

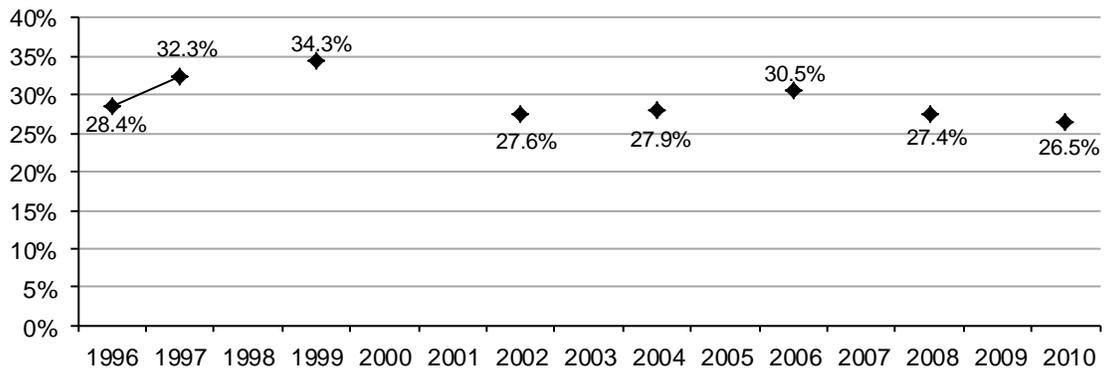
# Oral Health

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

## Prevalence of Oral Health

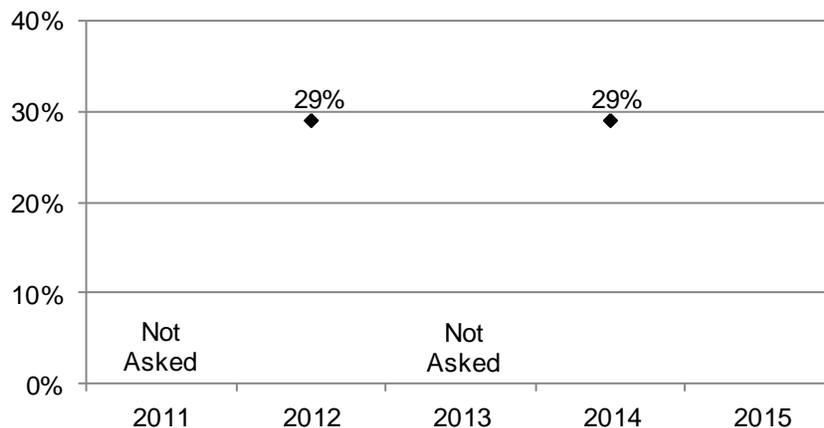
- South Dakota 29%

**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 and 2014**



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 and 2014

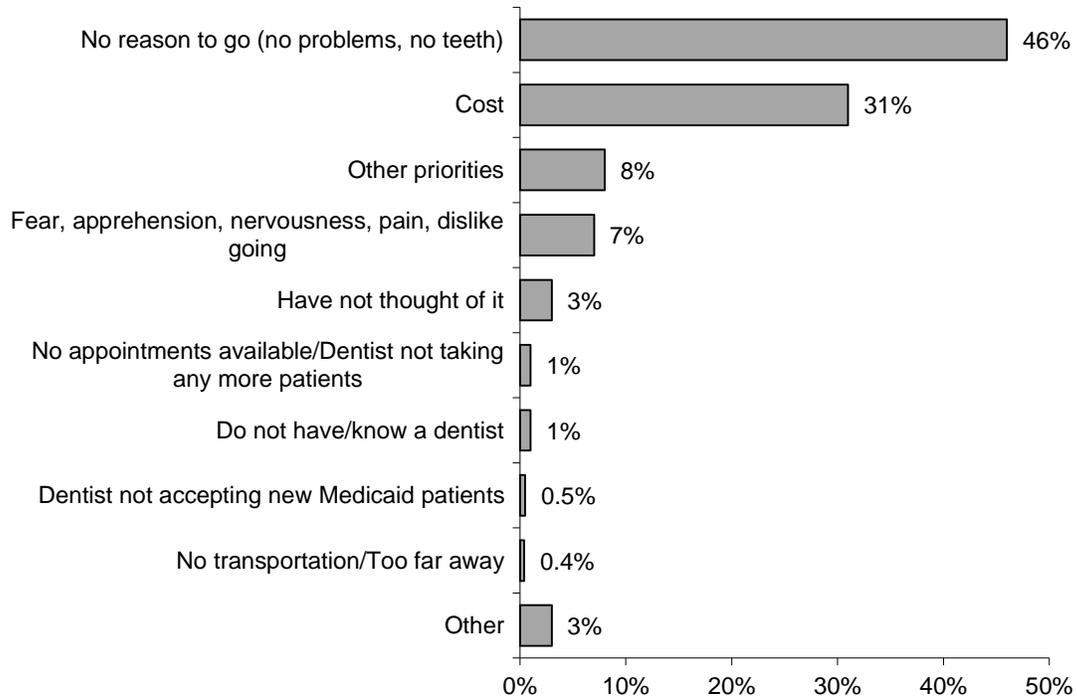
**Table 51  
Respondents Who Have Not Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic for Any Reason  
Within the Past Year, 2012 and 2014**

		2012-2014	2012	2014
<b>Total</b>		<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	Male	33%	34%	33%
	Female	25%	25%	26%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	26%	*	*
	25-34	30%	*	*
	35-44	26%	*	*
	45-54	28%	*	*
	55-64	28%	29%	28%
	65-74	31%	*	*
	75+	40%	*	*
<b>Race</b>	White	28%	28%	28%
	American Indian	37%	*	*
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Hispanic	41%	*	*
	Non-Hispanic	29%	29%	29%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$25,000	46%	45%	47%
	\$25,000-\$49,999	32%	32%	33%
	\$50,000+	17%	17%	18%
<b>Education</b>	Less than High School, G.E.D.	49%	*	*
	High School, G.E.D.	36%	35%	36%
	Some Post-High School	25%	25%	25%
	College Graduate	18%	17%	18%
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed for Wages	26%	25%	27%
	Self-employed	32%	*	*
	Unemployed	42%	*	*
	Homemaker	29%	*	*
	Student	17%	*	*
	Retired	33%	34%	32%
	Unable to Work	47%	*	*
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married/Unmarried Couple	26%	26%	26%
	Divorced/Separated	41%	*	*
	Widowed	40%	*	*
	Never Married	30%	*	*
<b>Home Ownership Status</b>	Own Home	25%	25%	25%
	Rent Home	41%	42%	41%
<b>Children Status</b>	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	27%	26%	*
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	28%	*	*
<b>Phone Status</b>	Landline	27%	27%	28%
	Cell Phone	31%	32%	31%
<b>Pregnancy Status</b>	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	31%	*	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	23%	*	*
<b>County</b>	Minnehaha	28%	*	*
	Pennington	33%	*	*
	Lincoln	22%	*	*
	Brown	28%	*	*
	Brookings	24%	*	*
	Codington	29%	*	*
	Meade	29%	*	*
	Lawrence	29%	*	*

Note: \*Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed. This question was not asked in 2011 or 2013.  
Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2012 and 2014

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 46 percent of respondents saying this. Figure 101, below, displays all reasons the respondents gave for not visiting the dentist in the last year.

**Figure 101**  
**Respondents' Main Reason for Not Visiting the Dentist in the Last Year, 2014**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2014