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Highlights of SLO County Access to Care Data from 2023 Community Health Survey

Access to care is a theme in the 2023 Community Health Survey.

What health issues do you think must be addressed to improve the quality of life in your community?

Top 6 SLO County Survey Responses	Response rate
Access to health care	56%
Mental health	46%
Access to affordable housing	45%
Access to dental care	30%
Caregiving support for the elderly	29%
Access to childcare	25%

What do you think are important qualities of healthy community?

Top 6 SLO County Survey Responses	Response rate
Clean and safe environment	43%
Access to health care (e.g., family doctor)	42%
Affordable housing	40%
Safe neighborhoods	31%
Good jobs and healthy economy	25%
Parks and nature	22%



40% of respondents delayed or went without needed *medical care* (including routine checkups).

Reasons:	%	
• Couldn't get an appointment or it was too long to wait	28%	} 56%
• Couldn't find a provider who accepted new patients	18%	
• Couldn't find a provider who took my insurance	7%	
• Couldn't find a provider who speaks my language	3%	
• Too expensive or worried about cost	12%	



32% of respondents delayed or went without needed *mental health care.*

Reasons:	%
• Couldn't find a provider who accepted new patients	17%
• Couldn't get an appointment or it was too long to wait	16%
• Couldn't find a provider who took my insurance	13%
• Couldn't find a provider who speaks my language	4%
• Too expensive	14%

50%



33% of respondents delayed or went without needed *dental care* (including routine checkups).

5 Reasons:	%
• Too expensive	28%
• Couldn't get an appointment or it was too long to wait	14%
• Couldn't find a provider who took my insurance	13%
• Couldn't find a provider who accepted new patients	9%
• Couldn't find a provider who speaks my language	4%

40%



Aging Population

Percent of SLO County Population by Age Group, 2021

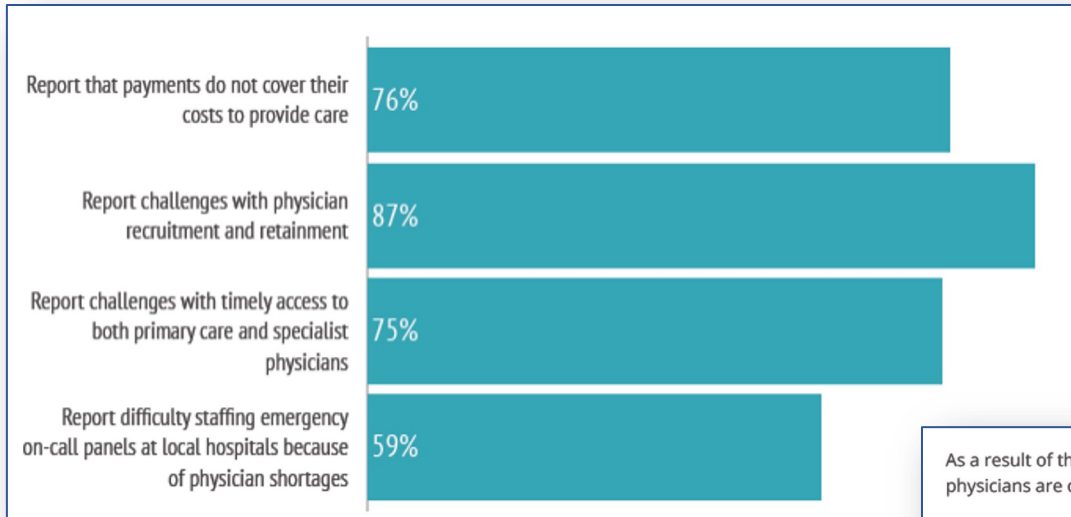
Report Area	45-54	55-64	65+
SLO County	10.7%	13.5%	20.2%
California	12.8%	12.2%	14.4%
United States	12.6%	13.0%	16.0%

33.7%
over
Age 55

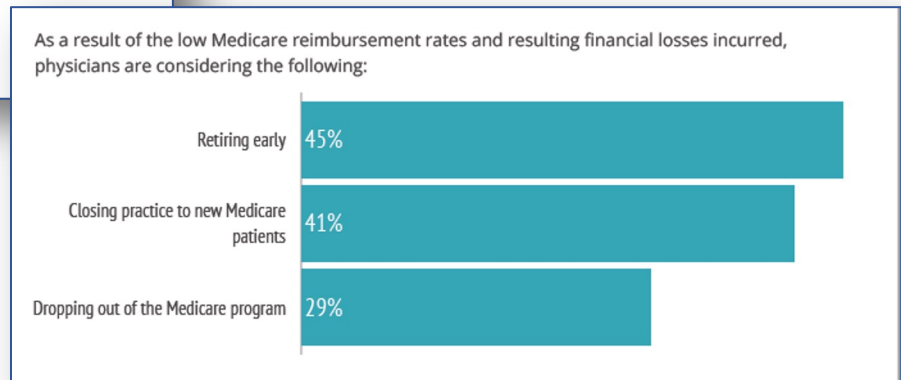


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CA Providers Struggle to Provide Services with *Current Medicare Payment Rates.*



Since 2001, inflation increased by 40%, Medicare payments by 7%.



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SLO County Cost of Living Indicators

“SLO County consistently ranks in the *top 10 most unaffordable small metro areas in the nation.*”

SLO County Cost of Living & Housing

- Cost of Living Rate:
 - SLO County: 146
 - CA: 150
 - US: 100
- Housing is the primary factor in the high cost of living.
 - Average home price in 2022: \$829,000
(up from \$640,000 in 2018)



Sperling's Best Places. (n.d.). *Cost of Living*. Source: https://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/county/california/san_luis_obispo
Source: Leslie, K. (2022, March). “*SLO County is one of the least affordable places in the United States, new study finds.*” San Luis Obispo Tribune. Retrieved from <https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article259624894.html>

Fair market rent is 23% higher than the rest of California.

Region	City	Current Median Rental Price for all rental properties, 2/2023
Central	San Luis Obispo	\$3,367
North Coast	Cambria	\$2,300
	Morro Bay	\$2,800
North County	Atascadero	\$2,000
	Paso Robles	\$2,542
South	Arroyo Grande	\$3,150
	Grover Beach	\$2,400
	Nipomo	\$3,200

The average cost of rent in SLO County in February 2023 was \$3,200 per month, the same as Boston, MA.

[Zillow Rental Manager](https://www.zillow.com/rental-manager/market-trends/). (2023, February). *Rental market trends*.

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31% of residents have annual household income less than \$50,000.

Household Income Levels, 2021^[1]

Report Area	Under \$25,000	\$25,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+
SLO County	13.7%	17.1%	27.5%	30.0%	11.7%
California	14.4%	16.1%	27.0%	27.4%	15.1%
United States	17.2%	19.6%	29.6%	24.1%	9.5%



^[1] U.S. Census Bureau. (2021). American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates. As cited in *Households by Household Income Level*. Cares Engagement Network. Community Action Partnership Report 2021.

^[2] U.S. Census Bureau. (2021). American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates. As cited in *Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity of Householder*. Cares Engagement Network. Community Action Partnership Report 2021.