

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Montana BRFSS, 2011

In 2011, 24.1% of Montana adults 64 years of age and younger did not have health care coverage; 15.4% 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 no health care coverage decreased with age, higher educational attainment and higher household income levels.
- ◆ Adults 64 years of age and younger reported being unable to see a doctor due to cost more often than adults age 65 years and older.
- ◆ Educational attainment levels and household incomes were negatively associated with being unable to see a doctor in the previous year due to cost.
- ◆ American Indian/Alaska Native adults reported having health care coverage more often than other race or ethnic groups. In addition, White, non-Hispanics and American Indians/Alaska Natives reported being unable to afford seeing a doctor due to cost less often than other race or ethnic groups.
- ◆ Adults with a disability reported more frequently than adults without a disability of being unable to see a doctor in the preceding year due to cost.
- ◆ The prevalence of being uninsured or unable to see a doctor due to cost in the preceding year was significantly higher for adults living in the Northwest health planning region than those living in the Eastern health planning region.

Figure 4. Access to Health Care by Household Income, Montana BRFSS, 2011

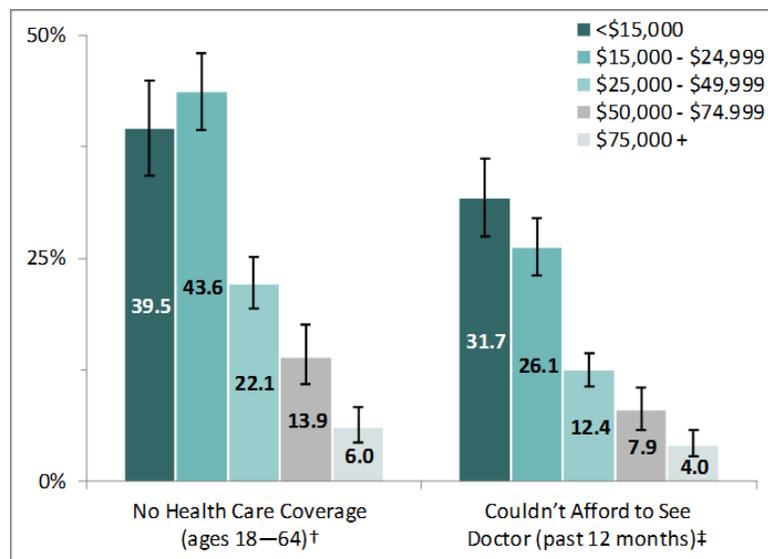


Table 3: Access to Health Care, Montana Adults, 2011

	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:	24.1	22.5	25.7	1,422	15.4	14.3	16.6	1,295
Sex:								
Male	26.6	24.3	29.1	708	13.9	12.4	15.7	495
Female	21.4	19.5	23.5	714	16.9	15.4	18.5	800
Age:								
18 - 24	24.6	20.3	29.4	129	17.6	14.0	21.9	94
25 - 34	31.9	28.1	36.0	273	20.0	16.9	23.5	188
35 - 44	22.7	19.3	26.6	240	17.2	14.2	20.8	183
45 - 54	23.4	20.3	26.7	377	20.9	18.0	24.2	351
55 - 64	18.5	16.2	20.9	403	15.0	13.1	17.2	349
65+		Not Applicable			4.2	3.2	5.4	124
Education:								
<High School	40.5	33.8	47.5	160	22.5	18.2	27.5	140
High School	31.8	28.8	34.9	583	16.4	14.4	18.6	452
Some College	22.5	20.0	25.3	416	17.0	15.0	19.2	432
College Degree	11.8	9.8	14.1	262	9.4	7.8	11.2	269
Income:								
<\$15,000	39.5	34.3	44.9	276	31.7	27.5	36.2	304
\$15,000 - \$24,999	43.6	39.4	48.0	450	26.1	23.1	29.5	413
\$25,000 - \$49,999	22.1	19.4	25.1	374	12.4	10.7	14.4	328
\$50,000 - \$74,999	13.9	10.9	17.6	109	7.9	5.8	10.5	78
\$75,000 +	6.0	4.3	8.3	83	4.0	2.8	5.8	67
Race/Ethnicity:								
White, non-Hispanic	23.8	22.2	25.5	1,260	14.6	13.4	15.8	1,069
AI/AN*	14.7	10.5	20.1	54	19.4	14.8	25.0	111
Other or Hispanic**	35.4	27.7	43.9	101	24.9	19.1	31.7	106
Disability:								
No Disability	23.8	21.9	25.7	936	12.1	10.9	13.5	632
Disability	24.6	21.7	27.8	397	23.2	20.8	25.7	578
Region:								
1- Eastern MT	18.6	14.7	23.3	124	11.7	9.0	15.0	115
2- N Central MT	21.7	18.5	25.3	252	15.0	12.6	17.8	257
3- S Central MT	22.9	19.4	26.9	228	14.3	11.7	17.3	201
4- Southwest MT	23.1	20.0	26.4	301	14.7	12.4	17.2	255
5- Northwest MT	28.0	25.1	31.0	493	18.1	16.0	20.3	445

† Do you have any kind of health care coverage (analysis limited to ages 18-64)? Total Sample Size: 6,908, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 147,000.

‡ Did you need to see a doctor in the past year, but could not because of the cost? Total Sample Size: 10,243, Weighted Prevalence Estimate: 118,400.

* American Indian or Alaska Native only.

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