

Oral Health

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

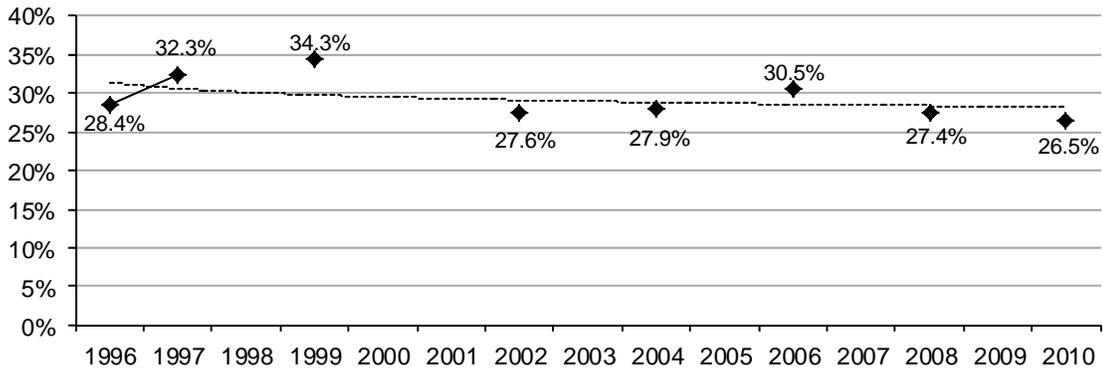
Prevalence of Oral Health

- South Dakota 29%
- Nationwide median 33%

Healthy People 2020 Objective

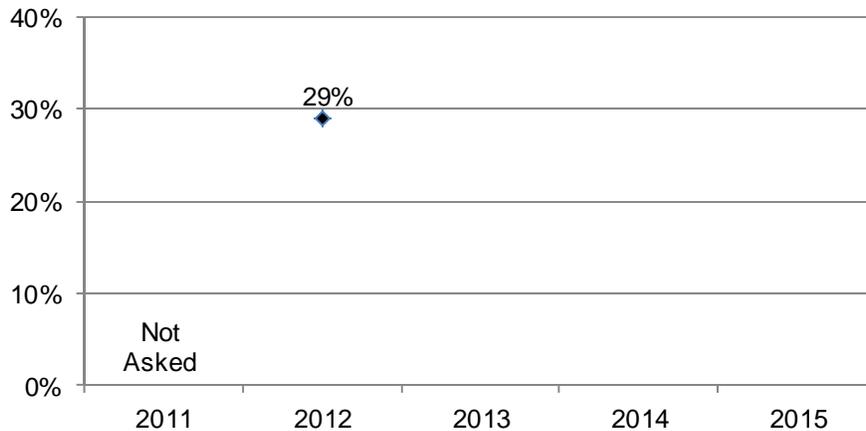
There was no comparable Healthy People 2020 Objective for not visiting a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year.

Figure 99
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

Figure 100
Percent of Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2012



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, 2012

Table 66		
Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2012		
		2012
Total		29%
Gender	Male	34%
	Female	25%
Age	18-44	27%
	45-64	27%
	65+	36%
Race	White	28%
	American Indian	38%
Ethnicity	Hispanic	40%
	Non-Hispanic	29%
Household Income	Less than \$25,000	45%
	\$25,000-\$49,999	32%
	\$50,000+	17%
Education	High School, G.E.D., or Less	39%
	Some Post-High School	25%
	College Graduate	17%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	25%
	Self-employed	33%
	Unemployed	47%
	Homemaker	28%
	Student	16%
	Retired	34%
	Unable to Work	47%
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	26%
	Divorced/Separated	42%
	Widowed	38%
	Never Married	30%
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	25%
	Rent Home	42%
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	26%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	30%
Phone Status	Landline	27%
	Cell Phone	32%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	22%

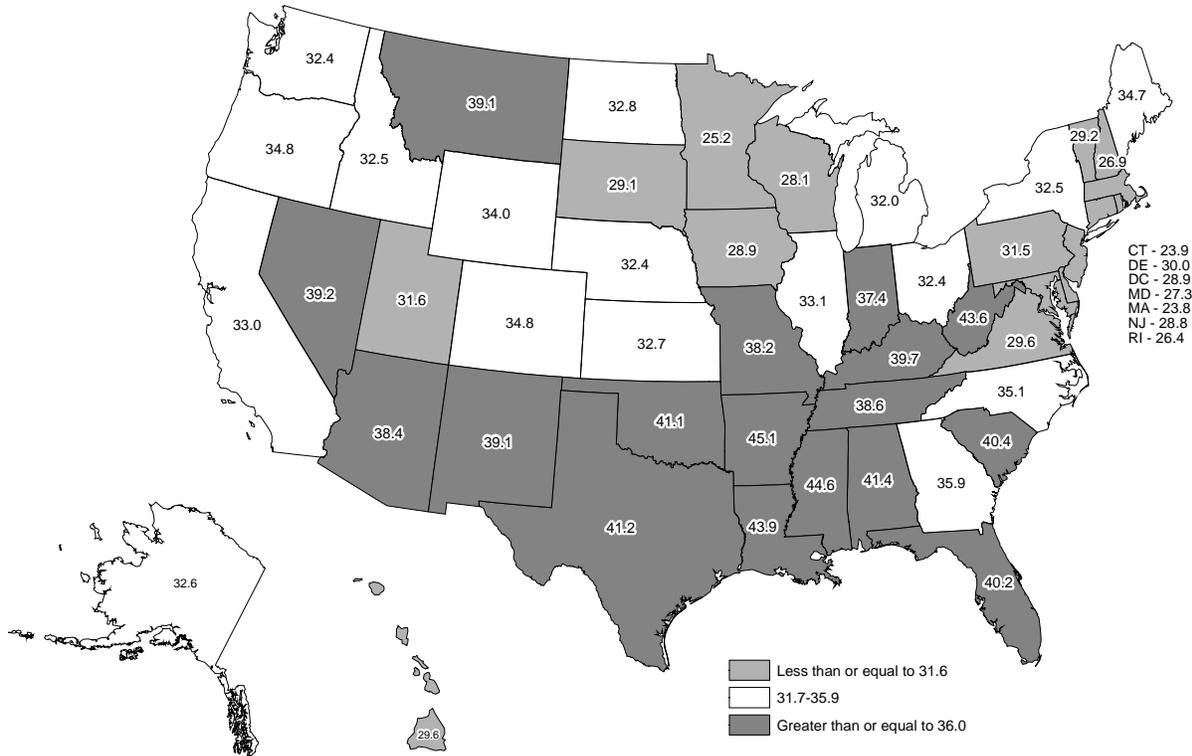
Note: *Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012

National Statistics

The national median for respondents who have not visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason within the past year was 32.8 percent as shown below in Figure 101. South Dakota had 29.1 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 23.8 percent, while Arkansas had the highest with 45.1 percent.

Figure 101
Nationally, Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason Within the Past Year, 2012



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012

Further Analysis

The following data show the percent of those who have not visited a dentist or a dental clinic within the past year for various health behaviors and conditions. For example, 41 percent of respondents who are current smokers have not visited a dentist or a dental clinic within the past year, while 24 percent of respondents who have never smoked have not visited a dentist or a dental clinic within the past year.

Health Behavior or Condition	% No Dentist Visit
Underweight (BMI < 18.5)	33%
Recommended (BMI = 18.5-24.9)	26%
Overweight (BMI = 25.0-29.9)	28%
Obese - Class I (BMI = 30.0-34.9)	32%
Obese - Classes II & III (BMI = 35.0+)	36%
Leisure Time Exercise	25%
No Leisure Time Exercise	43%
Current Smoker	41%
Former Smoker	29%
Never Smoked	24%
Smokeless Tobacco	42%
No Smokeless Tobacco	28%
Diabetes	41%
No Diabetes	28%

Table 67 (continued)
Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic Within the Past Year for Any Reason for Selected Health Behaviors and Conditions, 2012

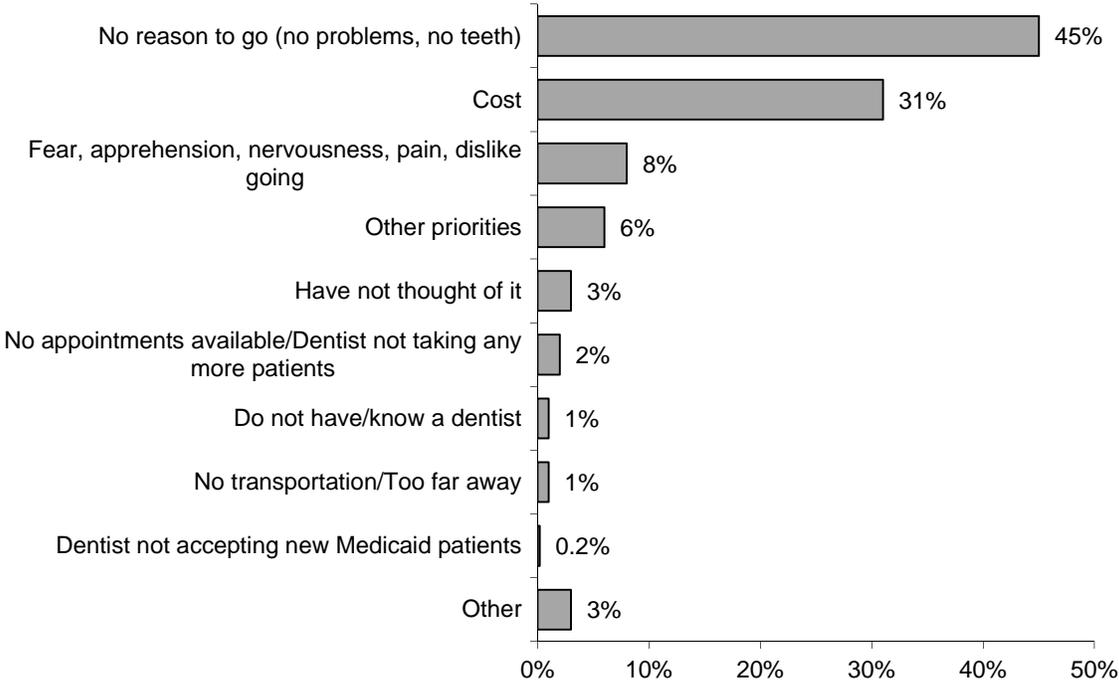
Health Behavior or Condition	% No Dentist Visit
High Blood Pressure	34%
No High Blood Pressure	27%
Health Insurance (18-64)	23%
No Health Insurance (18-64)	61%
Employer Based Coverage (18-64)	19%
Private Health Plan (18-64)	26%
Medicare (18-64)	39%
Medicaid or Medical Assistance (18-64)	30%
The Military, CHAMPUS, TriCare, or the VA (18-64)	19%
The Indian Health Service (18-64)	45%
Breast Exam Within Past Two Years	20%
No Breast Exam Within Past Two Years	37%
Mammogram Within Past Two Years (40+)	20%
No Mammogram Within Past Two Years (40+)	43%
Pap Smear Within Past Three Years	21%
No Pap Smear Within Past Three Years	37%
Blood Stool Test Within Past Two Years (50+)	29%
No Blood Stool Test Within Past Two Years (50+)	31%
Ever Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy (50+)	25%
Never Had a Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy (50+)	41%
PSA Test Within the Past Two Years (40+)	26%
No PSA Test Within the Past Two Years (40+)	38%
Flu Shot (65+)	33%
No Flu Shot (65+)	43%
Pneumonia Shot (65+)	32%
No Pneumonia Shot (65+)	44%
Previously Had Heart Attack	48%
Never Had Heart Attack	28%
Have Angina or Coronary Heart Disease	40%
Do Not Have Angina or Coronary Heart Disease	28%
Previously Had a Stroke	39%
Never Had a Stroke	29%
Cancer	28%
No Cancer	29%
Skin Cancer	28%
No Skin Cancer	29%
Current Asthma	34%
Former Asthma	28%
Never Had Asthma	29%
Arthritis	36%
No Arthritis	27%
COPD	47%
No COPD	28%
Depression	37%
No Depression	27%
Kidney Disease	34%
No Kidney Disease	29%
Vision Impairment	37%
No Vision Impairment	28%
Always/Almost Always Wear Seat Belt	26%
Sometimes/Seldom/Never Wear Seat Belt	43%
Drank Alcohol in Past 30 Days	26%
Did Not Drink Alcohol in Past 30 Days	33%
Binge Drinker	31%
Not a Binge Drinker	28%
Heavy Drinker	32%
Not a Heavy Drinker	29%

Table 67 (continued)	
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Health Behavior or Condition	% No Dentist Visit
< 3 Sweetened Beverages per Day	27%
3+ Sweetened Beverages per Day	49%
Good/Very Good/Excellent Health Status	26%
Fair/Poor Health Status	48%
Physical Health Not Good for 0-29 Days of the Past 30	28%
Physical Health Not Good for 30 Days of the Past 30	45%
Mental Health Not Good for 0-19 Days of the Past 30	28%
Mental Health Not Good for 20-30 Days of the Past 30	45%
Usual Activities Unattainable for 0-9 Days of the Past 30	28%
Usual Activities Unattainable for 10-30 Days of the Past 30	43%
Physical, Mental, or Emotional Problems	37%
No Physical, Mental, or Emotional Problems	27%
Disability with Special Equipment Needed	35%
No Disability with Special Equipment Needed	29%
Heard of "Healthy South Dakota" Program	25%
Not Heard of "Healthy South Dakota" Program	32%
Injured in a Fall in Past 12 Months (45+)	31%
Not Injured in a Fall in Past 12 Months (45+)	30%
Been Tested for HIV (18-64)	27%
Never Been Tested for HIV (18-64)	30%

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012

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 45 percent of respondents saying this. Figure 102, below, displays all reasons the respondents gave for not visiting the dentist in the last year.

Figure 102
Respondents' Main Reason for Not Visiting the Dentist in the Last Year, 2012



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012