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Those who visited a dentist in the past year:

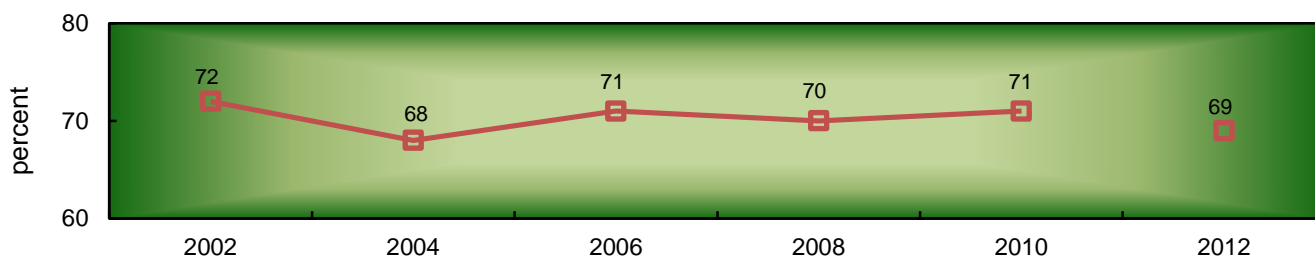
- Sixty-nine percent of Pennsylvania adults reported in 2012 they visited a dentist in the past year.
- Pennsylvania men had a significantly lower percentage (66 percent, CI: 64-67) compared to Pennsylvania women (71 percent, CI: 70-72).
- Pennsylvania adults age 65 and older had a significantly lower percentage (63 percent, CI: 62-65) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 18-29 (71 percent, CI: 68-73) and adults age 45-64 (71 percent, CI: 69-72).
- Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (49 percent, CI: 45-53) compared to Pennsylvania adults with a high school education (65 percent, CI: 63-66), adults with some college education (70 percent, CI: 68-72) and adults with a college degree (83 percent, CI: 81-84).
- Pennsylvania adults with a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (65 percent, CI: 63-66) compared to Pennsylvania adults with some college education (70 percent, CI: 68-72) and adults with a college degree (83 percent, CI: 81-84).
- Pennsylvania adults with some college education had a significantly lower percentage (70 percent, CI: 68-72) compared to Pennsylvania adults with a college degree (83 percent, CI: 81-84).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of less than \$15,000 had a significantly lower percentage (47 percent, CI: 44-51) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 (66 percent, CI: 64-68), adults with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 (78 percent, CI: 75-80) and adults with household incomes of \$75,000 or more (84 percent, CI: 83-86).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 had a significantly lower percentage (50 percent, CI: 47-53) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 (66 percent, CI: 64-68), adults with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 (78 percent, CI: 75-80) and adults with household incomes of \$75,000 or more (84 percent, CI: 83-86).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 had a significantly lower percentage (66 percent, CI: 64-68) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 (78 percent, CI: 75-80) and adults with household incomes of \$75,000 or more (84 percent, CI: 83-86).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 had a significantly lower percentage (78 percent, CI: 75-80) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$75,000 or more (84 percent, CI: 83-86).
- Pennsylvania black, non-Hispanic adults had a significantly lower percentage (58 percent, CI: 54-61) compared to Pennsylvania white, non-Hispanic adults (71 percent, CI: 70-72).

Those who had 1 to 5 permanent teeth removed:

- Thirty-three percent of Pennsylvania adults reported in 2012 that they had 1 to 5 permanent teeth removed.
- Pennsylvania adults age 18-29 had a significantly lower percentage (15 percent, CI: 13-18) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 30-44 (31 percent, CI: 29-33), adults age 45-64 (42 percent, CI: 40-44) and adults age 65 and older (36 percent, CI: 35-38).
- Pennsylvania adults age 30-44 had a significantly lower percentage (31 percent, CI: 29-33) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 (42 percent, CI: 40-44) and adults age 65 and older (36 percent, CI: 35-38).
- Pennsylvania adults age 65 and older had a significantly lower percentage (36 percent, CI: 35-38) compared to Pennsylvania adults age 45-64 (42 percent, CI: 40-44).
- Pennsylvania adults with less than a high school education had a significantly lower percentage (30 percent, CI: 26-34) compared to Pennsylvania adults with a high school education (37 percent, CI: 35-39).
- Pennsylvania adults with a college degree had a significantly lower percentage (27 percent, CI: 25-28) compared to Pennsylvania adults with a high school education (37 percent, CI: 35-39) and adults with some college education (34 percent, CI: 32-36).
- Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$75,000 or more had a significantly lower percentage (28 percent, CI: 26-30) compared to Pennsylvania adults with household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999 (34 percent, CI: 32-37), adults with household incomes of \$25,000 to \$49,999 (36 percent, CI: 34-38) and adults with household incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999 (36 percent, CI: 33-39).

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Figure 11A: Percent Visited a Dentist in the Past Year, Pennsylvania Adults, 2002-2012*



*A change in the survey methodology created a discontinuity for 2011. Please refer to the technical notes for more information.

**Table 11: Oral Health, Pennsylvania Adults, 2012
(with 95% confidence intervals)**

	Visited Dentist in Past Year*		Had 1-5 Permanent Teeth Removed* **	
	%	CI	%	CI
All Adults	69	68-70	33	32-34
Gender:				
Male	66	64-67	33	31-34
Female	71	70-72	33	31-34
Age:				
18-29	71	68-73	15	13-18
30-44	67	65-70	31	29-33
45-64	71	69-72	42	40-44
65+	63	62-65	36	35-38
Education:				
<High School	49	45-53	30	26-34
High School	65	63-66	37	35-39
Some College	70	68-72	34	32-36
College Degree	83	81-84	27	25-28
Household Income:				
<\$15,000	47	44-51	31	27-34
\$15,000 to \$24,999	50	47-53	34	32-37
\$25,000 to \$49,999	66	64-68	36	34-38
\$50,000 to \$74,999	78	75-80	36	33-39
\$75,000+	84	83-86	28	26-30
Race:				
White, non-Hispanic	71	70-72	33	32-34
Black, non-Hispanic	58	54-61	37	34-41
Hispanic	64	58-70	30	25-36

* Excludes missing, don't know, and refused
 ** Due to tooth decay or gum disease
 Note: When comparing demographic estimates, confidence intervals that do not overlap indicate a significant difference.

Figure 11B: Percent Visited a Dentist in Past Year, Pa. Health Districts vs. Pennsylvania, 2012

