

Table 93. Dental visits in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, 1997, 2008, and 2009

(Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population)

Characteristic	2 years and over			2-17 years			18-64 years			65 years and over ¹		
	1997	2008	2009	1997	2008	2009	1997	2008	2009	1997	2008	2009
	Percent of persons with a dental visit in the past year ²											
Total ³	65.1	63.9	65.4	72.7	77.3	78.4	64.1	60.4	62.0	54.8	57.6	59.6
Sex												
Male.....	62.9	61.3	62.6	72.3	76.8	77.6	60.4	56.4	57.9	55.4	56.4	58.4
Female.....	67.1	66.5	68.0	73.0	77.9	79.3	67.7	64.4	65.9	54.4	58.6	60.5
Race ⁴												
White only.....	66.4	64.9	66.3	74.0	77.6	79.1	65.7	61.8	63.1	56.8	59.4	61.8
Black or African American only.....	58.9	58.7	59.9	68.8	78.5	76.7	57.0	52.7	55.9	35.4	39.5	38.1
American Indian or Alaska Native only.....	55.1	55.2	53.1	66.8	70.7	68.5	49.9	48.5	47.3	*	*39.9	*44.2
Asian only.....	62.5	64.7	67.6	69.9	74.8	76.2	60.3	61.6	65.8	53.9	65.7	62.1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific												
Islander only.....	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races.....	---	62.1	63.5	---	72.9	80.0	---	55.1	50.0	---	*35.0	58.5
Black or African American; White; American Indian or Alaska Native;												
White.....	---	52.1	56.0	---	77.7	76.5	---	45.0	47.9	---	*	58.3
Hispanic origin and race ⁴												
Hispanic or Latino.....	54.0	53.3	56.0	61.0	69.9	73.0	50.8	45.6	48.1	47.8	46.2	47.9
Not Hispanic or Latino.....	66.4	65.9	67.1	74.7	79.3	80.0	65.7	63.0	64.5	55.2	58.5	60.5
White only.....												
Black or African American only.....	58.8	58.8	59.8	68.8	78.6	76.7	56.9	52.9	55.9	35.3	39.3	38.4
Percent of poverty level ⁵												
Below 100%.....	50.5	49.5	51.7	62.0	70.1	71.7	46.9	41.3	42.7	31.5	31.1	39.0
100%-199%.....	50.8	49.1	52.8	62.5	70.1	75.2	48.3	40.9	45.3	40.8	41.2	42.3
200%-399%.....	66.2	61.8	63.3	76.1	78.1	77.1	63.4	56.7	59.1	60.7	58.5	60.9
400% or more.....	78.9	78.5	79.5	85.7	86.9	87.8	77.7	76.6	77.9	74.7	77.9	77.5
Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level ^{4,5}												
Hispanic or Latino:												
Below 100%.....	45.7	48.8	51.7	55.9	68.1	71.7	39.2	36.1	37.6	33.6	32.4	42.7
100%-199%.....	47.2	46.0	51.7	53.8	66.2	72.4	43.5	33.7	41.4	47.9	44.9	37.5
200%-399%.....	61.2	55.1	57.1	70.5	72.0	73.8	57.5	48.6	51.3	57.0	49.6	54.4
400% or more.....	73.0	68.2	69.2	82.4	81.1	76.9	70.8	65.3	67.1	64.9	62.2	63.5
Not Hispanic or Latino:												
White only:												
Below 100%.....	51.7	48.6	51.3	64.4	67.5	69.6	50.6	45.3	46.3	32.0	31.4	42.2
100%-199%.....	52.4	49.2	52.7	66.1	71.3	76.2	50.4	43.5	46.4	42.2	41.1	44.4
200%-399%.....	67.5	63.5	64.7	77.1	79.4	79.1	65.0	59.1	60.7	61.9	60.5	62.4
400% or more.....	79.7	80.2	81.1	86.8	88.1	89.9	78.5	78.4	79.4	75.5	79.4	79.4
Black or African American only:												
Below 100%.....	52.8	51.4	52.6	66.1	76.4	74.0	46.2	38.3	42.1	27.7	23.1	28.8
100%-199%.....	48.7	52.1	53.0	61.2	74.6	79.2	46.3	43.2	45.1	26.9	37.2	26.9
200%-399%.....	63.3	59.8	61.6	75.0	82.1	74.4	60.7	53.6	59.5	41.5	42.5	46.7
400% or more.....	74.6	72.9	74.3	81.8	85.2	85.0	73.4	71.3	74.1	66.1	60.3	55.3
Disability measure ⁶												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex												

activity limitation.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	55.1	52.3	55.8	49.0	50.1	53.3
Any basic actions difficulty.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	54.7	52.8	56.1	48.7	49.8	53.6
Any complex activity limitation.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	51.0	44.9	50.4	44.6	42.0	47.6
No disability.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	67.4	63.4	64.4	64.2	70.7	70.2

Geographic region

Northeast.....	69.6	70.9	71.1	77.5	82.4	82.6	69.6	68.4	69.3	55.5	63.8	60.9
Midwest.....	68.4	66.2	67.6	76.4	79.0	80.5	67.4	63.3	64.2	57.6	57.3	62.0
South.....	60.2	59.2	60.8	68.0	75.3	76.8	59.4	55.2	56.7	49.0	51.0	54.0
West.....	65.0	63.9	65.9	71.5	75.0	75.8	62.9	59.8	62.4	61.9	63.8	65.2

Location of residence

Within MSA ⁷	66.7	65.1	66.5	73.6	77.7	79.0	65.7	61.5	63.1	57.6	60.3	61.8
Outside MSA ⁷	59.1	57.9	59.5	69.3	75.1	75.5	58.0	54.5	55.9	46.1	48.3	51.3

*Estimates are considered unreliable.

Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%-30%.

Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

---Data not available.

...Category not applicable.

¹Based on the 1997-2009 National Health Interview Surveys, about 24%-30% of persons

65 years and over were edentulous (having lost all their natural teeth). In 1997-2009, about 69%-73% of older dentate persons compared with 17%-21% of older edentate persons had a dental visit in the past year.

²Respondents were asked "About how long has it been since you last saw or talked to a dentist?" See Appendix II, Dental visit.

³Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown disability status.

⁴The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or 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 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-race categories plus multiple-race categories shown in the table conform to the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, 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 1999, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards with four racial groups, and the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian or 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.

Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race were treated as missing, and then race was imputed if these were the only race responses.

Almost all persons with a race response of other race were of Hispanic origin.

See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

⁵Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds.

Missing family income data were imputed for 1997 and beyond.

See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty; Table VII.

⁶Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation is defined as having one or more of the following limitations or difficulties: movement difficulty, emotional difficulty, sensory (seeing or hearing) difficulty, cognitive difficulty, self-care (ADL or IADL) limitation, social limitation, or work limitation. For more information, see Appendix II, Basic actions difficulty; Complex activity limitation. Starting with 2007 data, the hearing question, a component of the basic actions difficulty measure, was revised. Consequently, data prior to 2007 are not comparable with data for 2007 and beyond. For more information on the impact of the revised hearing question, see Appendix II, Hearing trouble.

⁷MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2006 data, MSA status is determined using 2000 census data and the 2000 standards for defining MSAs. For data prior to 2006, see Appendix II, Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) for the applicable standards.

NOTES: In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey questionnaire was redesigned.

See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey.

Standard errors for selected years are

available in the spreadsheet version of this table. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, sample child and sample adult questionnaires.