

**Table 4.3: Percent of persons unable or delayed in receiving needed dental care, United States, 2014**

Population characteristics	Experienced Difficulty		Main Reason <sup>d</sup>					
	Percent	Standard Error	Couldn't Afford		Insurance Related		Other	
			Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error
Total	5.6	0.3	65.2	1.8	10.7	1.1	27.2	1.6
Age in years								
18-44	6.2	0.4	63.8	2.6	9.4	1.4	29.6	2.6
45-64	8.2	0.5	70.5	2.4	9.7	1.7	23.7	2.2
65 and over	5.3	0.5	62.8	4.7	11.6	2.4	29.4	4.1
Sex								
Male	5.2	0.3	64.2	2.5	10.2	1.5	27.6	2.4
Female	6.1	0.3	66.0	2.1	11.2	1.4	26.9	1.9
Education <sup>a</sup>								
Less than High School	4.5	0.3	63.5	3.4	13.6	2.4	25.5	3.3
High School	7.1	0.6	66.3	3.3	9.9	1.8	25.3	3.0
Some college	6.4	0.3	65.6	2.2	10.0	1.5	28.8	2.2
Health insurance status <sup>b</sup>								
<65, Any private	4.2	0.3	60.9	2.8	8.5	1.6	33.0	2.7
<65, Public only	8.2	0.6	58.8	3.2	19.2	3.1	26.9	3.1
<65, Uninsured	10.1	0.8	87.5	2.8	2.8	1.1	11.8	2.8
65+, Medicare only	6.4	0.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare and private	3.6	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Medicare and other public	10.4	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Poverty status <sup>c</sup>								
Negative or Poor	8.7	0.6	60.2	3.9	17.9	2.7	27.9	3.4
Near-poor	9.5	1.2	77.4	4.4	6.3	2.4	20.1	4.4
Low income	7.4	0.7	78.3	3.3	6.2	1.7	19.0	3.3
Middle income	5.5	0.4	70.0	3.0	9.3	1.9	22.9	2.9
High income	3.4	0.3	49.7	4.3	10.7	2.3	40.8	4.3
Census Region								
Northeast	5.0	0.5	53.5	5.6	12.6	3.9	36.2	5.0
Midwest	5.7	0.5	66.1	3.9	11.3	2.4	24.7	3.7
South	5.8	0.5	70.8	3.0	10.0	1.8	22.9	2.5
West	5.9	0.5	63.2	2.9	10.3	1.9	30.5	2.9
Perceived Health Status								
Excellent	3.2	0.3	59.7	4.0	12.2	2.8	29.7	3.9
Very Good	4.6	0.3	61.2	3.7	9.6	2.0	31.9	3.1

Population characteristics	Experienced Difficulty		Main Reason <sup>d</sup>					
			Couldn't Afford		Insurance Related		Other	
	Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error
Good	7.3	0.5	64.9	2.9	11.5	1.9	27.3	2.8
Fair	11.5	0.8	72.7	3.5	10.0	2.3	21.4	3.3
Poor	16.9	1.9	77.8	4.0	9.5	2.9	17.3	3.6

<sup>a</sup> Includes persons age 18 and over only. "Less than high school" refers to fewer than 12 years of education; "high school graduate", 12 years of education; and "at least some college", more than 12 years of education.

<sup>b</sup> Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with Tricare (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

<sup>c</sup> Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

<sup>d</sup> Denominator for the main reason categories is persons unable or delayed in receiving the needed care.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

\* Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%.

**Source:** Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 2014

**Table 4.2: Percent of persons unable or delayed in receiving needed medical care, United States, 2014**

Population characteristics	Experienced Difficulty		Main Reason <sup>d</sup>					
	Percent	Standard Error	Couldn't Afford		Insurance Related		Other	
			Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error	Percent	Standard Error
Total	4.3	0.2	39.4	2.0	15.3	1.5	48.1	2.0
Age in years								
18-44	4.1	0.3	48.2	3.4	11.5	1.9	43.5	3.1
45-64	6.7	0.4	47.0	3.0	17.3	2.1	39.4	2.8
65 and over	4.5	0.4	12.5	2.4	10.4	2.4	77.9	3.3
Sex								
Male	3.6	0.2	38.9	2.5	14.2	2.0	49.4	2.7
Female	4.9	0.2	39.7	2.5	16.0	1.8	47.3	2.4
Education <sup>a</sup>								
Less than High School	2.8	0.2	36.2	3.8	21.6	3.9	44.9	4.0
High School	4.9	0.4	46.2	3.5	16.7	2.8	40.7	3.5
Some college	5.3	0.3	38.5	2.4	12.8	1.6	51.2	2.4
Health insurance status <sup>b</sup>								
<65, Any private	3.4	0.2	34.3	2.9	18.0	2.4	49.9	3.0
<65, Public only	5.5	0.4	37.6	3.7	21.9	2.6	46.6	4.1
<65, Uninsured	6.5	0.6	86.6	2.6	1.5	1.1	13.6	2.7
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65+, Medicare and other public	6.8	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
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Negative or Poor	6.5	0.5	51.8	3.8	14.6	2.4	36.9	3.4
Near-poor	5.5	0.8	--	--	--	--	--	--
Low income	5.0	0.5	56.4	4.3	12.5	2.9	35.9	4.4
Middle income	3.6	0.3	39.0	3.7	14.1	2.7	48.7	3.9
High income	3.5	0.3	21.4	2.9	17.6	3.1	62.4	3.6
Census Region								
Northeast	4.0	0.3	25.9	4.8	18.4	4.1	58.6	4.4
Midwest	4.1	0.4	42.3	4.7	13.0	3.7	46.0	4.8
South	4.3	0.3	49.6	3.2	12.9	1.9	40.4	3.2
West	4.5	0.4	30.6	2.9	18.7	3.1	54.7	3.5
Perceived Health Status								
Excellent	1.6	0.2	27.7	4.2	17.4	4.0	57.8	5.1
Very Good	2.8	0.2	36.7	4.6	18.6	3.3	46.4	4.3

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Fair	11.7	0.8	45.2	3.8	11.0	2.2	46.6	3.8
Poor	17.3	1.7	44.8	4.8	13.5	3.1	45.2	4.6

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