

# Access to Health Services

Healthy Hawai'i 2020  
A Community Health Plan

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Access to care, which includes insurance status, an adequate supply of providers, and having a usual source of care, significantly impacts health and well-being. Hawaii has had low uninsured rates since 1971 when the Prepaid Health Care Act required insurers to offer health insurance benefits to any employee working at least 20 hours per week. However, certain age, race, and geographic groups are less likely to have health insurance or a usual source of care.

### Indicators

- Increase the proportion of people under 65 years of age with health insurance.
  - 2012 Baseline<sup>1</sup>: 93.7%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 98.4%
  - HP 2020 target: 100%
- Increase the proportion of children age 1-17 with health insurance.
  - 2012 Baseline<sup>2</sup>: 98.8%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 100.0%
  - HP 2020 target: --
- Increase the proportion of persons with a usual primary care provider.
  - 2014 Baseline<sup>1</sup>: 84.7%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 88.9%
  - HP 2020 target: 83.9%
- Increase the proportion of women age 15-44 with a preventive medical visit in the last 12 months.
  - 2013 Baseline<sup>3</sup>: 62.3%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 65.4%
  - HP 2020 target: --

### Indicators (cont.)

- Increase the proportion of women who received prenatal care in the first trimester.
  - 2014 Baseline<sup>4</sup>: 77.9%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 86.0%
  - HP 2020 target: 77.9%
- Increase the proportion of high school students with a well check-up in the last 12 months.
  - 2015 Baseline<sup>5</sup>: 61.9%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 65.0%
  - HP 2020 target: --
- Reduce the proportion of third graders with untreated tooth decay.
  - 2015 Baseline<sup>6</sup>: 22%
  - Hawaii 2020 target: 21%
  - HP 2020 target: --

### Strategies

- Analyze disparities in health insurance status and access to services by gender, age, income, geographic location.
- Develop and support health programs that address gaps in access or utilization of services.
- Continue to support and expand affordable and accessible preventive dental care services to Hawaii's low-income population.
- Expand Medicaid dental services for adults beyond the current coverage for "emergencies only" to include preventive and treatment services.
- Develop strategies to reduce barriers to finding and receiving preventive dental care services for children enrolled in the Medicaid program.

## Citations and further resources

<sup>1</sup>[Hawaii Health Survey](#)

<sup>2</sup>[National Survey of Children's Health](#)

<sup>3</sup>[Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System \(BRFSS\)](#)

<sup>4</sup>[Hawaii State Department of Health, Vital Statistics](#)

<sup>5</sup>[Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#)

<sup>6</sup>[Hawaii Smiles Oral Health Screening Survey](#)  
[Hawaii Oral Health: Key Findings](#)