

Health Care Access

Key Findings

The 2009 assessment project identified that almost two-thirds (62%) of adults had visited a doctor for a routine visit within the past year. Almost one-quarter (24%) of adults had attempted to get assistance from a social service agency.

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- ◆ The following prevented Allen County adults from seeing a doctor if they needed healthcare: cost (33%), cannot get time off work (9%), difficult to get an appointment (9%), worried they might find something wrong (8%), and hours not convenient (7%).
- ◆ Almost two-thirds (62%) of adults had visited a doctor for a routine visit within the past year, decreasing to 44% of those under 30 years old.
- ◆ About three-fourths (76%) of Allen County adults go to the doctor's office when they are sick or need health advice. 8% go to the urgent care center, 5% go to the emergency room, and 4% go to a public health clinic. 2% of adults do not have a usual place they go.
- ◆ 58% of Allen County adults reported they had one particular doctor or healthcare professional they go to for routine medical care. Of those who do not have a usual source of medical care, 36% reported they did not have insurance or could not afford it, 23% reported they did not need a doctor, 14% reported they go to two or more places, and 10% reported they did not like, trust, or believe in doctors.
- ◆ Almost one quarter (22%) of adults chose to go outside of Allen County to get health care services.
- ◆ Over one quarter (27%) of Allen County adults did not fill a prescription they received from a doctor.

Availability of Services

- ◆ When Allen County adults were asked what programs they have looked for, for themselves or a loved one, demand was highest for the following programs:
 - Depression, anxiety or some other mental health problem (19%)
 - Drug or alcohol abuse (12%)
 - See Table on page 2 of this section.
- ◆ Almost one-quarter (24%) of adults had attempted to get assistance from a social service agency. 58% of those adults received assistance, leaving 42% who did not receive assistance. 1% of adults reported they did not know where to look for assistance.
- ◆ Allen County adults received assistance from the following: the welfare department/Job & Family Services (8%), a family or friend (5%), multiple places (4%), church (4%), LACCA (3%), United Way Agency (1%), and somewhere else (3%).

Primary Care Professionals

- ◆ In 2009, Allen County was reported as having Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in all designated areas for primary care, mental health, and dental health.
- ◆ A shortage of primary medical care physicians is defined through many factors, one of which being an area with a physician to population ratio of at least 1:3,500.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, HPSA by State and County, Updated October, 2008; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professionals

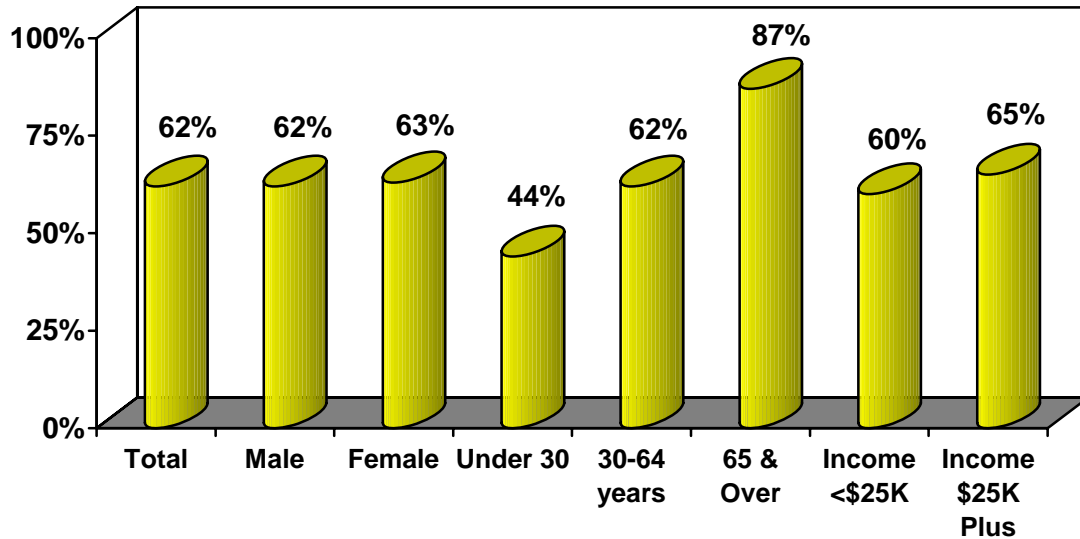
2002 Allen County Comparison Data

- ◆ 13.1% of Allen County adults reported they were prevented from getting the healthcare they needed because they couldn't pay for needed prescription medications.
- ◆ 87.2% of Allen County residents say they have a health care provider to consult for advice and/or illness.

(Source: Allen County Assessment 2002)

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Allen County Adults Visiting a Doctor for a Routine Check-up Within the Past Year



Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment

Allen County Adults Able to Access Assistance Programs/Services

Types of Programs (% of all adults who looked for the programs)	Allen County adults who have looked but have <u>NOT</u> found a specific program	Allen County adults who have looked and have found a specific program
Depression, Anxiety, or Other Mental Health Problem (19% of all adults looked)	31%	69%
Drug or Alcohol Abuse (12% of all adults looked)	48%	52%

Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment

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Healthy People 2010 Access to Quality Health Services

Objective	Healthy People 2010 Target	Allen County 2009 Survey Results	Ohio	U.S.
01-01: Persons under age of 65 years with health care insurance	100%	71% age 20-24 84% age 25-34 84% age 35-44 82% age 45-54 94% age 55-64 (2009)	70% age 18-24 84% age 25-34 88% age 35-44 90% age 45-54 89% age 55-64 (2008)	72% age 18-24 79% age 25-34 86% age 35-44 88% age 45-54 90% age 55-64 (2008)
Persons who report a usual primary care provider	85%	58% (2009)	N/A	78%* (2006)
16-06: Females who received prenatal care in first trimester	90%	74% (2009)	71% (2007)	84% (2005)*

*U.S. baseline is age-adjusted to the 2000 population standard
(Sources: Health People 2010 Objectives, BRFSS, ODH Information Warehouse, 1-14-09, 2009 Assessment)