

Children and adolescents with dental sealants by age group and selected demographic characteristics

Characteristics	Percentage of Children with Dental Sealants on 1st or 2nd Molars (95% CI)	
	Age 8-10 (N=1,611)	Age 14-16 (N=1,194)
Total	26.09 (20.02, 32.15)	22.18 (17.18, 27.18)
Race/ethnicity		
Non-Hispanic white	30.58 (22.87, 38.30)	29.06 (22.50, 35.62)
Non-Hispanic black	12.59 (9.84, 15.33)	8.13 (4.46, 11.80)
Mexican American	16.67 (11.48, 21.86)	9.35 (5.41, 13.30)
Gender		
Male	25.65 (17.55, 33.75)	18.63 (12.23, 25.02)
Female	26.55 (20.55, 32.54)	25.72 (19.94, 31.50)
Federal poverty level (FPL)		
Below FPL	14.62 (6.05, 23.20)	14.89 (5.63, 24.15)
At or above FPL	30.11 (23.79, 36.44)	24.96 (19.03, 30.89)
Below FPL		
Non-Hispanic white	16.48 (4.44, 28.53)	28.63 (9.33, 47.93)
Non-Hispanic black	12.38 (6.70, 18.07)	7.11 (3.64, 10.58)
Mexican American	10.71 (3.41, 18.01)	3.37 (0.81, 5.94)
At or Above FPL		
Non-Hispanic white	33.15 (25.46, 40.83)	29.56 (22.32, 36.80)
Non-Hispanic black	14.02 (10.39, 17.66)	9.45 (4.28, 14.62)
Mexican American	22.56 (12.94, 32.17)	13.82 (6.80, 20.85)

Data source: The Third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) 1988-1994, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.