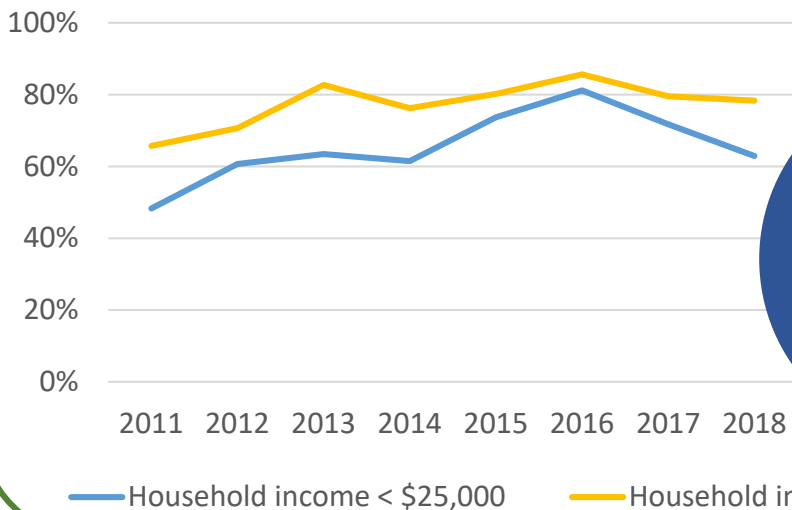


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Access to Health Care, ER Usage and Insurance Coverage for Adults Aged 18-24 Since Passage of the Affordable Care Act

Source: AAMC Consumer Survey of Health Care Access

Percentage of People 18-24 Years Old Reporting “Always Being Able to Access Care When Needed”



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percentage point increase in access to care for lower-income adults under 25 years old

Key Findings:

For adults under age 25 with household incomes less than \$25,000, the percentage “always able to get care when they needed it” grew from 48% in 2011 to 63% in 2018.

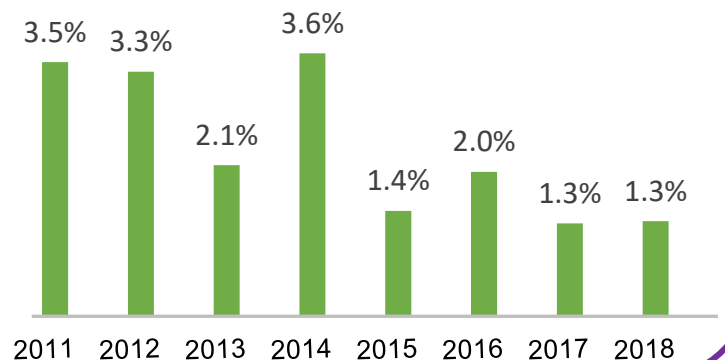
All other young adults’ access to health care increased by 13 percentage points.

Percentage of People 18-24 Years Old Reporting Their Last Visit Was to an Emergency Room “Because There Was No Other Place To Go”

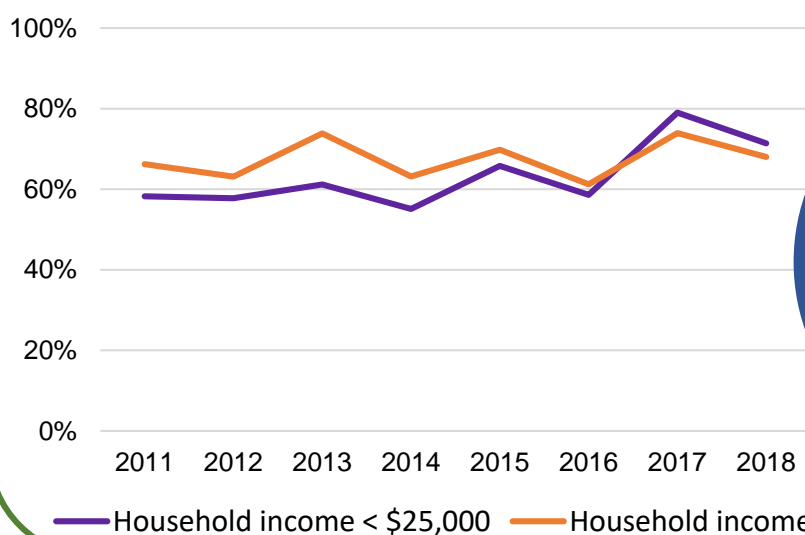
Key Finding:

Adults under 25 years decreased reliance on ERs from 3.5% in 2011 to 1.3% in 2018, thus moving away from last-minute ER care to other health care settings.

Decline in ER Use
among adults under 25 years old who last visited a provider at the ER “because there was no other place to go”



Percentage of People 18-24 Years Old Reporting “Always Having Insurance”



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percentage point increase in those always with health insurance among lower-income adults under 25 years old

Key Findings:

For adults under age 25 with household incomes less than \$25,000, the percentage who always had health insurance grew from 58% in 2011 to 71% in 2018.

All other young adults’ increased by 2 percentage points.