

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Dental visit in past year, people uninsured part of year
Demographic Group	Residents of Wisconsin households, age 1 and older, who had no health insurance coverage during part of the past 12 months.
Numerator	The number of people in the Family Health Survey (FHS) sample, uninsured part of the past 12 months and age 1 or older, who were reported to have seen a dentist in the past 12 months.
Denominator	The total number of Wisconsin residents in the FHS sample who were age 1 or older and uninsured part of the past 12 months.
Details about Data Item	<p>The 2000 and 2001 survey question asked, “How long ago did you last visit the dentist?” The question was not asked for children under age 3. Starting in 2002, the question was, “How long ago did you last visit the dentist or other dental care provider?” and it was not asked for infants under age 1.</p> <p>Among those uninsured for part of the past year, length of time since last dental visit was not reported for about 2%-5% of cases.</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 who saw a dentist in the past 12 months. 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>In the 2000 and 2001 surveys, a single question was asked about insurance coverage over the past 12 months. Starting in 2002, a more detailed set of questions was asked. In all years, people who were reported having insurance coverage for some, but not all, of the past 12 months were considered “uninsured part of the year.”</p> <p>Family Health Survey interviews 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>

	The Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, Multiple Races, Other, and no response race/ethnicity groups are excluded from these tables because the sample for those uninsured part of the year in each group is smaller than 100 cases, even with four years of data combined. They constitute 15% of the sample for the Race/Ethnicity table for the combined years 2006-2009.
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>