

## Health Care Access and Quality

Access to health care is critically important for both preventative care and curative care. However, many barriers stand in the way of receiving health care including cost, insurance coverage, and appointment availability.

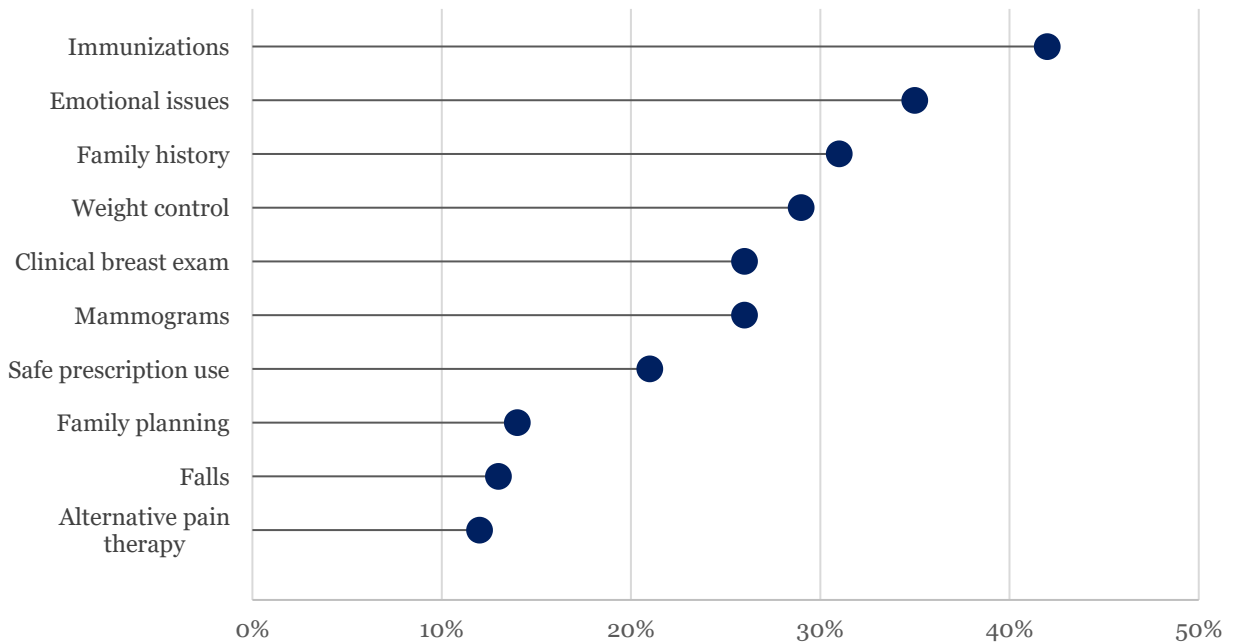
## Preventative Medicine and Insurance

Preventative medicine is concerned with maintaining health and wellness before illness begins. Immunizations, health screenings and routine testing are all important components of preventative medicine.

**Immunizations, emotional issues, and family history** were the most frequently discussed topics during appointments.

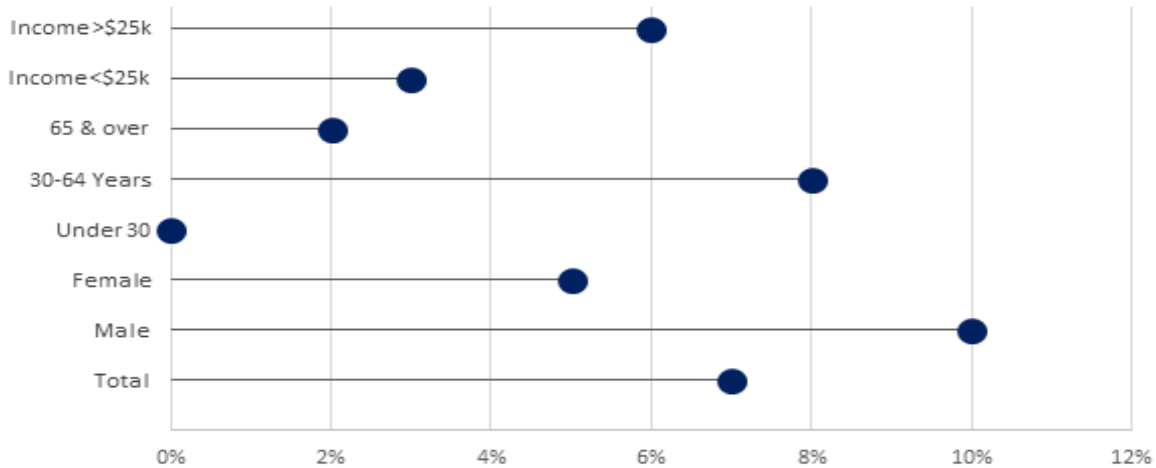
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### Social Determinants of Health



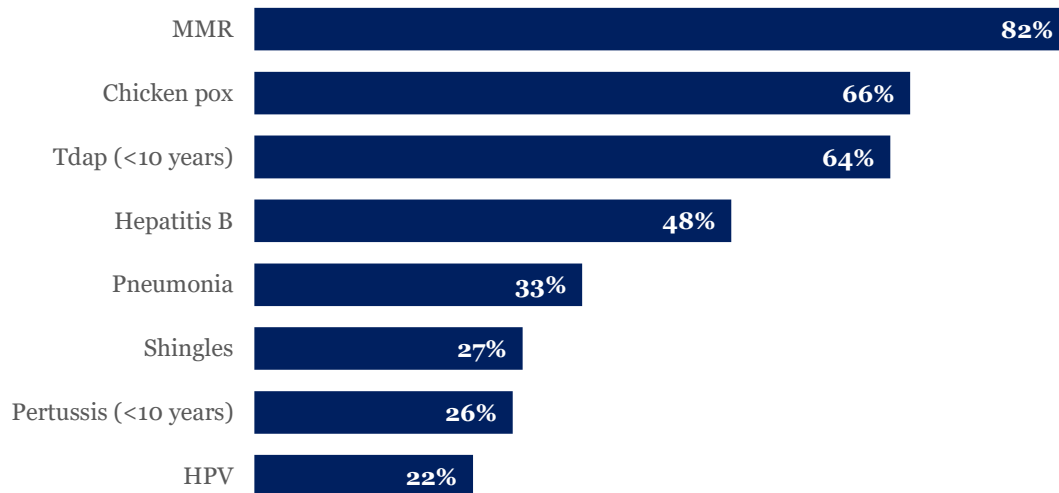


**Males aged 30-64 years** old were the demographic most likely to be uninsured.



### Immunization

The most commonly recieved vaccines were **MMR<sup>1</sup>**, **Chicken pox**, and **Tdap<sup>2</sup>** vaccine.



*1 MMR stands for Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine*

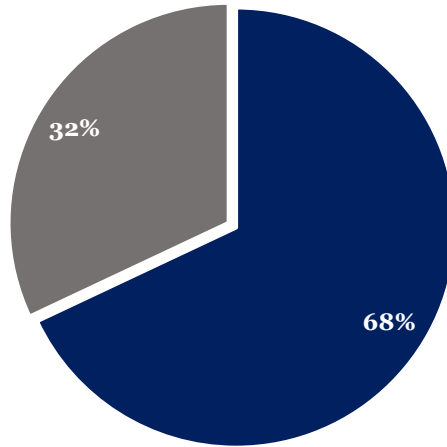
*2 Tdap stands for Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis*

# 56%

**of Wood County Residents received their flu vaccine in the last 12 months.**

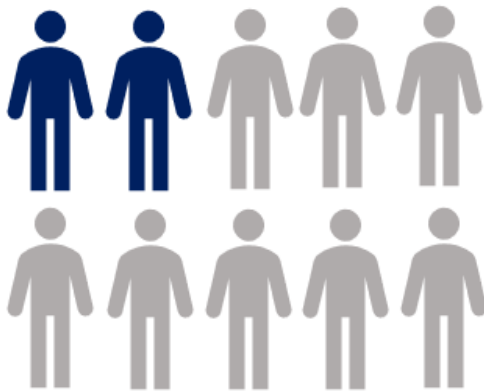
More than **two-thirds** of Wood County adults over age 65 received their **pneumonia vaccine**.

- Had pneumonia vaccine
- Did not have pneumonia vaccine

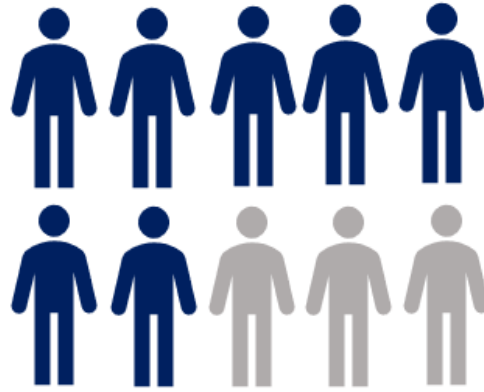


### Oral Health

2 in 10 Wood County residents whose income was <\$25k had a dentist appointment in the past year.



7 in 10 Wood County residents whose income was >\$25k had a dentist appointment in the past year.



## **Health Care Access and Quality: Why It Matters**

Accessing health services is extremely important to preserve the health and wellness of Wood County residents. Keeping up-to-date on preventative medicine, including vaccinations and oral health care, is vital to preventing disease in the county population. Disparities exist between the insured and uninsured members of the community, and these disparities need to be addressed in order to create a healthier neighborhood.

## **Health Care Access and Quality: What Can Be Done**

Strengthening community resources that can connect residents to high-quality health care, oral health, and vaccinations is one key way to improve the health of Wood County residents, especially those that have little to no insurance coverage. Supporting legislation to fund low-cost clinics is another way to advance the health care access of the county.

## **Health Care Access and Quality: Resources**

- Project Connect: Wood County Resources: <https://wamhelps.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Project-Connect-April-2021-Resource-Guide.pdf>
- Wood County Health Department's Community Health Center: Sliding fee benefit based on income and family size for eligible individuals and families: <https://woodcountyhealth.org/health-center/>