



The information in this report is based on data collected by the 2004 Utah Health Status Survey. It provides information on a variety of topics related to health status and health care access at statewide and health district levels. The Utah Health Status Survey is important because it provides information for both adults and children, at the state or local health district levels. Additional topics will be presented in a variety of reports and briefs, including titles listed below.

Brief: 2004 Statewide Insurance Estimates

Brief: 2003–2004 Children’s Health Status

Brief: 2003–2004 Racial and Ethnic Health Status

Brief: 2003–2004 Interpersonal Violence

The survey is funded by a legislative appropriation and was designed, analyzed, and reported by the Utah Department of Health, Center for Health Data. The survey sample was designed to be representative of Utahns, and is perhaps best described as a weighted probability sample consisting of 6,056 households disproportionately stratified by 12 local health districts that cover the entire state.

The Utah Department of Health Survey Center in Salt Lake City conducted the telephone interviews using computer-assisted random digit dialing techniques. In each household, one adult (aged 18 or older) was randomly selected to respond to survey questions about themselves, about the household as a unit, and with regard to each household member. The survey results were weighted to reflect the age, sex, geographic distribution, and Hispanic/Latino ethnicity of the population. Interviews were conducted over a 22-month period from March 2003 to December 2004. A detailed description of the methodology can be found in the Technical Notes section of this report. The entire survey questionnaire may be found online at http://health.utah.gov/opho/publications/2003hss/2003_4HSS.pdf

The information in this report can be used to facilitate policy and planning decisions. While it is intended primarily for public health program managers, administrators, and other health care professionals in the public and private health care sectors, the report may also be of interest to anyone wishing to inform themselves on the current health status of Utahns.

The survey was previously conducted in 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001. It has been conducted continuously since March 2003.