

**Table 1.3.1: Participation in the 1999 National Dental Telephone Interview survey**

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Number of telephone numbers sampled</b>	2793	2634	2638	2074	2500	1115	1180	1355	16289
Excluded	431	351	438	241	386	162	149	281	2439
Sub-Total	2362	2280	2190	1831	2113	952	1030	1074	13832
<b>Outcome</b>									
Non-contact	126	138	95	87	133	53	80	61	773
Refusal	1042	929	877	538	776	295	347	426	5230
Participants	1194	1213	1218	1206	1204	604	603	587	7829
% participation	50.6	53.2	55.6	65.9	57.0	63.4	58.5	54.7	56.6

**Table 2.2.1(b): Distribution of participants by age, sex and location by State/Territory, split by health card status  
– all persons (unweighted data)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
<b>Age group</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
5–11 years	21	22	22	32	14	11	8	15	145
12–17 years	19	22	18	31	20	13	5	8	136
18–24 years	16	20	22	20	17	17	13	6	131
25–44 years	38	49	52	58	46	36	22	15	316
45–64 years	54	90	93	109	81	62	13	15	517
65+ years	122	163	131	183	121	77	37	21	855
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
5–11 years	60	63	76	74	76	27	43	55	474
12–17 years	46	65	78	57	73	33	31	44	427
18–24 years	58	65	79	58	61	23	46	34	424
25–44 years	331	308	292	248	312	122	181	199	1993
45–64 years	286	247	253	224	283	131	150	148	1722
65+ years	131	89	87	104	94	46	45	17	613
<b>Sex</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
Male	105	143	120	150	125	85	36	25	789
Female	166	224	222	283	176	131	62	55	1319
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
Male	439	357	381	390	404	168	247	241	2627
Female	476	483	489	380	496	215	253	260	3052
<b>Residential location</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
Capital City	129	169	158	213	151	77	95	55	1047
Other Major Urban	39	16	65	0	0	57	0	0	177
Rural Major	58	55	49	76	63	31	0	0	332
Rural Other	35	118	67	116	60	45	0	9	450
Remote	7	7	3	28	18	6	0	16	85
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
Capital City	565	497	469	417	427	168	477	228	3248
Other Major Urban	111	35	142	0	0	72	0	0	360
Rural Major	142	99	93	125	167	56	0	0	682
Rural Other	74	188	147	192	179	63	0	55	898
Remote	15	14	17	35	104	22	0	203	410
<b>Total</b>	<b>1186</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>1203</b>	<b>1201</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>7787</b>

**Table 2.1.2: Distribution of annual household income by age, sex and location  
– all persons**

	Annual household income					
	<\$12,000	\$12–20,000	\$20–30,000	\$30–40,000	\$40–50,000	\$50,000+
<b>Age group</b>						
5–11 years	3.8	13.7	11.8	18.4	14.8	37.5
12–17 years	4.8	7.7	13.5	15.0	14.1	44.9
18–24 years	3.5	8.9	9.7	11.0	15.9	50.9
25–44 years	3.7	6.9	12.4	15.9	15.3	45.9
45–64 years	8.9	13.0	13.6	12.6	12.5	39.4
65+ years	33.0	35.8	14.1	8.1	3.6	5.5
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	6.5	11.9	13.0	12.6	13.9	42.0
Female	11.1	14.2	12.2	15.0	12.1	35.4
<b>Residential location</b>						
Capital City	7.8	12.1	10.8	12.4	12.6	44.2
Other Major Urban	9.8	14.8	14.6	16.7	14.0	30.0
Rural Major	10.9	13.1	14.2	16.2	14.1	31.5
Rural Other	11.9	16.1	19.2	17.0	12.9	22.9
Remote	8.3	15.4	15.3	14.1	16.1	30.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>38.7</b>

**Table 2.2.1: Distribution of age, sex and location by State/Territory, split by health card status – all persons**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	ACT	NT	Australia
<b>Age group</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
5–11 years	12.5	12.1	10.0	9.8	7.8	9.1	10.3	23.3	11.1
12–17 years	11.3	7.7	7.5	8.2	8.9	7.7	7.1	12.3	8.9
18–24 years	10.9	10.0	8.9	8.8	10.2	12.8	18.1	11.4	10.2
25–44 years	17.3	15.1	20.6	20.7	22.9	21.1	29.9	24.9	18.6
45–64 years	13.7	20.2	23.4	20.5	21.2	22.1	10.9	10.1	19.0
65+ years	34.2	34.9	29.6	32.0	29.0	27.1	23.8	18.0	32.3
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
5–11 years	9.9	9.7	10.5	11.0	10.2	11.8	12.2	11.8	10.2
12–17 years	7.8	8.1	10.6	7.9	11.5	10.5	8.6	10.5	8.9
18–24 years	10.7	11.9	11.5	10.5	11.3	9.0	12.2	12.6	11.2
25–44 years	36.9	39.1	37.1	36.7	37.1	35.7	36.0	42.5	37.5
45–64 years	25.8	24.4	23.5	25.4	23.6	25.0	25.5	20.6	24.7
65+ years	8.9	6.8	6.7	8.5	6.3	8.1	5.5	1.9	7.6
<b>Sex</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
Male	41.7	48.3	40.8	37.5	49.3	44.0	41.0	36.3	43.6
Female	58.3	51.7	59.2	62.5	50.7	56.0	59.0	63.7	56.4
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
Male	51.6	49.5	52.8	53.8	50.3	50.9	51.3	55.1	51.4
Female	48.4	50.5	47.2	46.2	49.7	49.1	48.7	44.9	48.6
<b>Residential location</b>									
<b>Card holder</b>									
Capital City	58.8	67.6	44.1	68.2	76.0	31.6	100.0	67.4	60.3
Other Major Urban	10.6	2.8	19.6	0.0	0.0	28.3	0.0	0.0	8.7
Rural Major	17.6	9.4	14.5	11.0	9.9	14.8	0.0	0.0	13.0
Rural Other	11.5	19.1	20.8	16.6	10.9	21.7	0.0	11.9	16.1
Remote	1.4	1.1	1.0	4.2	3.3	3.6	0.0	20.7	1.9
<b>Non-card holder</b>									
Capital City	72.5	77.9	48.6	75.0	72.1	43.9	100.0	49.2	69.3
Other Major Urban	9.5	2.3	17.5	0.0	0.0	18.6	0.0	0.0	7.5
Rural Major	11.5	6.7	12.1	10.1	10.4	15.3	0.0	0.0	10.0
Rural Other	5.4	12.3	19.2	12.7	10.4	16.3	0.0	11.2	10.8
Remote	1.1	.8	2.6	2.2	7.1	5.9	0.0	39.6	2.5

**Table 2.2.2: Age-income distribution by card holder status  
– all persons**

<b>Annual household income</b>	<b>5–11 years</b>	<b>12–17 years</b>	<b>18–24 years</b>	<b>25–44 years</b>	<b>45–64 years</b>	<b>65+ years</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Card holder</b>							
<\$12,000	1.6	1.1	0.9	3.9	6.3	12.5	26.4
\$12–20,000	4.7	1.5	2.4	6.8	8.5	13.5	37.5
\$20–30,000	2.8	3.0	1.2	5.8	3.3	3.8	19.9
\$30–40,000	1.1	0.8	1.4	2.4	0.8	1.8	8.3
\$40–50,000	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.7	2.6
\$50,000+	0.5	0.9	2.9	0.5	0.4	0.3	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Non-card holder</b>							
<\$12,000	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.8	3.8
\$12–20,000	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.6	2.0	6.1
\$20–30,000	0.8	0.5	1.0	3.8	3.3	1.2	10.5
\$30–40,000	2.2	1.3	1.1	6.3	3.6	0.8	15.3
\$40–50,000	1.9	1.4	1.9	6.7	3.8	0.4	16.0
\$50,000+	5.0	4.4	5.8	20.1	12.1	0.8	48.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.1.1: Percentage of edentulous persons by sociodemographic variables, split by age  
– persons aged 18 +**

	Age group(years)				All
	18–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	0.0	0.7	10.4	25.0	7.2
Female	0.0	0.7	13.6	40.0	12.4
<b>Annual household income</b>					
<\$12,000	0.0	2.6	21.6	44.5	29.5
\$12–20,000	0.0	2.2	22.0	33.0	21.5
\$20–30,000	0.0	0.6	13.6	31.2	10.2
\$30–40,000	0.0	0.2	8.0	23.5	4.9
\$40–50,000	0.0	1.4	7.9	12.8	3.8
\$50,000+	0.0	0.4	7.4	4.5	2.6
<b>Health card holder</b>					
Yes	0.0	1.0	19.7	41.6	22.1
No	0.0	0.7	10.1	23.2	5.8
<b>Residential location</b>					
Capital City	0.0	0.6	10.2	31.7	8.6
Other Major Urban	0.0	0.8	12.9	30.3	10.6
Rural Major	0.0	0.2	15.7	36.2	11.4
Rural Other	0.0	1.7	15.7	44.7	14.1
Remote	0.0	1.7	21.7	33.5	11.0
<b>State/Territory</b>					
NSW	0.0	0.2	12.5	27.4	9.0
Vic	0.0	0.7	13.6	40.1	11.5
Qld	0.0	0.9	10.3	28.8	8.1
SA	0.0	2.0	12.5	41.6	12.8
WA	0.0	0.2	7.9	34.0	7.5
Tas	0.0	2.4	18.5	49.3	15.3
ACT	0.0	1.0	5.5	29.5	5.4
NT	0.0	3.5	6.8	25.6	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>

**Table 3.1.2: Mean number of missing teeth by sociodemographic variables, split by age  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Age group(years)				All
	18–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	1.8	2.9	6.4	11.9	4.9
Female	2.1	3.8	7.6	11.4	5.5
<b>Annual household income</b>					
<\$12,000	1.9	5.0	11.3	12.4	9.9
\$12–20,000	1.2	3.7	9.2	13.4	8.3
\$20–30,000	2.2	4.0	8.5	11.7	6.1
\$30–40,000	2.0	3.4	6.5	6.8	4.4
\$40–50,000	1.5	3.6	7.4	7.3	4.5
\$50,000+	2.1	3.1	5.2	7.2	3.7
<b>Health card holder</b>					
Yes	1.5	4.0	10.0	13.5	7.9
No	2.0	3.3	6.5	9.7	4.5
<b>Residential location</b>					
Capital City	1.9	3.1	6.5	11.0	4.8
Other Major Urban	1.4	3.9	6.9	12.9	5.7
Rural Major	2.4	3.5	9.0	11.6	6.0
Rural Other	2.4	4.5	7.7	13.9	6.5
Remote	1.8	3.2	9.0	13.4	4.9
<b>State/Territory</b>					
NSW	1.7	3.0	7.0	9.5	4.8
Vic	1.6	3.6	6.3	12.4	5.1
Qld	2.1	3.8	7.8	13.1	5.8
SA	2.5	3.6	6.7	11.9	5.5
WA	3.0	3.2	7.5	14.1	5.6
Tas	1.8	3.7	9.9	13.5	6.3
ACT	2.4	3.3	5.5	10.7	4.3
NT	1.1	3.2	5.8	12.4	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>

**Table 3.1.3: Distribution of number of teeth by sociodemographic variables – dentate persons aged 18+**

	Number of teeth (%)			
	1–20	21–24	25–28	29–32
<b>Age group</b>				
18–24 years	1.7	1.6	27.9	68.8
25–44 years	3.9	5.7	34.8	55.6
45–64 years	20.2	10.0	33.0	36.8
65+ years	42.2	17.0	21.3	19.6
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	12.2	7.2	27.7	53.0
Female	13.3	8.2	35.5	43.0
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	35.0	13.3	20.5	31.2
\$12–20,000	27.8	9.9	22.6	39.7
\$20–30,000	17.7	8.0	31.8	42.4
\$30–40,000	8.7	7.8	34.5	49.0
\$40–50,000	10.0	6.0	34.8	49.2
\$50,000+	4.9	6.8	35.9	52.4
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	26.9	9.0	26.2	37.9
No	9.4	7.4	33.0	50.2
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	10.9	7.1	32.4	49.6
Other Major Urban	17.0	9.4	26.6	47.0
Rural Major	15.7	9.5	33.1	41.7
Rural Other	19.5	8.3	28.5	43.6
Remote	10.0	7.9	30.1	52.0
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	11.7	5.8	32.0	50.5
Vic	11.2	8.9	32.3	47.6
Qld	15.6	9.1	29.4	46.0
SA	13.3	8.1	35.9	42.7
WA	15.0	8.0	31.1	45.9
Tas	18.2	10.8	23.6	47.4
ACT	7.9	4.9	38.9	48.3
NT	6.1	5.7	27.6	60.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>47.9</b>

**Table 3.2.1: Percentage of persons wearing a denture by sociodemographic variables, split by age – dentate persons aged 18+**

	Age group(years)				All
	18–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	3.5	7.6	25.6	53.1	17.7
Female	2.3	5.6	32.9	59.9	19.4
<b>Annual household income</b>					
<\$12,000	0.0	7.3	53.4	63.5	44.8
\$12–20,000	0.0	8.0	40.5	60.0	34.4
\$20–30,000	5.7	7.4	29.5	53.8	20.0
\$30–40,000	0.2	5.0	29.3	38.6	14.2
\$40–50,000	2.8	12.4	26.3	53.4	16.2
\$50,000+	0.2	4.1	21.0	39.5	9.1
<b>Health card holder</b>					
Yes	4.6	7.1	45.4	62.1	33.3
No	2.5	6.5	26.3	51.1	15.1
<b>Residential location</b>					
Capital City	3.2	6.3	27.5	55.1	17.4
Other Major Urban	5.6	5.7	26.1	59.2	20.0
Rural Major	0.0	4.5	37.8	65.2	21.9
Rural Other	0.0	11.6	29.4	56.0	22.1
Remote	1.3	3.5	41.3	52.4	14.1
<b>State/Territory</b>					
NSW	6.8	7.1	29.3	54.6	19.7
Vic	0.0	7.6	26.4	57.5	17.6
Qld	0.0	6.6	36.1	61.7	20.7
SA	0.0	3.5	25.1	57.7	16.6
WA	3.8	3.5	25.0	50.4	15.0
Tas	2.1	11.2	41.0	60.9	23.1
ACT	3.4	5.8	24.3	53.2	13.9
NT	1.6	3.6	20.7	47.8	8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>18.5</b>

**Table 4.1.1(a) Variations in time since last dental visit by age  
– dentate persons**

Age group	Time since last dental visit (%)			
	<12 Months	1-<2 years	2-<5 years	5+ years
5–11 years	82.8	14.0	3.2	0.0
12–17 years	78.5	14.2	6.8	0.5
18–24 years	51.6	25.6	14.5	8.3
25–44 years	53.4	19.5	15.5	11.6
45–64 years	62.0	17.4	12.3	8.4
65+ years	59.5	18.3	11.7	10.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>

**Table 4.1.1(b) Variations in time since last dental visit among sociodemographic groups  
– dentate persons**

	Time since last dental visit (%)			
	<12 Months	1-<2 years	2-<5 years	5+ years
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	52.4	19.2	16.6	11.8
Female	60.4	20.2	11.3	8.2
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	51.3	22.9	13.1	12.7
\$12–20,000	51.6	19.7	15.1	13.7
\$20–30,000	50.4	21.2	15.0	13.5
\$30–40,000	54.0	18.3	15.6	12.1
\$40–50,000	57.5	17.7	16.2	8.6
\$50,000+	58.4	20.4	13.1	8.1
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	50.1	21.3	15.9	12.7
No	57.9	19.2	13.5	9.4
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	58.1	19.5	13.2	9.2
Other Major Urban	51.9	20.0	16.6	11.4
Rural Major	53.5	20.3	14.8	11.4
Rural Other	53.4	19.7	15.4	11.5
Remote	44.6	21.2	19.3	14.9
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	56.5	20.0	14.8	8.7
Vic	54.3	20.5	13.4	11.8
Qld	56.7	21.5	13.1	8.6
SA	58.8	16.6	13.3	11.3
WA	59.6	15.5	14.2	10.7
Tas	51.4	18.9	16.0	13.7
ACT	59.3	19.6	11.9	9.3
NT	47.0	19.6	18.4	15.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

**Table 4.1.2: Variations in time since last dental visit among sociodemographic groups  
– edentulous persons**

	Time since last dental visit (%)			
	<12 Months	1-<2 years	2-<5 years	5+ years
<b>Age group</b>				
<65 years	31.6	11.8	22.0	34.5
65+ years	17.7	14.2	23.5	44.7
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	25.1	13.7	21.2	39.9
Female	22.5	12.9	23.8	40.8
<b>Annual household income</b>				
>\$12K	15.0	18.8	21.6	44.6
\$12-20K	18.1	13.4	28.6	39.8
\$20,000+	34.3	11.7	17.6	36.4
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	17.3	12.9	24.7	45.1
No	30.3	13.5	20.9	35.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>

**Table 4.2.1(a) Variations in usual frequency of dental visits by age  
– dentate persons**

	Usual frequency of dental visits (%)			
	>=2 per year	1 per year	1 per 2 years	<1 per 2 years
<b>Age group</b>				
5–11 years	38.3	48.5	11.0	2.2
12–17 years	40.1	38.8	13.0	8.1
18–24 years	24.8	31.5	19.3	24.5
25–44 years	20.6	27.7	19.6	32.0
45–64 years	23.8	32.3	18.5	25.3
65+ years	31.2	24.9	16.9	27.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>

**Table 4.2.1(b): Variations in usual frequency of dental visits among sociodemographic groups – dentate persons aged 18+**

	Usual frequency of dental visits (%)			
	>=2 per year	1 per year	1 per 2 years	<1 per 2 years
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	21.9	25.3	20.4	32.4
Female	25.0	33.2	17.4	24.3
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	22.6	23.6	16.8	37.0
\$12–20,000	21.7	24.2	18.7	35.4
\$20–30,000	18.1	27.9	21.8	32.2
\$30–40,000	19.3	29.0	17.4	34.3
\$40–50,000	21.7	30.7	20.4	27.2
\$50,000+	25.3	33.3	18.2	23.1
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	20.4	22.9	19.6	37.1
No	24.2	30.7	18.7	26.4
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	26.0	30.0	18.3	25.7
Other Major Urban	18.5	25.2	20.1	36.3
Rural Major	19.3	28.9	17.4	34.4
Rural Other	16.9	28.5	22.9	31.7
Remote	16.1	22.0	22.2	39.7
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	24.9	31.3	17.0	26.8
Vic	24.7	26.8	18.9	29.7
Qld	19.9	29.7	21.8	28.6
SA	26.0	25.8	19.2	29.0
WA	23.1	29.9	19.3	27.8
Tas	12.8	28.6	22.3	36.3
ACT	23.7	32.3	18.8	25.2
NT	14.1	29.6	19.7	36.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>28.4</b>

**Table 4.3.1(a1): Percentage of persons whose last dental visit was for a problem  
- dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
	Problem	Problem	Problem
<b>Age group</b>			
5-11 years	31.9	25.6	27.1
12-17 years	27.7	28.8	28.7
18-24 years	57.8	43.3	45.6
25-44 years	71.5	48.3	50.9
45-64 years	69.1	60.4	61.7
65+ years	65.7	58.5	61.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>47.7</b>

**Table 4.3.1(a2): Percentage of persons whose last dental visit was for a check-up  
- dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
	Check-up	Check-up	Check-up
<b>Age group</b>			
5-11 years	68.1	74.4	72.9
12-17 years	72.3	71.2	71.3
18-24 years	42.2	56.7	54.4
25-44 years	28.5	51.7	49.1
45-64 years	30.9	39.6	38.3
65+ years	34.3	41.5	38.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>52.3</b>

**Table 4.2.1(b1): Percentage of persons whose last dental visit was for a problem  
– dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
	Problem	Problem	Problem
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	68.7	54.9	57.1
Female	65.8	50.2	53.0
<b>Annual household income</b>			
<\$12,000	73.6	68.6	71.6
\$12–20,000	68.3	57.8	63.9
\$20–30,000	69.5	58.3	62.0
\$30–40,000	39.0	55.1	53.6
\$40–50,000	35.3	50.3	49.7
\$50,000+	58.5	49.1	49.2
<b>Residential location</b>			
Capital City	62.2	50.6	52.2
Other Major Urban	64.1	58.6	59.5
Rural Major	71.8	60.0	63.1
Rural Other	81.5	56.1	62.6
Remote	93.7	55.1	59.6
<b>State/Territory</b>			
NSW	71.5	56.5	58.5
Vic	58.4	45.7	47.5
Qld	67.8	57.9	60.1
SA	72.5	49.9	55.1
WA	60.3	45.5	48.7
Tas	79.4	59.2	64.1
ACT	87.5	54.9	58.0
NT	69.9	50.6	51.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>54.9</b>

**Table 4.2.1(b2): Percentage of persons whose last dental visit was for a check-up  
– dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
	Check-up	Check-up	Check-up
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	31.3	45.1	42.9
Female	34.2	49.8	47.0
<b>Annual household income</b>			
<\$12,000	26.4	31.4	28.4
\$12–20,000	31.7	42.2	36.1
\$20–30,000	30.5	41.7	38.0
\$30–40,000	61.0	44.9	46.4
\$40–50,000	64.7	49.7	50.3
\$50,000+	41.5	50.9	50.8
<b>Residential location</b>			
Capital City	37.8	49.4	47.8
Other Major Urban	35.9	41.4	40.5
Rural Major	28.2	40.0	36.9
Rural Other	18.5	43.9	37.4
Remote	6.3	44.9	40.4
<b>State/Territory</b>			
NSW	28.5	43.5	41.5
Vic	41.6	54.3	52.5
Qld	32.2	42.1	39.9
SA	27.5	50.1	44.9
WA	39.7	54.5	51.3
Tas	20.6	40.8	35.9
ACT	12.5	45.1	42.0
NT	30.1	49.4	48.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>45.1</b>

**Table 4.4.1: Place of last dental visit by sociodemographic variables  
– dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Place of last dental visit (%)				
	Private	Public	School	Technician	Other
<b>Age group</b>					
5–11 years	38.9	3.7	57.4	0.0	0.0
12–17 years	58.9	9.9	31.1	0.1	0.0
18–24 years	81.4	14.5	3.8	0.0	0.3
25–44 years	89.6	7.7	0.2	0.4	2.1
45–64 years	92.3	5.9	0.1	0.5	1.2
65+ years	82.6	15.3	0.4	1.5	0.2
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	75.3	8.3	14.4	0.4	1.6
Female	80.0	8.5	10.7	0.4	0.4
<b>Annual household income</b>					
<\$12,000	56.1	29.9	13.2	0.8	0.0
\$12–20,000	60.1	24.4	14.5	0.3	0.7
\$20–30,000	67.9	15.7	15.2	0.5	0.7
\$30–40,000	78.3	5.0	14.6	1.6	0.5
\$40–50,000	82.7	4.8	11.8	0.0	0.7
\$50,000+	87.5	1.1	10.3	0.1	1.0
<b>Health card holder</b>					
Yes	49.0	32.7	17.1	0.6	0.5
No	84.3	3.0	11.3	0.3	1.1
<b>Residential location</b>					
Capital City	80.2	7.3	11.1	0.3	1.1
Other Major Urban	73.9	9.8	14.7	0.3	1.3
Rural Major	72.4	10.5	15.4	1.2	0.6
Rural Other	71.3	11.9	16.2	0.4	0.1
Remote	64.1	13.4	20.1	0.9	1.5
<b>State/Territory</b>					
NSW	82.9	7.1	8.4	0.3	1.3
Vic	83.8	6.2	7.8	0.5	1.7
Qld	70.0	12.2	17.0	0.5	0.2
SA	70.1	11.0	18.2	0.3	0.4
WA	70.7	8.0	21.0	0.3	0.0
Tas	67.9	9.5	22.2	0.3	0.0
ACT	84.7	8.1	5.6	0.0	1.6
NT	59.0	13.6	25.5	0.0	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Table 4.5.1(a): Mean number of dental visits and routine services by age  
- dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Mean number of services			
	Visits	Extraction(s)	Filling(s)	Scale and clean
<b>Age group</b>				
5-11 years	2.02	0.24	0.49	0.56
12-17 years	3.06	0.34	0.46	0.75
18-24 years	2.12	0.37	0.54	0.95
25-44 years	2.39	0.31	0.93	0.92
45-64 years	2.41	0.27	0.97	0.95
65+ years	2.37	0.36	0.85	1.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.88</b>

**Table 4.5.1(b): Mean number of dental visits and routine services by sociodemographic variables  
- dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Mean number of services			
	Visits	Extraction(s)	Filling(s)	Scale and clean
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	2.34	0.37	0.92	0.96
Female	2.36	0.26	0.85	0.96
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	2.26	0.55	0.88	0.80
\$12–20,000	2.45	0.46	1.06	0.89
\$20–30,000	2.26	0.42	0.82	0.90
\$30–40,000	2.07	0.17	0.78	0.94
\$40–50,000	2.14	0.35	0.89	0.91
\$50,000+	2.43	0.25	0.83	1.03
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	2.35	0.58	0.90	0.82
No	2.36	0.26	0.88	0.99
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	2.43	0.30	0.86	1.02
Other Major Urban	2.38	0.37	1.13	0.89
Rural Major	2.28	0.31	0.87	0.73
Rural Other	1.95	0.38	0.86	0.85
Remote	2.25	0.25	0.96	0.87
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	2.42	0.24	0.88	0.98
Vic	2.37	0.30	0.83	0.98
Qld	2.34	0.42	0.97	0.91
SA	2.22	0.34	0.78	0.91
WA	2.28	0.36	0.93	0.97
Tas	2.18	0.35	0.97	0.83
ACT	2.38	0.28	0.84	1.09
NT	2.16	0.13	0.75	0.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.96</b>

**Table 4.5.2(a): Percentage of persons receiving routine dental services by age  
- dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Mean number of services			
	Visits	Extraction(s)	Filling(s)	Scale and clean
<b>Age group</b>				
5-11 years	82.8	13.3	26.1	41.0
12-17 years	78.5	13.8	26.2	57.9
18-24 years	51.6	14.9	32.3	74.1
25-44 years	53.4	18.6	45.9	72.8
45-64 years	62.0	15.6	51.3	74.9
65+ years	59.5	14.5	48.2	74.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>67.7</b>

**Table 4.5.2(b): Percentage of persons receiving routine dental services by sociodemographic variables  
– dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Mean number of services			
	Visits	Extraction(s)	Filling(s)	Scale and clean
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	52.4	18.3	46.0	75.2
Female	60.4	15.1	46.1	72.8
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	51.3	28.2	52.6	63.8
\$12–20,000	51.6	25.4	47.4	64.4
\$20–30,000	50.4	23.1	48.1	67.3
\$30–40,000	54.0	12.2	47.7	69.9
\$40–50,000	57.5	17.4	45.7	76.1
\$50,000+	58.4	11.8	43.5	79.6
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	50.1	26.7	46.7	58.3
No	57.9	14.5	46.0	77.1
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	58.7	15.8	45.0	78.1
Other Major Urban	51.9	17.2	53.9	67.8
Rural Major	53.5	18.9	44.2	59.1
Rural Other	53.4	19.4	50.1	62.3
Remote	44.6	19.2	44.4	78.2
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	56.5	13.5	45.3	75.6
Vic	54.3	17.1	45.6	73.8
Qld	56.7	20.7	47.0	71.3
SA	58.8	17.4	42.3	70.2
WA	59.6	18.0	50.3	76.4
Tas	51.4	21.2	50.6	67.3
ACT	59.3	14.5	45.9	80.7
NT	47.0	8.7	42.1	70.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>73.9</b>

**Table 4.5.3(a): Mean number of dental visits and services by sociodemographic variables, split by reason for visit  
– dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Visits		Extraction(s)		Filling(s)		Scale and clean	
	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem
<b>Age group</b>								
5–11 years	1.66	2.99	0.08	0.66	0.30	1.02	0.52	0.67
12–17 years	2.18	5.20	0.22	0.65	0.41	0.59	0.74	0.72
18–24 years	2.09	2.15	0.26	0.49	0.38	0.72	1.13	0.74
25–44 years	1.74	3.02	0.08	0.53	0.47	1.37	1.11	0.72
45–64 years	1.75	2.82	0.02	0.43	0.47	1.29	1.17	0.81
65+ years	1.93	2.63	0.06	0.55	0.57	1.02	1.34	0.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.78</b>

**Table 4.5.3(b): Mean number of dental visits and services by sociodemographic variables, split by reason for visit**  
**– dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Visits		Extraction(s)		Filling(s)		Scale and clean	
	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	1.74	2.80	0.10	0.57	0.49	1.23	1.13	0.84
Female	1.88	2.79	0.08	0.42	0.45	1.21	1.18	0.76
<b>Annual household income</b>								
<\$12,000	1.78	2.41	0.13	0.72	0.71	.96	1.14	0.65
\$12–20,000	1.99	2.72	0.13	0.65	0.42	1.42	1.08	0.79
\$20–30,000	1.93	2.47	0.06	0.65	0.54	1.00	1.10	0.78
\$30–40,000	1.65	2.43	0.00	0.31	0.46	1.05	1.13	0.77
\$40–50,000	1.88	2.43	0.12	0.59	0.65	1.10	1.10	0.72
\$50,000+	1.81	3.07	0.10	0.40	0.39	1.29	1.17	0.88
<b>Health card holder</b>								
Yes	2.28	2.37	0.22	0.75	0.59	1.06	1.12	0.67
No	1.76	2.91	0.07	0.42	0.45	1.26	1.16	0.83
<b>Residential location</b>								
Capital City	1.88	2.93	0.11	0.47	0.45	1.23	1.20	0.85
Other Major Urban	1.83	2.76	0.03	0.60	0.66	1.43	1.17	0.70
Rural Major	1.63	2.66	0.02	0.49	0.42	1.13	.95	0.61
Rural Other	1.55	2.18	0.07	0.56	0.53	1.06	1.03	0.74
Remote	1.66	2.63	0.01	0.42	0.60	1.21	.97	0.80
<b>State/Territory</b>								
NSW	1.68	2.95	0.04	0.38	0.39	1.23	1.21	0.83
Vic	1.92	2.87	0.09	0.54	0.48	1.23	1.10	0.84
Qld	2.00	2.57	0.22	0.55	0.58	1.23	1.15	0.74
SA	1.78	2.59	0.07	0.56	0.47	1.02	1.21	0.68
WA	1.76	2.81	0.09	0.66	0.54	1.32	1.13	0.79
Tas	1.68	2.46	0.07	0.51	0.42	1.28	1.09	0.69
ACT	1.63	2.91	0.11	0.41	0.38	1.09	1.31	0.94
NT	1.84	2.47	0.02	0.23	0.24	1.21	0.93	0.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>0.79</b>

**Table 4.5.4(a): Percentage of persons receiving dental services by age, split by reason for visit – dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Extraction(s)		Filling(s)		Scale and clean	
	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem
<b>Age group</b>						
5–11 years	4.1	38.1	19.4	43.7	36.6	52.6
12–17 years	9.7	24.2	22.9	34.6	60.3	51.7
18–24 years	9.0	21.8	21.6	45.0	85.6	60.3
25–44 years	5.8	31.1	29.1	61.9	85.8	60.0
45–64 years	1.6	24.5	29.0	65.4	86.3	68.0
65+ years	4.7	20.7	35.1	56.1	89.1	65.4
<b>Total</b>	5.6	27.0	25.8	57.1	73.0	61.8

**Table 4.5.4(b): Percentage of persons receiving dental services by sociodemographic variables, split by reason for visit**  
 – dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago

	Extraction(s)		Filling(s)		Scale and clean	
	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	4.4	28.9	29.8	57.9	87.2	66.1
Female	5.6	23.6	27.5	62.7	85.5	61.3
<b>Annual household income</b>						
<\$12,000	10.0	35.6	38.4	58.9	86.5	55.1
\$12–20,000	8.4	35.3	24.0	60.2	79.1	56.2
\$20–30,000	4.6	34.5	32.4	57.8	75.0	62.5
\$30–40,000	0.0	22.8	30.4	62.9	83.3	58.3
\$40–50,000	6.4	28.7	39.1	51.4	87.1	64.6
\$50,000+	4.9	19.0	24.5	63.2	88.9	69.8
<b>Health card holder</b>						
Yes	9.4	35.3	30.0	55.0	77.7	48.8
No	4.5	23.7	28.4	61.8	87.5	67.6
<b>Residential location</b>						
Capital City	5.7	25.1	27.8	60.5	88.7	68.3
Other Major Urban	2.6	27.0	30.0	69.7	82.8	57.7
Rural Major	1.4	29.4	31.0	52.0	73.6	51.0
Rural Other	4.9	27.9	32.0	60.9	79.3	52.2
Remote	0.7	31.9	24.1	58.5	86.1	72.4
<b>State/Territory</b>						
NSW	3.2	20.9	24.2	60.3	88.6	66.6
Vic	6.5	29.0	29.0	64.0	83.1	63.2
Qld	7.0	29.7	30.2	58.2	88.9	59.6
SA	3.2	29.0	29.2	52.7	85.9	57.4
WA	5.6	31.3	37.3	63.2	84.3	67.1
Tas	5.7	29.9	29.2	62.9	80.9	59.8
ACT	4.7	22.1	26.2	59.3	95.2	70.4
NT	1.6	15.4	17.6	65.0	79.2	62.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>63.6</b>

**Table 4.5.5(a): Percentage of persons receiving additional dental services by age  
– dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Additional treatment	Treatment							
		Fluoride	New denture	Other OS	Gum treat	Denture adjust	Ortho- dontics	Crown/ bridge	Other treat
<b>Age group</b>									
5–11 years	35.1	25.3	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	4.7	1.4	7.8
12–17 years	40.9	23.9	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0	17.0	0.4	7.5
18–24 years	14.0	4.2	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	2.0	1.4	5.8
25–44 years	19.3	2.0	0.2	2.8	0.7	0.2	0.8	4.2	9.7
45–64 years	29.2	2.8	2.3	4.8	1.8	0.4	0.1	10.2	11.0
65+ years	28.1	1.9	7.2	2.8	2.3	2.4	0.0	7.9	8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>

**Table 4.5.5(b): Percentage of persons receiving additional dental services by sociodemographic variables,  
– dentate persons whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Additional treatment	Treatment							
		Fluoride	New denture	Other OS	Gum treat	Denture adjust	Orthodontics	Crown/bridge	Other treat
<b>Sex</b>									
Male	22.2	2.2	1.8	3.2	1.1	0.5	0.7	6.8	8.4
Female	23.3	2.9	1.7	3.0	1.4	0.6	0.6	5.6	10.3
<b>Annual household income</b>									
<\$12,000	20.1	0.0	3.7	2.9	2.7	0.6	0.6	2.2	7.6
\$12–20,000	25.1	1.3	4.6	4.5	1.2	2.4	0.2	4.8	9.6
\$20–30,000	18.4	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.2	0.8	1.0	5.2	7.4
\$30–40,000	22.4	1.7	1.3	2.5	1.1	0.6	0.6	4.2	12.5
\$40–50,000	18.8	1.8	1.2	1.9	1.7	0.1	0.5	5.3	7.1
\$50,000+	25.7	4.1	.8	4.1	1.0	0.1	0.9	8.2	10.3
<b>Health card holder</b>									
Yes	20.9	1.8	3.4	2.3	1.3	0.6	1.3	4.3	7.8
No	23.2	2.7	1.4	3.2	1.3	0.5	0.5	6.5	9.7
<b>Residential location</b>									
Capital City	23.2	3.0	1.3	3.1	1.4	0.5	0.7	7.2	9.0
Other Major Urban	25.3	1.6	1.9	3.1	1.6	0.9	0.0	4.9	14.2
Rural Major	21.7	1.8	3.1	3.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	3.3	9.4
Rural Other	20.3	0.7	3.8	2.5	0.9	0.5	1.6	3.5	8.8
Remote	22.5	4.5	.8	3.1	0.0	1.8	0.0	4.1	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>

**Table 4.5.7(a): Percentage of persons attending for problems and frequency of fillings and extractions by health card status and place of last dental visit  
– dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	Visits	% who last visited for a problem	Filling(s)		Extraction(s)	
			%	Mean	%	Mean
<b>Total</b>						
Card public	53.15	71.80	43.93	1.96	33.41	1.86
Card private	50.42	63.98	49.29	1.85	22.56	2.52
No card private	59.53	52.16	46.44	1.93	14.35	1.76
<b>Problem</b>						
Card public			47.08	1.83	41.53	1.95
Card private			61.43	1.92	30.83	2.41
No card private			62.59	2.08	23.33	1.78
<b>Check-up</b>						
Card public			35.94	2.42	12.56	1.21
Card private			27.50	1.59	8.29	3.25
No card private			28.73	1.57	4.67	1.65

**Table 4.6.1(a): Percentage of persons whose usual reason for a dental visit is for a check-up  
– dentate persons**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
<b>Age group</b>			
5–11 years	72.5	87.7	84.3
12–17 years	72.5	78.9	77.8
18–24 years	49.4	61.0	59.0
25–44 years	32.0	53.1	50.4
45–64 years	36.4	52.5	49.8
65+ years	46.4	59.8	53.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>57.8</b>

**Table 4.6.1(b): Percentage of persons whose usual reason for a dental visit is for a check-up  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Card holder	Non-card holder	Total
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	36.9	48.7	46.5
Female	43.4	60.8	57.3
<b>Annual household income</b>			
<\$12,000	35.7	39.2	37.1
\$12–20,000	35.9	56.5	43.7
\$20–30,000	42.4	47.6	46.0
\$30–40,000	46.2	47.6	47.2
\$40–50,000	53.3	56.8	56.6
\$50,000+	65.8	58.2	58.5
<b>Residential location</b>			
Capital City	42.8	57.7	55.3
Other Major Urban	49.7	48.4	48.9
Rural Major	38.9	45.7	44.0
Rural Other	25.5	47.5	41.4
Remote	33.2	39.7	38.8
<b>State/Territory</b>			
NSW	39.5	53.8	51.7
Vic	44.3	56.2	53.9
Qld	41.5	52.1	49.9
SA	31.3	55.1	48.9
WA	44.8	57.3	54.7
Tas	27.1	51.2	44.0
ACT	44.7	62.2	59.8
NT	27.3	47.8	46.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>51.9</b>

**Table 4.6.2: Visiting patterns of persons identified by card-holder status and usual reason for a dental visit**  
 – dentate persons aged 18+

	Card-holder		Non-card-holder	
	Check-up	Problem	Check-up	Problem
<b>Time since last visit</b>				
<12 Months	68.3	38.0	69.9	43.6
1-<2 years	17.2	24.2	17.7	20.9
2-<5 years	9.4	20.4	8.8	19.3
5+ years	5.1	17.4	3.6	16.2
<b>Type of visit required</b>				
Check-up	30.1	14.0	35.3	21.7
Treatment	10.9	31.0	6.5	26.3
Both	4.8	10.9	4.6	9.2
No visit	54.1	44.1	53.7	42.7
<b>Reason for last visit in last 12 months</b>				
Problem	49.0	89.0	33.0	89.7
Check-up	51.0	11.0	67.0	10.3
<b>Number of dental visits in the last 12 months</b>				
0	33.1	62.1	31.1	56.9
1	26.6	18.3	29.4	17.6
2	20.7	9.2	23.3	9.5
3	8.3	4.3	8.2	5.9
4+	11.3	6.2	8.0	10.0
<b>Number of dental visits in the last 12 months</b>				
1	39.8	48.3	42.7	41.0
2	31.0	24.2	33.8	22.1
3	12.4	11.3	12.0	13.7
4+	16.9	16.3	11.6	23.3

**Table 5.1(a): Variations in social impact by age  
– all persons**

	Dentate			Edentulous	
	Toothache	Appearance	Avoid food	Appearance	Avoid food
<b>Age group</b>					
5–11 years	5.8	..	10.3	..	..
12–17 years	9.8	20.2	11.6	..	..
18–24 years	18.2	17.9	11.9	0.0	0.0
25–44 years	17.0	23.7	16.0	51.6	45.9
45–64 years	12.1	22.3	19.2	22.9	35.0
65+ years	7.6	18.3	14.8	19.6	32.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>34.1</b>

**Table 5.1(a): Variations in social impact among sociodemographic groups  
– persons aged 18+**

	Dentate			Edentulous	
	Toothache	Appearance	Avoid food	Appearance	Avoid food
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	14.7	21.0	14.5	18.7	37.2
Female	14.5	22.6	17.8	24.9	32.3
<b>Annual household income</b>					
<\$12,000	19.2	29.7	23.0	19.5	37.4
\$12–20,000	17.0	27.5	21.8	19.4	35.5
\$20–30,000	16.5	23.6	18.7	26.9	37.2
\$30–40,000	13.4	20.1	14.1	31.1	23.1
\$40–50,000	13.0	23.6	14.9	40.4	28.3
\$50,000+	12.1	18.2	13.6	14.1	16.0
<b>Health card holder</b>					
Yes	19.7	30.2	25.1	20.5	31.7
No	13.5	19.8	14.1	25.0	36.9
<b>Residential location</b>					
Capital City	14.5	21.8	16.6	25.4	30.4
Other Major Urban	15.4	20.9	14.4	17.5	44.7
Rural Major	17.6	21.0	14.1	16.3	36.1
Rural Other	11.3	20.8	16.9	22.6	42.3
Remote	14.8	32.0	17.4	9.8	25.8
<b>State/Territory</b>					
NSW	14.2	19.3	15.0	25.1	34.1
Vic	14.6	24.0	19.2	24.9	33.4
Qld	15.3	22.3	14.8	15.5	35.7
SA	14.3	26.0	15.9	19.7	30.6
WA	14.2	20.2	14.8	23.0	40.3
Tas	17.9	22.5	19.3	19.1	29.7
ACT	16.8	23.7	15.2	35.5	32.0
NT	13.3	19.7	13.7	16.6	37.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>34.1</b>

**Table 6.1.1(a): Percentage of persons with dental insurance by age  
– all persons**

	Edentulous	Dentate		All
		Card holder	Non-card holder	
<b>Age group</b>				
5–11 years	..	15.6	41.6	35.6
12–17 years	..	32.1	49.6	45.7
18–24 years	..	15.6	35.6	31.4
25–44 years	7.5	12.8	34.1	31.2
45–64 years	29.1	21.0	50.7	44.0
65+ years	16.2	29.0	45.3	30.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>35.9</b>

**Table 6.1.1(b): Percentage of persons with dental insurance among sociodemographic groups –persons aged 18+**

	Edentulous	Dentate		All
		Card holder	Non-card holder	
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	26.1	19.7	37.6	33.9
Female	17.2	20.8	42.8	35.8
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	9.0	17.4	19.5	15.7
\$12–20,000	17.3	16.0	27.6	19.7
\$20–30,000	20.9	19.5	30.1	26.4
\$30–40,000	29.1	23.2	32.6	31.4
\$40–50,000	18.3	34.6	39.8	38.7
\$50,000+	60.1	29.3	47.2	47.0
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	17.0	20.3	..	19.6
No	24.4	..	40.1	39.3
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	20.0	20.6	41.5	36.4
Other Major Urban	26.4	30.1	39.4	36.4
Rural Major	21.9	21.2	37.0	31.9
Rural Other	16.2	13.0	34.0	26.9
Remote	32.1	14.9	36.3	32.8
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	17.1	21.3	41.4	36.5
Vic	17.9	15.6	28.9	25.3
Qld	15.6	17.2	37.6	31.8
SA	28.8	25.0	55.3	45.4
WA	38.8	30.3	55.1	49.1
Tas	24.1	23.5	51.0	39.9
ACT	38.5	14.7	38.8	35.6
NT	18.1	17.8	38.7	36.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>34.8</b>

**Table 6.2.1: Visiting patterns (period and intention) among health card and insurance groups – dentate persons aged 18+**

	Percentage of persons whose last dental visit was within				Per cent who usually visit for a check-up
	<12 Months	1-<2 years	2-<5 years	5+ years	
<b>Card-holders</b>					
Insured	69.1	13.7	11.5	5.6	61.1
Non-insured	45.8	23.0	16.8	14.4	34.9
<b>Non-card-holders</b>					
Insured	69.0	16.8	8.6	5.6	64.1
Non-insured	50.4	20.9	16.7	12.0	47.8
<b>Total</b>					
Insured	69.0	16.4	8.9	5.6	63.8
Non-insured	49.2	21.5	16.7	12.6	44.8

**Table 6.2.2: Percentage of persons attending for problems and frequency of fillings and extractions among health card and insured groups – dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	% of persons who last visited for a problem	Fillings		Extractions	
		(%)	Mean	(%)	Mean
<b>Card-holders</b>					
Insured	56.19	48.21	1.64	14.31	3.43
Non-insured	71.17	46.31	2.03	31.53	1.94
<b>Non-card-holders</b>					
Insured	46.14	46.12	1.93	10.15	1.61
Non-insured	58.82	46.08	1.91	18.47	1.80

**Table 7.1.1(a): Distribution of affordability and hardship in purchasing dental care by age, split by health card status  
– dentate persons**

	Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost		Cost prevented recommended or wanted dental treatment		Dental visits in last 12 months were a large financial burden		A lot of difficulty in paying \$100 dental bill	
	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder
<b>Age group</b>								
5–11 years	13.9	9.4	7.3	5.5	.0	4.4	36.1	10.9
12–17 years	12.2	7.7	15.6	5.1	11.9	12.1	23.8	12.6
18–24 years	29.5	26.1	23.2	20.1	9.7	11.3	24.7	14.3
25–44 years	48.6	30.9	42.9	24.0	22.2	15.0	40.2	7.4
45–64 years	47.6	22.1	41.7	18.4	23.2	13.3	40.2	5.5
65+ years	23.6	12.8	19.9	10.0	10.6	11.3	19.4	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>8.6</b>

**Table 7.1.1(b): Distribution of affordability and hardship in purchasing dental care by sociodemographic variables, split by health card status – dentate persons**

	Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost		Cost prevented recommended or wanted dental treatment		Dental visits in last 12 months were a large financial burden		A lot of difficulty in paying \$100 dental bill	
	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	31.4	21.4	27.8	17.8	14.8	12.5	28.9	6.9
Female	42.7	31.5	36.1	23.8	18.5	14.7	33.1	8.9
<b>Annual household income</b>								
<\$12,000	38.5	37.1	34.2	31.0	25.3	25.1	46.0	25.8
\$12–20,000	43.8	26.7	39.9	18.3	22.1	12.1	35.5	15.0
\$20–30,000	37.8	37.2	33.4	25.5	14.3	17.3	28.9	15.8
\$30–40,000	24.7	32.0	12.0	27.8	.1	13.3	3.7	10.7
\$40–50,000	22.5	28.7	21.6	19.6	18.3	13.1	7.0	8.5
\$50,000+	22.2	21.5	13.0	18.1	.0	9.7	21.8	3.3
<b>Residential location</b>								
Capital City	38.8	27.0	32.9	21.8	20.2	14.8	30.0	7.6
Other Major Urban	31.5	27.6	27.5	19.2	7.0	13.1	30.0	6.3
Rural Major	33.7	24.7	27.7	20.2	9.4	12.3	35.0	10.6
Rural Other	39.7	22.6	35.4	15.9	17.7	7.6	33.4	7.5
Remote	23.8	22.4	30.8	16.2	3.6	9.8	30.5	11.2
<b>State/Territory</b>								
NSW	37.0	26.4	28.6	23.0	16.7	16.8	27.8	7.5
Vic	35.3	26.1	33.2	16.5	21.8	11.0	34.4	7.4
Qld	32.1	27.1	30.4	21.7	9.5	12.4	30.9	7.2
SA	45.6	23.4	39.0	19.6	17.1	12.8	29.4	10.3
WA	43.8	26.2	34.2	21.5	24.1	13.4	31.6	8.4
Tas	44.4	28.0	38.5	21.9	15.4	12.5	38.0	10.2
ACT	45.2	24.8	38.4	19.9	13.6	9.1	36.9	8.4
NT	29.2	28.7	26.7	20.4	4.8	9.2	28.8	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>

**Table 7.2.1: Distribution of affordability and hardship in purchasing dental care by visiting patterns, split by health card status – dentate persons aged 18+**

	Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost		Cost prevented recommended or wanted dental treatment		Dental visits in last 12 months were a large financial burden		A lot of difficulty in paying \$100 dental bill	
	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder	Card holder	Non-card holder
<b>Time since last visit</b>								
<12 Months	32.3	20.6	28.9	18.4	16.9	13.7	27.2	6.2
1-<2 years	43.4	32.8	38.5	24.6	...	..	32.5	7.8
2-<5 years	42.3	33.6	31.9	21.5	..	..	32.6	8.8
5+ years	42.3	37.3	35.7	25.9	..	..	42.0	17.2
<b>Usual reason for visit</b>								
Check-up	26.7	18.9	20.1	14.0	13.6	8.9	23.0	5.3
Problem	44.8	35.2	40.1	28.8	20.6	22.9	36.1	11.0
<b>Number of dental visits in last 12 months</b>								
0	42.6	33.6	35.3	23.9	2.7	11.9	34.9	10.2
1	38.9	22.1	33.4	16.4	14.0	8.0	27.1	7.1
2	21.6	13.5	22.4	13.8	16.1	6.9	27.1	6.0
3	33.0	26.2	29.5	25.8	22.9	29.3	28.3	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>

**Table 7.2.2: Visiting patterns for dental care by affordability and hardship associated with paying for dental care  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost		Cost prevented recommended or wanted dental treatment		Dental visits in last 12 months were a large financial burden		A lot of difficulty in paying \$100 dental bill	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	A large	None/ hardly any/ a little	A lot	None/ hardly any/ a little
<b>Time since last visit</b>								
<12 Months	44.8	61.0	49.8	58.4	100.0	100.0	44.7	58.1
1-<2 years	24.2	17.8	23.4	18.5	..	..	21.1	19.5
2-<5 years	17.4	12.6	14.5	13.8	..	..	15.8	13.8
5+ years	13.6	8.6	12.3	9.3	..	..	18.4	8.7
<b>Reason for last visit in last 12 months</b>								
Problem	29.5	49.6	25.5	50.0	21.1	49.0	32.0	46.5
Check-up	70.5	50.4	74.5	50.0	78.9	51.0	68.0	53.5
<b>Usual reason for visit</b>								
Check-up	36.7	57.9	33.9	57.3	43.2	67.4	34.3	54.5
Problem	63.3	42.1	66.1	42.7	56.8	32.6	65.7	45.5
<b>Number of dental visits in last 12 months</b>								
0	55.7	40.0	51.0	42.4	..	..	56.2	42.8
1	20.7	24.7	20.0	24.7	26.9	44.5	20.2	24.2
2	8.6	19.5	10.9	18.0	17.2	31.0	12.6	16.8
3	15.0	15.8	18.1	14.9	55.1	23.3	11.1	16.2

**Table 7.2.3: Type of dental care received by affordability and hardship associated with paying for dental care  
– dentate persons aged 18+ whose last dental visit was <12 months ago**

	% of persons who last visited for a problem	Filling(s)		Extraction(s)	
		(%)	Mean	(%)	Mean
<b>Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost</b>					
Yes	70.45	54.77	1.95	21.59	1.75
No	50.37	43.56	1.90	15.18	1.93
<b>Cost prevented wanted or recommended treatment</b>					
Yes	74.58	54.19	1.99	27.27	1.54
No	49.98	44.09	1.89	13.90	2.04
<b>Financial burden of dental visits in last 12 months</b>					
A large	78.91	62.31	2.46	29.52	2.07
None/ hardly any/ a little	50.92	43.31	1.78	14.42	1.80
<b>Difficulty in paying a \$100 dental bill</b>					
A lot	68.02	51.00	1.88	28.24	1.85
None/ hardly any/ a little	53.48	45.43	1.92	15.43	1.88

**Table 8.1.1(a) Perceived need for dental visits by age  
– dentate persons**

	Treatment need (%)			
	Check-up	Treatment	Check-up and Treatment	No visit required
<b>Age group</b>				
5–11 years	21.8	6.4	2.8	69.0
12–17 years	26.7	8.3	2.3	62.7
18–24 years	31.7	10.7	6.9	50.7
25–44 years	29.2	17.7	7.7	45.5
45–64 years	26.1	19.5	6.8	47.7
65+ years	18.1	15.5	5.8	60.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>52.4</b>

**Table 8.1.1(b) Perceived need for dental visits by sociodemographic variables  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Treatment need (%)			
	Check-up	Treatment	Check-up and Treatment	No visit required
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	24.5	18.2	7.2	50.1
Female	30.1	15.6	7.0	47.3
<b>Annual household income</b>				
<\$12,000	17.3	23.0	8.5	51.2
\$12–20,000	22.1	24.2	6.9	46.8
\$20–30,000	23.5	21.3	8.0	47.2
\$30–40,000	27.2	13.9	8.6	50.3
\$40–50,000	29.4	17.8	7.6	45.1
\$50,000+	32.3	13.4	6.1	48.2
<b>Health card holder</b>				
Yes	20.3	22.9	8.4	48.4
No	29.0	15.4	6.7	48.8
<b>Residential location</b>				
Capital City	27.7	15.5	7.0	49.9
Other Major Urban	30.8	15.4	7.3	46.5
Rural Major	25.5	22.1	7.5	44.9
Rural Other	24.3	19.9	7.8	48.1
Remote	24.0	24.9	7.4	43.7
<b>Have private dental insurance</b>				
Yes	27.7	12.6	6.1	53.6
No	27.2	19.4	7.7	45.6
<b>State/Territory</b>				
NSW	28.2	16.5	5.9	49.4
Vic	29.0	15.1	9.4	46.5
Qld	26.3	20.1	6.2	47.5
SA	22.4	18.9	6.6	52.1
WA	24.6	14.9	6.4	54.2
Tas	27.2	18.3	11.3	43.2
ACT	33.4	17.4	5.7	43.5
NT	27.0	19.4	10.4	43.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>

**Table 8.1.2: Perceived need for dental visits by affordability and hardship associated with paying for dental care  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Treatment need (%)			
	Check-up	Treatment	Both	No visit
<b>Avoided or delayed visiting because of cost</b>				
Yes	29.9	29.9	12.4	27.9
No	26.3	11.8	5.0	56.9
<b>Cost prevented wanted or recommended treatment</b>				
Yes	24.4	34.5	12.7	28.5
No	28.1	11.7	5.4	54.7
<b>Financial burden of dental visits in last 12 months</b>				
A large	14.3	28.2	4.6	52.9
None/ hardly any/ a little	20.1	14.5	4.3	61.1
<b>Difficulty in paying a \$100 dental bill</b>				
A lot	24.1	25.8	10.7	39.4
None/ hardly any/ a little	27.8	15.7	6.6	49.9

**Table 8.1.3(a): Perceived need for dental treatments by age  
– dentate persons**

	Filling(s)	Scale/ clean	Extract- ion(s)	Den- ture(s)	Gum treat	Crown/ bridge	Other
<b>Age group</b>							
5–11 years	4.6	11.2	2.1	.0	.1	.1	3.5
12–17 years	3.0	22.7	2.0	.0	.2	.8	4.8
18–24 years	10.5	32.0	4.3	.1	1.2	1.1	5.3
25–44 years	18.4	40.2	4.6	1.5	2.0	3.8	4.3
45–64 years	16.1	34.9	3.8	5.4	3.8	5.5	4.3
65+ years	11.6	24.4	3.4	6.0	1.7	2.3	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 8.1.3(b): Perceived need for dental treatments by sociodemographic variables  
– dentate persons aged 18+**

	Filling(s)	Scale/ clean	Extract- ion(s)	Den- ture(s)	Gum treat	Crown/ bridge	Other
<b>Sex</b>							
Male	16.0	33.9	4.5	2.9	3.2	3.7	4.8
Female	15.4	37.2	3.9	3.0	1.5	3.7	3.7
<b>Annual household income</b>							
<\$12,000	19.6	32.6	9.5	10.8	4.0	4.0	3.1
\$12–20,000	19.3	31.7	6.0	5.5	3.6	4.3	2.8
\$20–30,000	18.3	34.9	7.4	3.8	3.5	5.3	4.5
\$30–40,000	16.9	33.9	3.5	2.4	2.0	3.0	3.7
\$40–50,000	15.1	40.1	2.6	2.9	2.4	3.4	5.5
\$50,000+	12.9	38.3	2.3	1.3	1.9	3.5	4.7
<b>Health card holder</b>							
Yes	21.4	34.3	8.1	6.1	3.8	3.9	3.6
No	14.4	35.9	3.3	2.2	2.0	3.7	4.3
<b>Residential location</b>							
Capital City	14.5	36.5	3.2	2.6	2.4	3.8	4.3
Other Major Urban	14.2	35.4	5.6	3.3	2.4	3.7	3.8
Rural Major	20.1	32.3	6.0	3.2	2.1	3.4	3.9
Rural Other	19.9	32.5	7.2	4.5	2.5	3.4	5.3
Remote	21.9	33.0	5.9	5.3	2.3	4.1	3.9
<b>Have private dental insurance</b>							
Yes	12.0	32.9	1.2	1.7	1.5	4.2	4.0
No	18.0	37.4	5.9	3.7	2.9	3.5	4.5
<b>State/Territory</b>							
NSW	14.9	36.1	2.8	2.6	2.2	4.0	3.6
Vic	16.2	35.5	4.6	3.5	2.5	2.7	5.6
Qld	16.7	36.7	5.0	3.0	2.4	4.1	4.4
SA	16.4	33.3	5.7	3.3	3.8	3.2	4.5
WA	14.3	32.0	3.9	2.9	1.7	4.8	2.3
Tas	19.0	35.8	9.1	3.2	1.6	2.7	4.3
ACT	13.2	39.8	4.0	1.4	1.2	4.0	4.6
NT	20.4	38.9	5.3	2.5	3.3	4.4	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>