Access to Dental Care Among Residents in Kansas

Results from the 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey (KMHS)

38% of adults and 17% of children in Kansas currently lack dental insurance coverage.

These estimates represent

- 664,100 adults ages 19-64
- 109,700 children ages 2-18

57% of adults reported one of three dental access barriers in the past year:

- No dental insurance, no dental visit, or unmet dental need
  - No dental insurance: 37.8%
  - No visit: 42.5%
  - Unmet need: 18.9%
  - Any of these barriers: 56.8%

35% of children reported a dental access barrier in the past year.

- No dental insurance, no dental visit, or unmet dental need
  - No dental insurance: 16.9%
  - No visit: 22.0%
  - Unmet need: 4.5%
  - Any of these barriers: 34.7%

89% of adults ages 19-64 with no insurance for medical care also have no dental insurance.

- Uninsured (medical): 88.7%
- Insured (medical): 24.9%

Dental access barriers are common across all racial/ethnic groups but are highest among Hispanic adults.

- White Non-Hispanic: 50.0%
- Black Non-Hispanic: 59.6%
- Hispanic: 81.5%

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Access to Dental Care Among Residents in Missouri

Results from the 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey (KMHS)

37% of adults and 17% of children in Missouri currently lack dental insurance coverage.

These estimates represent:
- 1,377,100 adults ages 19-64
- 218,700 children ages 2-18

66% of adults ages 19-64 reported one of three dental access barriers in the past year:
- No dental insurance
- No dental visit
- Unmet dental need

35% of children ages 2-18 reported a dental access barrier in the past year:
- No dental insurance
- No dental visit
- Unmet dental need

90% of adults ages 19-64 with no insurance for medical care also have no dental insurance.

Dental access barriers were common across all racial/ethnic groups but were highest among Hispanic adults.

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