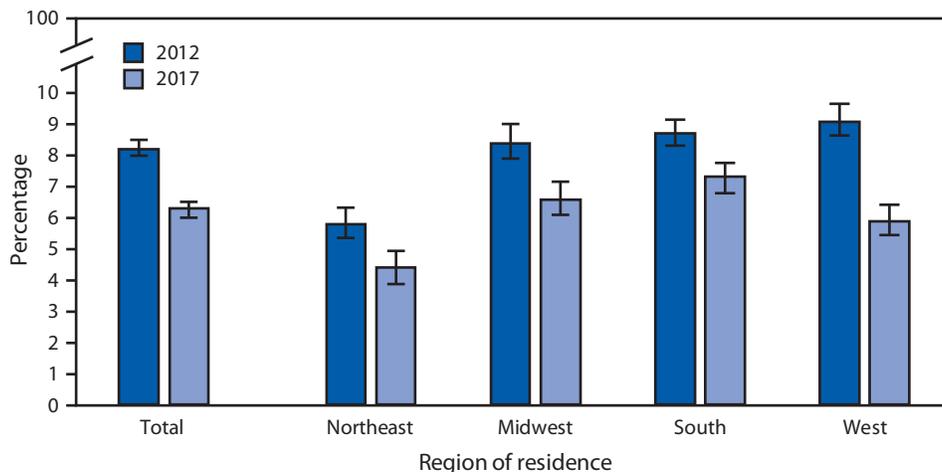


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Age-Adjusted Percentages* of Persons of All Ages Who Delayed Seeking Medical Care in the Past 12 Months Because of Worry About Cost,[†] by U.S. Census Region[§] of Residence — National Health Interview Survey,[¶] 2012 and 2017



* With 95% confidence intervals indicated with error bars.

[†] Based on a response to the question "During the past 12 months, has [person] delayed seeking medical care because of worry about the cost?" This question excluded dental care. Respondents were asked the question regarding themselves and other family members of all ages living in the same household.

[§] *Northeast*: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont; *Midwest*: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; *South*: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia; *West*: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[¶] Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population and are derived from the National Health Interview Survey Family Core component. Estimates are age-adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 0–11, 12–17, 18–44, 45–64, and ≥65 years.

The percentage of persons of all ages who delayed seeking medical care in the past 12 months because of worry about the cost decreased from 8.2% in 2012 to 6.3% in 2017, and this pattern was consistent in each U.S. Census region of residence. Delays in seeking medical care because of worry about the cost declined from 5.8% to 4.4% in the Northeast, from 8.4% to 6.6% in the Midwest, from 8.7% to 7.3% in the South, and from 9.1% to 5.9% in the West. In both 2012 and 2017, persons of all ages living in the Northeast were the least likely to delay medical care because of worry about the cost.

Sources: Summary Health Statistics for the U.S. Population, National Health Interview Survey, 2012. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_259.pdf.

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