

Oral Health

Key Findings

The health assessment project has determined that over half (57%) of Sandusky County adults had visited a dentist or dental clinic in the past year. Almost half (49%) of adults have had at least one tooth removed because of tooth decay or gum disease. Almost three-fourths (73%) of high school youth had been to a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning or other dental work within the past year.

Dental Health of Ohio Third Graders, Ohio Sentinel Schools, 2002-2003

- ❖ 35% had untreated caries
- ❖ 63% had a history of dental caries
- ❖ 77% had visited a dentist or dental clinic less than 1 year ago
- ❖ 35% had an obvious need for dental care

(Source: ODH Oral Health Data and Reports-Sentinel Schools, 2002-2003)

Adult Oral Health

- ◆ In the past year, 57% of Sandusky County adults had visited a dentist or dental clinic. Adults with annual household incomes less than \$25,000 (46%) were least likely to have visited a dentist in the past year.
- ◆ When asked how long it had been since their last visit to a dentist or dental clinic, 15% of Sandusky County adults responded that it had been more than one year but less than two years, 13% responded that it had been more than two years but less than five years, and 11% responded that it had been more than five years ago.
- ◆ Almost half (49%) of adults have had at least one permanent tooth removed because of tooth decay or gum disease, increasing to 69% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.

Youth Oral Health

- ◆ Almost three-fourths (73%) of high school youth had been to a dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work within the past year and another 15% had been to a dentist more than one year but less than 2 years ago.

Oral Health	Within the Past Year	Within the Past 2 Years	Within the Past 5 Years	Never	Don't Know/ Not Sure
Time Since Last Visit to Dentist/Dental Clinic					
Males	55%	15%	15%	2%	1%
Females	61%	13%	11%	10%	4%
Total	57%	15%	13%	1%	2%

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The following graphs provide information about the frequency of Sandusky County adult dental visits. Examples of how to interpret the information on the first graph include: 57% of all Sandusky County adults had been to the dentist in the past year, 15% had visited in the past two years, and 52% of those under age 30 had been to the dentist in the past year.

Most Recent Dentist Visit for Sandusky County Adults

