

Alaska Household Survey of Health Insurance Coverage

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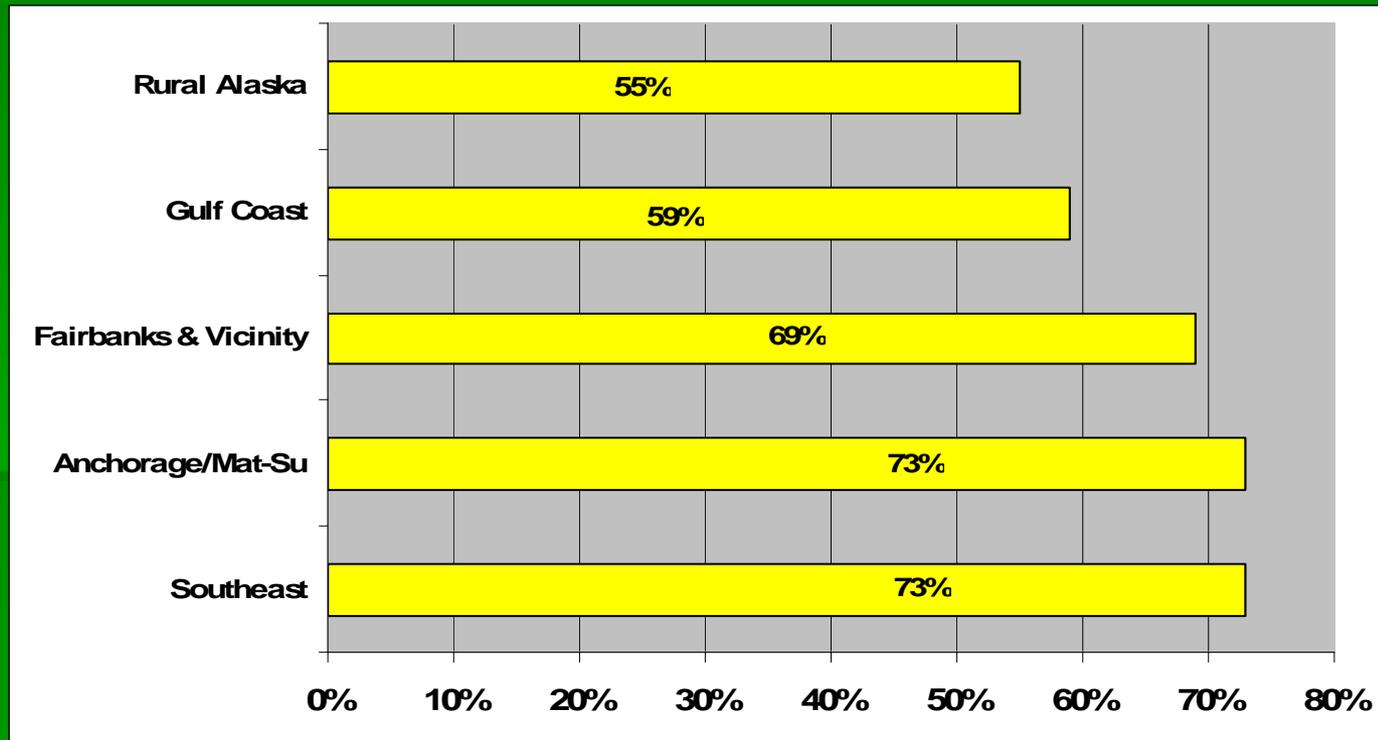
Survey interviews conducted by Health Survey Lab, Chronic Disease and Health Promotion Section, Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

Household Survey - Highlights

- 1313 households (comprising 3556 individuals) were surveyed between December 2006 and March 2007 (Alaska Residents, not cell phone numbers - so sample did not include *some* households desired) - by the "Survey Lab" of the Division of Public Health in Juneau
- 87% of respondents said they had **SOME** insurance coverage in the previous twelve months (13 percent said they were totally uninsured throughout the prior year)
- 7% lacked coverage for a month or more, so altogether, 20% lacked insurance for **SOME PART OF THE YEAR**.
- 31% of surveyed households (representing 73,000 of Alaska households) reported no member of the household had been covered by employer or union health insurance in the past year*
- 12% of households (29,000) reported "directly purchasing" some type of health insurance in the past year (that is, not employment based)
 - Gulf Coast households were most likely 19%
 - Rural households were least likely 5%

*recall that the survey did not cover people without land line telephones - so may seasonal workers and young households were not included in the sample.

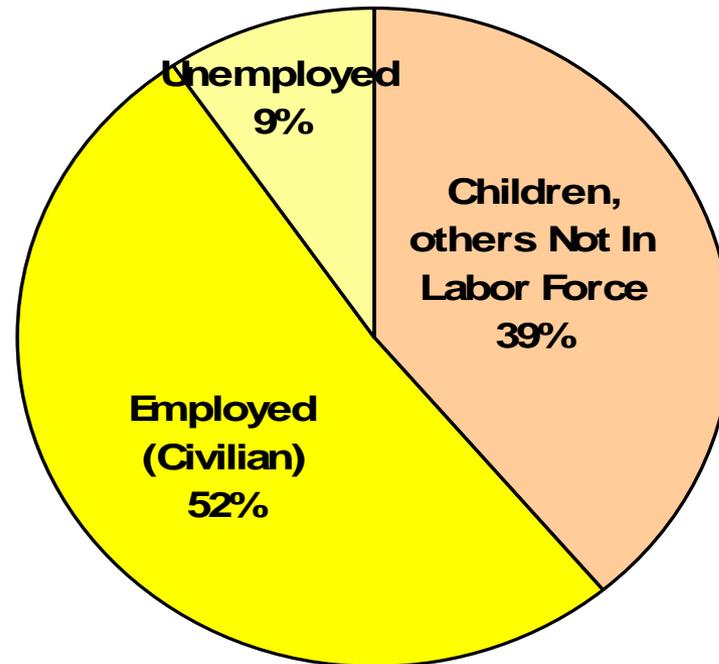
Regional Comparisons -- Percent of Households with at Least One Member Covered by Insurance through Employment or Union (statewide: 69%) (Alaska Household Survey, 2006-2007)



More on Household Survey Results: Length and Type of Current Employment

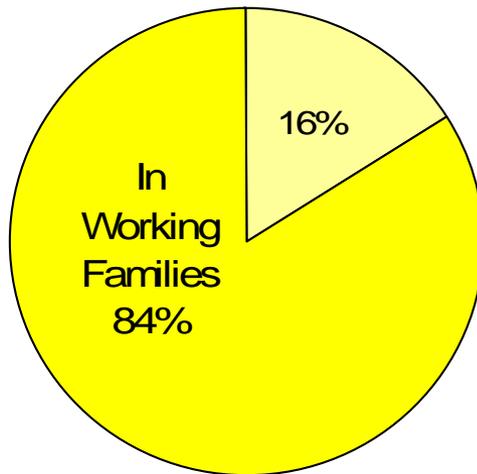
- Primary employment of Alaska residents surveyed was usually a “permanent” position:
 - 83% of Male respondents in the household survey indicated that their primary employment was “permanent,” 5% temporary, and 12% seasonal.
 - 92% of Female respondents indicated their primary employment was “permanent,” 2% temporary, and 5% seasonal.
(>half of respondents were male)
- 13% of respondents had been in their current positions less than 6 months, another 6% had been in their current positions 6-12 months.

Employment Status of the Uninsured in Alaska (2003-2005 average, Current Population Survey)

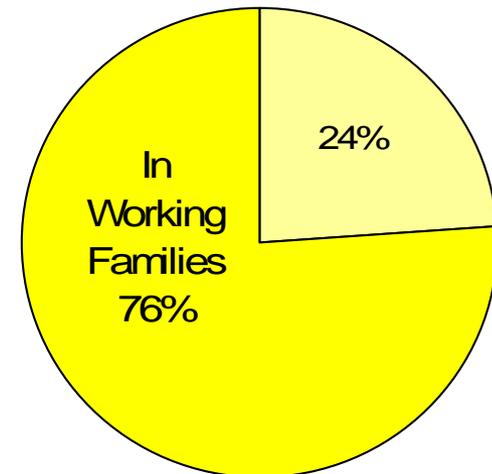


Most Alaskans without health insurance are in working families (Source: Current Population Survey, 2004-2006)

Alaska Uninsured
Persons in Households



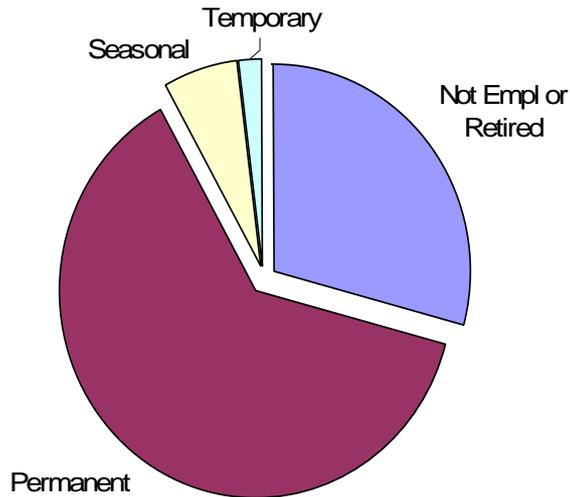
United States Uninsured
Persons in Households



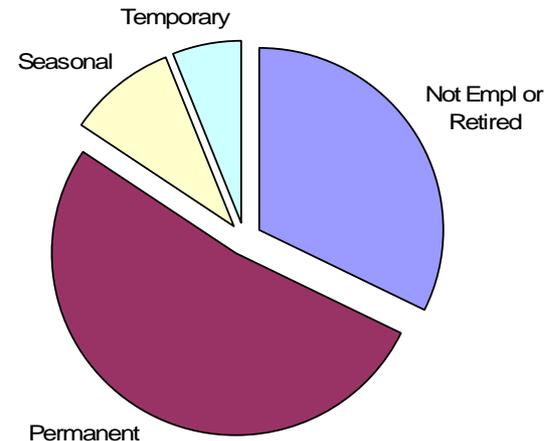
“Not” in working families includes households where all members are retired, unemployed, students or children.

Majority of Respondents WITHOUT Coverage had Permanent Jobs

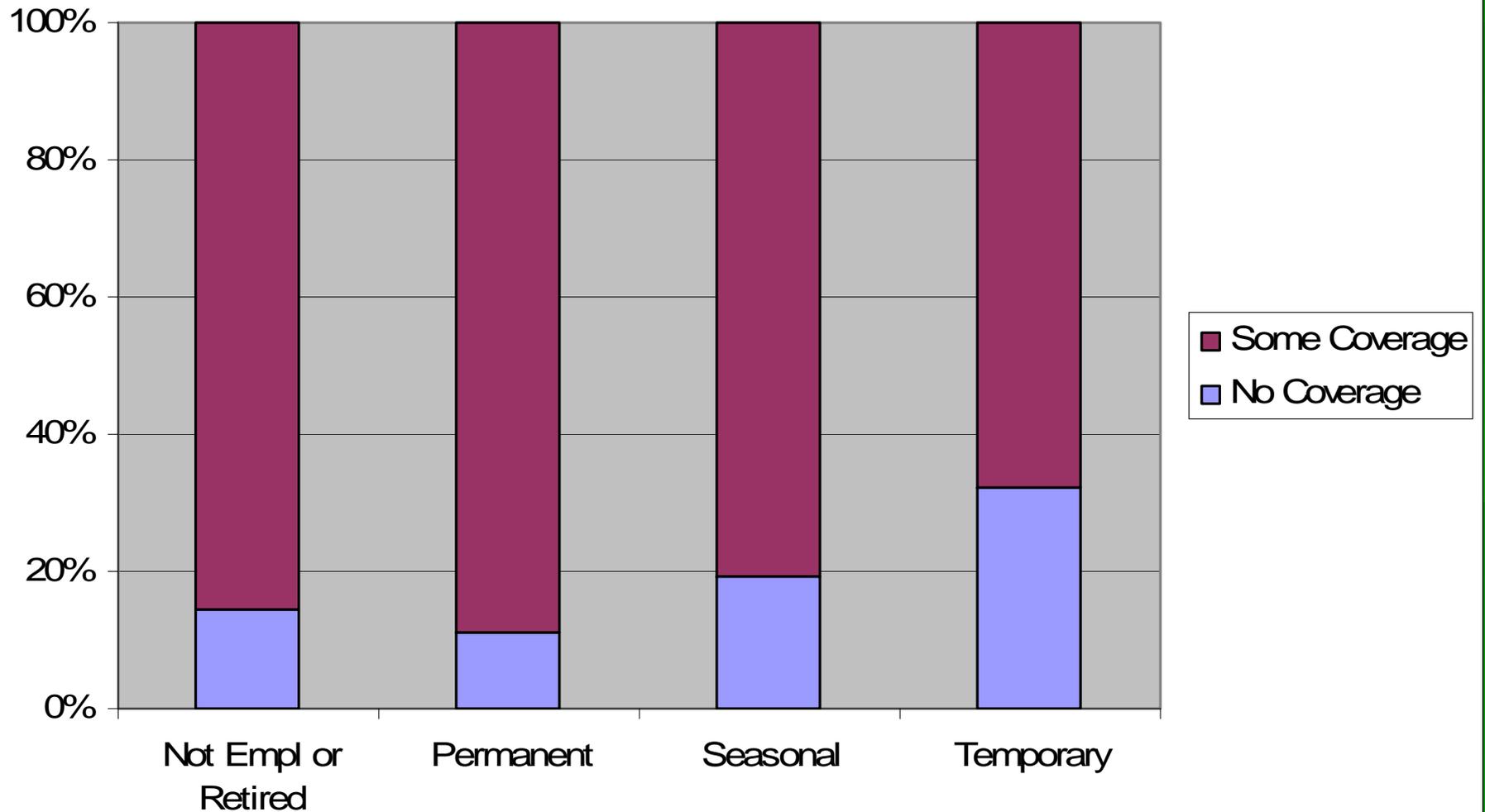
Respondents with Some Coverage



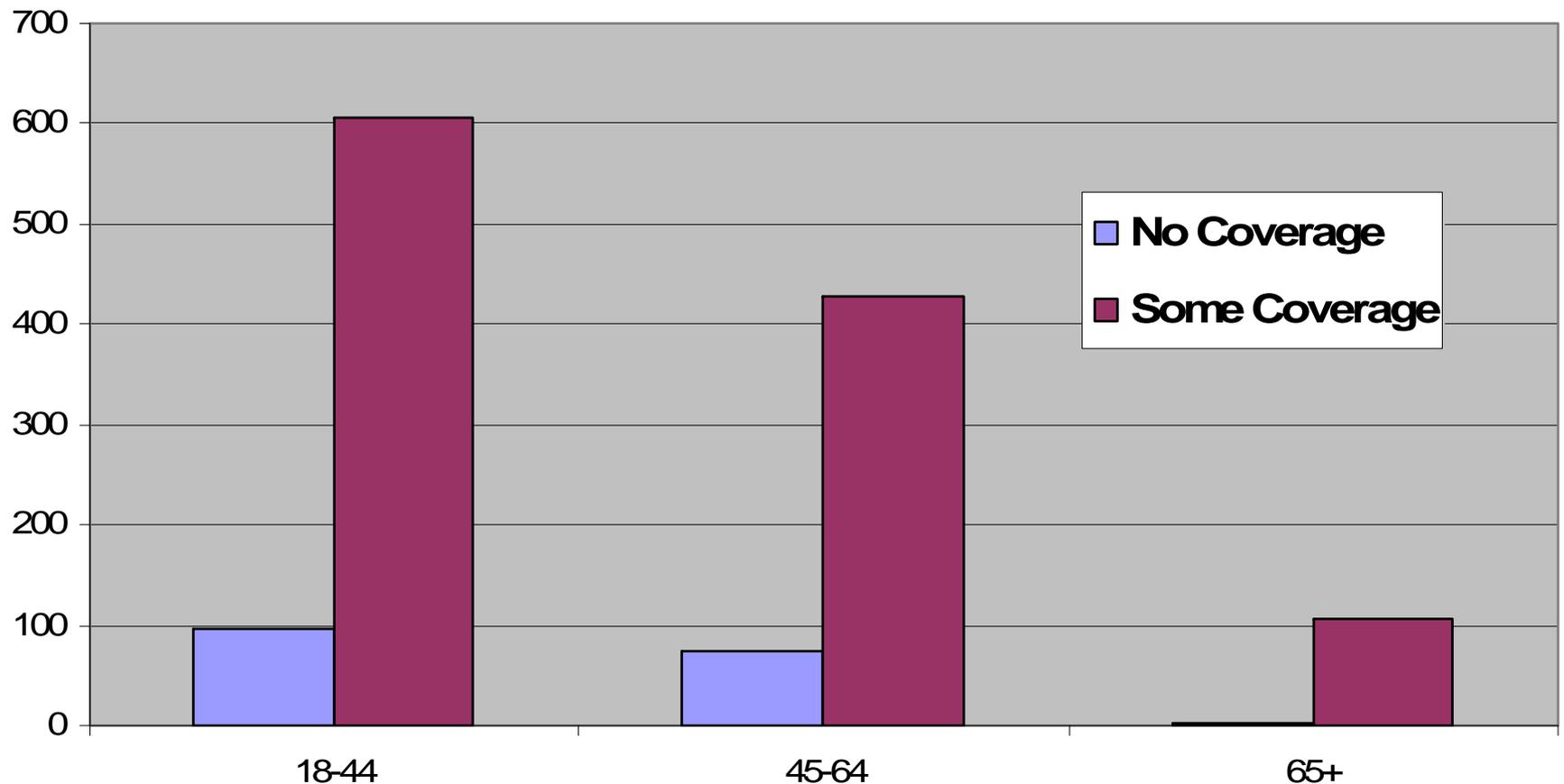
Respondents with No Coverage



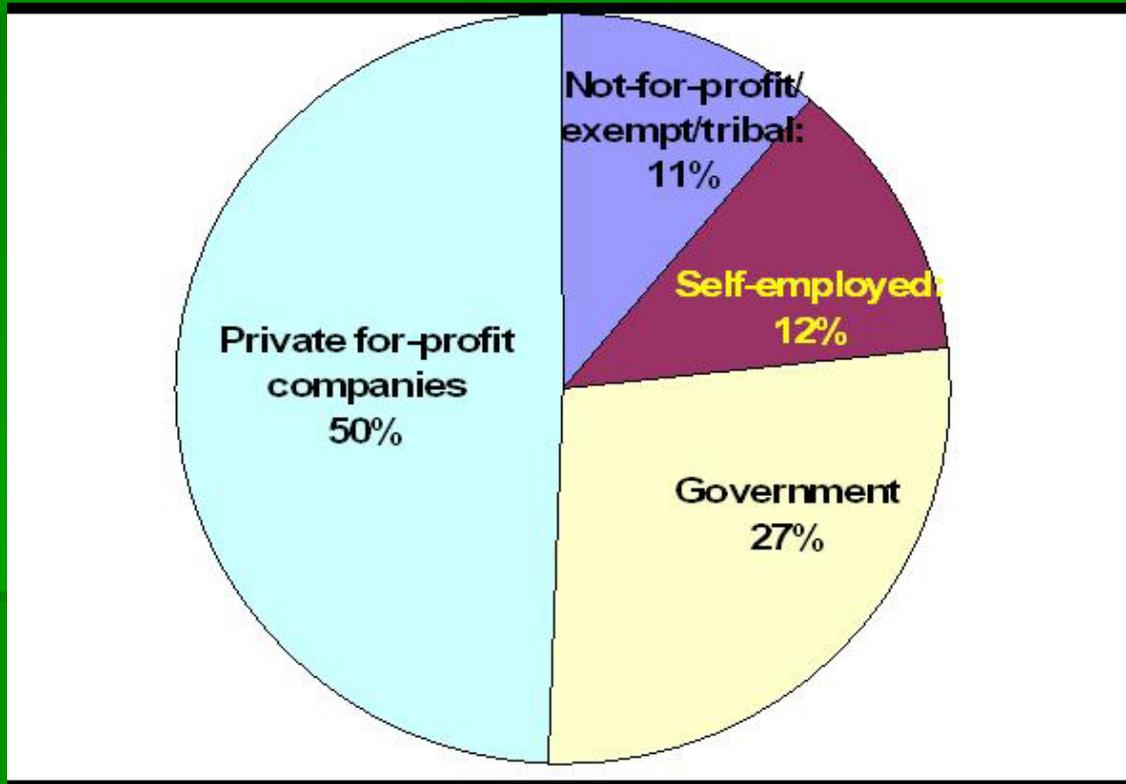
Percentage Without Coverage by Type of Job Held



Respondents to State Planning Grant Household Survey by Age and Coverage N=1313 (weighted)

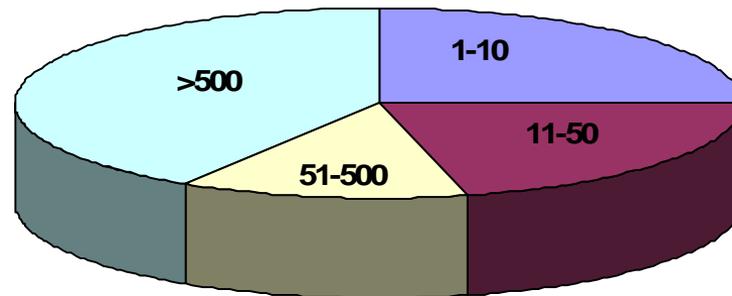


Primary place of employment reported by respondents to household survey 2006-2007



Size of Firm (Primary Place of Employment, Key Respondent from Household Survey)

- 25% in firms with 1-10 employees
- 21% in firms with 11-50 employees
- 13% in firms with 51-500 employees
- 41% in firms with >500 employees
 - (for younger workers 18-44, 46% are in the large firms)



Additional Data from Household Survey

- Spouse and other dependent coverage
- Reasons for not enrolling
- Sex, age group of respondents related to employment, coverage, care
- Usual source of care
- Recent use of care
- Health status (self-report)
- Regional comparisons and patterns
- Race, income level differences

More Information and Analysis from State Planning Grant Project

- Check the website periodically for additional data summary postings:

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/commissioner/Healthplanning/planningGrant/default.htm>

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