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TOPIC

Affordable Health Care

CYCP GOAL

All Children, Youth, and Families will
be Physically Safe and Healthy

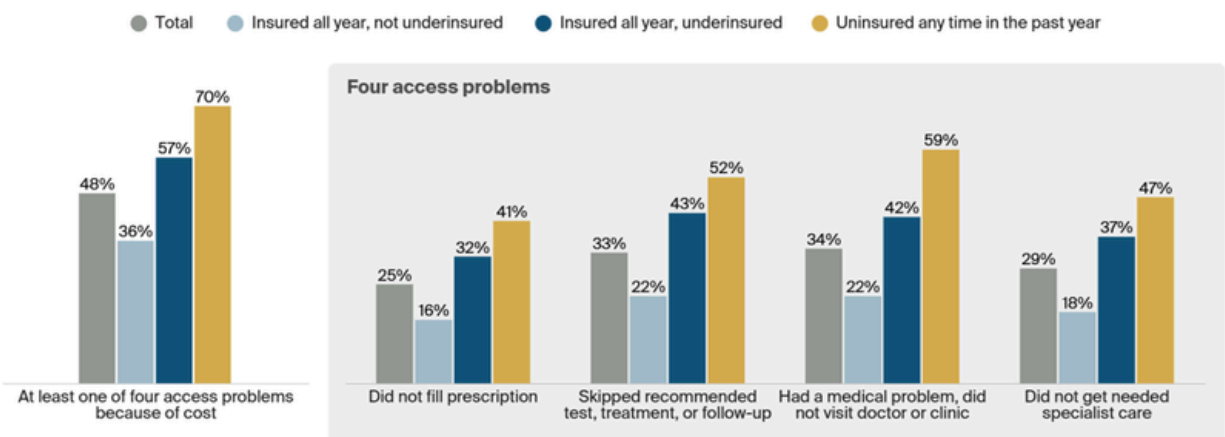
RESULT

All young people have affordable health care

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Cost-related problems getting needed care are experienced at the highest rates by adults who are underinsured or lack continuous coverage.

Percentage of adults ages 19–64 who in the past year had any of four problems accessing care because of cost, by insurance status



Base: Adults ages 19–64.

Notes: “Underinsured” refers to adults who were insured all year but experienced one of the following: out-of-pocket costs, excluding premiums, equaled 10% or more of household income; out-of-pocket costs, excluding premiums, equaled 5% or more of household income if low income (<200% of poverty); or deductibles equaled 5% or more of household income. “Uninsured at any time in the past year” refers to adults who were either uninsured at the time of the survey or were insured but spent some time uninsured in the past year.

Data: Commonwealth Fund 2024 Biennial Health Insurance Survey.

Source: Sara R. Collins and Avni Gupta, *The State of Health Insurance Coverage in the U.S.: Findings from the Commonwealth Fund 2024 Biennial Health Insurance Survey* (Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2024). <https://doi.org/10.26099/byce-qc28>

SIGNIFICANCE

Affordable health care matters because it impacts their financial stability, health, and future well-being. Without access to affordable health care young people may delay or forgo needed medical treatment

STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

Strategies focus on:

- Increasing access to insurance,
- Reducing costs of patients
- Addressing the root causes of rising healthcare prices

PARTNERS

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services
- Federal government
- State government
- Insurance companies
- Healthcare providers

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- Expanding Medicaid eligibility
- Creating health insurance marketplace with federal financial assistance

HOW MUCH WAS DONE?

Significantly reduced the uninsured rate

HOW WELL WAS IT DONE?

With the number of people without health insurance dropping by more half since its enactment

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS SO FAR?

It has expanded coverages and reduced the uninsured rate

WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

Its uncertain for the future right now.
Enhanced subsidies that have significantly lowered premiums are set to expired at the end of 2025

WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPIC?

[The Affordable Care Act 101 – KFF](#)