

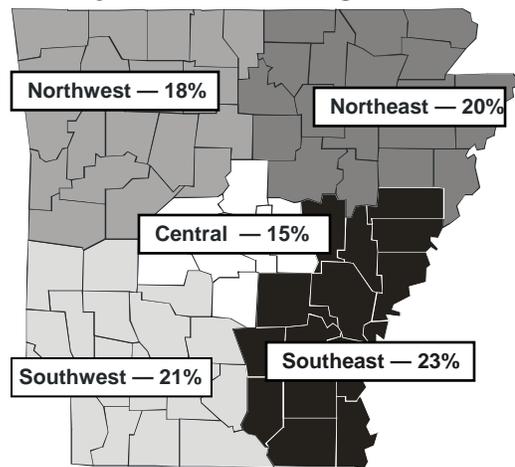


# Health Care Access Among Adults Arkansas, 2008



Access to health care is important for the prevention and treatment of illness and injury. Adults need ongoing access to routine immunizations, recommended screenings, and family planning services in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Adults with chronic health conditions require consistent care to prevent complications and improve their quality of life. Adults who do not have health insurance are often not able to afford the care they need. This causes them to be less likely to visit a health care provider on a routine basis and they may be forced to seek emergency care that burdens the health care system.

## Adults Without Health Insurance By Public Health Region



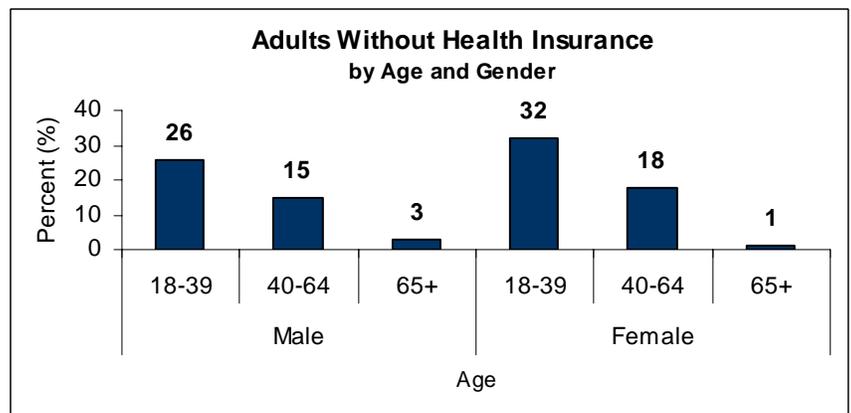
Adults Without Health Insurance in Arkansas, 2008	
Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Black	<b>27%</b> (21.7, 34.1)
White	<b>16%</b> (13.9, 17.4)
<b>Education</b>	
High school or less	<b>26%</b> (23.6, 29.0)
At least some college or more	<b>11%</b> (9.2, 12.9)
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Married	<b>13%</b> (11.5, 14.9)
Not married	<b>28%</b> (24.4, 31.3)
<b>Metropolitan vs. Non-Metropolitan**</b>	
Metropolitan	<b>16%</b> (13.7, 17.9)
Non-Metropolitan	<b>22%</b> (19.1, 24.3)
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed for Wages	<b>16%</b> (13.4, 18.2)
Self-Employed	<b>29%</b> (24.0, 34.8)
Student or Homemaker	<b>30%</b> (24.3, 36.6)
Retired or Unable to Work	<b>7%</b> (5.4, 8.4)

**No Health Insurance.** Over 392,000 (18%) of adults in Arkansas do not have health insurance. The following adults are less likely to have health insurance:

- ◆ Black adults.
- ◆ Adults with a high school education or less.
- ◆ Unmarried adults.
- ◆ Adults living in non-metropolitan areas.
- ◆ Adults that are self-employed and students or homemakers (results are not available for unemployed adults).

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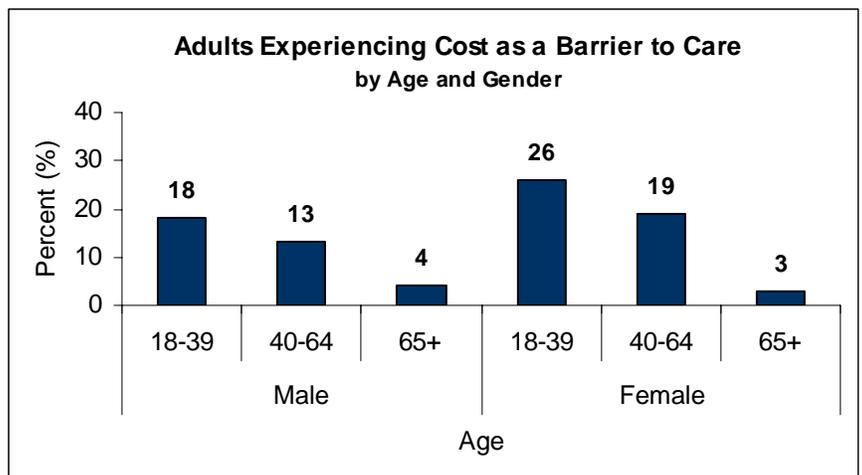
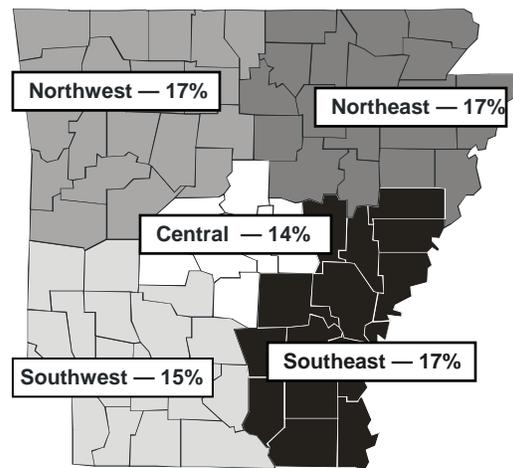


**Cost as a Barrier to Receiving Care.** Among adults in Arkansas, 16% experienced a time in the past year when they could not see a doctor because of the cost. The following adults are more likely to experience this:

- Black adults.
- Adults with a high school education or less.
- Unmarried adults.
- Students or homemakers (when compared with those employed for wages).

Adults Who Could Not See a Doctor Because of Cost in the Past Year in Arkansas, 2008	
Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Black	<b>24%</b> (19.6, 28.7)
White	<b>14%</b> (12.5, 15.8)
<b>Education</b>	
High school or less	<b>21%</b> (19.1, 24.0)
At least some college or more	<b>11%</b> (9.2, 12.5)
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Married	<b>13%</b> (11.0, 14.3)
Not married	<b>22%</b> (19.1, 24.9)
<b>Metropolitan vs. Non-Metropolitan**</b>	
Metropolitan	<b>16%</b> (13.8, 17.8)
Non-Metropolitan	<b>16%</b> (14.0, 18.3)
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed for Wages	<b>14%</b> (12.3, 16.4)
Self-Employed	<b>16%</b> (11.9, 21.7)
Student or Homemaker	<b>23%</b> (17.5, 28.3)
Retired or Unable to Work	<b>12%</b> (10.0, 14.1)

**Adults Who Could Not See a Doctor Because of Cost in the Past Year**  
By Public Health Region



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**No Personal Doctor or Health Care Provider.** Among adults in Arkansas, 17% said they did not have a personal doctor or health care provider. The following adults are more likely to experience this:

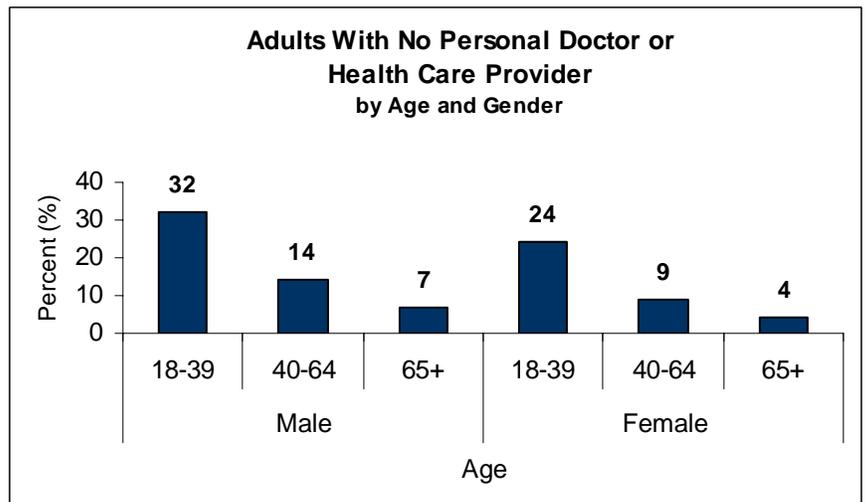
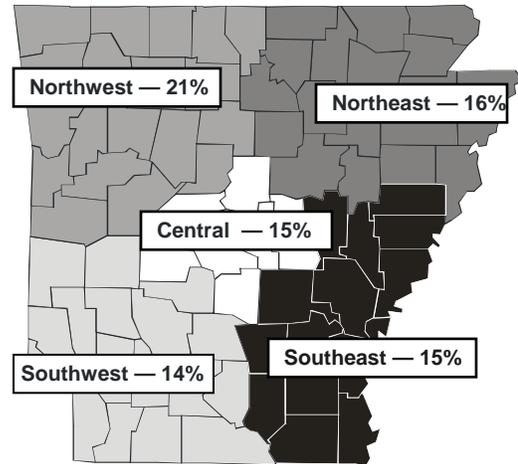
- Adults with a high school education or less.
- Unmarried adults.
- Students or homemakers (when compared with those employed for wages).

<b>Adults Who Do Not Have a Personal Doctor or Health Care Provider in Arkansas, 2008</b>	
Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Black	<b>19%</b> (13.7, 24.6)
White	<b>15%</b> (12.9, 16.4)
<b>Education</b>	
High school or less	<b>23%</b> (20.2, 25.9)
At least some college or more	<b>11%</b> (9.6, 13.0)
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Married	<b>13%</b> (11.6, 15.1)
Not married	<b>23%</b> (20.0, 27.0)
<b>Metropolitan vs. Non-Metropolitan**</b>	
Metropolitan	<b>19%</b> (16.4, 21.3)
Non-Metropolitan	<b>14%</b> (12.2, 16.7)
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed for Wages	<b>17%</b> (14.6, 19.3)
Self-Employed	<b>23%</b> (18.1, 28.4)
Student or Homemaker	<b>26%</b> (19.7, 33.2)
Retired or Unable to Work	<b>6%</b> (4.8, 7.7)

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### Adults Who Do Not Have a Personal Doctor or Health Care Provider By Public Health Region

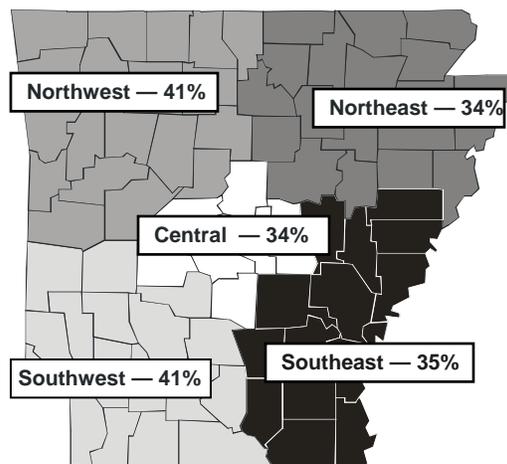


**No Routine Checkup in the Past Year.** Among adults in Arkansas, 37% said they did not visit a doctor for a routine checkup in the past year. The following adults are more likely to experience this:

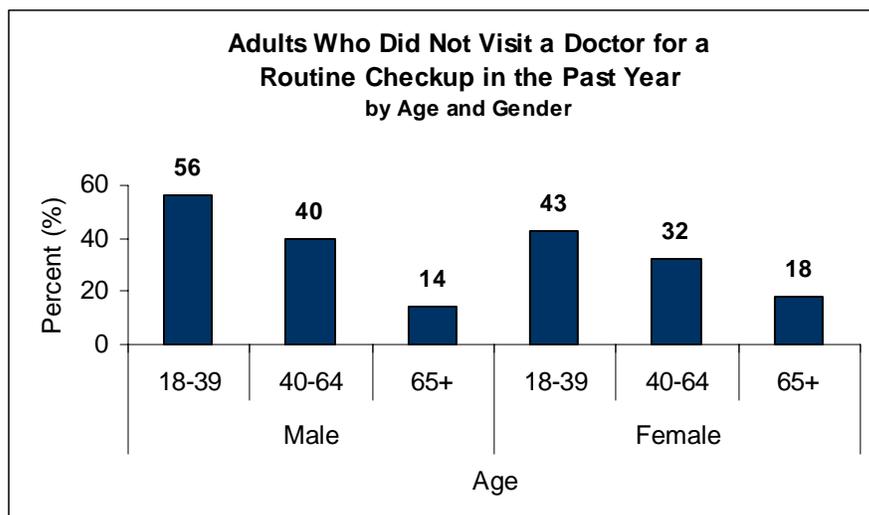
- White adults.
- Adults with a high school education or less.

Adults Who Did Not Visit a Doctor for a Routine Checkup in the Past Year in Arkansas, 2008	
Percent (95% Confidence Interval)*	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Black	<b>27%</b> (21.6, 34.2)
White	<b>37%</b> (35.3, 39.5)
<b>Education</b>	
High school or less	<b>42%</b> (38.7, 44.6)
At least some college or more	<b>33%</b> (31.0, 35.9)
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Married	<b>36%</b> (33.7, 38.1)
Not married	<b>40%</b> (36.4, 43.9)
<b>Metropolitan vs. Non-Metropolitan**</b>	
Metropolitan	<b>37%</b> (34.0, 39.2)
Non-Metropolitan	<b>38%</b> (35.5, 41.3)
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed for Wages	<b>41%</b> (38.3, 44.1)
Self-Employed	<b>48%</b> (42.6, 54.0)
Student or Homemaker	<b>41%</b> (34.5, 48.3)
Retired or Unable to Work	<b>20%</b> (18.0, 22.7)

**Adults Who Did Not Visit a Doctor for a Routine Checkup in the Past Year**  
By Public Health Region



**Adults Who Did Not Visit a Doctor for a Routine Checkup in the Past Year**  
by Age and Gender



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