

Unable to Get Needed Health Care Due to Cost

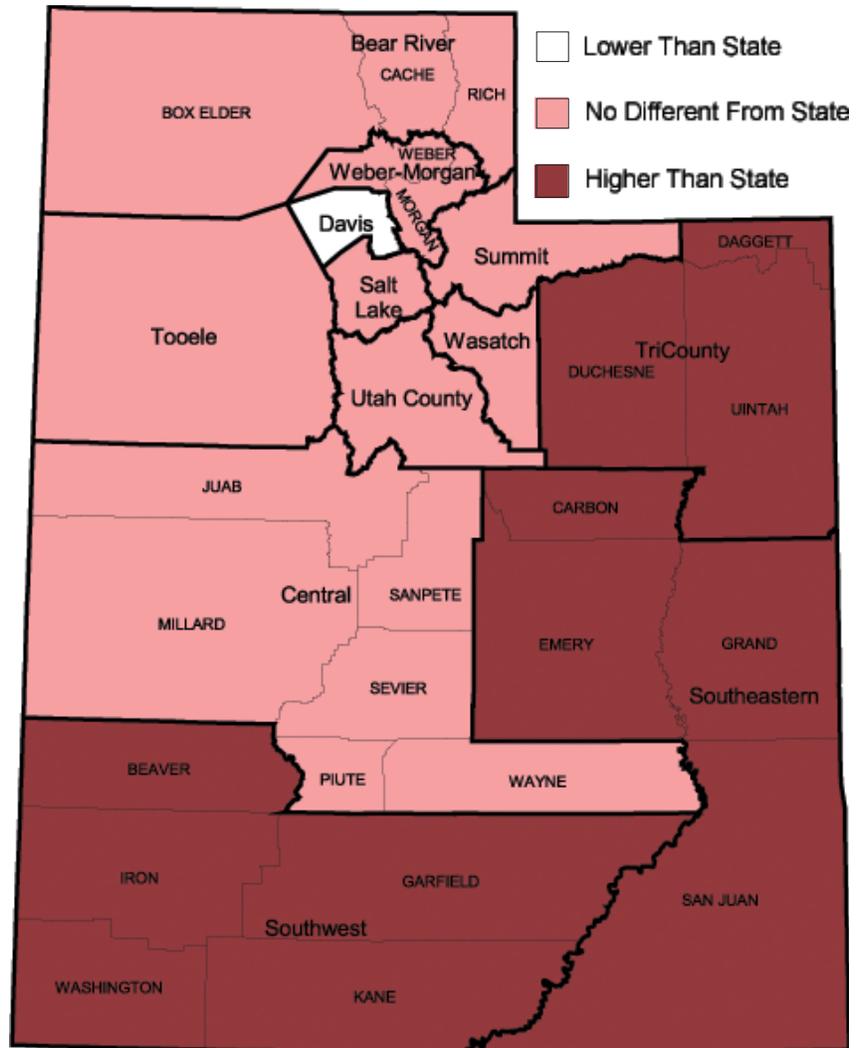


Question: Was there a time during the last 12 months when you needed to see a doctor, but could not because of the cost?

People’s inability to afford health care has been a major barrier to receiving timely care regardless of their health insurance status. For those without health insurance, high cost of health care is certainly one of the biggest obstacles in getting timely care. For individuals with health insurance, not having adequate health insurance benefits or the burden of out-of-pocket co-payments can keep them from seeking needed care in a timely manner.

- Among Utah’s health districts, residents of Southeastern Utah, Southwest Utah, and TriCounty Health Districts were more likely to report an inability to get needed care because of cost when compared to the state total.
- Adults living in Davis County Health District were less likely to have a problem getting needed care because of cost when compared to the state total.
- The 1999 and 2000 Utah BRFSS showed that 10.4% of Utah adults were unable to get needed care because of cost.
- TriCounty Health District had the highest percentage of adults who reported not being able to get needed health care due to cost (19.7%) whereas Davis County Health District had the lowest (7.2%).

Unable to Get Health Care by Whether the Local Health District Percentage Differed From the State, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2000



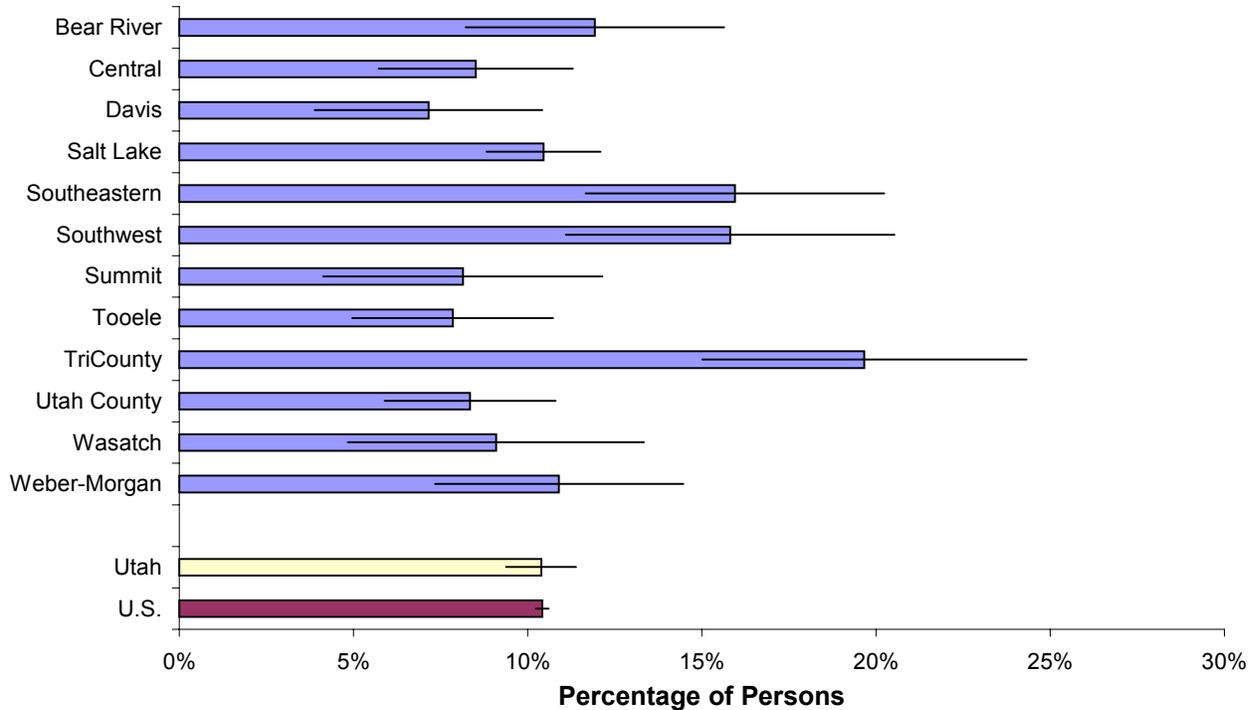
Age adjusted to the U.S. 2000 standard population. Percentage for a local health district was considered different from the state percentage if its 95% confidence interval did not include the state percentage. Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



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Percentage of Persons Who Reported They Were Unable to Get Needed Health Care Due to Cost*

by Local Health District, Utah, and U.S., Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2000



* crude rates
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

District	Sample Size	Total Number of Adults	Number Unable to Get Care	Crude Rates			Age-adjusted Rates**		
				Percent	95% CI Range		Percent	95% CI Range	
Bear River	378	91,817	11,000	11.9%	8.2%	15.6%	11.8%	8.2%	15.4%
Central	389	43,286	3,700	8.5%	5.7%	11.3%	8.7%	5.9%	11.6%
Davis	370	155,816	11,200	7.2%	3.9%	10.4%	6.8%	3.8%	9.8%
Salt Lake	1,674	627,857	65,700	10.5%	8.8%	12.1%	9.8%	8.3%	11.3%
Southeastern	359	36,451	5,800	16.0%	11.7%	20.2%	15.9%	11.7%	20.0%
Southwest	413	97,595	15,400	15.8%	11.1%	20.5%	16.4%	11.8%	20.9%
Summit	393	21,092	1,700	8.1%	4.1%	12.2%	8.0%	4.3%	11.8%
Tooele	481	27,012	2,100	7.9%	5.0%	10.7%	7.9%	5.1%	10.7%
TriCounty	369	26,359	5,200	19.7%	15.0%	24.3%	19.5%	14.8%	24.2%
Utah County	532	245,264	20,500	8.4%	5.9%	10.8%	8.2%	5.8%	10.7%
Wasatch	327	10,154	900	9.1%	4.8%	13.3%	9.2%	5.3%	13.1%
Weber-Morgan	376	140,822	15,300	10.9%	7.3%	14.5%	11.0%	7.5%	14.5%
Utah	6,061	1,523,525	158,300	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	10.0%	9.0%	10.9%
U.S.				10.4%	10.2%	10.6%	10.5%	10.3%	10.7%

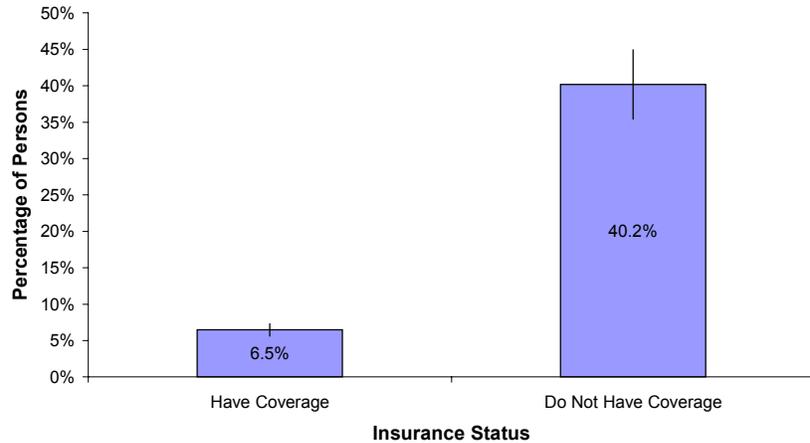
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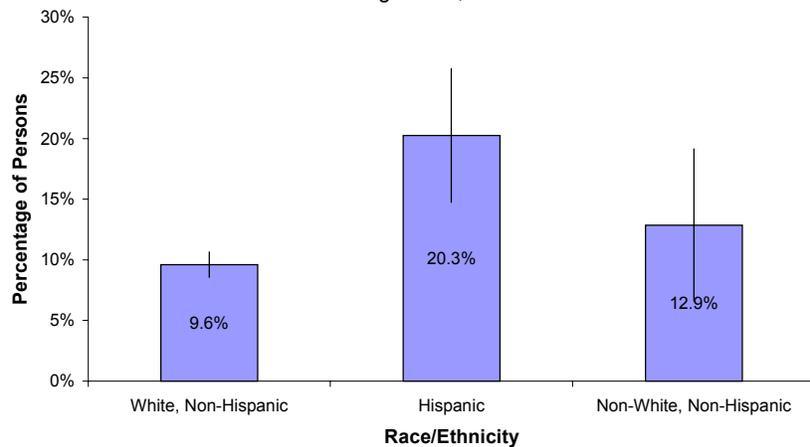
- The likelihood that one was unable to obtain needed care because of cost increased six-fold for those without health insurance coverage (40.2%) when compared to adults with coverage (6.5%).
- Women (12.6%) were more likely to report cost as a barrier to care compared to men (8.1%) (not graphed).

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Being Unable to Get Needed Health Care Due to Cost by Insurance Status, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2000



- Hispanic adults (20.3%) were more likely to report having a problem with getting needed care due to cost than non-Hispanic adults.
- Persons without a high school diploma (19.2%) were about three times more likely to have a problem in getting needed care due to cost than those graduated from college (6.2%) (not graphed).

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Being Unable to Get Needed Health Care Due to Cost by Race/Ethnicity, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2000



Utah Objective: No objective listed.

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Percentage of Persons Who Reported Being Unable to Get Needed Health Care Due to Cost by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999 - 2000.

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population		Survey Estimates				
	Distribution	Number of Persons ¹	Percentage of Persons Who Reported Unable to Get Care Due to Cost ²			Number of Persons ^{1,3}	Distribution of Persons Who Reported Unable to Get Care Due to Cost by Category
			95% Confidence Intervals				
			Lower	Upper			
Health Care Coverage							
Cost Presented Barrier	10.4%	158,300					
Cost Was Not a Barrier	89.6%	1,365,200					
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500					
Sex							
Males	49.5%	753,700	8.1%	6.7%	9.4%	60,700	38.5%
Females	50.5%	769,800	12.6%	11.1%	14.1%	97,100	61.5%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	100.0%
Age Group							
18 to 34	42.6%	648,500	13.1%	11.2%	15.1%	85,200	52.7%
35 to 49	28.5%	433,700	12.0%	10.0%	13.9%	51,900	32.1%
50 to 64	16.4%	250,000	7.1%	5.3%	8.8%	17,600	10.9%
65 or Over	12.6%	191,300	3.7%	2.6%	5.4%	7,100	4.4%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity							
White, Non-Hispanic	88.4%	1,346,000	9.6%	8.6%	10.7%	129,400	80.1%
Hispanic	8.3%	126,000	20.3%	14.7%	25.8%	25,500	15.8%
Non-White, Non-Hispanic	3.4%	51,500	12.9%	6.6%	19.2%	6,600	4.1%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	100.0%
Income							
Less Than \$20,000	13.6%	207,700	24.3%	20.4%	28.3%	50,500	33.1%
\$20,000-\$49,999	47.8%	727,500	11.4%	9.9%	13.0%	83,000	54.5%
\$50,000 or Over	38.6%	588,400	3.2%	2.2%	4.7%	18,900	12.4%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	100.0%
Education							
Less Than High School	6.0%	91,700	19.2%	13.4%	25.0%	17,600	11.1%
H.S. Grad or G.E.D.	30.1%	458,100	12.5%	10.6%	14.5%	57,300	36.2%
Some Post High School	35.1%	534,100	10.5%	8.7%	12.3%	56,100	35.5%
College Graduate	28.9%	439,500	6.2%	4.7%	7.7%	27,200	17.2%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	100.0%
Health Care Coverage							
Have Coverage	87.9%	1,339,000	6.5%	5.6%	7.3%	86,500	53.9%
Do Not Have Coverage	12.1%	184,500	40.2%	35.4%	44.9%	74,100	46.1%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	10.4%	9.4%	11.4%	158,300	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.