

Oral Health

Key Findings

The 2008 health assessment project has determined that under two-thirds (63%) of Auglaize County adults had visited a dentist or dental clinic in the past year. The 2006 BRFSS reported rates of 70% of U.S. adults and 73% of Ohioans had their teeth cleaned in the previous twelve months. Over three-fourths (77%) of Auglaize youth had visited the dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work in the past year.

Access to Dental Care

- ◆ In the past year, 63% of Auglaize 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 (43%) and those under the age of 30 (48%).
- ◆ When asked how long it had been since their last visit to a dentist or dental clinic, 12% of Auglaize 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.
- ◆ When asked the main reason for not visiting a dentist in the last year, one-third (33%) said because of cost, 27% said they had no reason to go, 9% said they had other priorities, and 9% said fear, apprehension, nervousness, pain, and dislike going.
- ◆ 42% of adults have had one or more of their permanent teeth removed because of tooth decay or gum disease. 6% had all of their teeth removed.
- ◆ 24% of Auglaize County adults over the age of 65 have had all of their teeth removed. According to the 2006 BRFSS, 19% of U.S. adults and 22% of Ohio adults over 65 have had all of their teeth removed.
- ◆ 3% of adults skipped meals due to mouth, tooth, or gum pain/discomfort.
- ◆ In the past year, 77% of Auglaize County youth had visited the dentist for a check-up, exam, teeth cleaning, or other dental work. 11% responded more than one year but less than 2 years, and 4% responded more than 2 years ago.

Auglaize County Dental Care Resources

- ◆ Number of licensed dentists- 18
- ◆ Number of primary care dentists- 16
- ◆ Ratio of population per dentist- 2,625:1
- ◆ Number of dentists who treat Medicaid patients- 3
- ◆ Ratio of Medicaid population per dentist who treats Medicaid patients- 1,712: 1

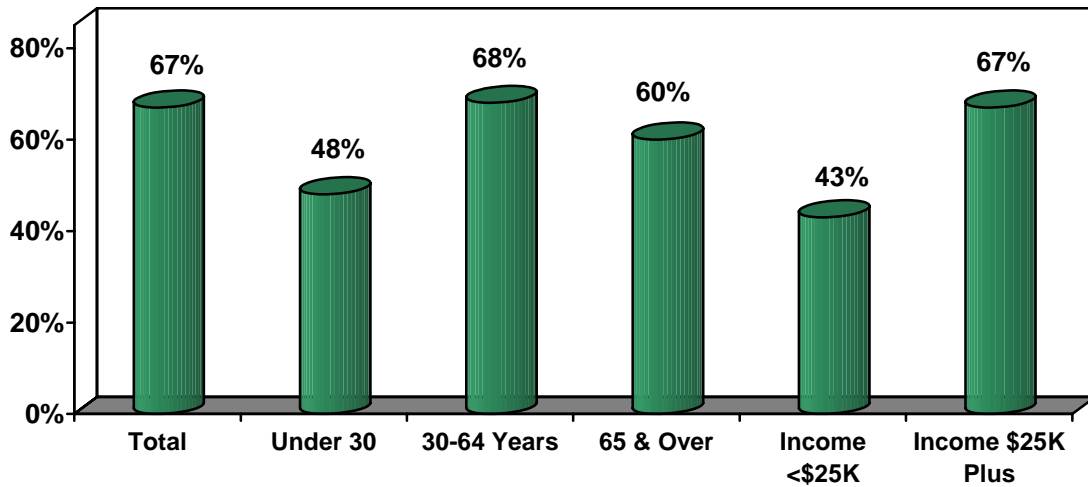
(Source: ODH Ohio Oral Health Surveillance System, 2007)

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%	12%	7%	16%	1%
Females	65%	11%	9%	10%	1%
Total	63%	12%	8%	13%	1%

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The following graphs provide information about the frequency of Auglaize County adult and youth dental visits. Examples of how to interpret the information on the first graph include: 63% of all Auglaize County adults had been to the dentist in the past year, 48% of those under the age of 30 and 43% of those with incomes less than \$25,000.

Auglaize County Adults Visiting a Dentist in the Past Year



Totals may not equal 100% as respondents answered do not know or never.

Auglaize County Youth Visiting a Dentist in the Past Year

