



Spokane Counts 2015

A summary of 59 selected public health indicators

Dental Decay (Children)

Health Status



Indicator: Dental Decay (Children)

Definition: Percent of third grade students who have had a cavity in a primary or permanent tooth.

Why this is important: Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic infectious diseases among U.S. children. Tooth decay may be preventable through proper oral health care.

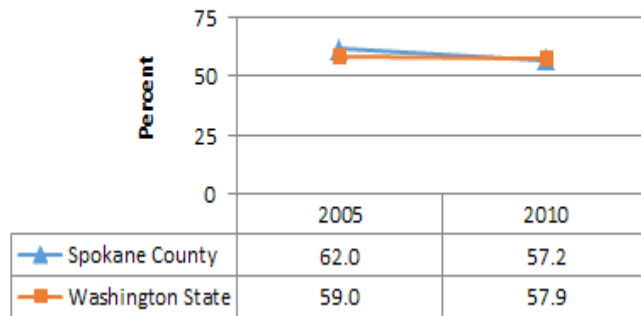
Where we are: In 2010 in Spokane County, 57% of third grade children had experienced dental decay. The proportion of children having had a cavity was stable from 2005 to 2010. Spokane County has a proportion of children with dental decay similar to that of Washington state.

Health Disparities:

Among Spokane County children in 2010:

- Lower income children were more likely to have experienced dental decay.

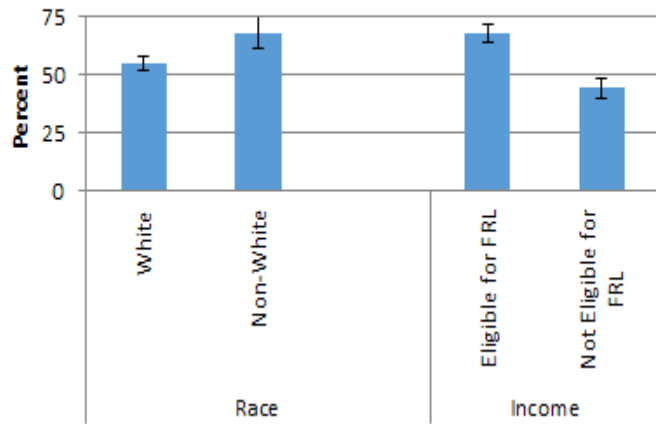
Children With Dental Decay Experience Over Time



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- Non-white or Hispanic children were more likely to have experienced dental decay.

Disparities in Children With Dental Decay Experience, Spokane County, 2010



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	Data Source	Smile Survey, 2010
Geography	Spokane County	57.2% (54.1-60.1)
	Washington state	57.9% (54.0-61.7)
	United States	
	Trend	05-10 No Trend
Race	White Non-Hispanic	55.0% (51.7-58.2)
	Non-white or Hispanic	68.2% (61.2-75.1)
Income	Eligible for FRL	68.2% (64.4-72.0)
	Not Eligible for FRL	44.5% (40.0-48.9)

FRL = Free or Reduced Fee Lunch
Used as a proxy for family income.

Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, Smile Survey. Calculations and presentation of data by Spokane Regional Health District, Data Center.

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Executive Summary

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