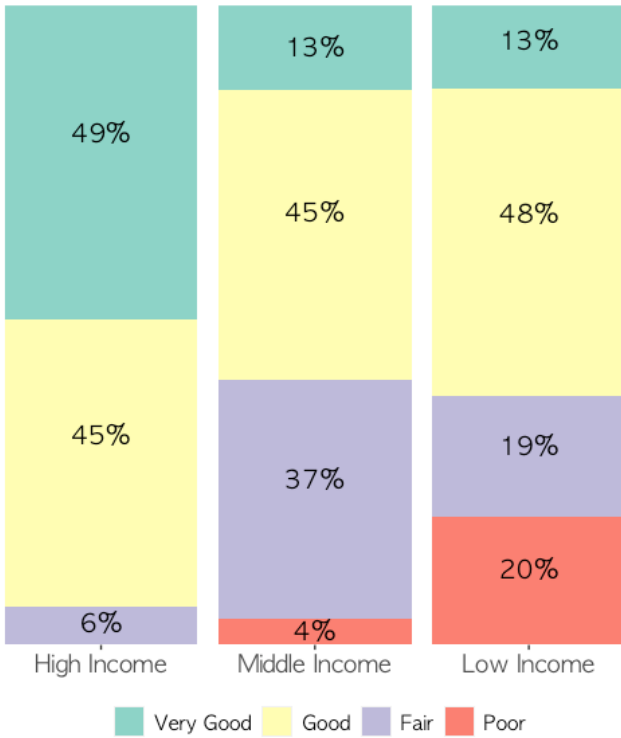


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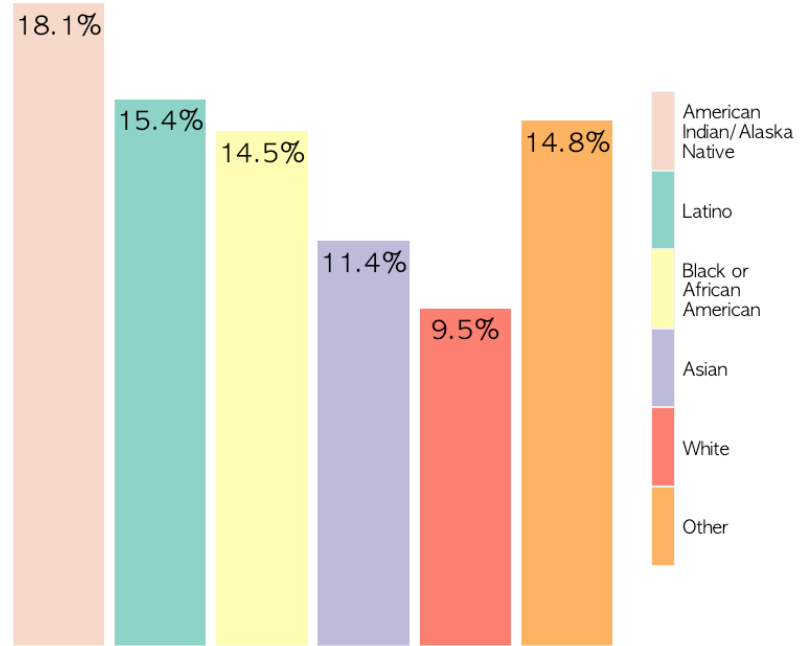


## Overall condition of mouth and teeth across income levels



Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute Survey, 2015

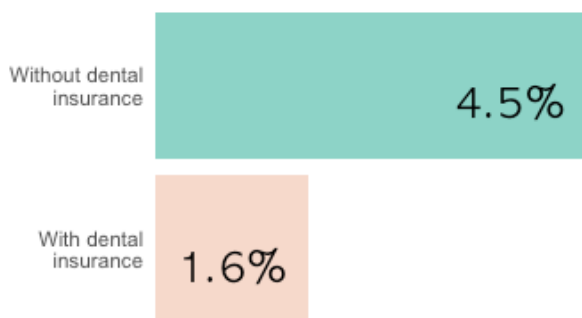
## More than 1 year up to 2 years since last dentist visit by race/ethnicity



Source: California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), 2019

In California, among adults, racial and ethnic disparities exist across various oral health indicators. Here, it is apparent that ability to visit a dentist regularly varies by race and ethnicity.

## Adults who have no natural teeth by dental insurance status



In California, adults who do not have dental insurance are about 3 times more likely to lose all of their natural teeth compared to adults who do have dental insurance.

Source: CHIS, 2019

## State Level Health Data

National Cancer Institute State Cancer Profiles Incidence Rates; California Health Interview Survey, 2019

Oral Cavity & Pharynx Cancer	Diabetes	Heart Disease
10.2*	10.5%	6.5%

\* cases per 100,000 population per year

Permanent oral health coverage for adults with Medi-Cal would help make California healthier. When conditions related to oral health go untreated, people are at a higher risk for heart disease, diabetes, and oral cavity & pharynx cancer among other chronic health conditions. For those who already suffer from these conditions, poor oral health can make them worse, even leading to death.

Source: M. Barnett, "The Oral-Systemic Disease Connection"