

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE IN ATHENS

INSURANCE STATUS & ACCESS TO CARE

The % of Athens households without health insurance has increased since 2016 and access to primary care, mental care, dental care, and SUD treatment has increased since 2019.

AWP Collection Year	Dental Care	Mental Care	Primary Care	SUD Treatment When Needed
2019	26%	16%	N/A	3%
2022	27%	21%	19%	4%

BARRIERS TO ACCESS

MENTAL CARE

- 53% could not afford cost
- 29% did not know where to go
- 22% insurance did not cover cost

SUD TREATMENT

- 34% not ready to stop using alcohol/drugs
- 32% had no coverage & could not afford cost

PRIMARY CARE

- 32% never found provider
- 23% had insurance turned away

EMERGENCY ROOM (ER) UTILIZATION

39%

have gone to the ER in the last 12 months

15%

missed a child well check visit in the last 12 months¹

12%

had no where else to go to receive care

8%

receives most of their care from the ER

1. Recommendation for child wellness check is every few months before the age of 3 and at least once a year after age 3 (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2022).

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVALENCE

78% of households have at least one chronic condition among household members.



*Chronic conditions include cancer, diabetes, hypertension, anxiety, arthritis etc.

HEALTH BEHAVIORS

1 in 5 households participate in the use of tobacco products.



1 in 10 have experienced hunger in the last 30 days.



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