

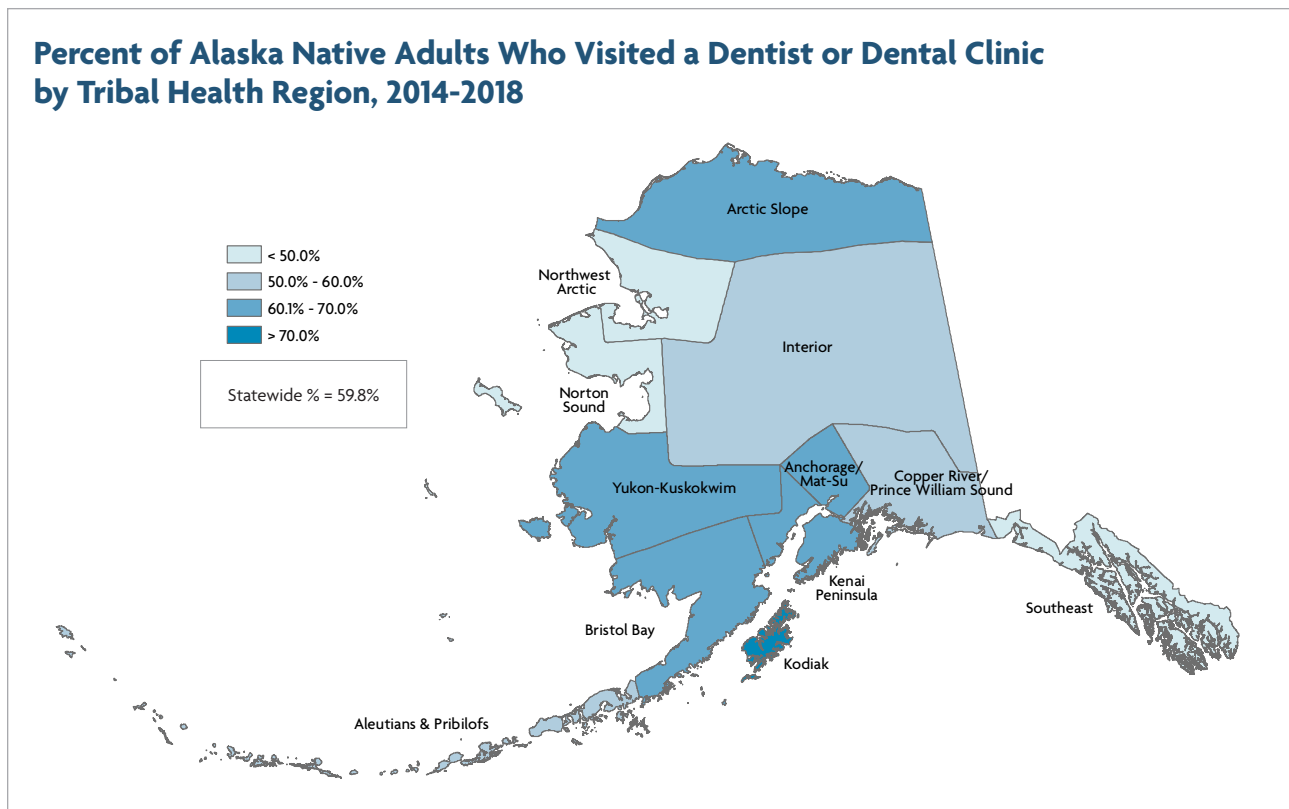
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### Definition

Dental care is critical for an individual’s overall health and well-being. Preventive services and dental treatments can reduce the prevalence of oral diseases. Dental care is measured for persons aged 18 years and older who visited a dentist or dental clinic for any reason in the past year.

### Summary

- » During 2014–2018, about six out of ten (59.8%) Alaska Native adults reported visiting a dentist or dental clinic in the past year. This was significantly lower than Alaska non-Native adults (66.5%).
- » The percent of Alaska Native adults who visited a dentist or dental clinic has remained relatively stable between 1994-1999 and 2014-2018.
- » During 2014–2018, the percent of Alaska Native adults who visited a dentist or dental clinic varied widely by Tribal health region, ranging from 40.3% to 90.4%.



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Table C-121: Adult Dental Care, 1994-1998 to 2014-2018

	Alaska Native People Statewide		Alaska Non-Natives Statewide	
	%	95% Confidence	%	95% Confidence
1994-1998	66.8%	(58.7%-74.9%)	74.7%	(71.1%-78.2%)
1999-2003	67.0%	(60.7%-73.2%)	73.5%	(70.4%-76.7%)
2004-2008	58.3%	(54.6%-62.1%)	69.9%	(68.2%-71.6%)
2009-2013	58.2%	(53.2%-63.2%)	67.5%	(65.0%-69.9%)
2014-2018	59.8%	(56.7%-62.9%)	66.5%	(65.0%-68.0%)

Table C-122: Percent of Alaska Native Adults Who Visited a Dentist or Dental Clinic by Tribal Health Region, 2014-2018

	Alaska Native People	
	%	95% Confidence Interval
Norton Sound	40.3%	(28.8%-51.7%)
Northwest Arctic	44.6%	(34.2%-55.0%)
Southeast	45.5%	(37.4%-53.6%)
Copper River/Prince William Sound	50.7%	(34.7%-66.6%)
Aleutians & Pribilofs	55.2%	(35.0%-75.5%)
Interior	58.1%	(51.1%-65.1%)
Bristol Bay	60.8%	(49.6%-72.1%)
Kenai Peninsula	62.3%	(48.5%-76.0%)
Anchorage/Mat-Su	63.9%	(57.7%-70.0%)
Arctic Slope	66.1%	(52.2%-80.0%)
Yukon-Kuskokwim	66.7%	(59.5%-74.0%)
Kodiak Area	90.4%	(77.7%-100.0%)
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>(56.7%-62.9%)</b>

Note: Data with wide confidence intervals are subject to higher relative standard error and should be used with caution.

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