

Health Needs

Health Needs: Most Important Health Needs (Question 22)
Northwest Salt Lake Valley Community Residents, 1999.

Demographic Subgroup	Northwest SL Valley Community Distribution	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Persons ¹
Most Important Health Need		
Dental Care	24.8%	11,400
Routine, General Medical Care	19.2%	8,800
Chronic Condition or Disease	5.8%	2,700
Eye Care	5.1%	2,300
Prescription Medication	4.0%	1,800
Insurance	3.7%	1,700
Visit Specialist	3.0%	1,400
Mental Health Care	1.8%	800
Acute Health Conditions	1.7%	800
Lifestyle Need (Exercise, Nutrition, Smoking/Drinking Cessation)	1.6%	700
Cancer Screening, Preventive Health Care	1.1%	500
Women's Health Care (Ob/Gyn, Prenatal Care)	1.0%	500
Pediatric Care	0.9%	400
Access to Care, Accessible Health Care	0.7%	300
Affordable Health Care	0.7%	300
Immunizations	0.6%	300
Urgent Care	0.4%	200
Other Need	2.2%	1,000
No Health Need	21.5%	9,800
Total, All Persons	100.0%	45,700

¹ Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

*** Sample size insufficient to produce population estimates

- Survey respondents were asked to report health care needs for household members. This was an open-ended survey question for which interviewers wrote-in the respondents' answers. Most reported only one health care need for each family member. The first-listed response was categorized into the above categories.
- The most frequently reported health needs were dental care (25%) and routine medical care (19%).

Health Needs: Child Health Care Need Not Met (Question 33)
Northwest Salt Lake Valley Community Children Age 17 or Under, 1999.

Demographic Subgroup	Northwest SL Valley Community Distribution, Children Age 17 or Under	
	Percentage Distribution	Number of Persons ¹
Child Health Care Needs Not Met		
Dental Care	18.0%	2,400
Eye Care	1.4%	200
Insurance	1.3%	200
Routine, General Medical Care	1.3%	200
Visit Specialist	1.2%	200
Immunizations	0.8%	100
Mental Health Care	0.8%	100
Access to Care, Accessible Health Care	0.6%	100
Chronic Condition, Disease	0.4%	100
Prescription Medication	0.4%	<100
Acute Health Conditions	0.2%	<100
Lifestyle Needs (Exercise, Nutrition)	0.1%	<100
Affordable Health Care	0.1%	<100
Other Need	0.8%	100
No Unmet Health Need	72.7%	9,600
Total, Children Age 17 or Under	100.0%	13,200

¹ Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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- Survey respondents were asked to list any health care needs for children that were currently not being met. This was an open-ended survey question.
- The most frequently reported unmet health care need for children was dental care, reported for 18% of children.