Dental Care Utilization in the U.S.

**PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WHO VISITED A GENERAL DENTIST IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS**

- **CHILDREN**
- **ADULTS**
- **SENIORS**

**RECENT INCREASES IN DENTAL CARE USE** among children have been driven mainly by gains among children covered by Medicaid and CHIP.

**THE GAP IN DENTAL CARE USE** between low-income and high-income children has narrowed in recent years. For seniors, it has widened.

**PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WHO VISITED A GENERAL DENTIST IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS – BY POVERTY LEVEL**

- **38.5% CHILDREN**
- **19.2% ADULTS**
- **22.3% SENIORS**

Source/Notes: Based on Health Policy Institute analysis of 2000-2015 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey data. This is an update of previously published research. Detailed methodology is available at [http://bit.ly/2xsLtoY](http://bit.ly/2xsLtoY). Changes from 2014 to 2015 by age group were not statistically significant. Children are ages 2 to 18, adults are ages 19 to 64 and seniors are ages 65 and older. CHIP is the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

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