

Healthcare Georgia Foundation's
2003 Access to Care and Prevention Survey

Summary Univariate Tables

The Healthcare Georgia Foundation (HGF) awarded a grant to the Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia to conduct the Healthcare Georgia Foundation 2003 *Access to Care and Prevention Survey*. Data were generated from a telephone interview of a RDD (Random Digit Dial) probability sample of 1,200 Georgia residents, 18 years or older, conducted between March 6th and May 16th, 2003. The purpose of the survey was to assess perceptions of Georgia residents about selected issues related to access to health care and prevention. Estimates based on a sample of this size are subject to a sampling margin or error of +/- 2.8 percent at the 95 percent confidence interval. Sampling error is the probable difference in results between interviewing a sample of the population of adult Georgians versus interviewing the entire population of adult Georgia. Sample surveys are subject to other sources of error such as non-response error and error associated with the wording of questionnaire items. The cooperation rate for the study was 42.4 percent.

Users of these data should understand the limitations associated with this particular data set. Only English speaking households were interviewed, thus the proportion of Hispanic respondents is not proportional to the Hispanic population in Georgia. Further, caution should be exercised when attempting to analyze the data by region, or by specific sub-groups due to the possibility of small sample sizes. The cooperation rate for the study was 42.4 percent.

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Table 1
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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<i>Place to Get Good Job:</i>	10.1	34.3	34.8	20.8
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<i>Promote Health and Well-being:</i>	18.0	51.2	24.1	6.7
<i>Live Safely Free of Crime:</i>	28.1	50.9	16.9	4.1

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<i>Currently Have Health Coverage:</i>		
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Strongly Support	621	54.6
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TOTAL	1138	100.0
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No	387	33.9
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Don't Know	211	17.8
TOTAL	1183	100.0
<i>Greater Share: Caring for Sick or Preventing Illness:</i>		
Caring for Sick	161	20.9
Preventing Illness	410	53.2
Don't Know	199	25.8
TOTAL	770	99.9
<i>Current Amount Spent for Care of Sick Used Effectively:</i>		
Used Effectively	446	37.8
Not Used Effectively	446	37.8
Don't Know	288	24.4
TOTAL	1180	100.0
<i>Current Amount Spent Preventing Illness Used Effectively:</i>		
Used Effectively	405	34.3
Not Used Effectively	479	40.6
Don't Know	295	25.0
TOTAL	1179	99.9

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 Potential Revenue Sources
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TOTAL	1155	100.0
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TOTAL	1157	100.0
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Oppose	627	54.8
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<i>Community Education Programs to Improve Health:</i>		
Very Effective	195	16.6
Somewhat Effective	474	40.3
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Not at all Effective	131	11.1
Don't Know	187	15.9
TOTAL	1176	100.09
<i>Protecting Public From Spread of Communicable Disease:</i>		
Very Effective	255	21.7
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Don't Know	180	15.3
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<i>Helping Treat Disease and Injury After Natural Disasters:</i>		
Very Effective	342	29.3
Somewhat Effective	425	36.4
Not Too Effective	77	6.6
Not at all Effective	40	3.4
Don't Know	282	24.2
TOTAL	1166	99.9
<i>Collecting Community Health Data:</i>		
Very Effective	335	28.7
Somewhat Effective	412	35.2
Not Too Effective	73	6.2
Not at all Effective	37	3.2
Don't Know	312	26.7
TOTAL	1169	100.0
<i>Ensuring Foods Free From Contamination:</i>		
Very Effective	378	32.1
Somewhat Effective	452	38.4
Not Too Effective	137	11.6
Not at all Effective	43	3.7
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<i>Protecting Public From Exposure to Toxic Chemicals/Hazardous Waste:</i>		
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Not at all Effective	77	6.6
Don't Know	216	18.4
TOTAL	1172	100.0
<i>Ensuring Safe Drinking Water:</i>		
Very Effective	501	42.7
Somewhat Effective	439	37.4
Not Too Effective	81	6.9
Not at all Effective	50	4.3
Don't Know	102	8.7
TOTAL	1173	100.0
<i>Minimizing Spread of Disease by Insects/Animals:</i>		
Very Effective	399	34.0
Somewhat Effective	492	41.9
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Not at all Effective	56	4.8
Don't Know	139	11.8
TOTAL	1174	100.0
<i>Preparing for Bio-terrorism:</i>		
Very Effective	193	16.6
Somewhat Effective	356	30.6
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Somewhat Effective	425	36.4
Not Too Effective	77	6.6
Not at all Effective	40	3.4
Don't Know	282	24.2
TOTAL	1166	99.9
<i>Collecting Community Health Data:</i>		
Very Effective	335	28.7
Somewhat Effective	412	35.2
Not Too Effective	73	6.2
Not at all Effective	37	3.2
Don't Know	312	26.7
TOTAL	1169	100.0
<i>Ensuring Foods Free From Contamination:</i>		
Very Effective	378	32.1
Somewhat Effective	452	38.4
Not Too Effective	137	11.6
Not at all Effective	43	3.7
Don't Know	166	14.1
TOTAL	1176	99.9

Table 10
Sample Demographics

	n	% Sample	% 2000 US Census
<i>Native Georgian:</i>			
Yes	678	57.2	----
No	506	42.8	----
TOTAL	1186	100.0	----
<i>Age:</i>			
18 – 24	119	10.3	36.7
25 – 44	462	39.9	32.4
45 – 64	451	38.9	21.3
65 +	127	10.9	9.6
TOTAL	1159	100.0	100.0
Mean: 44.6			
<i>Hispanic Origin:</i>			
Yes	18	1.5	5.3
No	1161	98.5	----
TOTAL	1179	100.0	----
<i>Ethnicity:</i>			
White	867	74.7	65.1
Black	251	21.6	28.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	0.8	2.2
Native American	8	0.7	----
Multi-racial/Other	26	2.2	3.8
TOTAL	1161	100.0	99.8
<i>Gender:</i>			
Male	390	32.9	49.2
Female	797	67.1	50.8
TOTAL	1187	100.0-	100.0
<i>Marital Status:</i>			
Married	708	60.7	54.0
Divorced	108	9.3	10.3
Separated	14	1.2	2.3
Widowed	70	5.9	6.1
Single	267	22.9	27.3
TOTAL	1167	100.0	100.0

Table 10

Sample Demographics

	n	%	% 2000 Census
<i>Education:</i>			
High School Grad or Less	369	31.5	22.3
Some College	405	34.6	29.5
College Graduate	240	20.5	24.7
Post-grad/Professional	157	13.4	23.4
TOTAL	1171	99.9	99.9
<i>Income:</i>			
< \$25,000	160	19.1	28.3
\$25,000 - \$34,999	104	12.4	12.6
\$35,000 - \$49,999	148	17.7	16.7
\$50,000 - \$74,999	179	21.4	19.7
\$75,000 +	246	29.4	22.6
TOTAL	837	100.0	99.9
Median Income:			\$42,433
<i>MSA/Non-MSA:</i>			
MSA	807	67.9	68.6
Non-MSA	381	32.1	31.4
TOTAL	1188	100.0	100.0
