

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Montana BRFSS, 2012

In 2012, 23.2% of Montana adults 18 to 64 years of age did not have health care coverage; 14.6% of Montana adults were in need of medical care in the previous 12 months, but were unable to see a doctor due to cost.

Sociodemographic Trends

- ◆ Men reported having no health care coverage more often than women. However, women reported not seeing a doctor within the preceding 12 months due to cost more often than men.
- ◆ The prevalence of not having health care coverage and not being able to see a doctor due to cost decreased with age, education, and household income levels.
- ◆ American Indians/Alaska Natives reported having health care coverage more often than other race/ethnic groups. White, non-Hispanic adults reported being unable to afford seeing a doctor due to cost less often than other race/ethnic groups.
- ◆ Adults with a disability reported being unable to see a doctor in the preceding year due to cost more frequently than adults without a disability.
- ◆ Adults in the Northwest health planning region reported not having health care coverage more often than adults in the Eastern and Southwest health planning regions. The prevalence of being unable to see a doctor in the preceding year due to cost was significantly higher for adults living in the North Central and Northwest health planning regions than for adults in the Eastern, South Central, and Southwest health planning regions.

Figure 3. Access to Health Care by Household Income Levels, Montana BRFSS, 2012

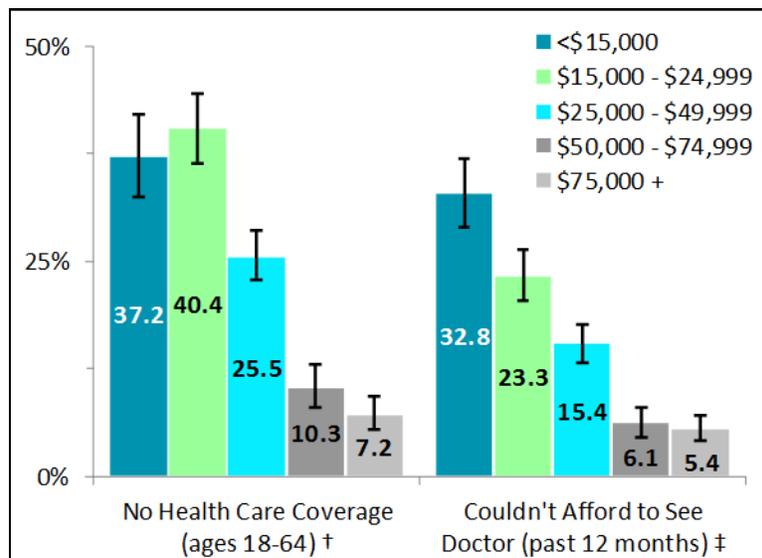


Table 3: Access to Health Care, Montana Adults, 2012

	No Health Care Coverage (ages 18-64) †				Couldn't Afford to See Doctor (past 12 months) ‡			
	95% CI				95% CI			
	Wt. %	LL	UL	UnWt. N	Wt. %	LL	UL	UnWt. N
All Adults:	23.2	21.8	24.7	1,228	14.6	13.6	15.7	1,116
Sex:								
Male	25.2	23.1	27.4	580	11.9	10.6	13.3	405
Female	21.2	19.4	23.1	648	17.4	15.9	19.0	711
Age:								
18 - 24	26.0	21.5	31.1	121	14.3	10.8	18.7	62
25 - 34	28.9	25.5	32.5	249	19.3	16.4	22.5	172
35 - 44	20.9	17.9	24.3	194	19.9	16.8	23.3	174
45 - 54	24.3	21.6	27.2	332	20.3	17.8	23.1	286
55 - 64	17.3	15.3	19.5	332	12.6	10.9	14.6	269
65+		Not Applicable			4.6	3.8	5.6	149
Education:								
<High School	43.3	36.9	50.0	140	25.6	21.2	30.6	147
High School	30.2	27.5	33.1	496	15.8	13.9	17.8	372
Some College	21.9	19.5	24.5	374	15.1	13.3	17.0	354
College Degree +	10.3	8.7	12.0	214	8.6	7.4	10.1	239
Income:								
<\$15,000	37.2	32.5	42.2	249	32.8	28.9	37.0	304
\$15,000 - \$24,999	40.4	36.3	44.6	366	23.3	20.5	26.3	317
\$25,000 - \$49,999	25.5	22.8	28.5	337	15.4	13.3	17.6	285
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10.3	8.1	13.0	92	6.1	4.6	8.1	75
\$75,000 +	7.2	5.5	9.3	72	5.4	4.1	7.1	67
Race/Ethnicity:								
White, non-Hispanic	23.2	21.7	24.8	1,086	13.5	12.5	14.6	884
AI/AN*	13.6	9.4	19.3	52	26.4	20.9	32.9	130
Other or Hispanic**	33.9	26.7	41.8	82	22.5	17.1	28.9	89
Disability:								
Disability	26.1	23.1	29.3	320	24.4	22.1	26.9	500
No Disability	22.4	20.8	24.1	891	11.3	10.3	12.5	596
Region:								
1- Eastern MT	19.6	16.0	23.8	118	11.4	9.1	14.4	103
2- N Central MT	22.5	19.2	26.1	252	18.9	16.2	21.9	274
3- S Central MT	22.0	18.9	25.4	191	12.0	9.9	14.4	144
4- Southwest MT	20.9	18.2	23.9	213	12.5	10.6	14.6	171
5- Northwest MT	26.8	24.1	29.6	432	17.0	15.1	19.1	404

† Do you have any kind of health care coverage, adults ages 18-64? Total Sample Size: 5,776, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 142,200.

‡ Did you need to see a doctor in the past year, but could not because of the cost? Total Sample Size: 8,654, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 114,00.

* American Indian or Alaska Native only.

** All other non-White (including multi-racial or Hispanic).