

Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+)

Introduction:

The health of individuals and communities depends greatly on access to quality health care. Having health insurance, a higher income level, and a regular primary care provider or other source of ongoing health care are strong predictors of access to quality health care. Persons with health insurance are more likely to have a primary care provider and to receive appropriate preventive care. Having a primary care provider as the usual source of care is especially important because of the benefits of primary care. These benefits include the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community.

Other financial barriers to accessing health care include not having enough health insurance to cover needed services, or not having the financial capacity to cover services outside a health plan or insurance program. Persons without coverage for basic health care necessities, such as prescriptions or dental care, and who lack sufficient income to pay for these items out of pocket often do not receive appropriate care until their condition is serious. This, in turn, places an additional burden on the patient, the community and the health care system.

Healthy People 2010 Objectives:

- Increase to 96% the percentage of persons who have a specific source of ongoing care.
- Increase to 85% the percentage of persons with a usual primary care provider.
- Increase to 100% the percentage of persons under age 65 with health insurance.

Summary Household Health Survey Findings:

- More than one-quarter of a million adults (253,500) in Southeastern Pennsylvania do not have one place or person they usually go to when they are sick or want advice about their health.¹ This represents one out of eleven adults (9.1%) in the region. Southeastern Pennsylvania is more than twice as high as the Healthy People 2010 objective of 4%.
- Greater than 150,000 adults in Southeastern Pennsylvania, or 5.7% of adults, do not have any public or private health insurance.² This does not yet meet the Healthy People 2010 objective of 0%.
- One out of nine insured adults (11.4%) lacks coverage for prescription medications,³ representing 300,000 adults, and more than one-quarter of insured adults, representing 700,000 persons, lacks coverage for dental care (26.7%).

Trends Over Time

- The percentage of uninsured adults in Southeastern Pennsylvania has remained relatively stable since 1991, decreasing slightly from 6.3% in 1991 to 5.7% in 2000.
- The percentage of adults with no prescription coverage has decreased 50% since 1991, from 24.9% to 11.4%. The percentage of adults without dental coverage has decreased from 33.2% in 1991 to 26.7% in 2000.
- The percentage of insured adults 65 years of age and older who are enrolled in a managed care plan increased by more than 500%, from 9.0% in 1991 to 49.4% in 2000.

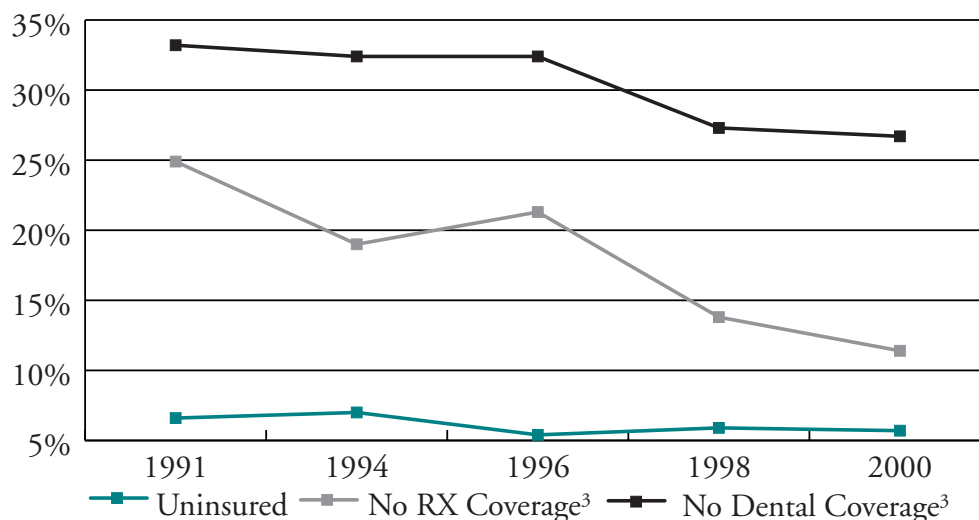
Differences Among Population Subgroups

- Younger adults 18-29 years of age are more likely to lack a regular source of care (18.3%) than adults age 30-44 (9.9%), age 45-64 (5.5%) or adults 65 years of age and older (4.1%). Men are more likely to lack a regular source of care than women (11.4% and 7.0%, respectively).
- Latino adults (17.0%) and poor adults (11.2%) are more likely to lack a regular source of care than non-Latinos (8.8%) and the non-poor (8.6%).
- Nearly one out of three uninsured adults lacks a regular source of care (32.5%). Uninsured adults are more than four times as likely to lack a regular source of care as are insured adults (7.6%).
- Black⁴ adults (8.7%) are nearly twice as likely as white adults (4.5%) to lack health insurance coverage. Latino adults (17.0%) are more than three times as likely as non-Latino adults (5.3%) to be uninsured.
- Adults 65 years of age and older are more likely to lack insurance coverage for prescriptions (19.0%) or dental care (56.5%) than adults age 18-29 (14.9% and 17.3%, respectively), age 30-44 (7.9% and 17.8%, respectively), or age 45-64 (8.2% and 22.2%, respectively).
- Black adults (12.6%) are slightly more likely to lack prescription coverage than are white adults (11.0%); whites adults, however, are more likely to lack dental care coverage (28.3%) than are blacks (19.8%).
- Non-Latinos are more likely to lack coverage for prescriptions (11.5%) and dental care (26.9%) than Latinos (9.8% and 21.2%, respectively). Poor⁵ adults are more likely to lack coverage for prescriptions (18.2%) and dental care (36.6%) than are non-poor adults (10.1% and 24.8%, respectively).

County Level Differences

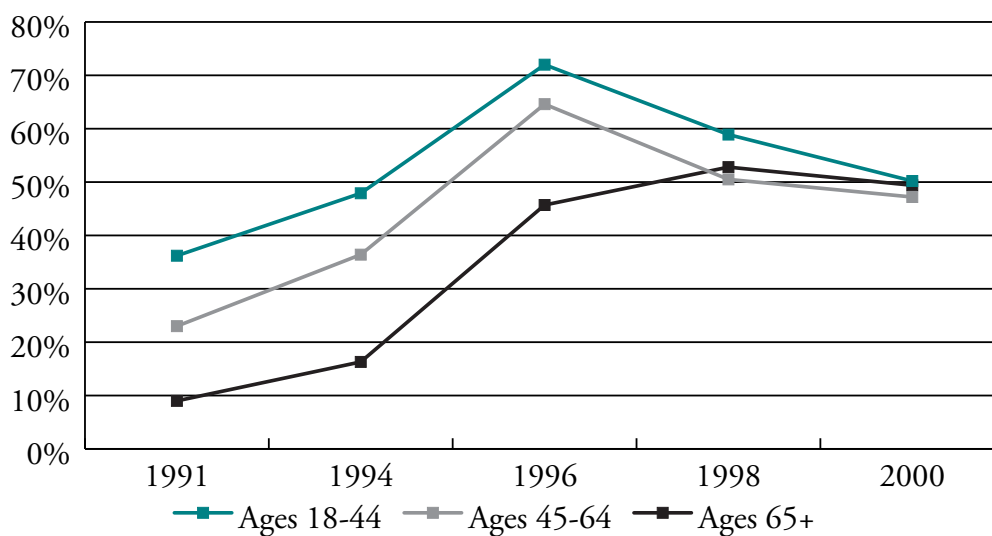
- Access to health care among adults varies little among the five counties in the region. However, Philadelphia County has the highest percentage of adults without a regular source of care (9.9%), who are uninsured (7.8%), or have no prescription coverage (12.4%).
- Delaware County has the highest percentage of adults with no coverage for dental care (30.3%), followed by Bucks (27.9%), Chester (27.9%), Montgomery (26.4%) and Philadelphia (24.6%) Counties.

Figure 2.1. Insurance Status² Among Adults (18+), Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1991-2000



SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Surveys, 1991-2000

Figure 2.2. HMO Coverage Among Adults (18+) by Age, Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1991-2000



SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Surveys, 1991-2000

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Table 2.1. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Southeastern Pennsylvania, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL SOUTHEASTERN PA | | 253,500 | 9.1% | 159,100 | 5.7% | 299,900 | 11.4% | 697,200 | 26.7% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 96,500 | 18.3% | 60,700 | 11.5% | 68,300 | 14.9% | 79,000 | 17.3% |
| | 30-44 | 88,800 | 9.9% | 64,000 | 7.1% | 64,800 | 7.9% | 146,600 | 17.8% |
| | 45-64 | 46,600 | 5.5% | 33,000 | 3.9% | 67,200 | 8.2% | 179,900 | 22.2% |
| | 65+ | 21,600 | 4.1% | 1,400 | 0.3% | 99,600 | 19.0% | 291,800 | 56.5% |
| GENDER | Male | 149,200 | 11.4% | 79,000 | 6.0% | 156,600 | 12.8% | 326,500 | 26.9% |
| | Female | 104,200 | 7.0% | 80,200 | 5.4% | 143,200 | 10.2% | 370,800 | 26.6% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 191,700 | 8.7% | 100,400 | 4.5% | 229,900 | 11.0% | 591,000 | 28.3% |
| | Black | 42,200 | 8.5% | 43,100 | 8.7% | 56,600 | 12.6% | 87,500 | 19.8% |
| | Other | 16,900 | 20.9% | 13,400 | 16.6% | 10,700 | 16.4% | 14,500 | 22.4% |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | 16,300 | 17.0% | 16,300 | 17.0% | 7,600 | 9.8% | 16,100 | 21.2% |
| | Non-Latino | 236,600 | 8.8% | 142,500 | 5.3% | 291,600 | 11.5% | 679,400 | 26.9% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 55,500 | 11.2% | 67,500 | 13.5% | 77,700 | 18.2% | 154,500 | 36.6% |
| | Non-Poor | 198,000 | 8.6% | 91,600 | 4.0% | 221,700 | 10.1% | 542,500 | 24.8% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 201,900 | 7.6% | N/A | N/A | 299,900 | 11.4% | 697,200 | 26.7% |
| | Uninsured | 51,600 | 32.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base 2000 Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey

Table 2.2. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by County, Southeastern Pennsylvania, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL SOUTHEASTERN PA | 253,500 | 9.1% | 159,100 | 5.7% | 299,900 | 11.4% | 697,200 | 26.7% |
| BUCKS COUNTY | 39,300 | 8.7% | 15,700 | 3.5% | 46,800 | 10.8% | 121,100 | 27.9% |
| CHESTER COUNTY | 27,700 | 8.8% | 15,900 | 5.0% | 36,100 | 12.1% | 83,200 | 27.9% |
| DELAWARE COUNTY | 32,600 | 7.9% | 22,900 | 5.5% | 42,300 | 10.9% | 116,100 | 30.3% |
| MONTGOMERY COUNTY | 49,300 | 8.8% | 22,000 | 3.9% | 55,600 | 10.3% | 141,800 | 26.4% |
| PHILADELPHIA COUNTY | 104,600 | 9.9% | 82,600 | 7.8% | 119,000 | 12.4% | 235,100 | 24.6% |

SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base 2000 Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey

BUCKS COUNTY

Table 2.3. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Bucks County, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL BUCKS COUNTY | | 39,300 | 8.7% | 15,700 | 3.5% | 46,800 | 10.8% | 121,100 | 27.9% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 13,000 | 16.7% | 6,400 | 8.2% | 10,100 | 14.4% | 14,200 | 20.4% |
| | 30-44 | 14,800 | 9.6% | 6,500 | 4.2% | 10,600 | 7.2% | 29,900 | 20.4% |
| | 45-64 | 9,800 | 6.7% | 2,800 | 1.9% | 13,100 | 9.1% | 33,100 | 23.0% |
| | 65+ | 1,700 | 2.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 13,000 | 17.5% | 43,800 | 60.1% |
| GENDER | Male | 25,000 | 11.4% | 5,600 | 2.6% | 24,600 | 11.5% | 58,900 | 27.8% |
| | Female | 14,300 | 6.1% | 10,100 | 4.3% | 22,300 | 10.1% | 62,200 | 28.0% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 36,300 | 8.4% | 13,600 | 3.1% | 44,500 | 10.7% | 117,000 | 28.2% |
| | Black | 1,100 | 9.2% | 900 | 8.0% | 1,000 | 9.4% | 2,100 | 19.9% |
| | Other | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | 1,900 | 21.4% | 1,600 | 17.6% | 900 | 12.1% | 2,800 | 38.0% |
| | Non-Latino | 37,400 | 8.4% | 14,100 | 3.2% | 46,000 | 10.8% | 118,200 | 27.8% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 4,700 | 10.6% | 7,100 | 15.3% | 8,000 | 20.5% | 17,900 | 47.2% |
| | Non-Poor | 34,500 | 8.5% | 8,700 | 2.1% | 38,600 | 9.8% | 103,200 | 26.1% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 33,300 | 7.6% | N/A | N/A | 46,800 | 10.8% | 121,100 | 27.9% |
| | Uninsured | 6,000 | 38.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Table 2.4. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Geographic Subarea, Bucks County, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|---------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL BUCKS COUNTY | 15,700 | 3.5% | 39,300 | 8.7% | 46,800 | 10.8% | 121,100 | 27.9% |
| UPPER BUCKS | 2,000 | 2.6% | 5,100 | 6.7% | 10,500 | 14.5% | 26,300 | 35.7% |
| CENTRAL BUCKS | 3,400 | 2.1% | 14,500 | 8.9% | 16,600 | 10.5% | 46,500 | 29.6% |
| LOWER BUCKS | 19,700 | 9.2% | 10,400 | 4.8% | 19,600 | 9.7% | 48,300 | 23.8% |

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CHESTER COUNTY

Table 2.5. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Chester County, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL CHESTER COUNTY | | 27,700 | 8.8% | 15,900 | 5.0% | 36,100 | 12.1% | 83,200 | 27.9% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 10,400 | 19.2% | 5,800 | 10.7% | 8,600 | 18.4% | 7,800 | 16.7% |
| | 30-44 | 11,800 | 10.5% | 7,900 | 6.9% | 9,000 | 8.6% | 19,300 | 18.4% |
| | 45-64 | 3,300 | 3.3% | 2,100 | 2.2% | 6,200 | 6.4% | 22,900 | 24.0% |
| | 65+ | 2,300 | 4.4% | 100 | 0.3% | 12,300 | 24.2% | 33,200 | 65.1% |
| GENDER | Male | 16,700 | 11.0% | 7,700 | 5.1% | 17,400 | 12.3% | 39,300 | 27.7% |
| | Female | 11,100 | 6.7% | 8,200 | 5.0% | 18,700 | 11.9% | 43,900 | 28.1% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 25,700 | 8.8% | 14,100 | 4.8% | 33,900 | 12.3% | 76,400 | 27.8% |
| | Black | 1,300 | 6.8% | 900 | 4.6% | 1,700 | 9.2% | 5,700 | 31.4% |
| | Other | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | 1,100 | 11.7% | 3,200 | 35.1% | 700 | 11.7% | 1,100 | 18.3% |
| | Non-Latino | 26,600 | 8.7% | 12,600 | 4.1% | 35,100 | 12.0% | 81,700 | 28.1% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 3,400 | 12.0% | 4,600 | 16.4% | 4,000 | 17.2% | 11,800 | 50.4% |
| | Non-Poor | 24,400 | 8.4% | 11,300 | 3.9% | 32,100 | 11.7% | 71,500 | 26.0% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 23,900 | 7.9% | N/A | N/A | 36,100 | 12.1% | 83,200 | 27.9% |
| | Uninsured | 3,800 | 24.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Table 2.6. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Geographic Subarea, Chester County, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL CHESTER COUNTY | 15,900 | 5.0% | 27,700 | 8.8% | 36,100 | 12.1% | 83,200 | 27.9% |
| EASTERN | 10,100 | 15.1% | 2,800 | 4.2% | 7,400 | 11.7% | 17,600 | 27.9% |
| NORTHERN | 6,300 | 8.1% | 5,100 | 6.5% | 10,900 | 14.7% | 24,000 | 32.6% |
| SOUTHERN | 4,500 | 7.2% | 6,000 | 9.6% | 7,200 | 12.8% | 17,000 | 30.2% |
| MIDDLE | 6,800 | 6.3% | 2,000 | 1.9% | 10,600 | 10.1% | 24,600 | 23.6% |

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DELAWARE COUNTY

Table 2.7. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Delaware County, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL DELAWARE COUNTY | | 32,600 | 7.9% | 22,900 | 5.5% | 42,300 | 10.9% | 116,100 | 30.3% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 12,000 | 17.5% | 11,400 | 16.6% | 11,600 | 20.4% | 12,600 | 22.6% |
| | 30-44 | 10,100 | 7.5% | 7,000 | 5.2% | 9,500 | 7.4% | 22,000 | 17.6% |
| | 45-64 | 6,700 | 5.6% | 4,200 | 3.5% | 9,300 | 8.0% | 29,000 | 25.0% |
| | 65+ | 3,800 | 4.3% | 300 | 0.3% | 11,900 | 13.6% | 52,500 | 60.6% |
| GENDER | Male | 18,500 | 9.6% | 11,200 | 5.8% | 22,200 | 12.3% | 61,500 | 34.5% |
| | Female | 14,100 | 6.4% | 11,600 | 5.3% | 20,100 | 9.7% | 54,600 | 26.6% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 27,600 | 7.6% | 18,400 | 5.1% | 34,700 | 10.1% | 107,500 | 31.6% |
| | Black | 3,000 | 7.6% | 2,300 | 5.7% | 6,200 | 16.5% | 6,800 | 18.5% |
| | Other | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| | Non-Latino | 31,400 | 7.7% | 22,400 | 5.5% | 42,100 | 11.0% | 114,800 | 30.4% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 5,600 | 11.1% | 6,400 | 12.4% | 7,800 | 17.6% | 18,500 | 42.3% |
| | Non-Poor | 27,000 | 7.5% | 16,500 | 4.6% | 34,300 | 10.0% | 97,400 | 28.7% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 26,500 | 6.8% | N/A | N/A | 42,300 | 10.9% | 116,100 | 30.3% |
| | Uninsured | 6,100 | 26.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Table 2.8. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Geographic Subarea, Delaware County, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL DELAWARE COUNTY | 22,900 | 5.5% | 32,600 | 7.9% | 42,300 | 10.9% | 116,100 | 30.3% |
| ASTON/CHESTER AREA | 5,400 | 7.2% | 3,400 | 4.4% | 5,200 | 7.1% | 16,500 | 23.2% |
| RIDLEY/SPRINGFIELD AREA | 4,700 | 5.7% | 3,300 | 4.0% | 6,300 | 7.9% | 25,100 | 31.9% |
| DARBY/UPPER DARBY AREA | 12,600 | 10.7% | 10,000 | 8.5% | 16,200 | 15.1% | 31,100 | 29.6% |
| NORTHERN | 5,500 | 6.5% | 2,600 | 3.1% | 9,800 | 12.0% | 29,100 | 35.4% |
| MEDIA AREA | 2,900 | 7.7% | 2,300 | 6.0% | 3,700 | 10.3% | 10,300 | 28.9% |
| WESTERN | 1,400 | 11.3% | 1,200 | 9.6% | 1,100 | 10.0% | 4,100 | 36.5% |

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Table 2.9. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Montgomery County, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY | | 49,300 | 8.8% | 22,000 | 3.9% | 55,600 | 10.3% | 141,800 | 26.4% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 19,700 | 20.2% | 8,700 | 8.9% | 10,100 | 11.5% | 11,900 | 13.6% |
| | 30-44 | 16,700 | 9.5% | 8,900 | 5.0% | 9,400 | 5.6% | 28,300 | 16.9% |
| | 45-64 | 9,700 | 5.6% | 4,400 | 2.5% | 11,500 | 6.7% | 37,000 | 21.7% |
| | 65+ | 3,100 | 2.8% | 0 | 0.0% | 24,600 | 21.9% | 64,600 | 57.8% |
| GENDER | Male | 32,900 | 12.3% | 12,400 | 4.6% | 29,000 | 11.4% | 58,300 | 23.0% |
| | Female | 16,400 | 5.6% | 9,600 | 3.3% | 26,700 | 9.4% | 83,400 | 29.4% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 42,700 | 8.3% | 17,600 | 3.4% | 50,900 | 10.3% | 134,100 | 27.0% |
| | Black | 4,400 | 13.7% | 3,100 | 9.7% | 2,700 | 9.4% | 3,800 | 13.5% |
| | Other | 2,000 | 17.2% | 1,300 | 11.0% | 1,600 | 15.7% | 3,100 | 31.4% |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| | Non-Latino | 48,400 | 8.7% | 21,200 | 3.8% | 54,900 | 10.3% | 139,400 | 26.3% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 5,600 | 11.2% | 6,800 | 13.5% | 6,400 | 14.8% | 21,200 | 49.3% |
| | Non-Poor | 43,700 | 8.5% | 15,200 | 3.0% | 49,200 | 9.9% | 120,500 | 24.4% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 39,900 | 7.4% | N/A | N/A | 55,600 | 10.3% | 141,800 | 26.4% |
| | Uninsured | 9,400 | 43.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Table 2.10. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Geographic Subarea, Montgomery County, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY | 22,000 | 3.9% | 49,300 | 8.8% | 55,600 | 10.3% | 141,800 | 26.4% |
| ABINGTON AREA | 14,500 | 7.9% | 4,700 | 2.6% | 23,000 | 12.7% | 52,800 | 29.4% |
| LOWER MERION AREA | 5,000 | 12.6% | 700 | 1.7% | 5,100 | 13.2% | 10,000 | 26.2% |
| NORRISTOWN AREA | 10,900 | 8.4% | 3,400 | 2.7% | 11,500 | 9.2% | 33,700 | 26.8% |
| NORTH PENN AREA | 8,800 | 8.9% | 4,400 | 4.5% | 8,400 | 8.9% | 17,300 | 18.6% |
| PENNSBURG AREA | 4,400 | 12.7% | 3,900 | 11.3% | 3,400 | 10.7% | 10,800 | 34.7% |
| POTTSTOWN AREA | 5,600 | 7.5% | 4,800 | 6.5% | 4,300 | 6.2% | 17,300 | 25.0% |

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Table 2.11 Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Population Subgroup, Philadelphia County, 2000

| | | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL PHILADELPHIA COUNTY | | 104,600 | 9.9% | 82,600 | 7.8% | 119,000 | 12.4% | 235,100 | 24.6% |
| AGE | 18-29 | 41,400 | 18.0% | 28,400 | 12.4% | 27,800 | 14.2% | 32,500 | 16.4% |
| | 30-44 | 35,500 | 11.2% | 33,800 | 10.7% | 26,400 | 9.4% | 47,100 | 16.8% |
| | 45-64 | 17,100 | 5.6% | 19,400 | 6.3% | 27,000 | 9.4% | 57,800 | 20.4% |
| | 65+ | 10,700 | 5.3% | 1,000 | 0.5% | 37,800 | 19.0% | 97,700 | 50.3% |
| GENDER | Male | 56,200 | 11.7% | 42,000 | 8.7% | 63,500 | 14.7% | 108,500 | 25.3% |
| | Female | 48,400 | 8.4% | 40,600 | 7.1% | 55,500 | 10.5% | 126,600 | 24.0% |
| RACE⁴ | White | 59,500 | 9.9% | 36,600 | 6.1% | 65,800 | 11.7% | 156,000 | 27.9% |
| | Black | 32,400 | 8.3% | 35,900 | 9.2% | 45,000 | 12.8% | 69,100 | 19.8% |
| | Other | 11,300 | 21.9% | 9,000 | 17.4% | 6,800 | 16.6% | 8,200 | 20.2% |
| HISPANIC ORIGIN | Latino | 11,700 | 17.8% | 10,200 | 15.6% | 5,400 | 9.8% | 9,300 | 17.6% |
| | Non-Latino | 92,800 | 9.4% | 72,200 | 7.3% | 113,600 | 12.6% | 225,400 | 25.0% |
| POVERTY STATUS⁵ | Poor | 36,200 | 11.2% | 42,600 | 13.2% | 51,500 | 18.5% | 85,100 | 31.1% |
| | Non-Poor | 68,400 | 9.4% | 40,000 | 5.5% | 67,500 | 9.9% | 150,000 | 22.0% |
| INSURANCE STATUS | Insured | 78,400 | 8.1% | N/A | N/A | 119,000 | 12.4% | 235,100 | 24.6% |
| | Uninsured | 26,200 | 31.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base 2000 Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey

Table 2.12. Access to Health Care Among Adults (18+) by Geographic Subarea, Philadelphia County, 2000

| | NO REGULAR SOURCE OF CARE ¹ | | UNINSURED ² | | NO PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ³ | | NO DENTAL CARE COVERAGE ³ | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent | Est. # | Percent |
| TOTAL PHILADELPHIA COUNTY | 82,600 | 7.8% | 104,600 | 9.9% | 119,000 | 12.4% | 235,100 | 24.6% |
| CENTER CITY | 7,200 | 21.5% | 1,100 | 3.2% | 4,900 | 15.6% | 9,700 | 30.1% |
| SOUTH | 16,100 | 11.9% | 9,900 | 7.3% | 14,300 | 11.5% | 34,300 | 28.0% |
| SOUTHWEST | 7,800 | 10.1% | 5,800 | 7.6% | 10,700 | 15.3% | 17,700 | 25.5% |
| WEST | 9,900 | 8.8% | 12,400 | 11.1% | 14,300 | 14.5% | 26,800 | 27.3% |
| LOWER NORTH | 7,500 | 13.8% | 5,400 | 10.0% | 8,300 | 17.5% | 10,800 | 22.5% |
| UPPER NORTH | 7,300 | 10.3% | 10,200 | 14.4% | 8,700 | 14.6% | 11,800 | 19.9% |
| BRIDES/KENSING/RICHMOND | 7,400 | 13.2% | 9,300 | 16.6% | 4,700 | 10.2% | 11,100 | 24.4% |
| ROXBOROUGH/MANAYUNK | 4,300 | 12.5% | 1,200 | 3.5% | 3,900 | 12.0% | 8,600 | 26.2% |
| GERMANTOWN/CHESTNUT HILL | 6,700 | 8.9% | 2,400 | 3.2% | 8,900 | 12.4% | 16,200 | 22.4% |
| OLNEY/OAK LANE | 6,200 | 6.4% | 9,300 | 9.6% | 10,000 | 11.6% | 16,300 | 19.1% |
| LOWER NORTHEAST | 13,600 | 8.0% | 9,700 | 5.7% | 16,300 | 10.2% | 37,900 | 23.9% |
| UPPER NORTHEAST | 10,700 | 7.7% | 5,800 | 4.2% | 13,900 | 10.5% | 33,800 | 25.8% |

SOURCE: PHMC's Community Health Data Base 2000 Southeastern Pennsylvania Household Health Survey

Section Notes

* = Sample size < 30

N/A = Not applicable

⁵ Due to sample size of 30 to 50 respondents, the projected value of zero is a crude estimate, and in most likelihood the real value is greater than zero.

¹ Adults 18 years of age and older were asked the following question: "Is there one person or place you usually go to when you are sick or want advice about your health?"

² Insurance includes public and private health coverage.

³ Asked only of adults who are insured.

⁴ The race variable was derived from an open-ended question asked in the following manner: "What race do you consider yourself to be?" Answers were then manually coded into the following categories: white (76.6%), black (19.3%), Asian (1.2%), and other (2.9%). For the purposes of this report, the categories were further re-coded into white, black and a combined "other" category. This was done due to the small sample size available for detailed analysis. Among adults in Southeastern Pennsylvania, slightly more than one out of three adults in the "other" category are Asian (35.7%) and more than two out of five are Latinos who did not specify white or black (44.4%). Among children, one out of five children in the "other" category are Asian (20.8%) and one-half are Latinos who did not specify white or black (52.2%).

⁵ Poverty level is defined as below or above 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. Poverty level is calculated based on family size and household income. For example, a family of four with an annual income of \$16,700 in 1999 was defined as living in poverty.



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