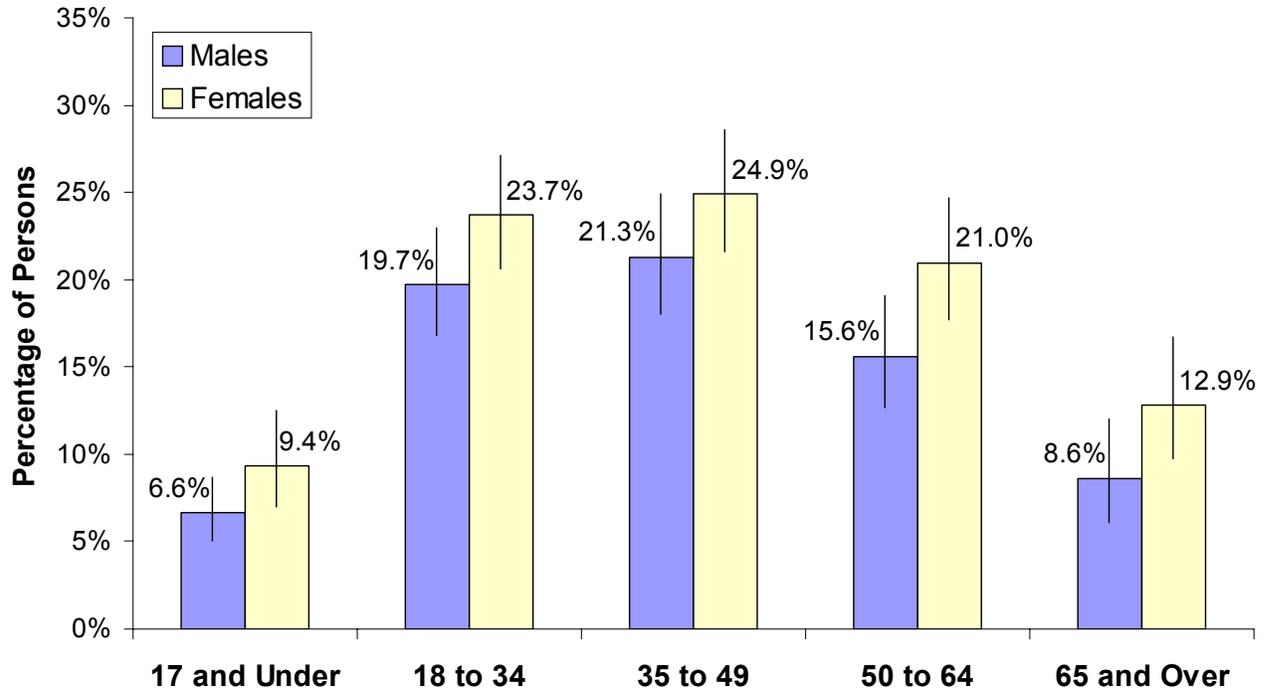




Figure 4.1 Percentage of Persons Who Were Unable to Get Needed Medical, Dental, or Mental Health Care* in the Previous 12 Months by Age and Sex, Utah, 2005



*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.

- Both the number and percent of Utahns who were unable to get needed medical, dental, or mental health care in the past 12 months decreased slightly from 2004 to 2005 (2004: 16.9% and 2005: 16.3%).
- Females aged 35 to 49 were the most likely age and gender group to report difficulties getting needed care (24.9%).



Table 4. 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, 2005

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population Distribution		Survey Estimates of Utahns With an Access Problem				
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Persons ¹	Percentage of Persons ²			Number of Persons ^{3,4}	Percentage Distribution of Persons Unable to Get Care
			95% Confidence Bounds				
			Lower	Upper			
2005 Utah Population	100.0%	2,528,926	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Sex							
Male	50.2%	1,275,758	14.4%	13.0%	15.8%	183,400	44.6%
Female	49.8%	1,253,168	18.2%	16.6%	19.9%	227,900	55.4%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,926	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Age Group							
17 and Under	31.5%	788,452	8.0%	6.4%	9.9%	62,900	15.2%
18 to 34	29.1%	737,965	21.7%	19.3%	24.3%	160,200	38.8%
35 to 49	18.8%	465,964	23.1%	20.3%	26.0%	107,500	26.0%
50 to 64	12.1%	323,963	18.4%	15.9%	21.1%	59,500	14.4%
65 and Over	8.4%	212,582	10.9%	8.6%	13.7%	23,200	5.6%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,926	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Sex and Age							
Males, 17 and Under	16.2%	404,656	6.6%	5.0%	8.7%	26,900	6.5%
Males, 18 to 34	14.7%	376,364	19.7%	16.8%	23.0%	74,200	18.0%
Males, 35 to 49	9.5%	237,941	21.3%	18.0%	24.9%	50,600	12.3%
Males 50 to 64	6.0%	161,253	15.6%	12.7%	19.1%	25,200	6.1%
Males, 65 and Over	3.7%	95,544	8.6%	6.1%	12.0%	8,200	2.0%
Females, 17 and Under	15.3%	383,796	9.4%	7.0%	12.5%	36,000	8.7%
Females, 18 to 34	14.4%	361,601	23.7%	20.6%	27.1%	85,800	20.8%
Females, 35 to 49	9.3%	228,023	24.9%	21.6%	28.6%	56,800	13.8%
Females 50 to 64	6.1%	162,710	21.0%	17.7%	24.7%	34,200	8.3%
Females, 65 and Over	4.7%	117,038	12.9%	9.8%	16.7%	15,000	3.6%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,926	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Local Health District ⁵							
Bear River	6.1%	149,705	16.0%	12.1%	20.8%	24,000	5.8%
Central	2.9%	71,046	20.1%	15.5%	25.7%	14,300	3.5%
Davis	10.7%	276,374	12.6%	9.4%	16.7%	34,900	8.5%
Salt Lake	39.6%	970,748	15.7%	13.6%	18.1%	152,500	37.0%
Southeastern	2.3%	52,832	29.0%	24.1%	34.4%	15,300	3.7%
Southwest	6.5%	182,295	18.3%	14.4%	23.0%	33,300	8.1%
Summit	1.4%	36,417	11.4%	8.0%	16.1%	4,200	1.0%
Tooele	2.0%	51,835	20.8%	16.7%	25.6%	10,800	2.6%
TriCounty	1.8%	42,327	17.4%	13.4%	22.2%	7,400	1.8%
Utah County	17.0%	453,977	18.1%	15.1%	21.5%	82,200	20.0%
Wasatch	0.7%	20,138	13.2%	9.9%	17.4%	2,700	0.7%
Weber-Morgan	8.9%	221,232	13.7%	10.3%	18.2%	30,400	7.4%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,926	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Health Insurance Coverage							
Insured	88.4%	2,236,100	13.9%	12.7%	15.2%	310,000	73.1%
Uninsured	11.6%	292,800	38.9%	33.3%	44.8%	114,000	26.9%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,900	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Annual Household Income							
Under \$20,000	10.1%	256,400	27.7%	22.9%	33.0%	71,000	16.8%
\$20,000 to <\$45,000	27.5%	695,800	23.7%	21.1%	26.5%	164,800	39.0%
\$45,000 to <\$65,000	23.8%	600,800	17.1%	14.5%	20.0%	102,500	24.3%
\$65,000 and Over	38.6%	975,900	8.6%	6.9%	10.8%	84,200	19.9%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,900	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%

See footnotes at end of table.



Table 4 (continued). 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, 2005

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	Percentage Distribution	Number of Persons ¹	Percentage of Persons ²			Number of Persons ^{3,4}	Percentage Distribution of Persons Unable to Get Care
			95% Confidence Bounds				
			Lower	Upper			
Poverty Status							
<100% Federal Poverty Level	10.6%	268,500	26.5%	21.5%	32.2%	71,100	16.9%
101-200% Federal Poverty Level	22.1%	559,400	23.1%	20.2%	26.2%	128,900	30.6%
201-300% Federal Poverty Level	38.3%	967,500	14.9%	12.7%	17.3%	143,800	34.1%
>300% Federal Poverty Level	29.0%	733,600	10.6%	9.0%	12.6%	78,100	18.5%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,900	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Education Level							
Some High School	6.7%	117,300	26.3%	20.7%	32.8%	30,800	8.8%
High School Grad/Some College	53.9%	938,900	20.8%	18.8%	22.8%	194,800	55.5%
Technical/Vocational Degree	10.0%	174,000	22.0%	18.1%	26.5%	38,300	10.9%
4 Year College Degree or More	29.3%	510,300	17.1%	14.9%	19.5%	87,200	24.8%
Total, All Utahns Aged 18+	100.0%	1,740,500	20.1%	18.7%	21.6%	349,700	100.0%
Employment Status							
Full Time	50.5%	879,600	19.0%	17.2%	21.0%	167,300	47.6%
Part Time	16.8%	291,600	23.5%	20.4%	26.8%	68,400	19.5%
Retired	11.0%	192,000	10.8%	8.4%	13.9%	20,800	5.9%
Keeping House	11.5%	199,700	21.0%	17.4%	25.1%	42,000	12.0%
Full Time Student	3.1%	53,300	15.0%	9.7%	22.4%	8,000	2.3%
Unemployed/Other	7.1%	124,300	36.1%	30.4%	42.2%	44,900	12.8%
Total, All Utahns Aged 18+	100.0%	1,740,500	20.1%	18.7%	21.6%	349,700	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity							
Hispanic or Latino	10.8%	274,100	16.6%	11.9%	22.6%	45,500	11.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	89.2%	2,254,800	16.2%	15.0%	17.4%	364,300	88.9%
Total, All Utahns	100.0%	2,528,900	16.3%	15.1%	17.6%	411,600	100.0%
Marital Status							
Married	69.5%	1,209,400	19.4%	17.7%	21.2%	234,700	67.2%
Never Married	19.2%	334,300	16.0%	13.1%	19.5%	53,500	15.3%
Divorced/Separated/Widowed	11.3%	196,700	30.9%	27.0%	35.2%	60,900	17.4%
Total, All Utahns Aged 18+	100.0%	1,740,500	20.1%	18.7%	21.6%	349,700	100.0%

1 Population estimates of sex, age groups, and local health district based on 2005 baseline projections, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, REMI model system; all others based on the 2005 UHSS and rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

2 Asymmetric confidence bounds were calculated using the logit transformation.

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.

- Although Utahns with some kind of health insurance were much less likely than uninsured Utahns to report difficulties getting care (13.9% and 38.9% respectively), Utahns with insurance made up 73.1% of all those who reported access problems.
- As household income increased the likelihood of reporting difficulties getting needed care decreased.
- Southeastern Health District had the highest proportion of residents reporting difficulties getting needed care (29.0%).