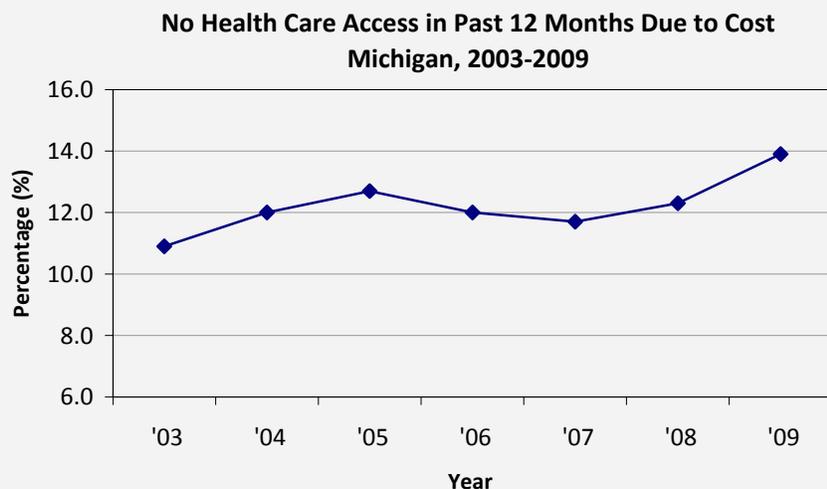


Unmet Medical, Dental, & Prescription Drug Needs

Indicator Definition: Percentage of (non-institutionalized) people who did not receive or delayed receiving needed medical services.

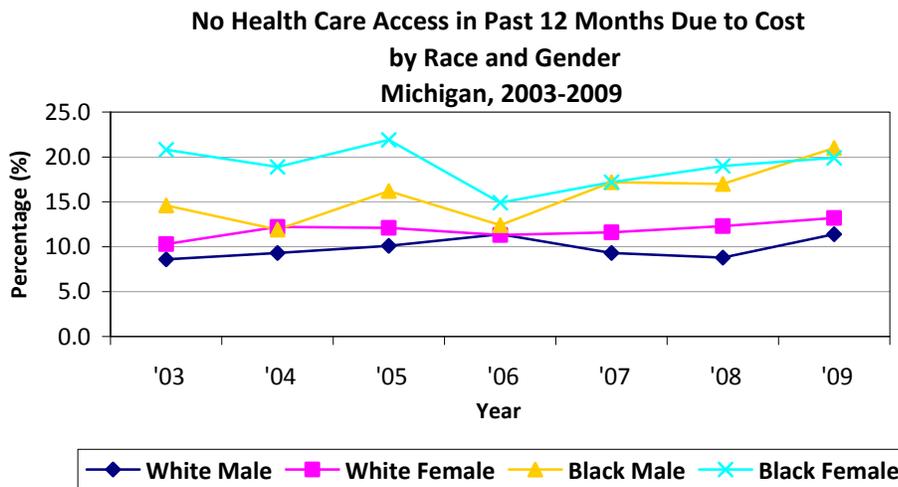
Indicator Overview:

- Unmet needs is an indicator commonly used to portray problems in access to health care 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.



← **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 seven years. The increase corresponds with a significant percent of adults reporting no health care coverage.

→ **Health Disparities:** In Michigan, Black females have consistently reported higher prevalence rates of cost related health care 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. Both White males and females report similar prevalence rates of cost related health care access barriers.



Links to Other Sources of Information:

Michigan Department of Community Health. Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2003-2009. (www.michigan.gov/brfs)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003-2009. (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