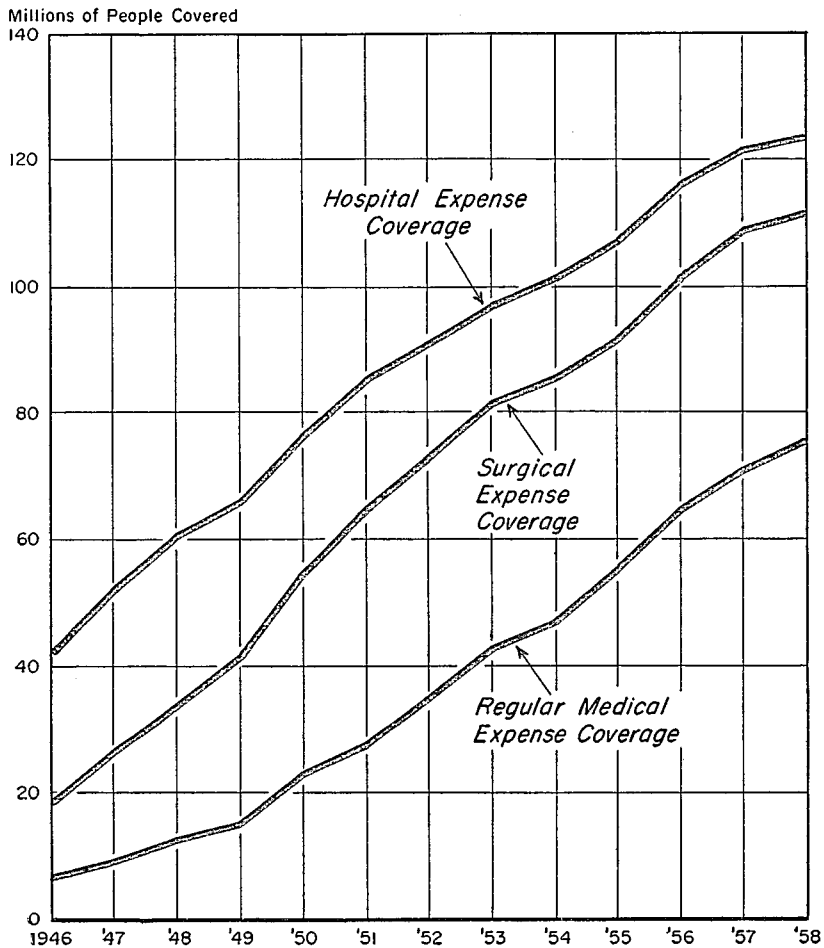


CHART 3. Growth of health insurance coverage.



Source: Health Insurance Council

In 1948, only 60 million Americans were protected by insurance for hospitalization, the most expensive part of modern medical care. By the end of 1958, more than 123 million people were insured against hospital expenses, 111 million were insured against surgical expenses, and 75 million were insured against regular medical costs of nonsurgical physician care.¹⁰ (See table 5.)

¹⁰ Health Insurance Council, "Greater Security for the American People." Preliminary report on 13th annual survey, voluntary health insurance in the United States as of Dec. 31, 1958.