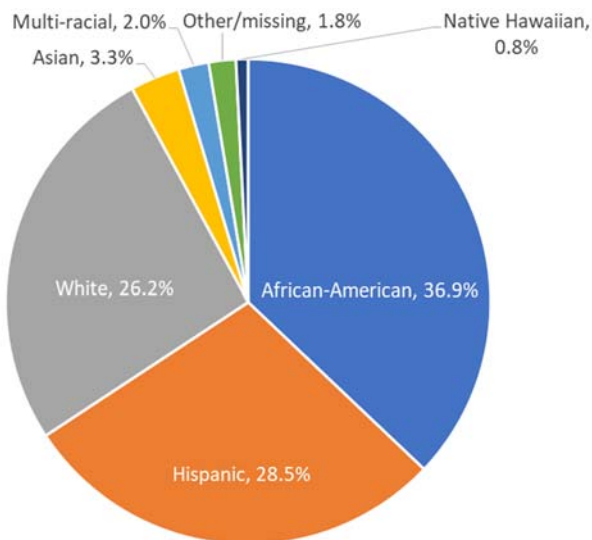


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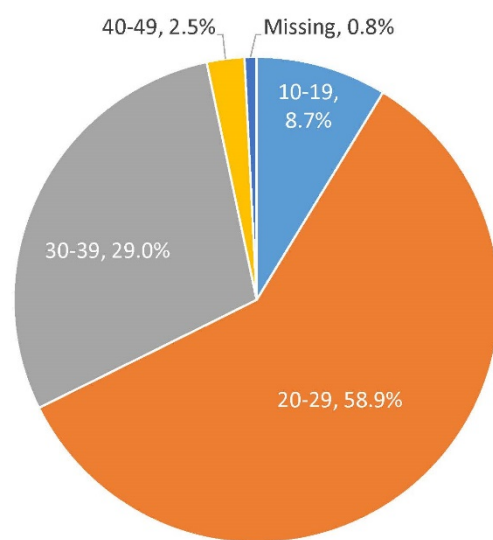
The purpose of this survey is to document the oral health status, access to care, and knowledge of oral health for pregnant women enrolled in the WIC program.

Of the 599 pregnant women screened:

Race/Ethnicity



Ages



Medicaid Enrollment

- 57.4% (344) were enrolled in Medicaid
- **52.1% (321) knew they had dental care coverage under the Medicaid program during pregnancy**
- 39.6% (237) were not enrolled in Medicaid
- 3.0% (18) did not reply/missing

Time Since Last Dental Visit

Within the last year	1-2 years	3-5 years	5+ years
37.3% (223)	26.2% (157)	21.5% (129)	15.0% (90)

Oral Health During Pregnancy

- **94.99% (569) knew the importance of caring for their teeth and gums during pregnancy**
- 52.1% (312) knew they had insurance to cover their dental care during pregnancy
- 48.1% (288) had a dental/health care worker talk with them about how to care for their teeth and gums
- 41.6% (249) needed to see a dentist for a problem
- 14.5% (85) had their teeth *cleaned* by a dentist in the past year
- 12.2% (73) had gone to a dentist or dental clinic about a problem during their pregnancy

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Barriers to Dental Care Access During Pregnancy

- **26.4% (158) could not afford to go to the dentist during pregnancy**
- 19.5% (117) did not think it was safe to go to the dentist during pregnancy
- 8.9% (53) could not find a dentist or dental clinic that would accept Medicaid patients
- 7.5% (45) could not find a dentist or dental clinic that would take pregnant patients

Other Statistics

- 47.1% had untreated decay
- **37.3% (218) had visited a dental provider in the past year**
- 33.1% (198) had dental insurance during pregnancy and the previous year
- 26.7% (160) needed early dental care
- 24.9% reported occasionally or very often having pain in their mouth
- 24% (144) needed periodontal care
- **15.2% (7) of those women who went to the emergency department (ED) for mouth problems/pain were not able to find a dentist or dental clinic that took pregnant patients**
- 6.3% (38) needed urgent dental care
- 7.7% (46) had been to the ED for mouth related problem/pain in the past year