

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Needed to see doctor but could not
Demographic Group	Residents of Wisconsin households
Numerator	The number of people in the Family Health Survey (FHS) sample who were reported to have needed medical care in the past 12 months, but did not get it.
Denominator	The total number of Wisconsin residents in the FHS sample. The “(N)” rows indicate the sample sizes.
Details about Data Item	<p>The survey question asked, “Sometimes people have problems getting medical care or surgery when they need it. During the last 12 months, was there any time when you or anyone in your household needed medical care or surgery but did not get it?”</p> <p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-” columns) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent needing medical care that was not received. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary, and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals.</p>
Other Data Information	<p>Family Health Survey data are weighted to account for disproportionate sampling rates in the sample strata, varying response rates, and number of telephones in each sampled household. The percentages reported in these tables are based on weighted data. Results are considered to be representative of the Wisconsin population living in households with working telephones.</p> <p>Family Health Survey data for 2008 and 2009 were each weighted using a different method from prior years, in order to obtain results that more accurately represent all Wisconsin household residents. The resulting weights were used to compute each percentage for 2008 and 2009 data in these tables. The reader should not compare results from 2009 to results from 2008, or results from either of these years to earlier years. For more information, please see the Technical Notes section of <i>Wisconsin Health Insurance Coverage</i> reports for 2008 and 2009, available at: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/familyhealthsurvey.htm</p> <p>The Pacific Islander, Other, and no response race/ethnicity groups are excluded from these tables. They constitute 1%-2% of the total sample.</p> <p>The race/ethnicity tables include “rolling averages” for the time periods 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, etc., combining years of data to yield a minimum of 100 cases per group.</p>
Reference Time Period	FHS interviews are conducted during a minimum of eight, and a maximum of 12, months each year. “The past 12 months” is a time period that varies with the month during which the interview was conducted. It is always the 12-month period immediately preceding the survey interview.

Data Source	<p>Wisconsin Family Health Survey (FHS), Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services.</p> <p>The FHS is an ongoing random-sample telephone survey of Wisconsin households, collecting information about health status, chronic conditions, health care and health insurance coverage. The adult household member most knowledgeable about the health of all household members answers the survey questions. A minimum of 2,400 households are interviewed each year, yielding information on more than 6,000 Wisconsin residents. Further information is available at:</p> <p>http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/familyhealthsurvey.htm</p>
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