

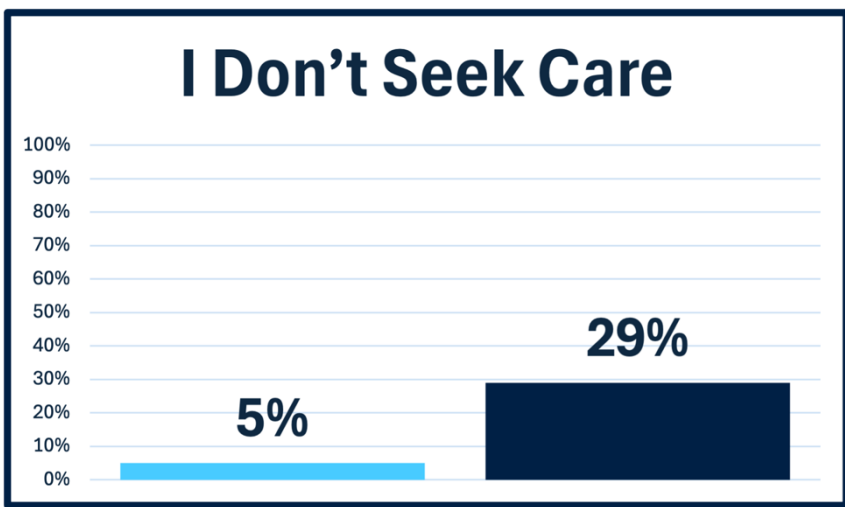
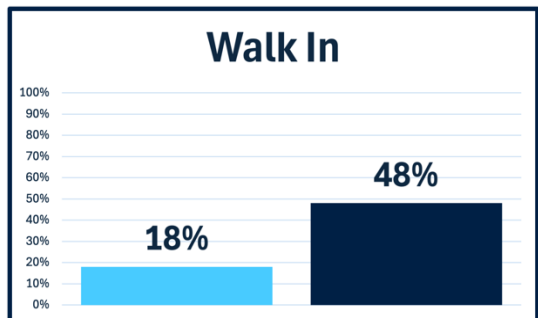
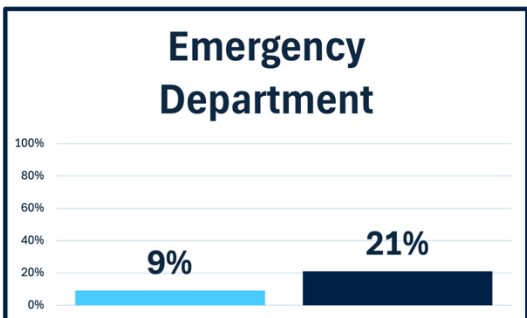


Doctor shortages in rural communities impact both attached and unattached patients alike.

What we found: Attached and unattached patients had similar overall health, yet unattached patients received care less frequently.

Unattached Attached

When you need healthcare, where do you seek it?



Three Themes Emerged in Both Attached and Unattached Participants

Ubiquity

Attached and unattached patients alike acknowledge the doctor shortage as a major crisis

Uncertainty

Attached patients faced uncertainty, with many previously unattached or expecting to lose their provider soon.

Solutions

Participants emphasized system-wide reforms, such as increased government funding, policy changes, and expanded healthcare provider roles to improve access.



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