

Ask Alabama Spring 2005: Health Care Access

Do you think that most people in Alabama have access to the health and medical care that they need?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	169	28.0	28.0	28.0
No	398	66.0	66.0	94.0
Undecided	36	6.0	6.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Do you currently have health care insurance coverage for yourself?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	515	85.4	85.4	85.4
No	84	13.9	13.9	99.3
No answer	4	.7	.7	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Generally, how would you rate the quality of your current health care insurance?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Excellent	208	34.5	40.4	40.4
Good	201	33.3	39.0	79.4
Fair	71	11.8	13.8	93.2
Poor	31	5.1	6.0	99.2
No answer	4	.7	.8	100.0
Total	515	85.4	100.0	
Missing System	88	14.6		
Total	603	100.0		

Do all of your immediate family members have health care insurance?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	457	75.8	75.8	75.8
No	132	21.9	21.9	97.7
No answer	14	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Generally, how would you rate the quality of your family members' health care insurance?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Excellent	169	28.0	37.0	37.0
Good	191	31.7	41.8	78.8
Fair	68	11.3	14.9	93.7
Poor	16	2.7	3.5	97.2
No answer	13	2.2	2.8	100.0
Total	457	75.8	100.0	
Missing System	146	24.2		
Total	603	100.0		

During past year: Had great difficulty paying for necessary medical care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	412	68.3	68.3	68.3
	Yes	191	31.7	31.7	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Been dropped from a health insurance plan for any reason?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	553	91.7	91.7	91.7
	Yes	50	8.3	8.3	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Had an insurance company refuse to pay for a necessary treatment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	522	86.6	86.6	86.6
	Yes	81	13.4	13.4	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Been unable to get health insurance because of medical history?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	543	90.0	90.0	90.0
	Yes	60	10.0	10.0	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Stayed at a job you didn't like just to keep the health insurance?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	470	77.9	77.9	77.9
	Yes	133	22.1	22.1	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Visited a hospital emergency room because you could not afford to pay for a visit to the doctor's office?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	510	84.6	84.6	84.6
	Yes	93	15.4	15.4	100.0
	Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: Avoided getting medical attention because of cost or lack of insurance coverage?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	452	75.0	75.0	75.0
Yes	151	25.0	25.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

During past year: None of the above

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid No	290	48.1	48.1	48.1
Yes	313	51.9	51.9	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Are you able to see a family physician or pediatrician when you need to?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Always	409	67.8	67.8	67.8
Most of the time	118	19.6	19.6	87.4
Occasionally	50	8.3	8.3	95.7
Never	25	4.1	4.1	99.8
No answer	1	.2	.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

About how far do you typically have to travel to visit your family doctor?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 10 miles or less	357	59.2	59.2	59.2
11 to 25 miles	155	25.7	25.7	84.9
26 to 50 miles	62	10.3	10.3	95.2
More than 50 miles	15	2.5	2.5	97.7
Don't know/No Answer	14	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Are you able to see a medical specialist when needed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Always	382	63.3	63.3	63.3
Most of the time	119	19.7	19.7	83.1
Occasionally	43	7.1	7.1	90.2
Never	50	8.3	8.3	98.5
No answer	9	1.5	1.5	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Are you able to see a dentist when needed?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Always	403	66.8	66.8	66.8
Most of the time	78	12.9	12.9	79.8
Occasionally	45	7.5	7.5	87.2
Never	71	11.8	11.8	99.0
No answer	6	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How would you rate the overall quality of healthcare available to you in your community?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Excellent	161	26.7	26.7	26.7
Good	233	38.6	38.6	65.3
Fair	127	21.1	21.1	86.4
Poor	70	11.6	11.6	98.0
No Answer	12	2.0	2.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

To what extent are Alabama's State level elected officials giving attention to the issue of access to good healthcare?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Too little attention	350	58.0	58.0	58.0
Just enough attention	186	30.8	30.8	88.9
Too much attention	13	2.2	2.2	91.0
Undecided	54	9.0	9.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How would you classify the area in which you live?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid City (above 50,000)	159	26.4	26.4	26.4
Small city (25,000 to 50,000)	106	17.6	17.6	43.9
Large town (5,000 to 25,000)	102	16.9	16.9	60.9
Small town (less than 5,000)	98	16.3	16.3	77.1
Small unincorporated or rural area	120	19.9	19.9	97.0
No answer	18	3.0	3.0	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How long have you lived in Alabama?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0 to 5 years	40	6.6	6.6	6.6
	6 to 10 years	25	4.1	4.2	10.8
	11 to 20 years	52	8.6	8.6	19.4
	More than 20 years	484	80.3	80.4	99.8
	No answer	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	602	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
	Total	603	100.0		