California reached health insurance coverage milestone in 2020, but access to care remains a challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) reveals record high health insurance coverage rates, however barriers to care and COVID-19 impacted marginalized communities.

94% of Californians were currently insured in 2020, a record high since CHIS began surveying about health care coverage in 2001.

More than 1 in 10 (11%) Black or African American Californians reported not having a usual source of care, despite 88.2% having health insurance.

Routine check-ups hit lows

67.9% of California adults had a preventive visit in 2020, compared to 71.1% in 2019, the lowest estimate since 2013.

Californians' main reasons for delaying or forgoing necessary medical care in 2020

More than 1 in 5 Californians cited COVID-19 as the main reason.

44.2% of older adults (65+) cited COVID-19 as the main reason.

40% of Latinos cited cost, lack of insurance, or other insurance issues, compared to 28.1% of white people.

Source: 2019 and 2020 California Health Interview Surveys
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