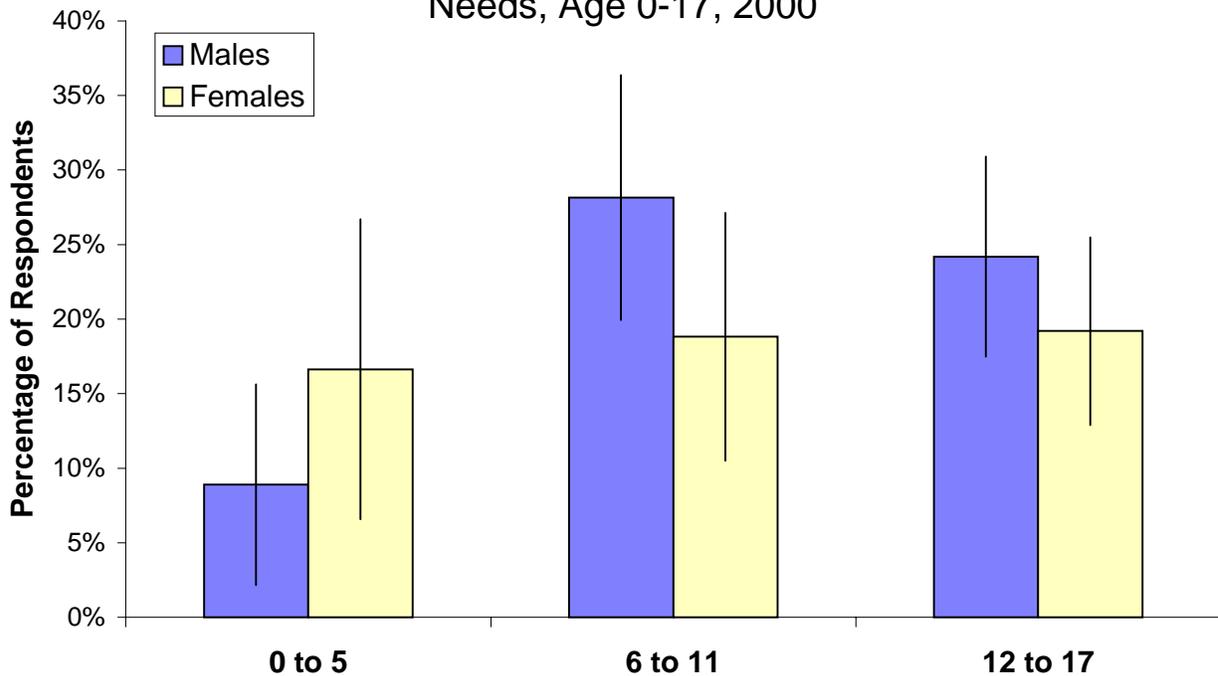


# Problems With Access to Health Care



Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Mental Health Care, or Other Services by Age and Sex, Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs, Age 0-17, 2000



- The survey asked parents about various reasons they may have delayed or had problems getting medical, dental, or other types of health care.
- The most common reason for having a problem with access to care was “could not afford services,” cited by 21.0% of parents. This is significantly higher than the 14.9% reported for children in Utah’s general population. Parents of older children and those with lower incomes were more likely to report that cost had prevented or delayed services for their child.
- Almost 18% of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) had problems getting medical care. The most commonly cited reason was “could not get an appointment in a reasonable amount of time”.
- 15.1% of CSHCN had problems getting dental care, and 7.3% had problems getting mental health care.
- When asked about prescription medicines, 7.0% of parents said they could not get prescription medicine for their child because of the cost.

**Could Not Afford Services: Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Medical, Dental, Eye Care, Mental Health Care or Other Services (Questions E3 and E3A)**  
**by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Age 0-17, 2000.**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates for No. of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services		
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services <sup>2</sup>	Number of Children <sup>1,3</sup>	Percentage Distribution of Respondents Who Could Not Afford Services by Category
<b>Could Not Afford Services</b>					
Access Problem	21.0%	18,600			
No Problem	79.0%	70,000			
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600			
<b>Sex</b>					
Males	55.5%	49,100	22.9% ± 4.9%	11,300	60.8%
Females	44.6%	39,500	18.6% ± 4.4%	7,300	39.2%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>Age Group</b>					
0 to 5	19.7%	17,400	12.4% ± 5.9%	2,200	11.8%
6 to 11	35.2%	31,200	24.6% ± 6.3%	7,700	41.4%
12 to 17	45.1%	40,000	21.7% ± 4.7%	8,700	46.8%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>Sex and Age</b>					
Male, 0 to 5	10.5%	9,300	8.9% ± 6.7%	800	4.3%
Male, 6 to 11	22.4%	19,900	28.2% ± 8.2%	5,600	30.4%
Male, 12 to 17	22.5%	19,900	24.2% ± 6.7%	4,800	26.1%
Female, 0 to 5	9.1%	8,100	16.6% ± 10.1%	1,300	7.1%
Female, 6 to 11	12.8%	11,300	18.8% ± 8.3%	2,100	11.4%
Female, 12 to 17	22.6%	20,000	19.2% ± 6.3%	3,800	20.7%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>Health Insurance Coverage</b>					
Yes	96.0%	85,000	18.8% ± 3.5%	16,000	86.0%
No	4.1%	3,600	*** ± ***	***	***
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>Hispanic</b>					
Yes	9.7%	8,600	25.5% ± 14.8%	2,200	11.8%
No	90.3%	80,000	20.5% ± 3.6%	16,400	88.2%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>Poverty</b>					
0-100%	10.7%	9,500	38.2% ± 16.2%	3,600	17.6%
101-200%	28.8%	25,500	34.5% ± 8.5%	8,800	42.9%
201-300%	25.4%	22,500	25.4% ± 7.8%	5,700	27.8%
Over 300%	35.0%	31,000	7.8% ± 3.7%	2,400	11.7%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%
<b>County of Residence</b>					
Urban	79.0%	70,000	19.9% ± 3.9%	13,900	74.7%
Rural	21.0%	18,600	25.2% ± 8.5%	4,700	25.3%
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	21.0% ± 3.5%	18,600	100.0%

1 Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

2 Plus or minus 95% confidence interval

3 Figures in these columns may not sum to the total because of missing values on the grouping variables.

\*\*\* Sample size insufficient to produce population estimates

**Problems With Access to *Medical* Care: In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Medical Care (Questions E1 and E1A)**

**Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Children in General Population, Age 0-17, 2000.**

	CSHCN Survey Estimates**		Survey Estimates** for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Problems With Access to Medical Care				
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	3.2%	2,800	2.0%	14,100
Could Not Find Services in My Area	5.0%	4,400	2.5%	17,600
Could Not Afford Services	6.5%	5,800	3.8%	26,700
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	6.8%	6,000	3.8%	26,700
Could Not Get Referral for Care	2.7%	2,400	1.5%	10,600
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	7.4%	6,600	5.0%	35,200
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	17.9%	15,900	12.1%	85,100
No Problems With Access to Medical Care	82.1%	72,700	87.9%	618,400
Total, All CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Dental* Care: In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Dental Care (Questions E2 and E2A)**

**Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Children in General Population, Age 0-17, 2000.**

	CSHCN Survey Estimates**		Survey Estimates** for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Problems With Access to Dental Care				
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	4.8%	4,300	3.3%	23,200
Could Not Find Services in My Area	2.0%	1,800	2.1%	14,800
Could Not Afford Services	9.7%	8,600	8.5%	59,800
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	9.5%	8,400	7.7%	54,200
Could Not Get Referral for Care	1.0%	900	0.5%	3,500
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	2.3%	2,000	1.9%	13,400
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	15.1%	13,400	13.6%	95,700
No Problems With Access to Medical Care	84.9%	75,200	86.4%	607,800
Total, All CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Eye* Doctor: In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Eye Care (Questions E3 and E3A)**

**Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Children in General Population, Age 0-17, 2000.**

	CSHCN Survey Estimates**		Survey Estimates** for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Problems With Access to Eye Doctor				
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	0.3%	300	0.2%	1,400
Could Not Find Services in My Area	0.5%	400	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Afford Services	0.3%	300	0.6%	4,200
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	0.8%	700	0.4%	2,800
Could Not Get Referral for Care	***	***	***	***
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	0.5%	400	0.3%	2,100
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	1.5%	1,300	1.1%	7,700
No Problems With Access to Medical Care	98.5%	87,300	98.9%	695,800
Total, All CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Mental* Health Care: In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Mental Health Care (Questions E4 and E4A)**

Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Children in General Population, Age 0-17, 2000.

	CSHCN Survey Estimates**		Survey Estimates** for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Problems With Access to Mental Health Care				
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	2.4%	2,100	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Find Services in My Area	98.5%	87,300	0.6%	4,200
Could Not Afford Services	2.9%	2,600	0.7%	4,900
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	3.6%	3,200	0.8%	5,600
Could Not Get Referral for Care	1.2%	1,100	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	2.6%	2,300	0.5%	3,500
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	7.3%	6,500	1.6%	11,300
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Medical Care	92.7%	82,100	98.4%	692,200
Total, All CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

**Problems With Access to *Other* Type of Care: In Last 12 Months, Had Problems or Delayed Getting Other Type of Care\* (Questions E5 and E5A)**

Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Children in General Population, Age 0-17, 2000.

	CSHCN Survey Estimates**		Survey Estimates** for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Problems With Access to Other Care				
Provider Would Not Take Insurance	0.8%	710	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Find Services in My Area	0.7%	620	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Afford Services	1.9%	1,680	0.8%	5,600
Services Not Covered By My Insurance	2.1%	1,860	0.7%	4,900
Could Not Get Referral for Care	0.7%	620	0.3%	2,100
Could Not Get Timely Appointment	0.4%	350	0.3%	2,100
Problems Getting Medical Care, Any Reason	4.4%	3,900	1.7%	12,000
<u>No</u> Problems With Access to Medical Care	95.6%	84,700	98.3%	691,500
Total, All CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest 100 or 10 persons.

\* Some respondents to this question indicated that they had problems getting multiple types of care.

\*\* Figures in these columns sum to greater than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple categories.

\*\*\* Sample size insufficient to produce population estimates

In most cases, the types of care mentioned were "medical and dental" care.

**Could Not Afford Prescription Medicine: Percentage of Respondents Who Did Not Get Prescription Medicine Because of Cost, Last 12 Months (Question E7)  
Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Age 0-17, 2000.**

Subgroup	CSHCN Survey Estimates		Survey Estimates for Children in Utah's General Population	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Could Not Afford Prescription Medicine				
Could Not Afford	7.0%	6,200	3.4%	24,100
Could Afford	93.0%	82,400	96.6%	679,400
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600	100.0%	703,500

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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**Timely Care for CSHCN Child: When Your Child Needs Care Right Away for Illness, How Often Are You Able to Get the Care You Want? (Question E8)  
Utah Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Age 0-17, 2000.**

Subgroup	Survey Estimates	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Children <sup>1</sup>
Timely Care for CSHCN Child		
Never	0.3%	300
Sometimes	5.6%	5,000
Usually	18.9%	16,700
Always	75.2%	66,600
Total, CSHCN Children 0-17	100.0%	88,600

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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