

Children with Special Health Care Needs in Alaska

Provisional data analysis of SLAITS* national survey of CSHCN unadjusted for 2000 census estimates

According to a recent national survey, 10.5% of children in Alaska are children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Of those children, 63% are boys and 37% are girls. An estimated 17.4% of households in Alaska have children with special needs and 40.2% of those households are below the 200% federal poverty level.

Types of Insurance Used by CSHCN	
• Private	66%
• Medicaid	24%
• S-CHIP [▲]	21%
• Military	12%
• Indian Health Service	6%
• Title V	3%
• Other	5%

93.5% of CSHCN have a usual health care source

13.6% of CSHCN were not insured in the past 12 months

8.1% of CSHCN are not insured by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) definition. Of those that are insured, 46.3% indicated that their health benefits don't always meet their child's needs

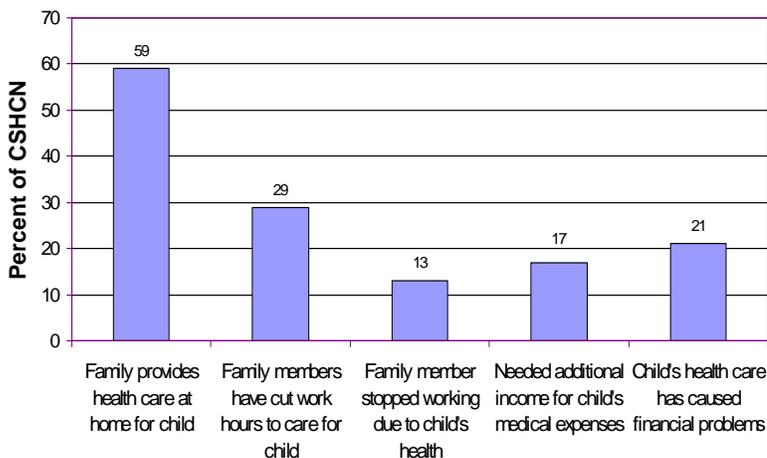
12% of CSHCN had health care delayed or forgone in the past 12 months. Of those:

- 70.4% indicated that they did not have money to pay their provider
- 34.5% indicated that the type of care needed was not provided in their area
- 40% indicated that the care needed was not covered by their health plan

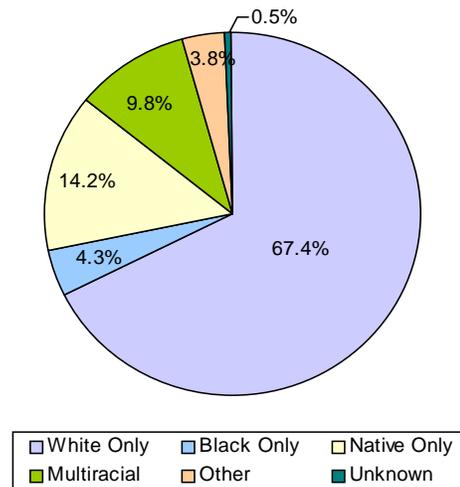
17.5% of CSHCN indicated that getting a referral to a specialist was a problem in the past 12 months

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Financial Impact on Family



Racial Distributions



* SLAITS: State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey

[▲] S-CHIP: State Child Health Insurance Program