

Oral Health

Key Findings

The 2009 assessment project has determined that three-fifths (60%) of Allen County adults had visited a dentist or dental clinic in the past year. The 2008 BRFSS reported rates of 71% of U.S. adults and 72% of Ohioans had visited the dentist or dental clinic in the previous twelve months. Over two-thirds (68%) of Allen County youth had visited the dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work in the past year.

Allen County Dental Care Resources

- ❖ Number of licensed dentists- 47
- ❖ Number of primary care dentists- 36
- ❖ Ratio of population per dentist- 2,251:1
- ❖ Number of dentists who treat Medicaid patients- 21
- ❖ Ratio of Medicaid population per dentist who treats Medicaid patients- 975: 1

(Source: ODH Ohio Oral Health Surveillance System, 2008, Ohio Dental Board, 2008)

Access to Dental Care

- ◆ In the past year, 60% of Allen County adults had visited a dentist or dental clinic. Those least likely to have visited a dentist in the last year were adults with annual household incomes less than \$25,000 (33%) and those under the age of 30 (46%).
- ◆ When asked how long it had been since their last visit to a dentist or dental clinic, 11% of Allen County adults reported that it had been more than one year but less than two years, 8% reported that it had been more than two years but less than five years, and 13% responded it had been five or more years ago.
- ◆ Two-thirds (66%) of Allen County adults with health care insurance have been to the dentist in the past year compared to 19% of those without health insurance.
- ◆ When asked the main reason for not visiting a dentist in the last year, one-third (37%) said because of cost, 20% said they had no reason to go, 12% said they do not have/know a dentist, and 9% said fear, apprehension, nervousness, pain, and dislike going.
- ◆ In the past year, 68% of Allen County youth had visited the dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work. 13% responded more than one year but less than 2 years, and 5% responded more than 2 years ago.

Oral Health	Within the Past Year	Within the Past 2 Years	Within the Past 5 Years	5 or more years	Never
Time Since Last Visit to Dentist/Dental Clinic					
Males	61%	13%	6%	12%	2%
Females	60%	10%	10%	15%	<1%
Total	60%	11%	8%	13%	1%

*Percentages may not equal 100% due to those who responded don't know.
Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment*

2002 Allen County Comparison Data

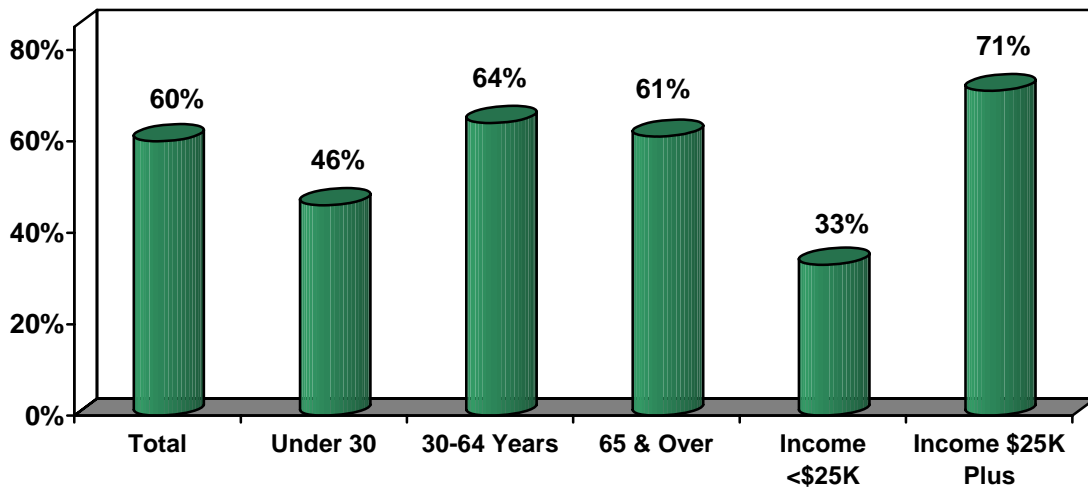
- ❖ 51.2% of Allen County adults visited a dentist for a regular checkup within the past year.
- ❖ 64% of Allen County youth visited the dentist for a regular checkup within the past year.

(Source: Allen County Assessment 2002)

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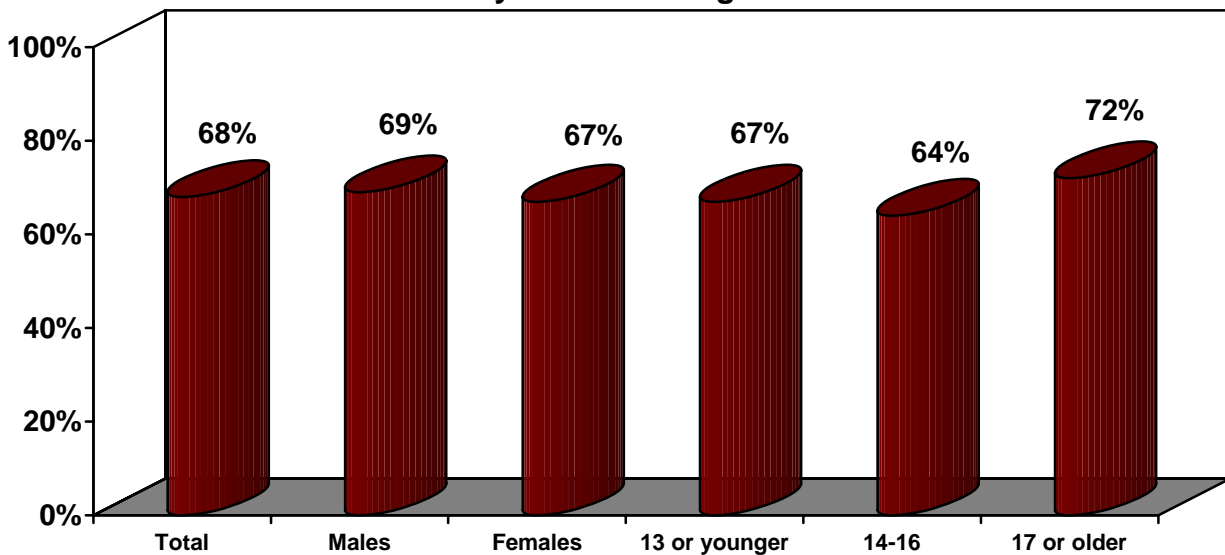
The following graphs provide information about the frequency of Allen County adult and youth dental visits. Examples of how to interpret the information on the first graph include: 60% of all Allen County adults had been to the dentist in the past year, 46% of those under the age of 30 and 33% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.

Allen County Adults Visiting a Dentist in the Past Year



Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment

Allen County Youth Visiting a Dentist in the Past Year



Source: 2009 Allen County Health Risk and Community Needs Assessment