

# Children's Oral Health

**Definition:** Children, ages 1-17, who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year.

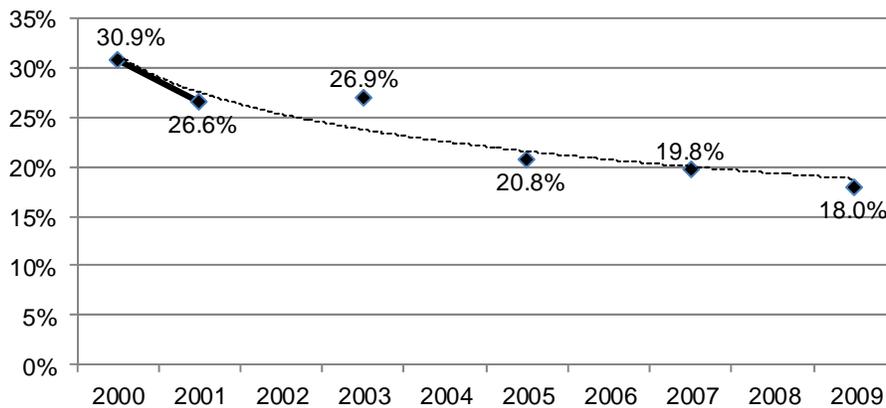
## Prevalence of Children's Oral Health

- South Dakota 13%
- There is no nationwide median for children, ages 1-17, who haven't been to the dentist in the past year

## Healthy People 2020 Objective

There was no comparable Healthy People 2020 Objective for children, ages 1-17, who haven't been to the dentist in the past year.

**Figure 106**  
**Children, Ages 1-17, Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009

**Figure 107**  
**Children, Ages 1-17, Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2011-2013**



Note: Beginning in 2011, the CDC began using a different methodology to weight the data, therefore current data estimates cannot be compared to previous years.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

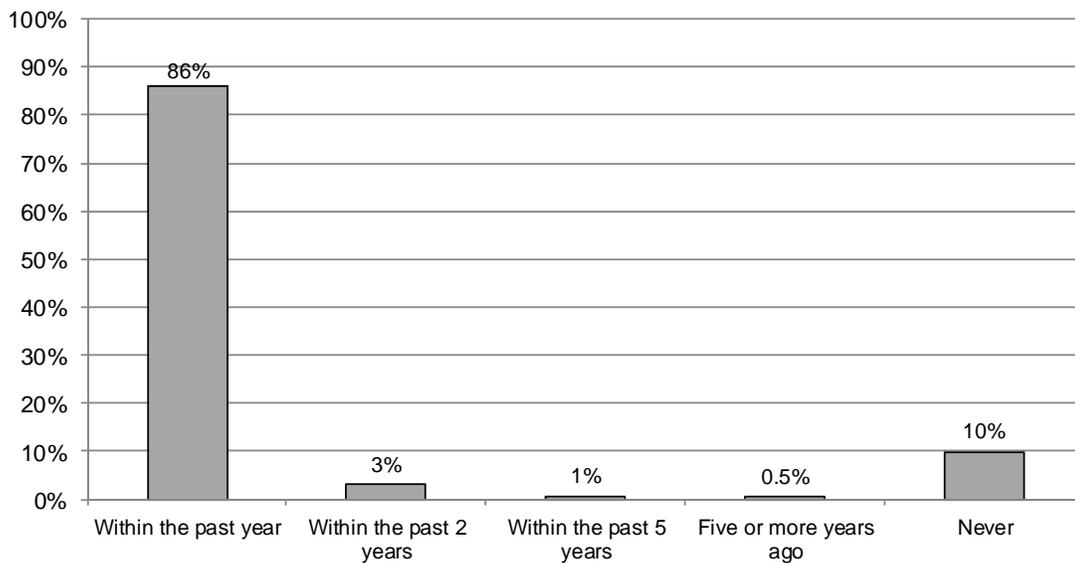
Table 97 Respondents' Children, Ages 1-17, Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or a Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2011-2013				
		2011-2013	2011	2013
<b>Total</b>		<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	Male	15%	*	*
	Female	13%	*	*
<b>Age</b>	1-9	21%	*	*
	10-17	6%	*	*
<b>Race</b>	White	15%	*	*
	American Indian	10%	*	*
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Hispanic	*	*	*
	Non-Hispanic	14%	16%	*
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$75,000	17%	*	*
	\$75,000+	10%	*	*
<b>Home Ownership Status</b>	Own Home	14%	*	*
	Rent Home	16%	*	*
<b>Phone Status</b>	Landline	14%	15%	*
	Cell Phone	17%	*	*

Note: \*Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.  
This question was not asked in 2012.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

Figure 108, below, shows the length of time since the respondents' children, ages 1 to 17 years old, had been to a dentist or a dental clinic. The majority of children from 2011-2013 had been to a dentist or dental clinic within the past year.

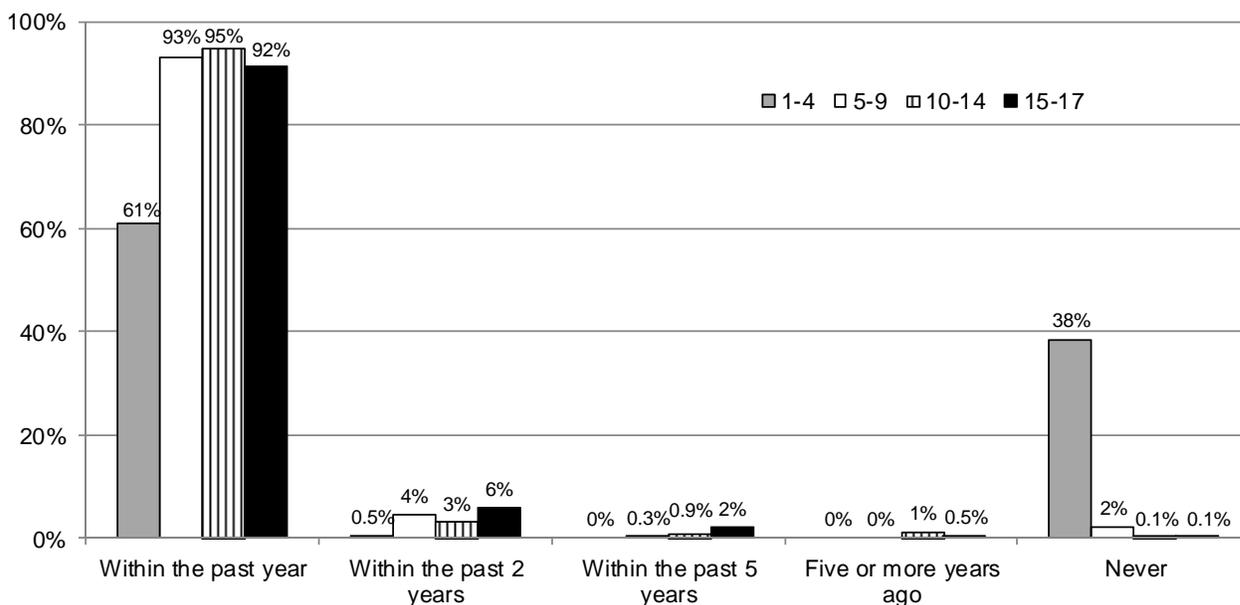
**Figure 108**  
**Length of Time Since Child Visited the Dentist or Dental Clinic, 2011-2013**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

Figure 109, below, displays the length of time since the child visited the dentist or dental clinic by age. When looking at the 1 to 4 year old age group, 38 percent have never been to the dentist compared to the three other age groups who all had fewer than three percent who had never seen a dentist.

**Figure 109**  
**Length of Time Since Child Visited the Dentist or Dental Clinic by**  
**Child's Age, 2011-2013**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

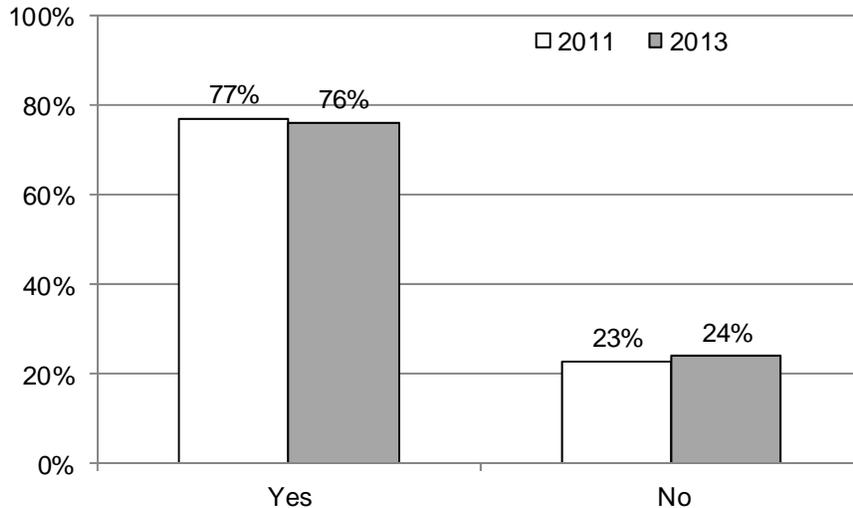
The main reason why children ages 1 to 17 had not visited the dentist within the past year was because they had no reason to go, i.e. no problems, no teeth, as shown below in Table 98. Nine percent stated that cost was the main reason the child had not been to the dentist within the past year.

<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>420</b>
No reasons to go (no problems, no teeth)	61%
Cost	9%
Have not thought of it	6%
Do not have/know a dentist	4%
Cannot get to the office/clinic	3%
Other priorities	3%
Fear, apprehension, nervousness, pain, dislike going	2%
Other	12%

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

Figure 110, below, displays the majority of respondents who stated that they have some kind of insurance that pays for some or all of their child’s routine dental care. The majority in both years stated they have insurance coverage that pays for some or all of their child’s routine dental care.

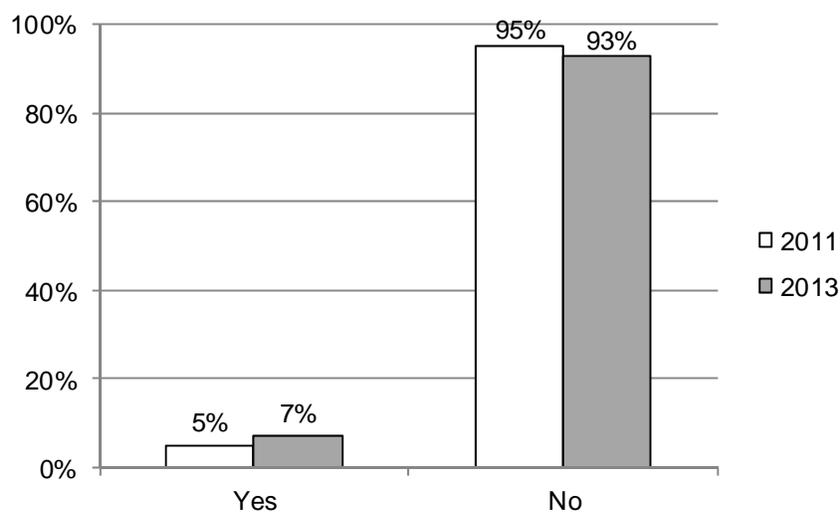
**Figure 110**  
**Respondents Who Have Any Kind of Insurance Coverage That Pays for Some or All of This Child’s Routine Dental Care, 2011-2013**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

Figure 111, below, displays the percent of children who had a toothache more than once when biting or chewing in the last six months. The majority for both years stated that the child did not have a toothache more than once when biting or chewing in the last six months.

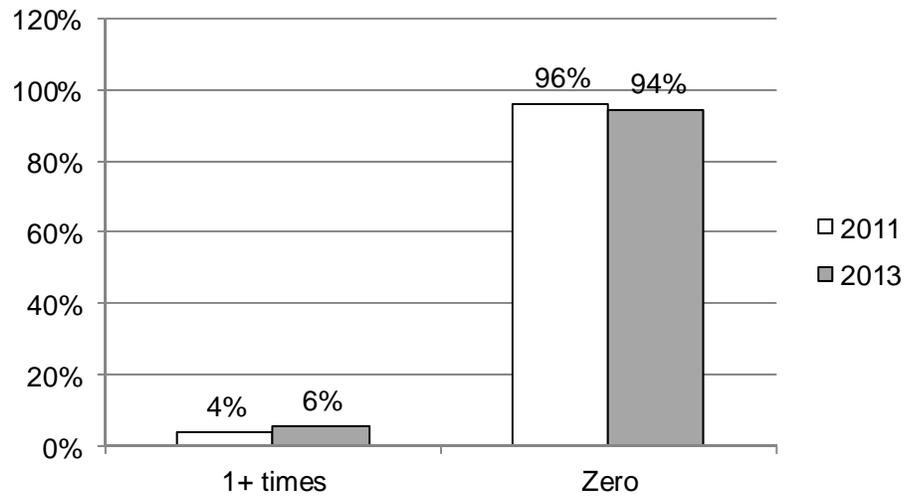
**Figure 111**  
**Children Who Had Toothache More Than Once, When Biting or Chewing in the Last Six Months, 2011-2013**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

Figure 112, below, displays the percent of children who missed school in the past 12 months because of problems with their teeth or mouth. The majority for both years stated that the child did not miss school because of problems with their teeth or mouth.

**Figure 112**  
**Children Who Missed School Because of Problems With Their Teeth or Mouth Within the Past 12 Months, 2011-2013**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2013

