Health Care Access

Dental visits

The percentage of adults with any dental visits in the past year is a marker for access to dental care services.

Overall, 62% of adult males and 68% of adult females had a dental visit in the past year. These data indicate that about half of all men and woman over the age of 18 had a dental care service such as teeth cleaning within the past 12 months. This visit could be for primary or acute care for a dental problem.

Dental visit rates in Oregon have remained stable since 2002.

Source: Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
Additional Resources: [Oregon BRFSS](#)

About the Data: Data source is the Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). BRFSS is a telephone survey conducted annually among non-institutionalized adults age 18+. Since 2010, the BRFSS data have included cell phone respondents as well as those reached by landline, and data weighting methods have changed. Therefore, caution should be used in interpreting changes over time. Data include respondents who reported having visited a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental clinic in the past 12 months. From the question: "How long has it been since you last visited a dentist or a dental clinic for any reason? Include visits to dental specialists, such as orthodontists".

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