

# COVID-19 Attitudes and Behaviors of Riverside County Residents



Delay/Absence of  
Healthcare During  
COVID-19



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Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS – Public Health) and Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC) conducted a study in 2021 about COVID-19 needs among Riverside County adults. HARC collected data in English and Spanish from more than 9,200 randomly selected adults between September 2021 and November 2021. The survey asked questions about attitudes and behaviors towards COVID-19, as well as pandemic experiences and basic needs.

This project was supported by Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection funds and is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Riverside County residents were asked if they had **delayed** getting care in the last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**37%** of participants said they delayed medical care



**47%** of participants said they delayed dental care



**19%** of participants said they delayed mental healthcare



There were significant differences among age groups of Riverside County residents for those who did delay medical care because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Of those who delayed medical care, **67%** of participants were 60 years or older



Of those who delayed medical care, **36%** of participants were 18 to 29 years old

Riverside County residents were asked if they needed medical and/or dental care in the last year but did not get it because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**28%** of participants said they did not get medical care

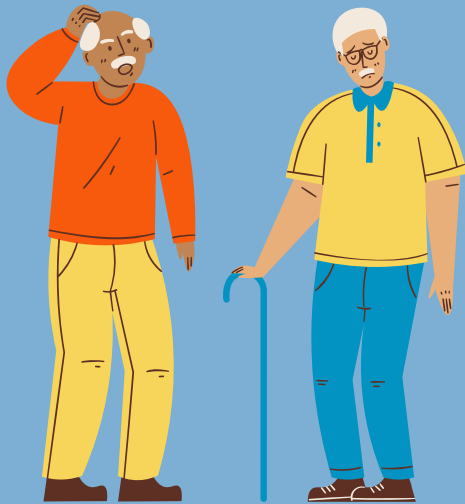


**34%** of participants said they did not get dental care



**12%** of participants said they did not get mental healthcare

There were significant differences among age groups of Riverside County residents for those who did not get any care **at all** because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Of those who did not get any medical care, **55%** of participants were 60 years or older



Of those who did not get any medical care, **28%** of participants were 18 to 29 years old.



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RUHS – Public Health will use this report to help them offer programs and services that support Riverside County Residents.

To read the full report and learn more about this study, visit <https://bit.ly/3NRNDmm>