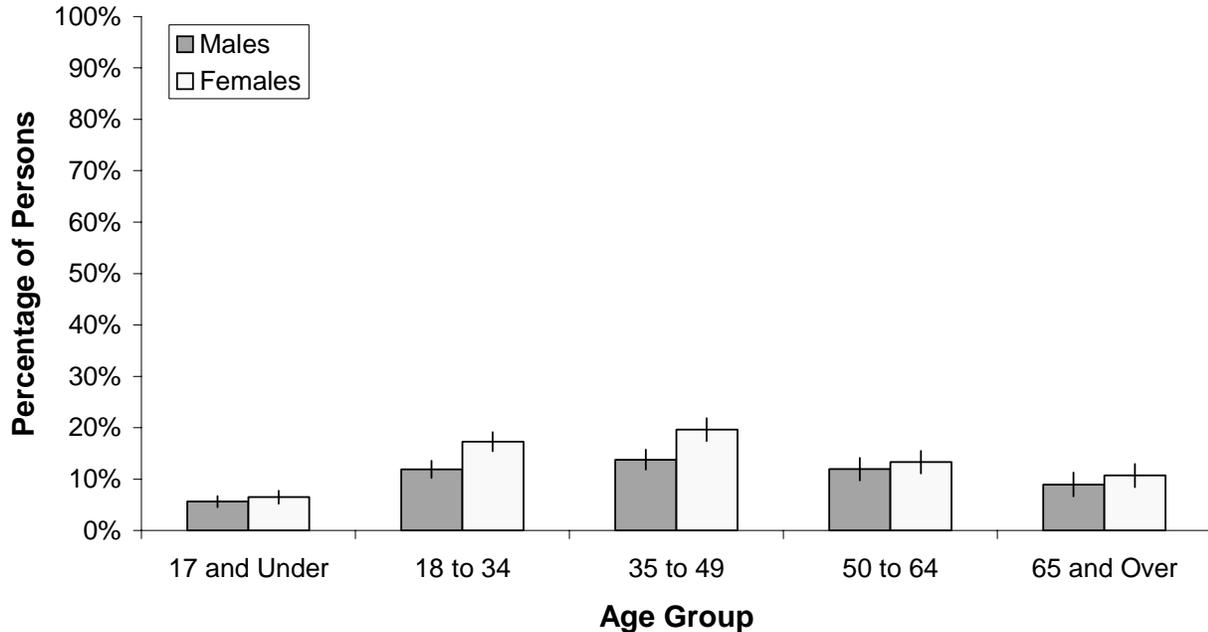




Adequacy of Health Insurance: Percentage of Insured Persons Who Were Unable to Get Needed Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Care in the Previous 12 Months by Sex and Age, Utahns Who Were Covered by Health Insurance, 2001



- For persons who are covered by health insurance, poor access to health care can result from a variety of barriers, including lack of adequate health insurance benefits, physical distance from appropriate health care providers, and cultural and language differences that make accessing care difficult.
- Overall, during the previous year, 11.4% of Utahns who had health insurance coverage, or approximately 239,500 people, reported to have had problems obtaining medical, dental, or mental health care when they needed it.
- Women were more likely than men to experience access problems (13% and 9.8%, respectively).
- Insured persons living in Southeastern, Central, and TriCounty Health Districts were more likely than other Utahns to experience access problems (19%, 16%, and 15% of persons who have health insurance coverage and experienced access problems, respectively).
- The most commonly reported reason for an access problem was “can’t afford” (7.19%), followed by, “service was not covered by health insurance” (6.91%), and “could not find the services in your area” (2.69%).



**Table 5. Adequacy of Health Insurance: Percentage of Insured Persons Who Were Unable to Get Needed Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Care\* in the Previous 12 Months by Sex, Age, and Local Health District, Utahns Who Were Covered by Health Insurance, 2001.**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates of Insured Utahns With an Access Problem		
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Insured Persons <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Persons Unable to Get Care <sup>2</sup>	Number of Insured Persons <sup>3,4</sup>	Percentage Distribution of Insured Persons Unable to Get Care by Subgroup <sup>4</sup>
2001 Utah Insured Population	100.0%	2,096,867	11.4% ± 0.7%	239,500	100.0%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	49.9%	1,046,581	9.8% ± 0.8%	102,400	42.8%
Female	50.1%	1,050,286	13.0% ± 0.9%	137,000	57.2%
Total, All Insured Utahns	100.0%	2,096,867	11.4% ± 0.7%	239,500	100.0%
<b>Age Group</b>					
17 and Under	32.5%	680,617	6.1% ± 1.0%	41,200	17.0%
18 to 34	27.5%	576,870	14.6% ± 1.4%	84,300	34.7%
35 to 49	19.1%	399,686	16.8% ± 1.6%	67,000	27.6%
50 to 64	11.7%	244,621	12.6% ± 1.7%	30,900	12.7%
65 and Over	9.2%	192,973	9.9% ± 1.8%	19,200	7.9%
Total, All Insured Utahns	100.0%	2,096,867	11.4% ± 0.7%	239,500	100.0%
<b>Sex and Age</b>					
Males, 17 and Under	16.7%	350,661	5.6% ± 1.1%	19,800	8.6%
Males, 18 to 34	13.7%	288,058	11.9% ± 1.7%	34,300	14.9%
Males, 35 to 49	9.5%	198,938	13.8% ± 1.9%	27,400	11.9%
Males 50 to 64	5.9%	122,863	11.9% ± 2.2%	14,700	6.4%
Males, 65 and Over	4.0%	84,461	8.9% ± 2.3%	7,600	3.1%
Females, 17 and Under	15.7%	330,056	6.5% ± 1.3%	21,500	9.3%
Females, 18 to 34	13.8%	288,712	17.3% ± 1.8%	49,900	21.6%
Females, 35 to 49	9.6%	200,648	19.7% ± 2.2%	39,400	17.1%
Females 50 to 64	5.8%	121,758	13.3% ± 2.2%	16,200	7.0%
Females, 65 and Over	5.2%	108,612	10.7% ± 2.2%	11,600	4.8%
Total, All Insured Utahns	100.0%	2,096,867	11.4% ± 0.7%	239,500	104.6%
<b>Local Health District<sup>5</sup></b>					
Bear River	6.2%	129,700	11.4% ± 2.2%	14,800	6.2%
Central	2.8%	59,207	15.9% ± 2.7%	9,400	3.9%
Davis	11.2%	235,244	9.7% ± 2.1%	22,700	9.5%
Salt Lake	39.7%	832,979	10.3% ± 1.3%	86,100	35.9%
Southeastern	2.2%	45,717	18.6% ± 3.6%	8,500	3.5%
Southwest	6.1%	128,870	14.2% ± 2.7%	18,300	7.6%
Summit	1.4%	28,979	11.9% ± 2.7%	3,400	1.4%
Tooele	1.9%	40,830	14.3% ± 2.2%	5,900	2.5%
TriCounty	1.7%	35,940	15.2% ± 2.5%	5,500	2.3%
Utah County	17.1%	357,890	12.2% ± 2.0%	43,500	18.2%
Wasatch	0.7%	14,647	13.1% ± 2.9%	1,900	0.8%
Weber-Morgan	8.9%	187,064	10.4% ± 2.5%	19,500	8.1%
Total, All Insured Utahns	100.0%	2,096,867	11.4% ± 0.7%	239,500	100.0%

1 Population estimates are based on Utah Process Economic and Demographic (UPED) model published in January 2002 by the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

2 Plus or minus 95% confidence interval.

3 Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

4 Figures in these columns may not sum to the total because of data weighting and missing values on the grouping variables.

5 These rates have not been age-adjusted. Age-adjusted rates are available upon request.

\*An individual was defined as unable to get care if they indicated that they delayed or were unable to obtain care because (1) their insurance would not cover the service, (2) the service was not available in their area, or (3) they could not afford to pay for the service.