



## Introduction

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This report is intended to provide an overview of the information collected in the 2000 Utah Child Health Survey. The survey was designed to address the important health issues among Utah children, including health insurance coverage, special health care needs, and patterns of health care delivery and utilization. Two overview reports have been produced: this report, which provides information on a sample representative of all Utah children, and another that reports on the subgroup of children with special health care needs. A report on insurance coverage for children, and one taking a more in-depth look at children with special health care needs are also planned for publication.

This report presents a Summary of Findings, followed by six sections that provide demographic breakouts and age/sex graphs for selected questionnaire items. Although we would have liked to provide survey results for race and ethnic subgroups, the sample sizes in most race categories were not large enough to provide reliable estimates. We were, however, able to provide Hispanic ethnicity estimates with reasonable precision for most survey variables. The survey results are organized in the following sections:

- Health Status and Risk Factors
- Health Insurance Coverage
- Problems with Access to Care
- Medical Home
- Satisfaction with Care
- Utilization of Services

A Technical Notes appendix provides detailed information on the survey methodology, and other appendices provide survey respondent characteristics, open-ended responses, and the survey questionnaire.

The data were collected by telephone by Pegus Research, Inc., in Salt Lake City, Utah, between November 11, 1999 and February 10, 2000. Interviews were conducted with the adult who was most knowledgeable about the health of the children in the household. In 97% of the interviews, this person was the child's parent, most often the mother. The response rate for the survey was 53%, with an upper-bound rate of 61%. A total of 18,488 phone numbers were called, of which, 4,814 were eligible Utah households (households with children age 0-18 living there) and 13,674 were non-working phone numbers or numbers for non-eligible households.

The survey sample consisted of 2,536 Utah households with children, and includes information on a total of 5,979 individual children. All children in each household were included in the estimate for the prevalence of special health care needs. The remaining survey questions were asked about one randomly-selected child and an oversample of CSHCN children. Children who had already turned 18 were included in the survey sample so that analyses of health insurance status could include all children who were eligible for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This report includes results only for children age 0 through 17 (n = 5,749). It was believed that this, more standard, age range would be more useful for purposes of reporting child health status information and comparing with other data sources. A report on health insurance status is planned by the Office of Public Health Assessment, and will include analyses of all children age 0-18.

The data presented in this report have been weighted to represent all non-institutionalized Utah children living in households with telephones. The following characteristics were included in the weighting calculations: age, sex, Hispanic status, and geographic distribution of children currently living in Utah. Population projections for the year 2000 were produced by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (published January 2000). A more detailed description of the methodology may be found in the Technical Notes section of this report.