

Dental Care Coverage

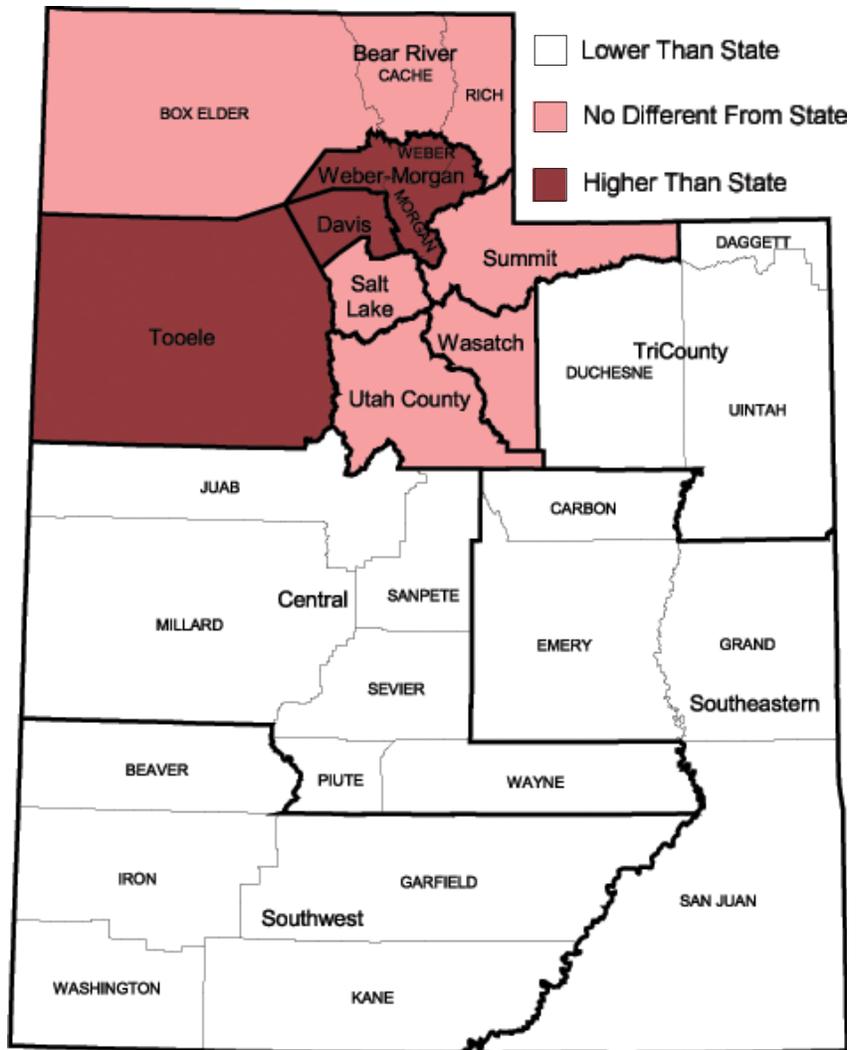


Question: Do you have any kind of insurance coverage that pays for some or all of your routine dental care, including dental insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicaid?

Lack of dental insurance is one of several barriers to obtaining oral health care and accounts in part for the generally poorer oral health of those who live at or near the poverty line, lack health insurance, or lose their insurance upon retirement. Insurance coverage for oral health care is increasing but still lags behind medical insurance. It is often employer based and has limited benefits and high co-payments. Medicare is not designed to reimburse for routine dental care. There needs to be improved access to primary preventive and early intervention services, and removal of barriers to the dental care system. One approach includes making dental insurance more available to Americans.

- Dental care coverage was higher than the state rate in Weber-Morgan, Davis County, and Tooele County Health Districts. It was lower in the Central Utah, Southeastern Utah, Southwest Utah, and TriCounty Health Districts.
- Approximately 66% of Utah adults reported having dental insurance. This question was not asked in the core questionnaire, so there were no comparable U.S. data.

Dental Care Coverage by Whether the Local Health District Percentage Differed From the State, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001

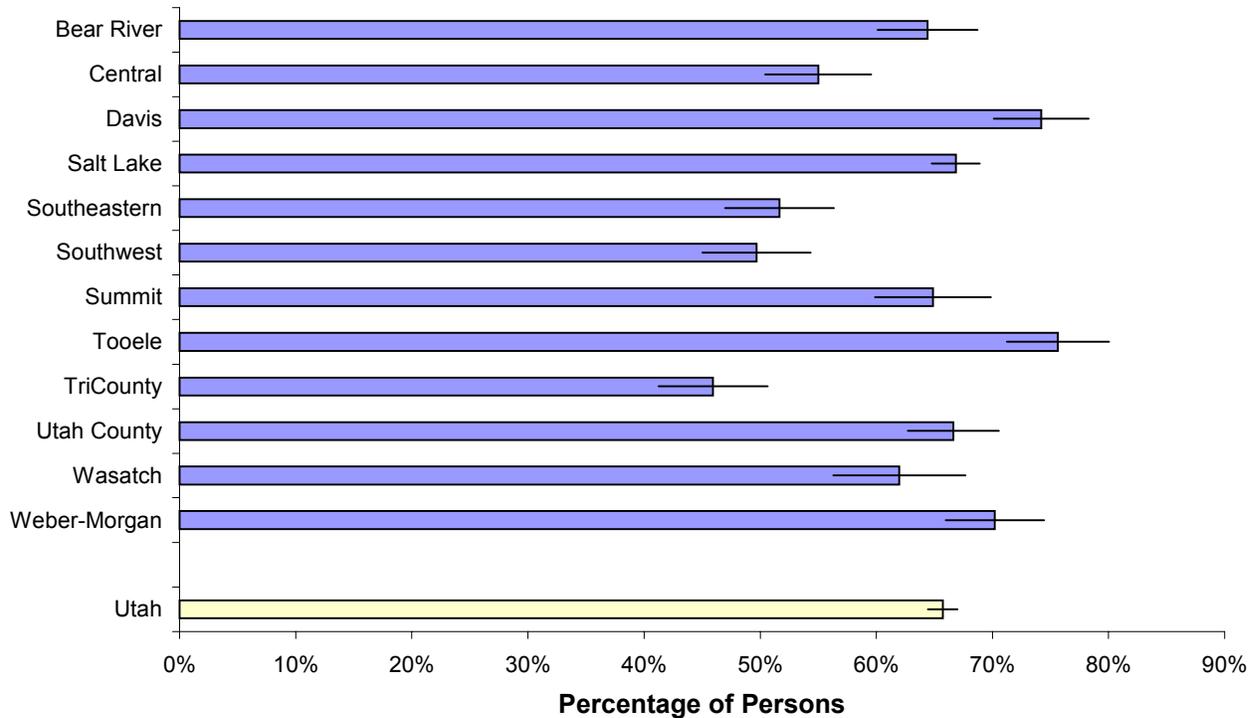


Age adjusted to the U.S. 2000 standard population. Percentage for a local health district was considered different from the state percentage if its 95% confidence interval did not include the state percentage. Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



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Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage*
by Local Health District, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



* crude rates
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

District	Sample Size	Total Number of Adults	Crude Rates			Age-adjusted Rates**		
			Number With Dental Care Coverage	Percent	95% CI Range	Percent	95% CI Range	
Bear River	589	91,817	59,100	64.4%	60.1% 68.7%	63.4%	59.5% 67.3%	
Central	596	43,286	23,800	55.0%	50.4% 59.5%	56.4%	52.2% 60.6%	
Davis	541	155,816	115,600	74.2%	70.1% 78.3%	71.4%	67.4% 75.5%	
Salt Lake	2,588	627,857	419,700	66.8%	64.8% 68.9%	65.2%	63.2% 67.1%	
Southeastern	550	36,451	18,800	51.7%	47.0% 56.3%	52.1%	47.7% 56.6%	
Southwest	614	97,595	48,500	49.7%	45.0% 54.4%	50.9%	46.3% 55.5%	
Summit	588	21,092	13,700	64.9%	59.9% 69.9%	60.8%	56.4% 65.2%	
Tooele	684	27,012	20,400	75.6%	71.2% 80.0%	74.9%	70.8% 79.0%	
TriCounty	567	26,359	12,100	45.9%	41.2% 50.6%	45.4%	41.0% 49.9%	
Utah County	842	245,264	163,400	66.6%	62.7% 70.6%	64.0%	60.4% 67.7%	
Wasatch	519	10,154	6,300	62.0%	56.3% 67.7%	61.1%	55.7% 66.6%	
Weber-Morgan	587	140,822	98,900	70.2%	66.0% 74.4%	70.2%	66.0% 74.5%	
Utah	9,265	1,523,525	1,001,100	65.7%	64.4% 67.0%	64.3%	63.1% 65.6%	

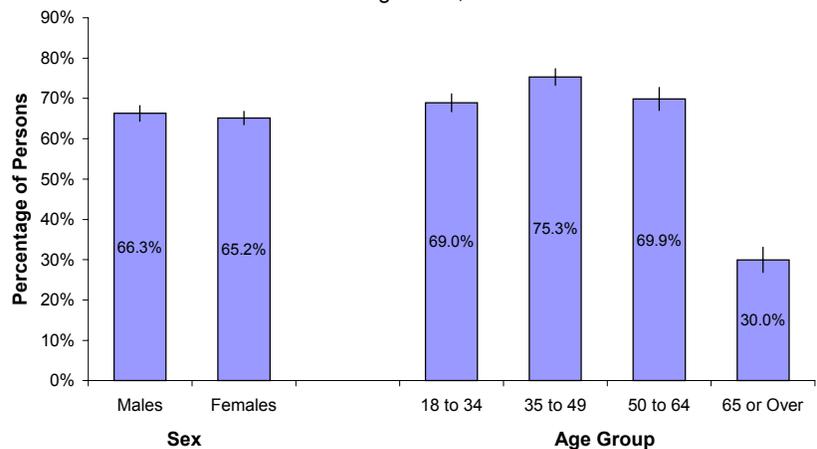
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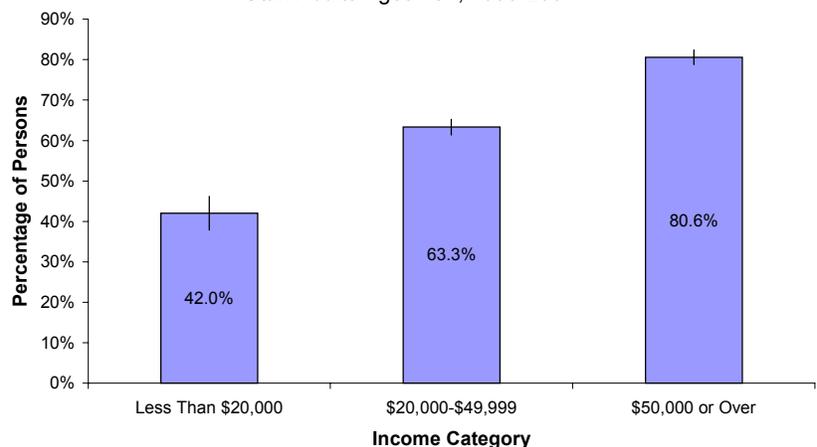
- Only 30.0% of adults ages 65 or over reported dental insurance, as compared to 69.0% to 75.3% for adults younger than 65.

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage by Sex and Age, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



- Dental coverage increased from 42.0% for those with annual household incomes of less than \$20,000 to 80.6% for those with annual household incomes of \$50,000 or over.
- The percentage of adults with dental coverage increased with higher education levels from 48.5% for people with less than a high school education to 70.0% for adults with a college degree (not graphed).

Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage by Income, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999-2001



The Utah Department of Health provides dental care coverage to qualified low income or disabled Utah residents through the Utah Medicaid program. For Medicaid information including a complete list of dentists and dental clinics providing services for people enrolled in Medicaid, call (801) 538-6155 or 1-800-662-9651.

Utah Objective: No objective listed.

HP2010 Objective: No objective listed.



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Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage by Selected Demographic Characteristics, Utah Adults Ages 18+, 1999 - 2001.

Demographic Subgroup	Utah Population		Survey Estimates				
	Distribution	Number of Persons ¹	Percentage of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage ²			Number of Persons ^{1,3}	Distribution of Persons Who Reported Having Dental Care Coverage by Category
			95% Confidence Intervals	Lower	Upper		
Dental Insurance							
Yes	65.7%	1,001,100					
No	34.3%	522,400					
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500					
Sex							
Males	49.5%	753,700	66.3%	64.3%	68.2%	499,600	49.9%
Females	50.5%	769,800	65.2%	63.5%	66.9%	501,600	50.1%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	65.7%	64.4%	67.0%	1,001,100	100.0%
Age Group							
18 to 34	42.6%	648,500	69.0%	66.7%	71.2%	447,100	44.5%
35 to 49	28.5%	433,700	75.3%	73.3%	77.4%	326,600	32.5%
50 to 64	16.4%	250,000	69.9%	67.0%	72.7%	174,700	17.4%
65 or Over	12.6%	191,300	30.0%	26.9%	33.1%	57,400	5.7%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	65.7%	64.4%	67.0%	1,001,100	100.0%
Race/Ethnicity							
White, Non-Hispanic	88.4%	1,346,000	65.6%	64.2%	66.9%	882,300	88.2%
Hispanic	8.3%	126,000	64.6%	59.0%	70.1%	81,300	8.1%
Non-White, Non-Hispanic	3.4%	51,500	70.2%	63.2%	77.3%	36,200	3.6%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	65.7%	64.4%	67.0%	1,001,100	100.0%
Income							
Less Than \$20,000	13.6%	207,700	42.0%	37.9%	46.2%	87,300	8.5%
\$20,000-\$49,999	47.8%	727,500	63.3%	61.4%	65.3%	460,700	45.1%
\$50,000 or Over	38.6%	588,400	80.6%	78.8%	82.4%	474,100	46.4%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	65.7%	64.4%	67.0%	1,001,100	100.0%
Education							
Less Than High School	6.0%	91,700	48.5%	41.8%	55.1%	44,400	4.4%
H.S. Grad or G.E.D.	30.1%	458,100	62.2%	59.9%	64.5%	285,100	28.5%
Some Post High School	35.1%	534,100	68.0%	65.8%	70.2%	363,300	36.3%
College Graduate	28.9%	439,500	70.0%	67.7%	72.2%	307,500	30.7%
Total, All Adults	100.0%	1,523,500	65.7%	64.4%	67.0%	1,001,100	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.