

People's Voice Survey: Missouri State Brief 2025



BACKGROUND

High-quality health systems generate health, trust, and economic benefit while responding to changing population needs. Current measurements of health systems fail to capture people's perspectives at the population level. The People's Voice Survey (PVS) is a new instrument that measures health system performance from the populations' perspective. It assesses use of health care as well as people's experiences, expectations, and confidence in the health system.

METHODS

During June-July 2025, data were collected from a nationally representative sample of 4,066 adults in the United States across two languages (English and Spanish) via online or telephone surveys. The sample included an oversample of 542 respondents from the state of Missouri (MO). All data are weighted to represent the state population.

KEY FINDINGS

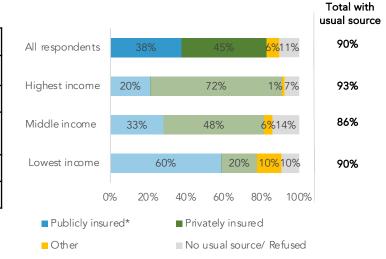
Health care utilization in past 12 months

Average number of health care contacts (all types)	7.7
Average number of in-person facility visits	5.8
Average number of virtual or telemedicine contacts	0.9
% of respondents who received mental health care (among those with poor or fair mental health)	57.4%
% of all respondents who had an overnight hospital stay	12.0%
% of all respondents with no unmet need for health care	82.8%

Overall Respondent demographics¹ (N = 542)48.0 [18.0-87.0] Age (median) [Min, Max] Female 285 (52.61%) Urban residency 453 (83.5%) Post-secondary 352 (64.9%) Education (highest Secondary 167 (30.81%) level) 23 (4.29%) Primary 273 (50.42%) Highest (≥ \$65,000) Household Middle (\$40,000-\$65,000) 88 (16.24%) income Lowest (< \$40,000) 181 (33.34%) (annual) 0 (0.0%) Unknown No insurance 40 (7.43%) Public insurance* 222 (40.91%) Health insurance Private insurance 275 (50.77%) Other insurance type 5 (0.89%)

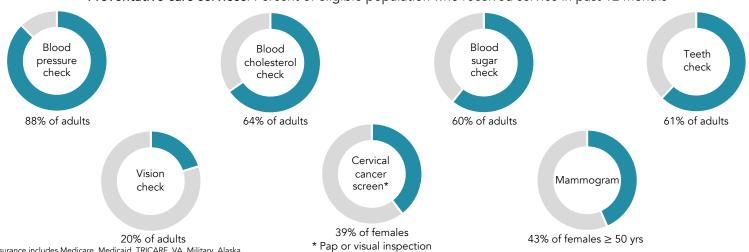
Usual source of care:

Percent with usual source of care by income and insurance



Health system competence

Preventative care services: Percent of eligible population who received service in past 12 months



^{1.} Denominators of some items may vary slightly from the full sample size due to missingness.

Care competence and user experience

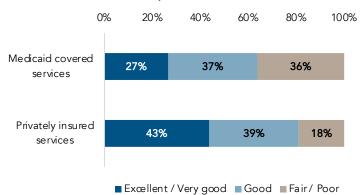
Average¹ quality ratings for last health care visit in past 12 months



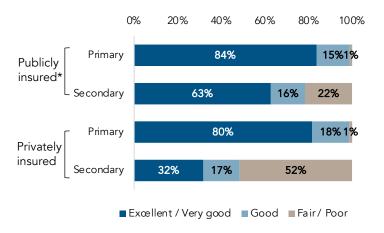
- 1. Rounded to the closest Likert category
- 2. Provider skills, knowledge of past visits, explanations, equipment/supplies
- 3. Respect, courtesy, joint decisions, visit time, wait time, scheduling time

Health system quality

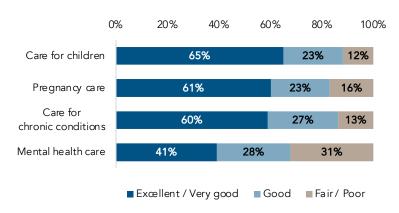
Quality ratings of the services covered by Medicaid or private insurance (% of all respondents)



Quality ratings for last health care visit (% of users of facility type in past 12 months)



Quality ratings of key primary care services available in the community (% of all respondents)



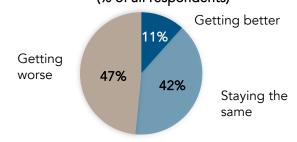
Confidence in and endorsement of the health system

Confidence in health system as a whole (% of all respondents):

Including public, private, NGO health care facilities/providers Can get good quality care if very sick Health security: % very or somewhat confident Can get good quality care if very sick 63% Can get and afford good quality

Government considers the public's opinion in health system decisions (% of all respondents): % very or somewhat confident

Endorsement: Health system trajectory over past 2 years (% of all respondents)



Endorsement: Current health system (% of all respondents)

