
Oral Health

Definition: Respondents who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year.

Prevalence of Oral Health

- South Dakota 26.5%
- Nationwide median 30.1%

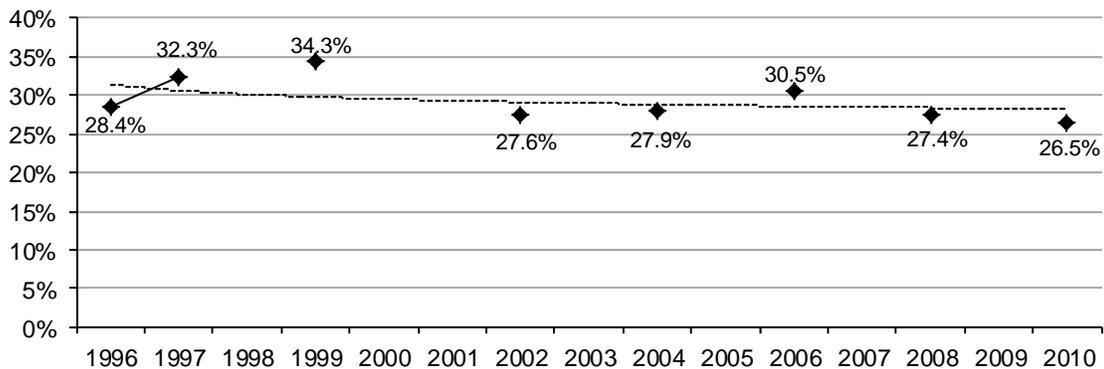
Healthy People 2010 Objective

There was no stated Healthy People 2010 Objective for not visiting a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year.

Trend Analysis

This question was first asked in 1996 and hit its peak in 1999 with 34.3 percent of respondents stating they have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year. More recently, the percent decreased from 27.4 percent in 2008 to 26.5 percent in 2010. Overall, the percent remains steady.

Figure 47
Percent of Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 1996-1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 1996-1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010

Table 37
Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2010

	Total			Male			Female		
	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI	# Resp.	%	95% CI
Total	6,710	26.5	(24.9-28.1)	2,653	30.1	(27.6-32.7)	4,057	22.9	(21.0-24.9)
Age									
18-24	211	23.0	(16.9-30.4)	102	24.0	(15.6-35.1)	109	21.8	(13.8-32.6)
25-34	581	29.8	(25.1-34.9)	242	37.4	(30.2-45.3)	339	21.6	(16.2-28.1)
35-44	780	24.8	(21.3-28.7)	309	30.5	(24.8-36.9)	471	18.9	(15.0-23.4)
45-54	1,291	25.8	(22.9-28.9)	547	31.4	(26.8-36.4)	744	20.1	(16.8-23.8)
55-64	1,467	22.7	(20.2-25.4)	618	24.1	(20.3-28.3)	849	21.3	(18.2-24.7)
65-74	1,167	28.8	(25.7-32.0)	468	29.4	(24.7-34.6)	699	28.2	(24.4-32.3)
75+	1,176	32.8	(29.7-36.1)	358	33.8	(28.3-39.7)	818	32.2	(28.6-36.1)
Race									
White	5,683	25.6	(24.0-27.3)	2,255	29.1	(26.6-31.9)	3,428	22.2	(20.3-24.3)
American Indian	782	38.6	(31.8-46.0)	300	43.0	(33.5-53.0)	482	34.7	(25.4-45.4)
Region									
Southeast	1,350	21.4	(18.8-24.3)	530	24.1	(20.1-28.6)	820	18.9	(15.7-22.6)
Northeast	1,439	26.7	(23.7-29.9)	564	29.2	(24.6-34.2)	875	24.5	(20.7-28.7)
Central	1,287	29.7	(25.9-33.8)	508	34.3	(28.3-40.8)	779	25.4	(21.0-30.2)
West	1,330	29.6	(26.1-33.4)	539	33.9	(28.4-39.9)	791	24.9	(20.8-29.5)
American Indian Counties	1,304	40.6	(35.9-45.5)	512	49.9	(42.3-57.5)	792	30.8	(26.1-35.9)
Household Income									
Less than \$15,000	657	43.7	(36.9-50.8)	230	43.9	(33.5-54.9)	427	43.6	(34.8-52.8)
\$15,000-\$19,999	421	41.7	(34.4-49.4)	152	42.5	(30.3-55.6)	269	41.1	(32.7-50.0)
\$20,000-\$24,999	563	44.4	(37.6-51.5)	216	47.8	(37.6-58.2)	347	41.4	(32.5-51.0)
\$25,000-\$34,999	773	35.9	(30.5-41.6)	336	34.9	(27.6-43.1)	437	37.1	(29.8-44.9)
\$35,000-\$49,999	1,007	28.0	(24.0-32.5)	425	32.6	(26.2-39.6)	582	22.9	(18.4-28.1)
\$50,000-\$74,999	1,026	21.1	(18.0-24.7)	438	26.4	(21.4-32.1)	588	15.8	(12.3-20.1)
\$75,000+	1,178	13.1	(10.8-15.7)	558	17.3	(13.8-21.5)	620	8.1	(5.9-11.2)
Education									
Less than High School	597	44.7	(37.6-52.1)	270	42.9	(33.4-52.9)	327	47.9	(38.0-58.0)
High School or G.E.D.	2,184	33.8	(30.6-37.2)	895	37.7	(32.6-43.0)	1,289	29.7	(25.7-34.0)
Some Post-High School	1,878	26.0	(23.3-29.0)	692	29.4	(25.0-34.2)	1,186	23.3	(19.9-27.1)
College Graduate	2,041	15.8	(13.7-18.1)	793	19.5	(16.1-23.4)	1,248	12.3	(10.1-15.0)
Marital Status									
Married/Unmarried Couple	4,048	24.4	(22.6-26.2)	1,737	27.6	(25.0-30.5)	2,311	21.1	(18.8-23.5)
Divorced/Separated	850	34.1	(29.7-38.8)	343	38.7	(31.5-46.4)	507	30.0	(24.8-35.7)
Widowed	1,057	36.2	(32.8-39.7)	165	39.5	(30.9-48.8)	892	35.4	(31.8-39.2)
Never Married	744	28.2	(23.2-33.9)	404	34.7	(27.4-42.9)	340	19.1	(13.3-26.6)
Children Status									
Children in Household	1,170	24.4	(21.3-27.9)	441	29.4	(24.5-34.9)	729	19.8	(15.9-24.4)
No Children in Household	401	30.3	(24.2-37.2)	211	34.6	(26.1-44.3)	190	23.7	(16.2-33.3)

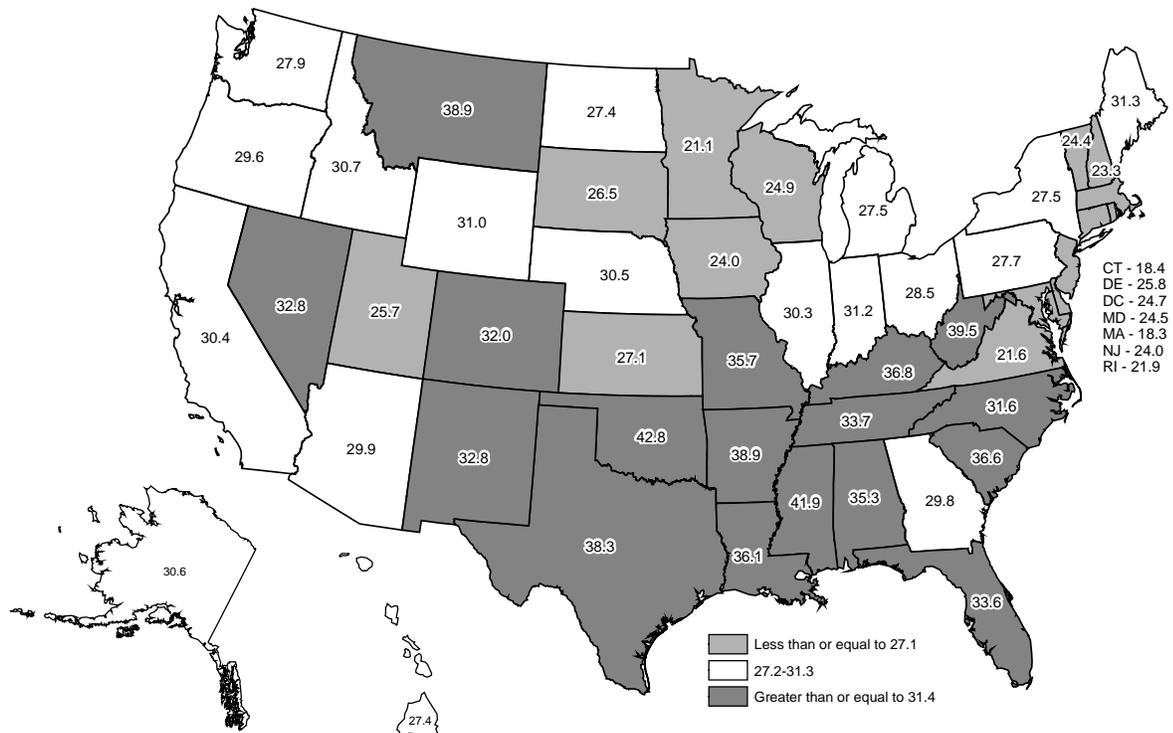
Note: *Results based on sample sizes less than 100 have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2010

National Statistics

The national median for respondents who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year was 30.1 percent. South Dakota had 26.5 percent of respondents who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year. Massachusetts had the lowest percent of respondents who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year with 18.3 percent, while Oklahoma had the highest with 42.8 percent.

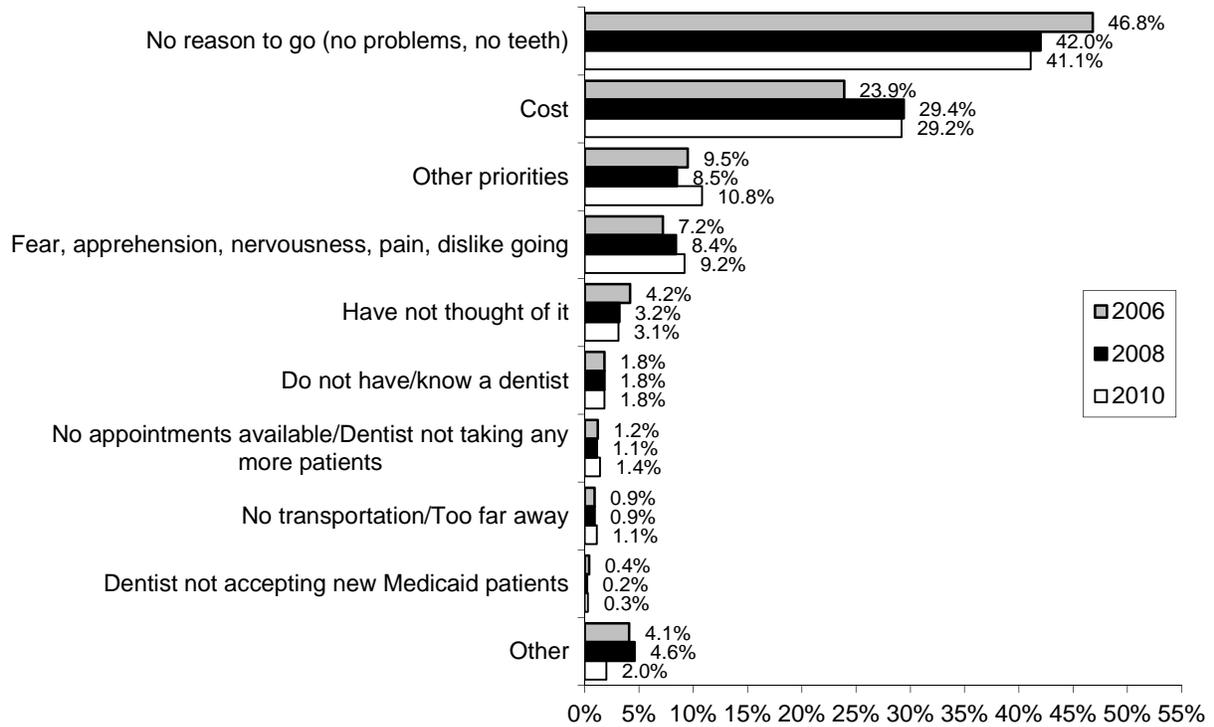
Figure 48
Nationally, Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2010



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2010

The main reason respondents gave for not visiting the dentist in the last year was that they had no reason to go (no problems, no teeth) with 41.1 percent of respondents saying this. Figure 49, below, displays all reasons the respondents gave for not visiting the dentist in the last year.

Figure 49
Respondents' Main Reason for Not Visiting the Dentist in the Last Year,
2006, 2008, and 2010



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2006, 2008, and 2010