

# Santa Cruz County 2003 Health Almanac

## Oral Health

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## Agencies and Information Sources

### **Santa Cruz County (SCC) Health Services Agency** - <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/>

The Health Services Agency (HSA) exists to protect and improve the health of the people in Santa Cruz County. The Agency provides programs in Environmental Health, Public Health, Medical Care, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and Mental Health.

### **California Department of Health Services** - <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/default.htm>

To Protect and Improve the Health of All Californians

### **California Health Interview Survey** - <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/index.html>

The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state health survey conducted in the United States. Every two years, CHIS plans to collect information on the health and health care needs of California's diverse population.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** - <http://www.cdc.gov/default.htm>

CDC's Mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. CDC's oral health specific web site is:

<http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/index.htm>

## Dental Health

(All figures are for U.S.)

Percent of Persons Ages 2-17 with a Dental Visit in the Past Year: 74.1% (2000)

Percent of Persons Ages 18-64 with a Dental Visit in the Past Year: 65.3% (2000)

Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Over with a Dental Visit in the Past Year: 56.4% (2000)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/dental.htm>

## California Dental Health Foundation

<http://www.dentalhealthfoundation.org/>

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### Last Visit for Dental Care by Total and Gender CHIS 2001

|                     | Adult Last Dental Visit |            |             |           |           |          |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                     | Never                   | 1-6 Months | 7-12 Months | 1-2 Years | 2-5 Years | >5 Years |
| California--Total   | 2.3                     | 55.0       | 14.8        | 11.3      | 9.0       | 7.6      |
| Santa Cruz --Total  | *2.3                    | 61.9       | 10.8        | 13.2      | 6.4       | 5.4      |
| California--Male    | 2.6                     | 53.3       | 14.7        | 11.2      | 9.6       | 8.6      |
| Santa Cruz --Male   | 2.6                     | 60.9       | 10.4        | 14.0      | 8.0       | 6.2      |
| California--Female  | 2.0                     | 56.7       | 14.9        | 11.5      | 8.4       | 6.6      |
| Santa Cruz --Female | 2.0                     | 63.0       | 11.3        | 12.4      | 6.9       | 4.5      |

\* Statistically unstable  
Totals may not = 100% due to rounding.

### Last Visit for Dental Care by Race/Ethnicity CHIS 2001

|                       | Adult Last Dental Visit |            |             |           |           |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                       | Never                   | 1-6 Months | 7-12 Months | 1-2 Years | 2-5 Years | >5 Years |
| California--White     | 1.2                     | 61.1       | 13.3        | 9.7       | 7.7       | 7.0      |
| Santa Cruz --White    | 2.3                     | 65.1       | 10.7        | 11.0      | 6.4       | 4.6      |
| California--Black     | 1.2                     | 50.2       | 17.5        | 13.1      | 9.7       | 8.3      |
| Santa Cruz --Black    | .                       | 25.6       | 49.0        | .         | .         | .        |
| California--Latino    | 4.8                     | 42.1       | 17.6        | 14.2      | 11.9      | 9.4      |
| Santa Cruz --Latino   | *3.3                    | 58.5       | *7.0        | 18.3      | *7.0      | *7.9     |
| California--Asian     | 3.2                     | 55.3       | 14.9        | 12.0      | 9.1       | 5.6      |
| Santa Cruz --Asian    | .                       | 67.5       | *11.2       | *13.2     | .         | .        |
| California--Am. Ind.  | *2.9                    | 49.8       | 18.9        | 8.9       | 9.1       | 10.4     |
| Santa Cruz --Am. Ind. | .                       | .          | .           | .         | .         | .        |
| California--Other     | 2.3                     | 53.7       | 14.2        | 13.5      | 7.7       | 8.7      |
| Santa Cruz --Other    | .                       | 33.5       | *15.5       | *33.1     | .         | *12.9    |

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### Last Visit for Dental Care by Poverty Level CHIS 2001

|                         | Adult Last Dental Visit |               |                |              |              |             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
|                         | Never                   | 1-6<br>Months | 7-12<br>Months | 1-2<br>Years | 2-5<br>Years | >5<br>Years |
| California--0 - 99%     | 4.9                     | 38.2          | 16.9           | 14.6         | 12.4         | 12.9        |
| Santa Cruz --0 - 99%    | .                       | 40.6          | 18.2           | 21.2         | *4.5         | 14.0        |
| California--100 - 199%  | 2.9                     | 43.9          | 15.9           | 13.5         | 12.1         | 11.6        |
| Santa Cruz --100 - 199% | *3.7                    | *52.9         | 9.8            | 18.0         | *10.1        | *5.5        |
| California--200 - 299%  | 2.3                     | 51.2          | 16.1           | 11.8         | 10.5         | 8.2         |
| Santa Cruz --200 - 299% | .                       | 62.9          | 11.0           | *11.7        | *5.9         | *6.0        |
| California--300%+       | 1.4                     | 64.9          | 13.4           | 9.5          | 8.4          | 4.4         |
| Santa Cruz --300%+      | *2.0                    | 69.3          | 9.4            | 10.2         | 5.9          | *3.2        |

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### Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust

- “A screening of nearly 10,000 children in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District conducted by Dientes! Community Dental Clinic, found more than two dental abscesses in each classroom. This amounts to approximately 60 children per school and 900 to 1,000 annually.” Barry Staley, DDS, Dientes! South County Program Director
- “Nearly a third (29%) of respondents to the Senior Survey identified problems with receiving dental care. 85% said that high cost was the root of their problem” Seniors Council, Area Agency on Aging, Senior Needs Assessment Survey, 2001
- “Over 45% of low income families in south Santa Cruz County reported that they do not have a regular source of dental care.” Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project Comprehensive Report, Year 6, 2000