

Health Care Coverage



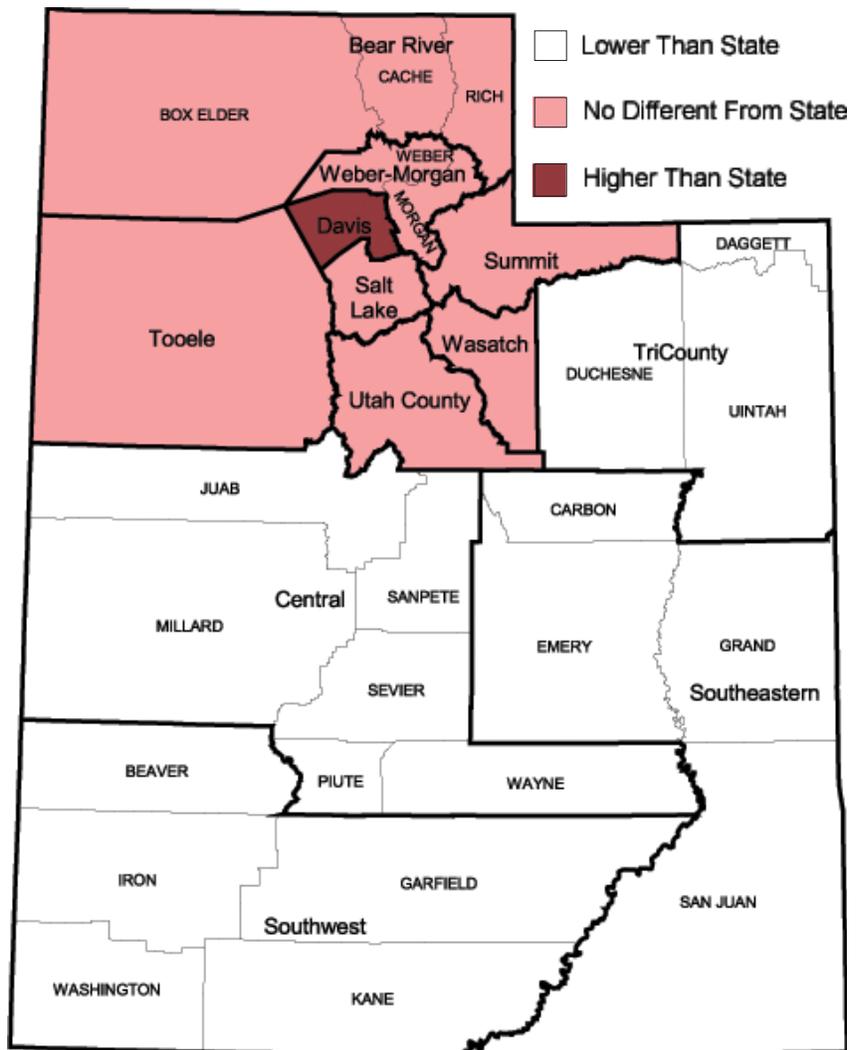
Question: Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?

Having health insurance encourages individuals to seek and obtain needed health care. Individuals with health insurance are more likely than those without health insurance to have a regular and accessible source of health care. Due to the high cost of health care, persons who do not have health insurance are less likely to get timely medical care than those with health insurance. Not receiving timely medical care can result in more severe health problems and unnecessary high-cost health care such as hospitalizations and emergency department visits.

In this report, health insurance coverage means that persons had health insurance or were enrolled in prepaid plans such as HMOs or government plans such as Medicare at the time of the survey.

- Persons living in Davis County Health District were more likely to have health insurance when compared to the state total using the age adjusted rate.
- Residents of Central Utah, Southeastern Utah, Southwest Utah, and TriCounty Health Districts were less likely to have health insurance when compared to the state total.
- During 1999-2001, 87.9% of Utah adults were estimated to have health care insurance coverage.
- About 12.1% of Utah adults surveyed said they did not have any health care coverage.
- A higher percentage of Utah adults reported having health care coverage than adults in the entire U.S.

Health Care Coverage by Whether the Local Health District Percentage Differed From the State, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001

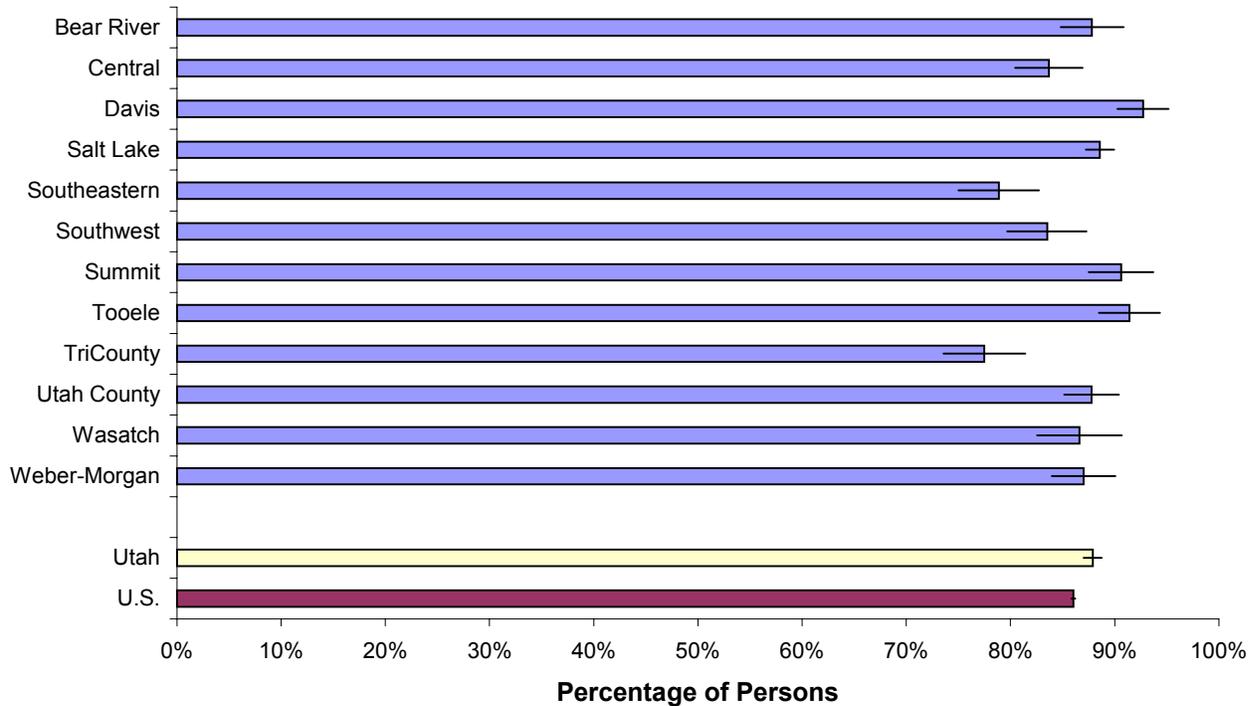


Age adjusted to the U.S. 2000 standard population. Percentage for a local health district was considered different from the state percentage if its 95% confidence interval did not include the state percentage. Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



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Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage*
by Local Health District, Utah, and U.S., Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



* crude rates
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

District	Sample Size	Total Number of Adults	Crude Rates			Age-adjusted Rates**		
			Number With Health Care Coverage	Percent	95% CI Range	Percent	95% CI Range	
Bear River	615	91,817	80,600	87.8%	84.8% 90.9%	89.2%	86.6% 91.8%	
Central	614	43,286	36,200	83.7%	80.5% 86.9%	83.2%	80.1% 86.4%	
Davis	586	155,816	144,500	92.7%	90.3% 95.2%	93.1%	90.9% 95.4%	
Salt Lake	2,685	627,857	556,200	88.6%	87.2% 90.0%	89.1%	87.8% 90.4%	
Southeastern	579	36,451	28,800	78.9%	75.0% 82.7%	78.8%	75.1% 82.5%	
Southwest	645	97,595	81,500	83.5%	79.7% 87.3%	83.3%	79.6% 86.9%	
Summit	603	21,092	19,100	90.6%	87.5% 93.7%	90.6%	87.6% 93.6%	
Tooele	708	27,012	24,700	91.4%	88.5% 94.3%	91.3%	88.5% 94.2%	
TriCounty	595	26,359	20,400	77.5%	73.6% 81.4%	77.6%	73.8% 81.4%	
Utah County	876	245,264	215,300	87.8%	85.1% 90.4%	88.6%	86.1% 91.0%	
Wasatch	552	10,154	8,800	86.6%	82.6% 90.7%	86.6%	82.8% 90.3%	
Weber-Morgan	612	140,822	122,500	87.0%	84.0% 90.1%	87.4%	84.5% 90.3%	
Utah	9,670	1,523,525	1,339,000	87.9%	87.0% 88.8%	88.6%	87.7% 89.4%	
U.S.				86.0%	85.9% 86.2%	85.9%	85.7% 86.0%	

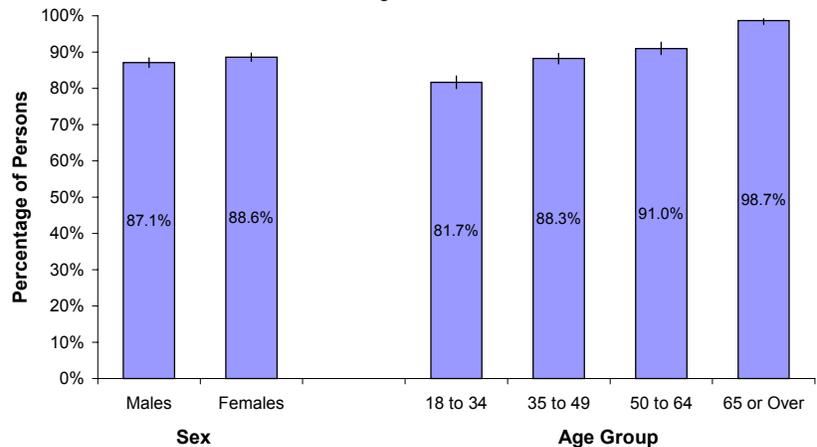
** Age adjusted to U.S. 2000 standard population

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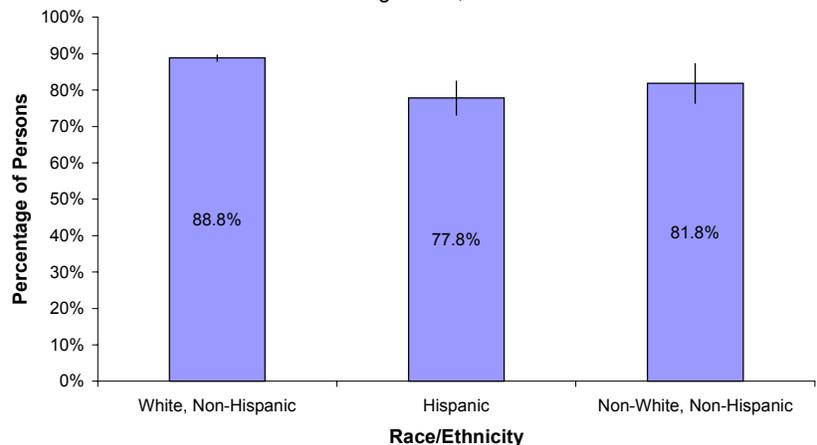
- Young adults ages 18 through 34 showed the highest proportion (18.3%) without health insurance at the time of the survey than those ages 35 or over.
- Men and women were equally likely to report having health care coverage.

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage by Sex and Age, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



- Hispanic adults were significantly less likely to have health insurance (77.8%) than White, non-Hispanic adults (88.8%).

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage by Race/Ethnicity, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



The survey also asked respondents with current health insurance, “During the past 12 months, was there any time that you did not have any health insurance or coverage?” Including data from this question, 17.2 percent of Utah adults did not have any health care coverage at some point in the past 12 months. Hispanic adults were almost twice as likely to have no continuous health coverage (29.3%) than White, non-Hispanic adults (16.2%).

The Utah Department of Health offers health insurance to low income adults through the Medicaid program (call 1-800-310-6949 for more information) and the Primary Care Network (PCN) (call 1-888-222-2542 for more information).

Utah Objective: No objective listed.

HP2010 Objective 1-1: Increase the proportion of persons with health insurance to 100% (age adjusted to the U.S. 2000 standard population).



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Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999 - 2001.

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population		Survey Estimates				
	Distribution	Number of Persons ¹	Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage ²			Number of Persons ^{1,3}	Distribution of Persons Who Reported Having Health Care Coverage by Category
			95% Confidence Intervals				
			Lower	Upper			
Health Care Coverage							
Have Coverage	87.9%	1,339,000					
Do Not Have Coverage	12.1%	184,500					
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500					
Sex							
Males	49.5%	753,700	87.1%	85.8%	88.5%	656,600	49.0%
Females	50.5%	769,800	88.6%	87.5%	89.7%	682,100	51.0%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	87.9%	87.0%	88.8%	1,339,000	100.0%
Age Group							
18 to 34	42.6%	648,500	81.7%	79.9%	83.5%	529,600	39.9%
35 to 49	28.5%	433,700	88.3%	86.8%	89.7%	382,700	28.8%
50 to 64	16.4%	250,000	91.0%	89.3%	92.7%	227,600	17.1%
65 or Over	12.6%	191,300	98.7%	97.7%	99.3%	188,800	14.2%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	87.9%	87.0%	88.8%	1,339,000	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity							
White, Non-Hispanic	88.4%	1,346,000	88.8%	87.9%	89.7%	1,195,200	89.5%
Hispanic	8.3%	126,000	77.8%	73.1%	82.4%	98,000	7.3%
Non-White, Non-Hispanic	3.4%	51,500	81.8%	76.4%	87.3%	42,100	3.2%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	87.9%	87.0%	88.8%	1,339,000	100.0%
Income							
Less Than \$20,000	13.6%	207,700	72.4%	69.1%	75.8%	150,500	11.2%
\$20,000-\$49,999	47.8%	727,500	86.8%	85.4%	88.1%	631,200	46.9%
\$50,000 or Over	38.6%	588,400	96.1%	95.1%	96.8%	565,200	42.0%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	87.9%	87.0%	88.8%	1,339,000	100.0%
Education							
Less Than High School	6.0%	91,700	75.7%	70.8%	80.5%	69,400	5.2%
H.S. Grad or G.E.D.	30.1%	458,100	83.1%	81.3%	84.8%	380,500	28.4%
Some Post High School	35.1%	534,100	89.3%	87.8%	90.7%	476,900	35.6%
College Graduate	28.9%	439,500	93.8%	92.7%	94.9%	412,300	30.8%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	87.9%	87.0%	88.8%	1,339,000	100.0%

1 Rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

2 Plus or minus 95% confidence interval.

3 Figures in these columns may not sum to the total because some surveyed individuals had missing values on the grouping variables.

Population counts for age, sex, and total population were the 2000 estimates provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Population count estimates for race/ethnicity, income, and education populations were derived from averaging three years of the BRFSS surveys from 1999-2001.