

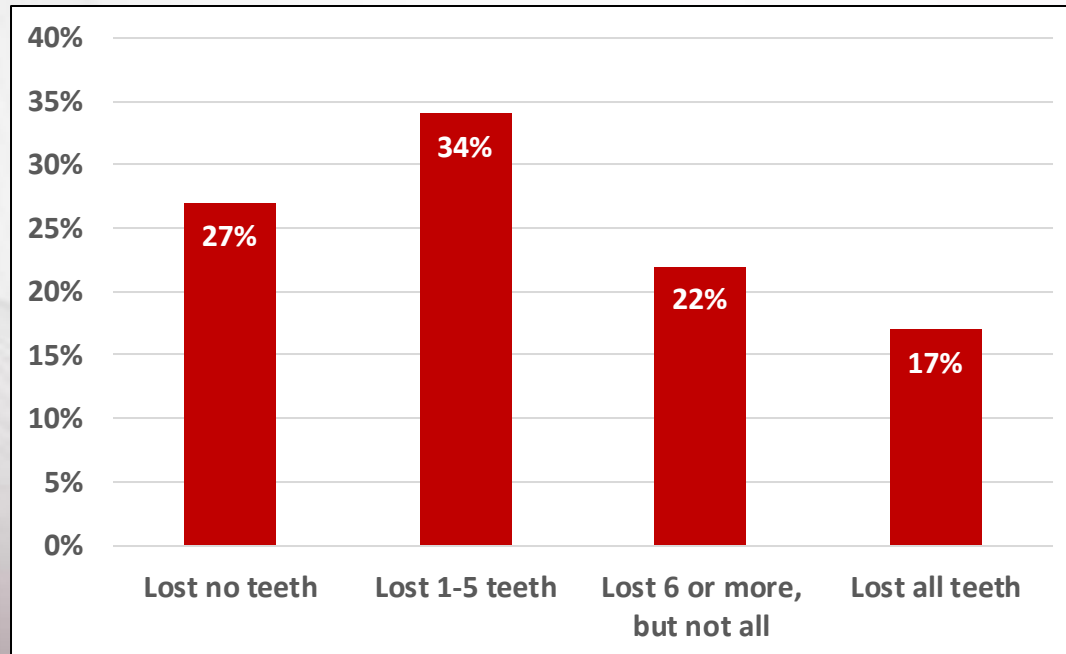


What Do We Know About the Oral Health of Older Ohioans?

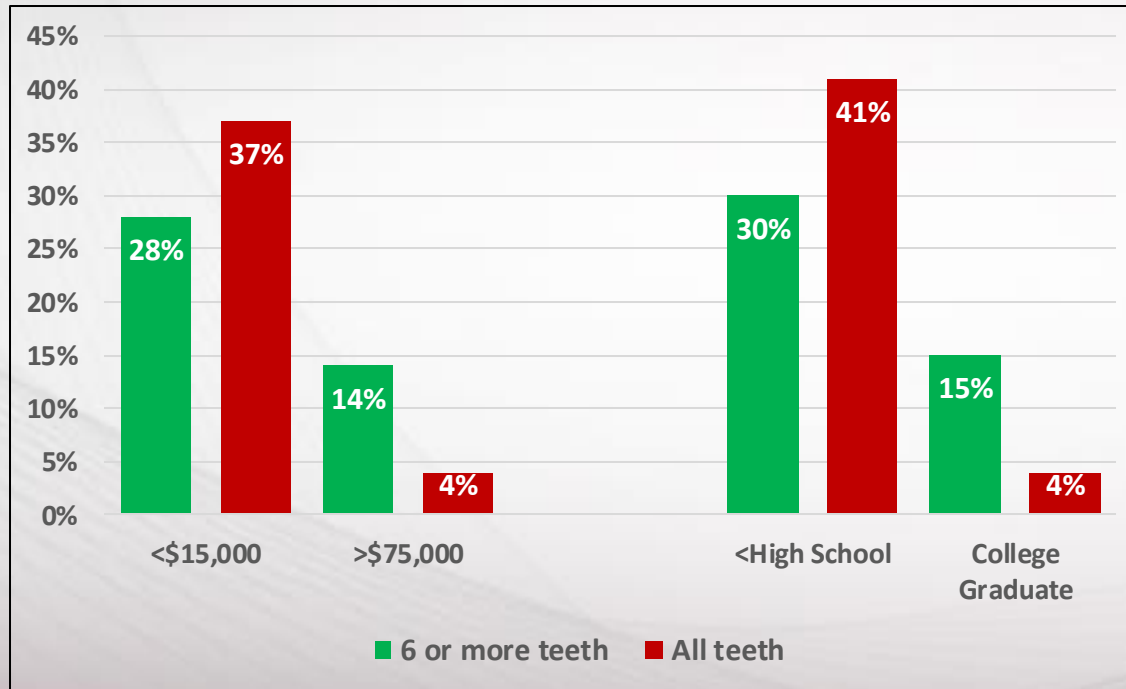
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2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

“How many of your permanent teeth have been removed because of tooth decay or gum disease?”

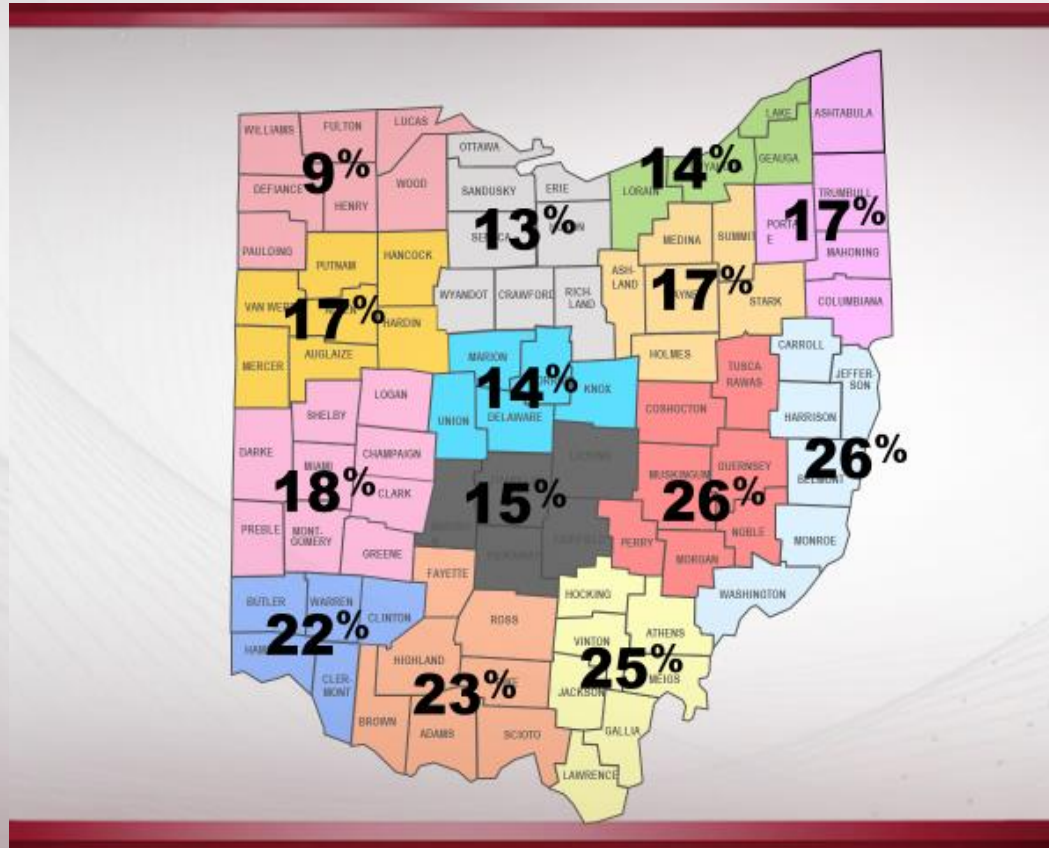


Disparities in Tooth Loss by Income and Education



Percentage of Adults Age 65+ with Complete Tooth Loss, by Geographic Region

Ohio = 17%

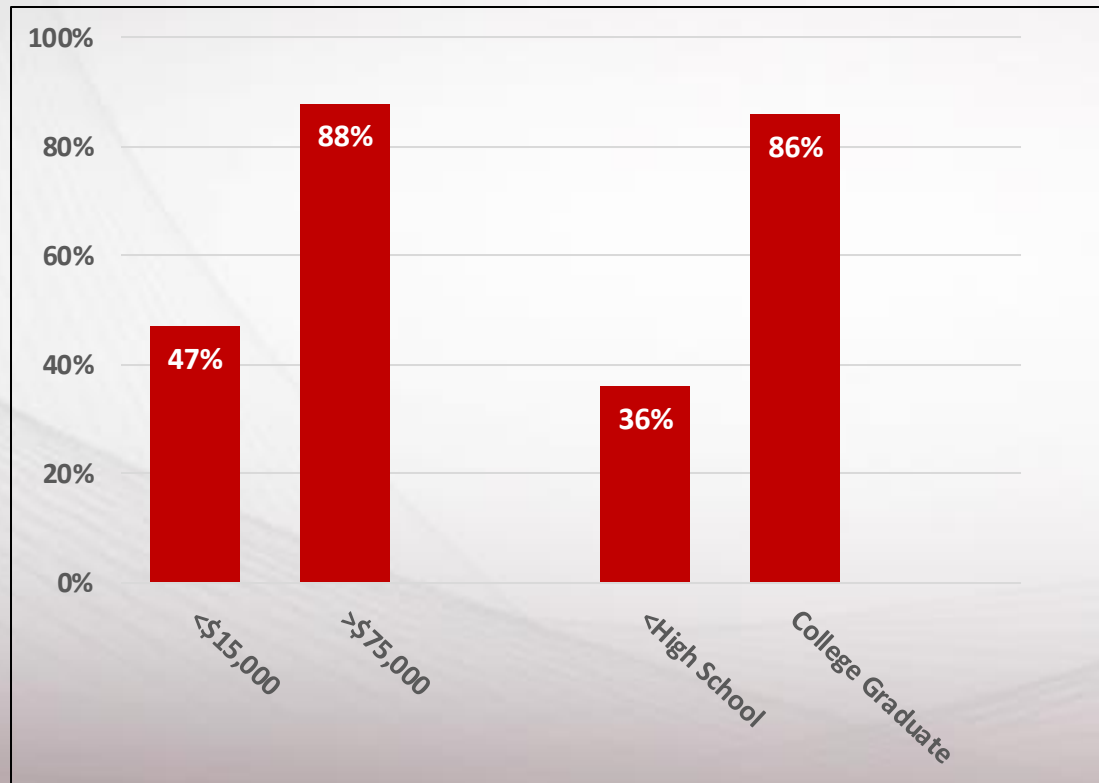


“How long has it been since you last visited a dentist or a dental clinic for any reason?”

Overall, **66%** of adults 65 years and older said they had visited the dentist in the past year.

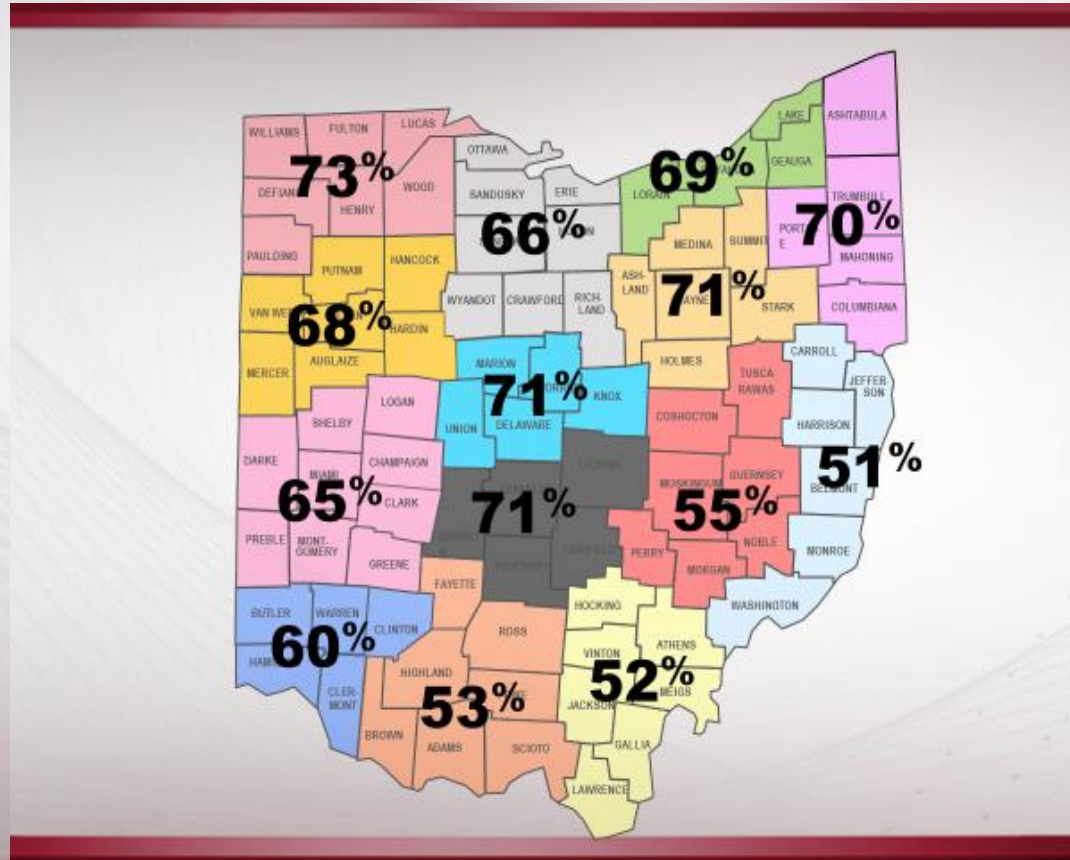


Disparities in Dental Visits by Income and Education



Percentage of Adults Age 65+ with a Dental Visit in the Past Year, by Geographic Region

Ohio = 66%



Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey

“During the past 12 months, was there a time when you needed dental care, but could not get it at that time?”

Of adults age 65+, about **13%** of adults with the **lowest income*** reported unmet dental needs, compared to **4%** among persons in the **highest income** category.

*Lowest income = 0-138% of FPL

Highest income = \geq 400% FPL

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