

Health Systems - 5

Access to Healthcare

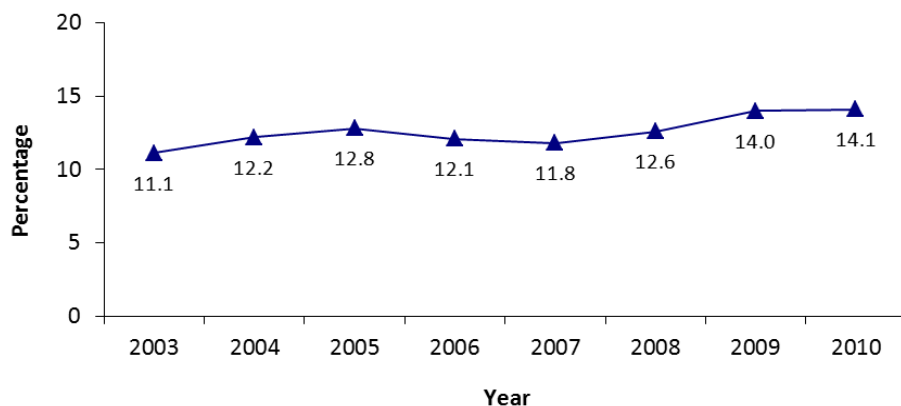
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Indicator Definition: Percentage of adults who did not receive or delayed receiving needed medical services due to cost.

Indicator Overview:

- Unmet needs is an indicator commonly used to portray problems in access to healthcare services including lack of health insurance and limited availability of providers.
- Unmet needs is also associated with greater emergency room use and disadvantaged individuals delay care for conditions that are associated with longer hospital stays and poorer health outcomes.

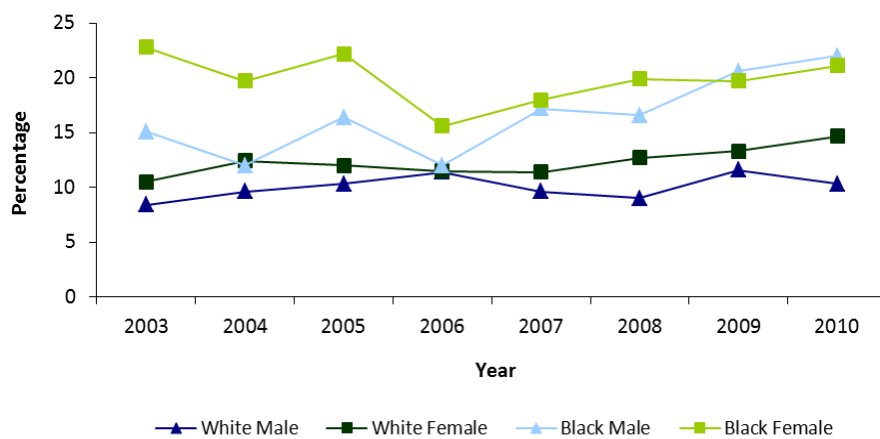
Percentage of Michigan Adults Who Have Had No Healthcare Access in the Past 12 Months Due to Cost, 2003-2010



← **Trends:** The percentage of Michigan adults who reported not going to a doctor when they needed to in the past 12 months due to cost has increased significantly over the past eight years. The increase corresponds with a significant percentage of adults reporting no healthcare coverage. As healthcare reform is implemented and more adults have access to insurance, a drop in these numbers may be expected.

→ **Health Disparities:** Black females have consistently reported higher prevalence rates of cost related healthcare access barriers when compared to White males and females. Recently, the prevalence of cost-prevented care among Black males has increased to similar levels of that of Black females. White males and females report similar prevalence rates of cost-related healthcare access barriers, though in 2010 the number of White males who reported no access dropped, while the number of White females reporting the same continued to rise.

Percentage of Michigan Adults Who Have Had No Healthcare Access in the Past 12 Months Due to Cost, By Race and Gender, 2003-2010



Links to Other Sources of Information:

Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System: <http://www.michigan.gov/brfs>
 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data, CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss>

Links to Related Public Health Programs:

MDCH: Help finding Health Care: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943_52115--,00.html