Autism Society of California’s 2018 Survey Results

Dental Care Indicators for the I/DD Population

The individual usually brushes their teeth twice a day either with assistance or by themselves

- **0-5 yrs olds**: 55%
- **6-17 yrs olds**: 64%
- **Adults**: 72%

The individual usually flosses once a day with assistance or by themselves

- **0-5 yrs olds**: 16%
- **6-17 yrs olds**: 21%
- **Adults**: 30%

Reasons Why You Haven't Visited Dentist in Last 12 Months

1. Don’t have or cannot find a dentist who knows how to work with special needs (34%).
2. Fear of the dentist and/or past bad experience (30%).
3. Do not have pain or other dental problems that needed care (20%).
4. The behaviors to get them out of the house and to the dentist chair too severe (17%).
5. High cost and/or no insurance (13%).

Last Dental Visit

How Long Since Last Dental Visit

- **0 to 17 years**: 83% 85%
- **18 and older**: 63% 64%

Usually Needs Assistance with Teeth Cleaning/Flossing

- **0-5 years**: 81%
- **6 - 17 years**: 54%
- **18 and older**: 33%

Average American Statistics come from the National Center for Health Statistics
CDC Oral and Dental Health - https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/dental.htm

204 survey participants

2018 Survey Average American

523 survey participants

382 survey participants

386 survey participants