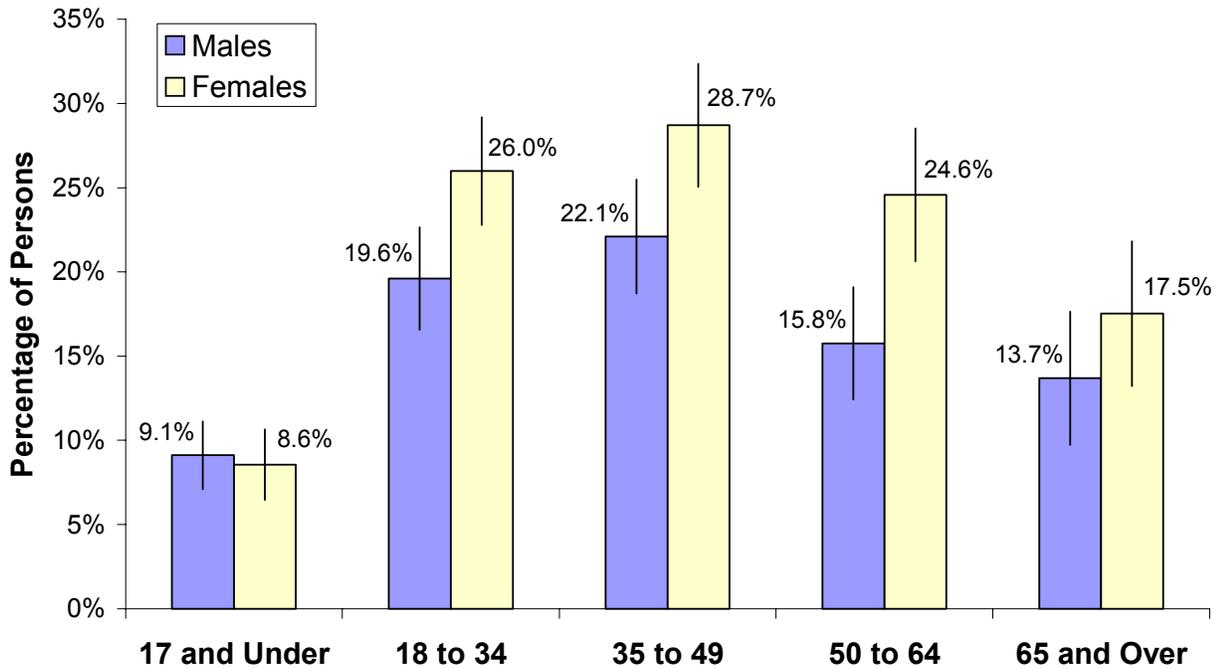




Figure 5.1 Percentage of Persons Who Were Unable to Get Needed Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Care\* in the Previous 12 Months by Age and Sex, Utah, 2003



\* 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.

- There were over 420,000 Utahns who were unable to get needed medical, dental, or mental health care, for a total of 18% of the entire state population.
- Among adults, females were more likely to report problems with access to health care than males.
- Women aged 35 to 49 years were the most likely to report access problems.



**Table 5. Access to Health Care: Percentage of Persons Who Were Unable to Get Needed Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Care\* in the Previous 12 Months by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Residents, 2003.**

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates of Utahns With an Access Problem		
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Persons <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of Persons Unable to Get Care <sup>2</sup>	Number of Persons <sup>3,4</sup>	Percentage Distribution of Persons Unable to Get Care <sup>4</sup>
2003 Utah Population	100.0%	2,354,775	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	50.2%	1,181,516	15.7% ± 1.5%	185,500	43.9%
Female	49.8%	1,173,259	20.2% ± 1.6%	236,900	56.1%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,775	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Age Group</b>					
17 and Under	31.5%	742,867	8.8% ± 1.7%	65,700	15.5%
18 to 34	29.1%	685,764	22.8% ± 2.5%	156,100	36.9%
35 to 49	18.8%	442,006	25.4% ± 2.7%	112,300	26.5%
50 to 64	12.1%	285,779	20.3% ± 2.9%	57,900	13.7%
65 and Over	8.4%	198,359	15.7% ± 3.2%	31,200	7.4%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,775	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Sex and Age</b>					
Males, 17 and Under	16.2%	381,882	9.1% ± 2.0%	34,800	8.2%
Males, 18 to 34	14.7%	347,144	19.6% ± 3.0%	68,000	16.1%
Males, 35 to 49	9.5%	223,919	22.1% ± 3.4%	49,500	11.7%
Males 50 to 64	6.0%	141,427	15.8% ± 3.3%	22,300	5.3%
Males, 65 and Over	3.7%	87,144	13.7% ± 4.0%	11,900	2.8%
Females, 17 and Under	15.3%	360,985	8.6% ± 2.1%	30,900	7.3%
Females, 18 to 34	14.4%	338,620	26.0% ± 3.2%	88,000	20.8%
Females, 35 to 49	9.3%	218,087	28.7% ± 3.7%	62,600	14.8%
Females 50 to 64	6.1%	144,352	24.6% ± 3.9%	35,500	8.4%
Females, 65 and Over	4.7%	111,215	17.5% ± 4.3%	19,500	4.6%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,775	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Local Health District<sup>5</sup></b>					
Bear River	6.1%	143,593	15.0% ± 3.6%	21,600	5.1%
Central	2.9%	69,140	20.8% ± 4.7%	14,400	3.4%
Davis	10.7%	252,521	16.3% ± 3.8%	41,100	9.7%
Salt Lake	39.6%	932,365	17.0% ± 2.2%	158,800	37.5%
Southeastern	2.3%	53,675	30.9% ± 5.5%	16,600	3.9%
Southwest	6.5%	154,152	23.8% ± 5.4%	36,700	8.7%
Summit	1.4%	32,831	12.9% ± 4.5%	4,200	1.0%
Tooele	2.0%	46,815	19.3% ± 3.9%	9,000	2.1%
TriCounty	1.8%	42,241	20.8% ± 4.9%	8,800	2.1%
Utah County	17.0%	400,670	18.8% ± 3.6%	75,200	17.8%
Wasatch	0.7%	17,179	22.3% ± 5.3%	3,800	0.9%
Weber-Morgan	8.9%	209,593	15.7% ± 4.3%	32,900	7.8%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,775	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Annual Household Income</b>					
Under \$20,000	9.9%	232,800	39.5% ± 5.2%	91,900	20.6%
\$20,000 to <\$45,000	30.7%	722,400	26.5% ± 2.8%	191,800	43.1%
\$45,000 to <\$65,000	23.5%	552,500	15.9% ± 3.0%	87,600	19.7%
\$65,000 and Over	36.0%	847,100	8.7% ± 1.5%	74,100	16.6%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,800	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%
<b>Health Insurance Coverage</b>					
Insured	90.9%	2,140,300	14.8% ± 1.3%	317,000	73.4%
Uninsured	9.1%	214,500	53.4% ± 6.3%	114,600	26.6%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,354,800	18.0% ± 1.3%	422,700	100.0%

<sup>1</sup> Population estimates of sex, age groups, and LHD based on 2003 Baseline Projections, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, UPED Model System; all others based on the 2003 UHSS and rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

<sup>2</sup> Plus or minus 95% confidence interval.

<sup>3</sup> Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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

<sup>5</sup> These rates have not been age-adjusted. Age-adjusted rates are available upon request.

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