

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER: 2007



Access to Care Indicators for Thurston County

INDICATOR: Percentage of adults under age 65 with 'no' doctor or health care provider.

Approximately 25.8% of Thurston County adults under age 65 do not have a personal doctor or health care provider. This equates to an estimated 39,700 county adults between the ages of 18-64 without a usual provider of health care. Approximately 23.5% of Washington State adults under age 65 do not have a personal doctor or health care provider. (BRFSS 2007)

DATA FOR THURSTON COUNTY ADULTS: NO DOCTOR OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IN 2007

% NP = No personal doctor or health care provider

^ Estimates for county adults age 18-64 (under age 65)

BY GENDER [^]	% NP IN 2007
Female	23.1%
Male	28.5%

BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME [^]	% NP IN 2007
Under \$34,999 (<i>poverty and low income</i>)	40.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	30.6%
\$50,000 and up	16.8%

BY AGE	% NP IN 2007
18 to 34	39.0%
35 to 49	23.4%
50 to 64	10.3%
65 and up	6.2%
18 and up (<i>all adults</i>)	23.0%

BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT [^]	% NP IN 2007
High School/GED or Less	39.6%
Some College/Technical School	19.5%
College Graduate	21.0%

BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS [^]	% NP IN 2007
Employed	23.2%
Not Employed	31.0%

BY MILITARY SERVICE [^]	% NP IN 2007
Veteran	21.6%
Not a Veteran	26.4%

BY INSURANCE COVERAGE [^]	% NP IN 2007
Have Health Insurance	18.9%
Uninsured	65.8%

DATA NOTES:

- The survey question used to identify having a primary care provider is "Do you have one person you think of as your personal doctor or health care provider? If 'No' ask - Is there more than one or is there no person who you think of as your personal doctor or health care provider?"
- Primary Care Provider = Having one or more people who are thought of as a personal doctor or health care provider.
- Employed = Being employed for pay which includes wages, salary and self-employment.
- Household Income = Annual household income from all sources.
- Veteran = Serving in the Armed Forces on active duty at any time (e.g. in Army, Air Force, National Guard, reserve unit).

DATA SOURCE:

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS). Prepared by the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department.
- Survey data is collected from a random sample of adults, age 18 and up, who live at a private residence within the geographic boundaries of Thurston County (or Washington State for statewide figures). The data reflects the behaviors and experiences of the majority of adult residents, however, individuals living in institutions (e.g. dorms, group homes, assisted living, corrections facilities) or who do not have a landline telephone in their home (e.g. only use a cell phone or have no phone) are not surveyed.
- BRFSS is conducted throughout the calendar year. The survey is available in English and Spanish.