

Table 78 (page 1 of 2). Dental visits in the past year according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997–2001

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Characteristic	2 years of age and over ¹			2–17 years of age			18–64 years of age			65 years of age and over ²		
	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001
Percent of persons with a dental visit in the past year ³												
Total ⁴	64.9	65.2	65.6	72.7	72.6	73.3	64.1	64.6	64.6	54.8	55.0	56.3
Sex												
Male	62.6	62.5	62.6	72.3	72.3	72.7	60.4	60.4	60.2	55.4	54.7	56.1
Female	67.2	67.8	68.5	73.0	72.8	73.9	67.7	68.5	68.9	54.4	55.2	56.5
Race ⁵												
White only	66.5	67.2	67.4	74.0	74.5	74.9	65.7	66.6	66.6	56.8	56.8	58.5
Black or African American only	56.5	56.2	56.9	68.8	67.6	68.0	57.0	55.8	57.2	35.4	39.7	37.5
American Indian and Alaska Native only	51.5	56.2	53.9	66.8	58.2	72.9	49.9	55.2	47.7	*	*50.6	*50.7
Asian only	61.8	63.6	64.9	69.9	69.6	74.4	60.3	63.1	64.3	53.9	53.2	53.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races	---	58.6	56.3	---	73.0	69.3	---	57.8	57.1	---	*35.1	*34.5
Black or African American; White	---	63.7	52.7	---	68.7	57.6	---	58.8	55.5	---	*	*
American Indian and Alaska Native; White	---	55.8	58.7	---	70.3	79.2	---	53.5	53.6	---	*	*39.0
Hispanic origin and race ⁵												
Hispanic or Latino	52.9	52.3	51.2	61.0	59.3	60.5	50.8	50.6	49.2	47.8	44.0	42.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	66.4	66.9	67.5	74.7	74.9	75.8	65.7	66.3	66.7	55.2	55.6	57.2
White only	68.2	68.9	69.6	76.4	77.0	77.8	67.5	68.3	68.7	57.2	57.3	59.4
Black or African American only	56.5	56.1	56.9	68.8	67.7	68.1	56.9	55.7	57.1	35.3	39.6	37.6
Poverty status ⁶												
Poor	47.2	46.2	47.0	62.0	57.8	61.0	46.4	46.0	45.8	30.3	31.9	30.6
Near poor	48.9	48.5	49.7	61.6	61.6	63.2	46.4	46.1	46.9	39.6	38.9	40.0
Nonpoor	72.3	72.0	72.0	79.7	79.9	79.3	71.1	70.8	70.5	66.3	64.4	67.0
Hispanic origin and race and poverty status ^{5,6}												
Hispanic or Latino:												
Poor	41.9	41.5	38.7	56.8	49.6	54.2	39.0	39.7	35.1	33.0	32.1	29.8
Near poor	46.2	43.8	43.2	54.1	54.0	59.2	42.6	41.0	39.8	49.2	34.8	30.6
Nonpoor	65.1	63.8	64.4	74.8	72.0	71.1	62.5	62.0	62.8	56.5	58.9	60.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:												
White only:												
Poor	49.9	49.8	51.5	63.3	62.6	62.9	50.3	50.6	52.1	31.1	31.9	32.3
Near poor	51.0	50.2	52.9	64.8	63.2	64.4	48.2	48.0	51.0	41.2	39.6	42.1
Nonpoor	73.6	73.6	73.7	80.7	81.8	81.7	72.5	72.4	72.0	67.6	65.4	68.6
Black or African American only:												
Poor	46.7	44.9	45.1	66.7	61.0	63.2	44.5	42.1	42.9	26.2	33.5	25.2
Near poor	44.9	47.6	47.3	60.1	66.3	64.2	44.7	45.2	44.9	23.6	30.9	33.4
Nonpoor	65.4	64.2	64.1	75.5	72.7	72.4	66.2	64.7	65.4	48.9	51.5	46.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001	1997	1999	2001
Geographic region												
Percent of persons with a dental visit in the past year ³												
Northeast	69.6	70.9	72.2	77.5	78.5	79.6	69.6	71.5	72.2	55.5	54.3	59.6
Midwest	68.3	68.1	68.4	76.4	76.8	77.4	67.4	67.6	68.0	57.6	54.3	55.0
South	60.0	60.6	60.2	68.0	68.0	68.8	59.4	59.4	58.7	49.0	52.4	52.0
West	64.9	64.7	65.7	71.5	69.9	70.7	62.9	63.3	64.4	61.9	61.9	62.6
Location of residence												
Within MSA ⁷	66.5	67.1	67.0	73.6	73.1	73.9	65.7	66.8	66.0	57.6	58.1	59.1
Outside MSA ⁷	59.1	58.3	60.3	69.3	70.7	70.7	58.0	56.2	59.1	46.1	45.0	47.2

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a RSE greater than 30 percent.
 - - - Data not available.
¹Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using six age groups: 2–17 years, 18–44 years, 45–54 years, 55–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.
²Estimates for the elderly are the percent of persons 65 years of age and over with a dental visit in the past year. Data from the 1997–2001 National Health Interview Survey estimate that 28–30 percent of persons 65 years of age and over (elderly) were edentulous (having lost all their natural teeth). In 1997–2001 about 70 percent of elderly dentate persons compared with 17–20 percent of elderly edentate persons had a dental visit in the past year.
³Respondents were asked “About how long has it been since you last saw or talked to a dentist?” See Appendix II, Dental visit.
⁴Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty status.
⁵The race groups, white, black, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with data year 1999 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for Federal data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single race categories plus multiple race categories shown in the table conform to 1997 Standards. The 1999 race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category “2 or more races” includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to data year 1999, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the category “Asian only” included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standard of the percent of persons with a recent dental visit are: 0.1 percentage points lower for white and black persons; identical for AI/AN persons; and 0.2 percentage points lower for Asian and Pacific Islander persons than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.
⁶Poor persons are defined as below the poverty threshold. Near poor persons have incomes of 100 percent to less than 200 percent of the poverty threshold. Nonpoor persons have incomes of 200 percent or greater than the poverty threshold. Poverty status was unknown for 20 percent of persons in the sample in 1997, 25 percent in 1998, 28 percent in 1999, 27 percent in 2000, and 28 percent in 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.
⁷MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey questionnaire was redesigned. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey. Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, sample child and sample adult questionnaires.