

Adults Visited a Dentist Within Past Year for Anything (2012)

State Comparison	Percent
Alabama	58.6
United States	67.2

Historic Trend

2012	58.6
2008	65.0
2002	69.1

Public Health Area

1	50.3
2	60.8
3	58.4
4	58.7
5	60.1
6	56.0
7	47.8
8	63.0
9	56.7
10	56.6
11	52.7

Rurality

Age

18 - 24	65.6
25 - 34	58.0
35 - 44	55.2
45 - 54	57.9
55 - 64	60.3
65 and over	56.7

Gender

Female	60.7
Male	56.4

Race

African American	51.4
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N.A.
Caucasian	61.7

Ethnicity

Income

Under \$15,000	34.6
\$15,000 - \$24,999	42.9
\$25,000 - \$34,999	56.0
\$35,000 - \$49,999	62.3
\$50,000 and over	81.1

Education

Less than 9th Grade	N.A.
9th Grade - 12th Grade	31.7
High school or G.E.D.	54.9
Post high school	64.8
College graduate and higher	79.4

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- Four in every ten Alabama adults have not visited a dentist within the past year.
- Alabama ranks fifth highest in the nation for not having visited a dental clinic in the past year.
- Dental clinic visits among Alabama adults have significantly decreased since 2002.
- African American adults are significantly less likely to have visited a dental clinic in the past year than Caucasian Alabamians.
- Income has a large impact on dental visits. Among those with an annual household income of less than \$15,000, only 34.6 percent of adults have visited a dentist in the past year, compared to 81.1 percent among those with an income of \$50,000 or more.
- Similarly, as education levels increase, Alabama adults are significantly more likely to visit a dentist in the past year.

