

Table DentAd. Dental visits in the past year among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997–2019

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Characteristic	18–64 years									65 years and over								
	1997	2000	2005	2009	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1997	2000	2005	2009	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Percent of adults with a dental visit in the past year																		
Total ¹	64.1	65.1	63.5	62.0	64.0	64.4	64.0	65.9	65.5	54.8	56.6	57.7	59.6	62.7	64.3	65.6	65.6	64.5
Sex																		
Male	60.4	60.7	59.4	57.9	60.5	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.5	55.4	56.1	56.6	58.4	62.1	62.1	65.5	64.4	61.5
Female	67.7	69.4	67.6	65.9	67.3	67.8	66.8	70.2	69.3	54.4	56.9	58.6	60.5	63.2	66.2	65.7	66.5	67.0
Race ²																		
White only	65.7	67.2	64.8	63.1	64.6	65.6	65.0	66.6	66.8	56.8	58.4	59.9	61.8	64.9	66.4	67.8	67.6	67.2
Black or African American only	57.0	57.1	57.0	55.9	59.4	59.1	60.0	63.0	61.2	35.4	38.2	36.0	38.1	46.3	48.4	53.0	54.6	49.8
American Indian or Alaska Native only	49.9	55.0	54.1	47.3	57.9	49.8	64.7	56.7	64.9	*	*	*	*44.2	*36.1	*	*	42.9	49.8
Asian only	...	65.6	60.2	65.8	69.2	66.2	63.5	67.1	70.1	53.9	60.6	60.0	62.1	62.8	60.4	53.1	59.0	69.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	63.8	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2 or more races	...	60.5	60.8	50.0	58.3	59.1	56.0	63.2	57.8	...	57.4	*39.7	58.5	41.7	59.2	59.7	51.0	47.5
Black or African American and White	...	60.7	51.3	45.3	50.7	48.8	51.2	70.9	57.6	...	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native and White	...	61.6	54.4	47.9	51.5	57.1	58.3	57.1	44.4	...	*57.8	*	58.3	*41.9	62.3	*	*	43.5
Hispanic origin and race ²																		
Hispanic or Latino	50.8	48.6	48.5	48.1	53.2	55.3	54.0	58.5	58.7	47.8	44.5	43.1	47.9	52.2	51.8	54.7	55.9	49.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	65.7	67.5	66.0	64.5	66.2	66.4	66.2	67.6	67.0	55.2	57.2	58.7	60.5	63.6	65.4	66.6	66.5	66.0
White only	67.5	69.4	67.9	66.3	67.4	68.3	68.1	69.0	68.3	57.2	59.1	61.2	62.8	66.1	67.9	69.1	68.9	68.1
Black or African American only	56.9	57.2	57.0	55.9	59.4	59.3	59.9	62.6	61.1	35.3	38.0	35.5	38.4	46.8	47.7	52.4	54.1	49.3
Percent of poverty level ³																		
Below 100%	46.9	46.8	44.6	42.7	45.0	49.0	48.2	48.8	49.8	31.5	33.3	34.7	39.0	35.9	37.4	42.1	39.6	36.3
100%–199%	48.3	48.4	47.8	45.3	47.1	46.4	47.4	50.0	50.6	40.8	43.0	42.5	42.3	44.0	42.8	43.1	46.9	45.5
200%–399%	63.4	62.2	60.8	59.1	61.8	60.9	59.9	62.9	62.8	60.7	62.8	60.6	60.9	61.3	63.6	65.4	64.7	64.1
400% or more	77.7	78.5	77.6	77.9	79.2	79.1	77.6	78.7	78.8	74.7	73.8	77.7	77.5	80.8	81.8	82.2	82.3	82.6

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	1997	2000	2005	2009	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1997	2000	2005	2009	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level ^{2,3}	Percent of adults with a dental visit in the past year																	
Hispanic or Latino:																		
Below 100%	39.2	36.8	36.3	37.6	40.8	46.2	40.7	46.4	46.6	33.6	31.3	37.1	42.7	41.3	46.1	43.9	40.8	33.9
100%–199%	43.5	39.2	42.3	41.4	44.7	46.1	48.3	50.2	50.1	47.9	42.9	36.2	37.5	42.9	43.2	51.0	54.3	47.7
200%–399%	57.5	53.7	51.6	51.3	56.4	57.5	55.5	61.4	62.2	57.0	54.8	49.4	54.4	54.2	49.3	60.6	57.5	53.4
400% or more	70.8	68.7	69.2	67.1	74.8	72.1	69.5	73.8	76.5	64.9	53.4	56.5	63.5	74.4	77.7	*	75.5	65.7
Not Hispanic or Latino:																		
White only:																		
Below 100%	50.6	53.3	49.6	46.3	46.9	51.2	51.9	48.3	51.1	32.0	37.2	37.9	42.2	35.4	37.9	44.6	37.6	36.2
100%–199%	50.4	51.7	50.9	46.4	45.3	47.8	45.6	48.9	48.3	42.2	43.4	45.7	44.4	45.2	43.6	43.3	47.1	45.7
200%–399%	65.0	64.4	62.7	60.7	62.9	61.3	61.1	63.0	63.2	61.9	63.9	62.6	62.4	63.7	66.5	67.3	67.3	65.9
400% or more	78.5	79.7	79.0	79.4	80.1	80.7	79.7	80.0	79.5	75.5	76.1	79.1	79.4	81.9	82.6	83.6	83.4	84.5
Black or African American only:																		
Below 100%	46.2	44.4	44.1	42.1	44.8	48.2	49.5	50.6	50.0	27.7	21.7	24.6	28.8	31.2	32.4	36.4	42.5	33.4
100%–199%	46.3	48.0	45.2	45.1	52.3	43.5	52.7	52.4	55.8	26.9	35.2	26.9	26.9	36.7	35.4	37.5	42.3	37.3
200%–399%	60.7	58.4	60.3	59.5	62.0	62.7	61.4	66.9	60.0	41.5	48.4	42.8	46.7	48.0	49.4	60.4	56.2	54.7
400% or more	73.4	73.3	74.3	74.1	75.8	77.5	73.5	75.7	77.2	66.1	60.5	66.4	55.3	72.4	76.2	75.5	73.6	70.5
Level of difficulty ⁴																		
A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all	---	---	---	---	45.1	50.3	48.4	50.0	50.0	---	---	---	---	43.1	50.2	52.5	48.6	49.2
Some difficulty	---	---	---	---	59.8	61.8	62.6	62.6	59.4	---	---	---	---	63.6	61.4	65.5	67.7	64.7
No difficulty	---	---	---	---	67.4	67.2	65.7	69.2	69.6	---	---	---	---	72.2	70.6	72.4	74.3	72.9
Geographic region																		
Northeast	69.6	72.1	71.1	69.3	70.9	71.4	70.8	72.3	70.9	55.5	58.1	59.8	60.9	62.8	65.7	68.6	69.7	66.8
Midwest	67.4	69.2	66.8	64.2	65.3	66.0	65.6	67.5	66.7	57.6	58.6	58.7	62.0	64.8	65.9	67.0	66.2	68.1
South	59.4	59.8	58.1	56.7	59.2	59.4	58.7	61.0	61.0	49.0	50.8	52.6	54.0	60.1	59.7	61.1	61.9	59.2
West	62.9	63.0	62.7	62.4	65.1	65.1	65.5	67.4	67.5	61.9	63.1	64.3	65.2	65.4	68.9	68.4	67.7	68.0
Location of residence ⁵																		
Within MSA	65.7	66.5	64.8	63.1	65.3	65.7	65.2	67.0	66.7	57.6	58.9	60.9	61.8	64.6	66.6	66.9	67.6	66.5
Outside MSA	58.0	59.7	58.5	55.9	55.0	56.1	55.7	57.9	57.6	46.1	49.3	47.5	51.3	54.2	53.9	57.9	55.4	55.7

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* Estimates are considered unreliable. Starting with 2016 data, the reliability of survey percentage estimates is assessed using new multistep National Center for Health Statistics data presentation standards for proportions. Before 2016 data, the reliability of estimates was evaluated based on relative standard errors (RSEs). Data preceded by an asterisk have an RSE of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%. For more information, see Sources and Definitions, Relative standard error (RSE); Statistical reliability of estimates.

... Category not applicable.

--- Data not available.

¹Includes all other races not shown separately and those with unknown sex and unknown disability (functional limitation) status.

²The race groups White, Black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races include people of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity” and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single- and multiple-race categories shown follow the 1997 standards. The race-specific estimates are for people who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes people who reported more than one racial group. Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race are treated as missing, and then race is imputed if these were the only race responses. Almost all people with a race response of other race are of Hispanic origin. See Sources and Definitions, Hispanic origin; Race.

³Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. Missing family income data are imputed for 1997 and beyond. See Sources and Definitions, Family income; Poverty.

⁴Functional limitation is defined by the reported level of difficulty in six domains of functioning: seeing (even if wearing glasses), hearing (even if wearing hearing aids), mobility (walking or climbing stairs), communication (understanding or being understood by others), cognition (remembering or concentrating), and self-care (such as washing all over or dressing). Respondents with answers to one or more of the six questions are included in one of three mutually exclusive categories. Adults who respond “a lot of difficulty” or “cannot do at all/unable to do” to at least one question are classified in the “a lot of difficulty or cannot do at all” category. Of the remaining respondents, adults who respond “some difficulty” to at least one question are classified in the “some difficulty” category, and adults who respond “no difficulty” to all questions are classified in the “no difficulty” category. Adults who respond “don’t know” or “refused” to all six questions are excluded. During 2010–2019, 0%–8% of respondents were missing data and excluded. See Sources and Definitions, Functional limitation.

⁵MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2016 data, MSA status is determined using 2010 census data and the 2010 standards for defining MSAs. For more information, including the definition applied before 2016, see Sources and Definitions, Metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

NOTES: In 2019, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) questionnaire was redesigned and other changes were made to weighting and design methodology. Data for 2019 have not been fully evaluated for comparability with earlier years. For more information on the 2019 NHIS redesign and evaluation of the redesign on selected indicators, see: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2019_quest_redesign.htm. Starting in 2019, dental visits in the past year are identified by asking respondents, “About how long has it been since you last had a dental examination or cleaning?” Respondents are directed to include cleanings from all types of dental care providers, such as dentists, orthodontists, oral surgeons, and all other dental specialists. From 1997 through 2018, the question about dental visits in the past year differed slightly. See Sources and Definitions, Dental visit. Standard errors and data for additional years are available in the Excel spreadsheet version of this table on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/index.htm>.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. See Sources and Definitions, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).