

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.

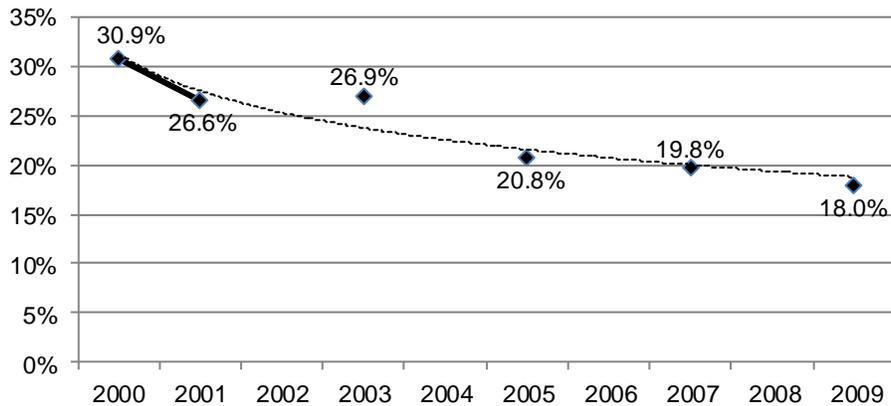
Prevalence of Children's Oral Health

- South Dakota 16%
- 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

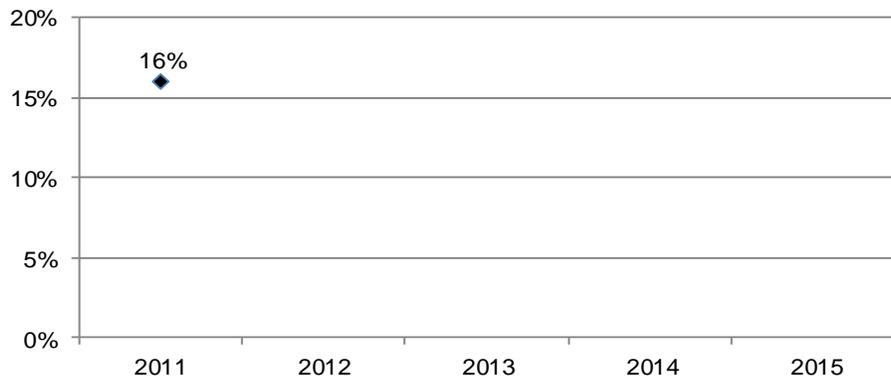
There was no comparable Healthy People 2020 Objective for children, ages 1-17, who haven't been to the dentist in the past year.

Figure 52
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 53
Children, Ages 1-17, Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason within the Past Year, 2011

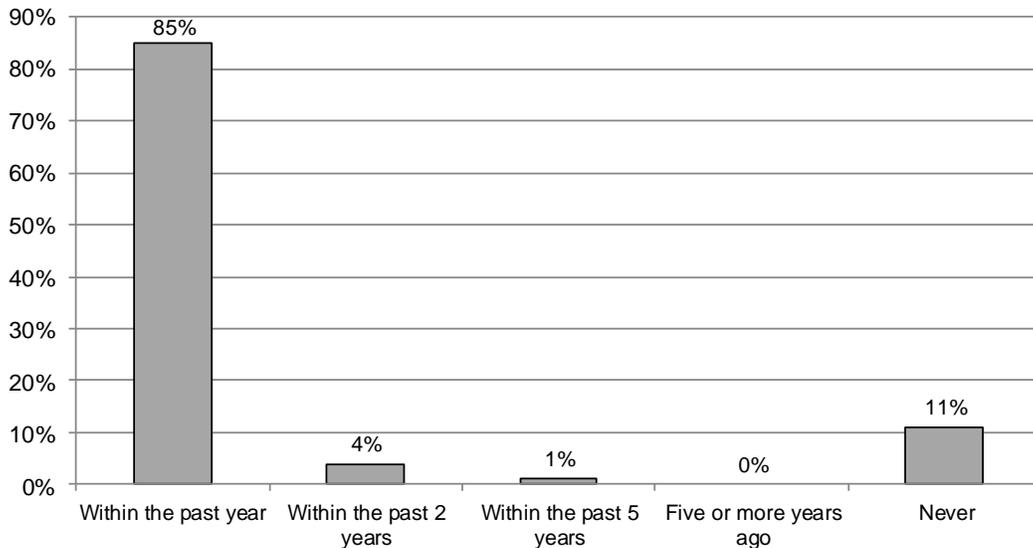


Note: Beginning in 2011, the CDC began using a different methodology to weight the data, therefore current data estimates cannot be compared to previous years.

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

Figure 54, 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 in 2011 had been to a dentist or dental clinic within the past year.

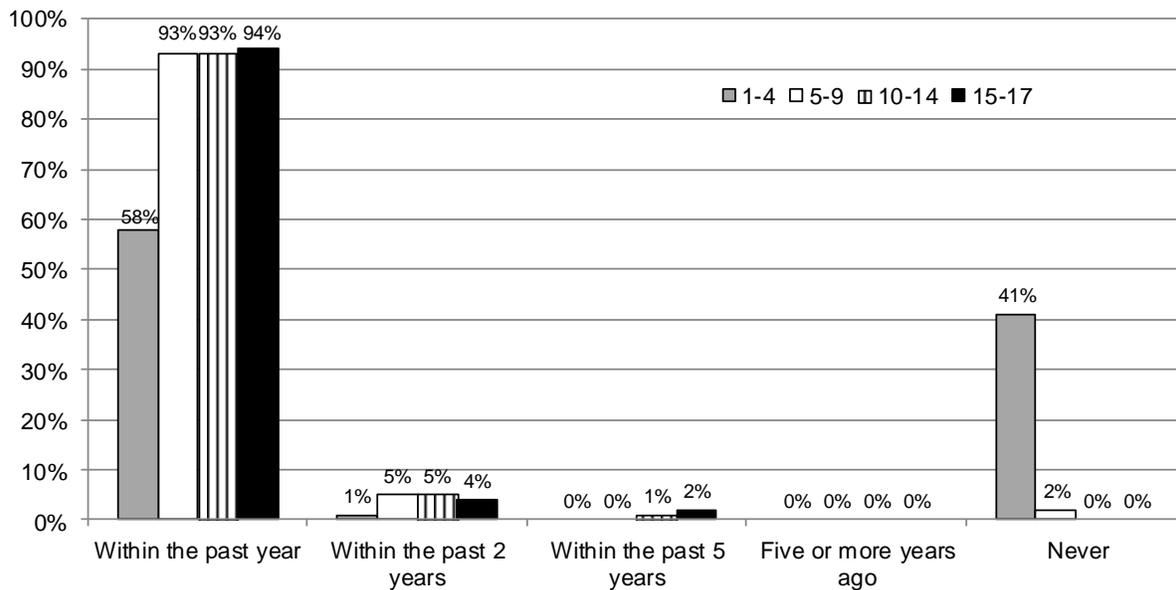
Figure 54
Length of Time Since Child Visited the Dentist or Dental Clinic, 2011



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

Figure 55, 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, 41 percent have never been to the dentist compared to the three other age groups who all had fewer than 3 percent who had never seen a dentist.

Figure 55
Length of Time Since Child Visited the Dentist or Dental Clinic by Child's Age, 2011



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

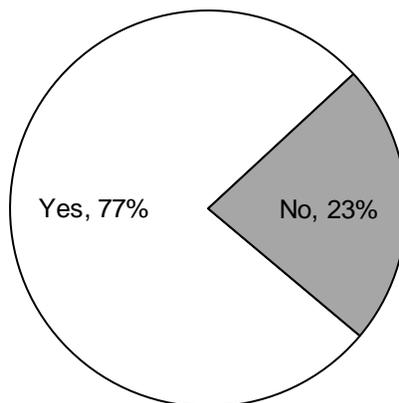
The main reason why children ages 1 to 17 had not visited the dentist within the past year was because they had no reason to go, i.e. no problems, no teeth, as shown below in Table 38. Thirteen percent stated that cost was the reason why they had not visited a dentist within the past year.

Table 38	
Main Reason Child Has Not Visited Dentist in the Last Year, 2011	
Number of Respondents	202
No reasons to go (no problems, no teeth)	71%
Cost	13%
Cannot get to the office/clinic	4%
Other priorities	3%
Have not thought of it	2%
Do not have/know a dentist	1%
Fear, apprehension, nervousness, pain, dislike going	1%
Other	5%

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

Figure 56, 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. In 2011, 77 percent stated they have some kind of insurance coverage that pays for some or all of their child's routine dental care.

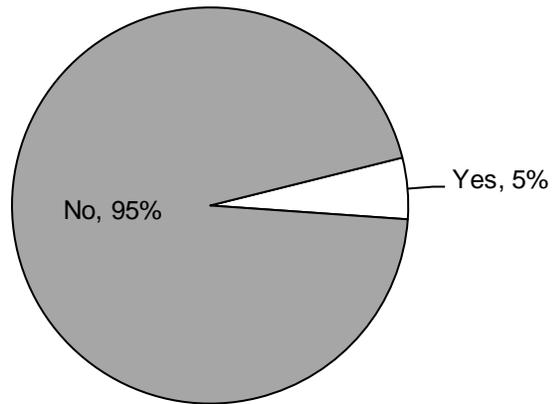
Figure 56
Respondents Who Have Any Kind of Insurance Coverage That Pays for Some or All of This Child's Routine Dental Care, 2011



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

Figure 57, below, displays the percent of children who had a toothache more than once when biting or chewing in the last six months. The majority, or 95 percent, stated that the child did not have a toothache more than once when biting or chewing in the last 6 months.

Figure 57
Children Who Had Toothache More Than Once, When Biting or Chewing in the Last 6 Months, 2011



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