

Health Care Access

Key Findings

The 2005 health assessment project identified that 64% of Sandusky County adults visited a doctor for a routine visit in the past year. A positive finding is that 92% of the adults reported that they had one particular clinic, health center, doctor's office or other place they usually go to if they are sick or need advice about their health.

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- ◆ Almost two-thirds (64%) of adults had visited a doctor for a routine visit in the past year, decreasing to 41% of those without healthcare coverage.
- ◆ Over one-quarter (28%) of adults had visited the Emergency Room at least once in the past year, decreasing to 18% of those without healthcare coverage.
- ◆ Half (50%) of adults rated their satisfaction with their overall healthcare as excellent or very good, decreasing to only 33% of those with incomes of less than \$25,000. Only 1% of adults rated their healthcare as poor.
- ◆ 92% of adults reported they had one particular clinic, health center, doctor's office, or other place they usually go to if they are sick or need advice about their health.
- ◆ The top five barriers to accessing healthcare for Sandusky County adults were:
 1. Did not have the money to pay for healthcare or insurance;
 2. Could not get appointments when wanted;
 3. Lack of child care during appointments;
 4. Had to change doctors because of healthcare plan; and
 5. Did not find a doctor to take them as a patient

Primary Care Professionals (2000)

	Sandusky	Ohio
Physician to Population ratio	1:4,171	1:874
Dentist to Population ratio	1:23,210	1:2,156

- ◆ In 1998, Sandusky County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area, and in 1999 was designated as a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area.

(Source: ODH State Health Resource Plan, 2001 and ODH Information Warehouse)

Availability of Services

- ◆ When Sandusky County adults were asked what programs they have looked for, for themselves or a loved one, demand was highest for the following programs: weight control (16%), depression (13%), and smoking cessation (10%).
- ◆ One-half (50%) of those who looked for a weight control program could not access one, 29% were not able to access a program for depression, and 51% were not able to access a program for smoking cessation.

Predictors of Access to Health Care...

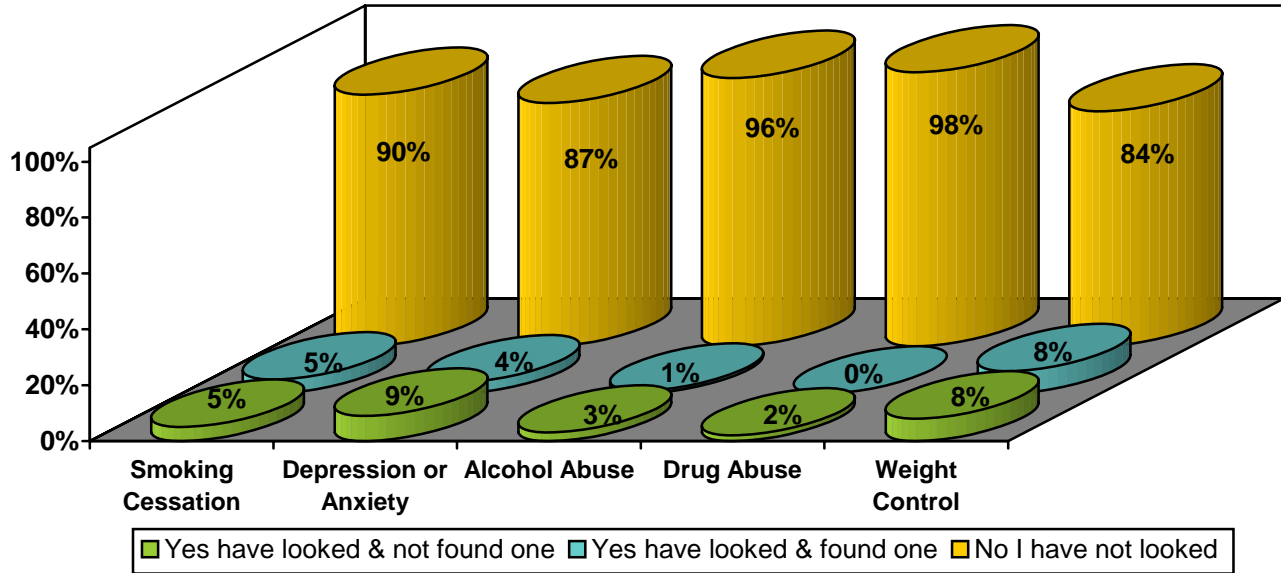
According to Healthy People 2010, adults are more likely to have access to medical care if they:

- ◆ Have a regular primary care provider
- ◆ Utilize preventive services in a clinic setting
- ◆ Have health insurance
- ◆ Earn a higher income

(Source: Healthy People 2010 and CDC)

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Sandusky County Adult Access to Assistance Programs/Services



Sandusky County Adults Able to Access Assistance Programs/Services

Types of Programs (% of all adults who looked for the programs)	Sandusky adults who have looked but have <u>not</u> found a specific program	Sandusky adults who have looked and have found a specific program
Smoking Cessation (10% of all adults looked)	51%	49%
Depression or Anxiety (13% of all adults looked)	29%	71%
Alcohol Abuse (4% of all adults looked)	22%	78%
Drug Abuse (2% of all adults looked)	17%	83%
Weight Control (16% of all adults looked)	50%	50%

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Healthy People 2010 Objective 01-Access to Quality Health Services

Indicator	Healthy People 2010 Target	Sandusky Co	Ohio	U.S.*
Persons under age of 65 years with health care insurance	100%	83% age 20-24 90% age 25-34 94% age 35-44 94% age 45-54 92% age 55-64 (2005)	75% age 18-24 83% age 25-34 86% age 35-44 90% age 45-54 88% age 55-64 (2001)	84% (2002)
Persons who report a usual primary care provider	85%	N/A	N/A	78% (1999)
Females who received prenatal care in first trimester	90%	85% (2002) 86% (3 year average)	88% (2002) 87% (3 year average)	84% (2002)

*U.S. baseline is age-adjusted to the 2000 population standard
(Sources: Health People 2010 Objectives, ODH Information Warehouse, 9-30-04, CDC's NCHS)

Sandusky County Medicaid Enrollees in 2002

In the year 2002, there were approximately 4,336 adults, and 5,336 children enrolled in Medicaid. Of the adults enrolled, 835 adults were under the age of 65 and 3,501 adults were 65 years and older. In 2002, there were approximately 8,855 adults enrolled in Medicare. Of the adults enrolled, 7,741 were 65 years of age or older and 1,114 were on disability.