

Table C-4a. Age-adjusted percentages (with standard errors) of having a problem for which prescription medication has been taken regularly for at least 3 months for children under age 18 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2013

Selected characteristic	Prescription medication taken regularly for at least 3 months ¹
Total	13.1 (0.40)
Sex	
Male	14.6 (0.58)
Female	11.4 (0.52)
Age	
0-4 years	7.1 (0.56)
5-11 years	13.7 (0.66)
12-17 years	17.1 (0.74)
Race	
One race ²	12.9 (0.41)
White	13.3 (0.47)
Black or African American	14.0 (1.06)
American Indian or Alaska Native	*5.1 (2.07)
Asian	6.1 (1.03)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or more races ³	16.8 (1.91)
Black or African American and white	22.5 (3.37)
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	15.5 (4.19)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race	
Hispanic or Latino	10.2 (0.62)
Mexican or Mexican American	9.2 (0.69)
Not Hispanic or Latino	14.0 (0.46)
White, single race	14.6 (0.59)
Black or African American only, single race	13.3 (1.02)
Family structure ⁵	
Mother and father	12.0 (0.47)
Mother, no father	16.1 (0.81)
Father, no mother	8.9 (1.69)
Neither mother nor father	16.8 (2.31)
Parent's education ⁶	
Less than high school diploma	10.5 (0.99)
High school diploma or GED ⁷	14.1 (0.94)
More than high school	13.1 (0.48)
Family income ⁸	
Less than \$35,000	16.0 (0.80)
\$35,000 or more	11.7 (0.46)
\$35,000-\$49,999	12.2 (1.04)
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.8 (1.11)
\$75,000-\$99,999	11.4 (0.99)
\$100,000 or more	10.1 (0.68)

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Poverty status ⁹	
Poor	17.0 (1.04)
Near poor	13.0 (0.86)
Not poor	11.9 (0.50)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰	
Private	11.5 (0.49)
Medicaid or other public	16.2 (0.74)
Other	14.3 (2.54)
Uninsured	7.9 (1.15)
Place of residence ¹¹	
Large MSA	11.5 (0.51)
Small MSA	14.3 (0.76)
Not in MSA	16.1 (1.15)
Region	
Northeast	13.0 (0.92)
Midwest	13.6 (0.83)
South	15.4 (0.73)
West	8.9 (0.64)
Current health status	
Excellent or very good	10.4 (0.39)
Good	21.8 (1.29)
Fair or poor	60.9 (4.19)

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⁶Refers to the education level of the parent with the higher level of education, regardless of that parent's age, provided the parent(s) live(s) in the household.

⁷GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

⁸Includes children in families that reported either dollar amounts or would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

⁹"Poor" children live in families defined as below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" children live in families with incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" children live in families with incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

¹⁰Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Children with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy. "Uninsured" includes children who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

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Table C-4b. Frequencies (in thousands) of having a problem for which prescription medication has been taken regularly for at least 3 months for children under age 18 years, by selected characteristics: United States, 2013

Selected characteristic	All children under age 18 years	Prescription medication taken regularly for at least 3 months ¹
Total	73,486	9,596
Sex		
Male	37,531	5,493
Female	35,955	4,104
Age		
0-4 years	19,878	1,409
5-11 years	28,842	3,958
12-17 years	24,765	4,229
Race		
One race ²	70,098	9,040
White	54,682	7,268
Black or African American	10,847	1,511
American Indian or Alaska Native	804	*38
Asian	3,638	222
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	127	*
Two or more races ³	3,388	556
Black or African American and white	1,476	319
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	592	*92
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race		
Hispanic or Latino	17,767	1,783
Mexican or Mexican American	12,289	1,114
Not Hispanic or Latino	55,718	7,814
White, single race	38,876	5,742
Black or African American only, single race	10,065	1,339
Family structure ⁵		
Mother and father	51,392	6,097
Mother, no father	17,734	2,900
Father, no mother	2,320	224
Neither mother nor father	2,040	374
Parent's education ⁶		
Less than high school diploma	8,973	943
High school diploma or GED ⁷	13,090	1,821
More than high school	49,225	6,435
Family income ⁸		
Less than \$35,000	22,637	3,540
\$35,000 or more	47,116	5,560
\$35,000-\$49,999	8,763	1,076
\$50,000-\$74,999	11,838	1,635
\$75,000-\$99,999	9,009	1,017
\$100,000 or more	17,506	1,833

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Poverty status ⁹		
Poor	15,291	2,476
Near poor	14,761	1,921
Not poor	38,035	4,609
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰		
Private	38,817	4,601
Medicaid or other public	27,750	4,308
Other	1,914	261
Uninsured	4,777	412
Place of residence ¹¹		
Large MSA	39,379	4,547
Small MSA	23,271	3,306
Not in MSA	10,835	1,744
Region		
Northeast	11,547	1,500
Midwest	16,645	2,273
South	27,932	4,281
West	17,362	1,543
Current health status		
Excellent or very good	61,702	6,389
Good	10,232	2,256
Fair or poor	1,542	951

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Total	13.1 (0.39)
Sex	
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Female	11.4 (0.52)
Age	
0-4 years	7.1 (0.56)
5-11 years	13.7 (0.66)
12-17 years	17.1 (0.74)
Race	
One race ²	12.9 (0.41)
White	13.3 (0.48)
Black or African American	13.9 (1.06)
American Indian or Alaska Native	*4.7 (1.87)
Asian	6.1 (1.05)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or more races ³	16.4 (1.84)
Black or African American and white	21.6 (3.26)
American Indian or Alaska Native and white	15.6 (4.21)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race	
Hispanic or Latino	10.0 (0.61)
Mexican or Mexican American	9.1 (0.69)
Not Hispanic or Latino	14.0 (0.47)
White, single race	14.8 (0.60)
Black or African American only, single race	13.3 (1.02)
Family structure ⁵	
Mother and father	11.9 (0.47)
Mother, no father	16.4 (0.82)
Father, no mother	9.7 (1.84)
Neither mother nor father	18.4 (2.64)
Parent's education ⁶	
Less than high school diploma	10.5 (1.00)
High school diploma or GED ⁷	13.9 (0.94)
More than high school	13.1 (0.48)
Family income ⁸	
Less than \$35,000	15.6 (0.79)
\$35,000 or more	11.8 (0.46)
\$35,000-\$49,999	12.3 (1.04)
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.8 (1.12)
\$75,000-\$99,999	11.3 (0.99)
\$100,000 or more	10.5 (0.72)
Poverty status ⁹	
Poor	16.2 (1.01)
Near poor	13.0 (0.86)
Not poor	12.1 (0.51)

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Private	11.9 (0.50)
Medicaid or other public	15.5 (0.71)
Other	13.7 (2.47)
Uninsured	8.6 (1.22)
Place of residence ¹¹	
Large MSA	11.5 (0.52)
Small MSA	14.2 (0.75)
Not in MSA	16.1 (1.13)
Region	
Northeast	13.0 (0.91)
Midwest	13.7 (0.84)
South	15.3 (0.73)
West	8.9 (0.64)
Current health status	
Excellent or very good	10.4 (0.39)
Good	22.1 (1.30)
Fair or poor	61.8 (4.19)

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