

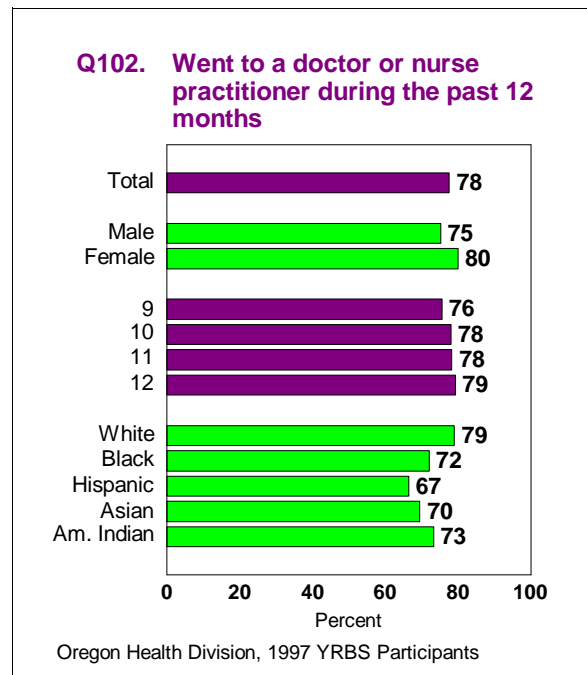
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The next four questions measure the occurrence and site of medical and dental care among Oregon high school students. Although adolescents are generally healthy, many face a broad range of obstacles to receiving health care including limited access because of impoverishment, lack of insurance or a shortage of approved providers, inability to obtain care on their own because of their age or lack of resources, confidentiality concerns, and logistical barriers.⁴⁰

WHAT OREGON STUDENTS REPORTED

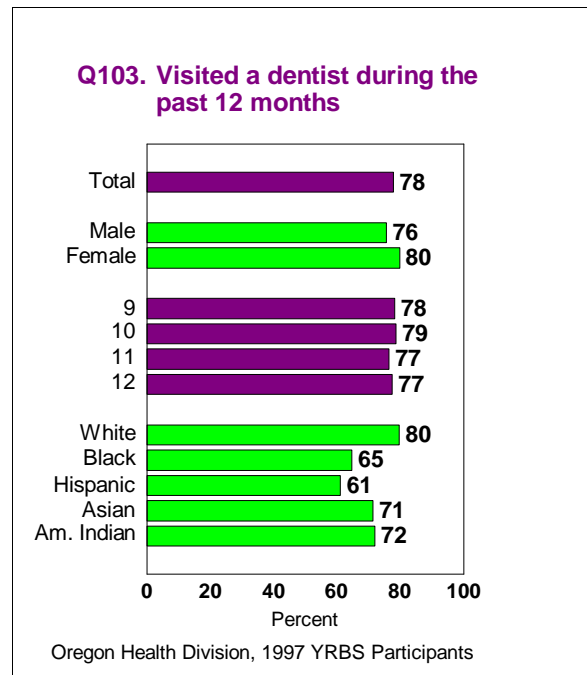
Q102. When did you last go to a doctor or a nurse practitioner?

Overall, 78 percent of Oregon YRBS participants visited a doctor or nurse practitioner during the 12 months before completing the YRBS. *Significantly* fewer male students (75%) than female students (80%) visited a doctor or nurse practitioner. As grade level increased, *significantly* more students reported going to a doctor or nurse practitioner. *Significantly* fewer African American (72%), Hispanic (67%), Asian (70%) and American Indian (73%) students went to a doctor or nurse practitioner in the 12 months preceding the YRBS.



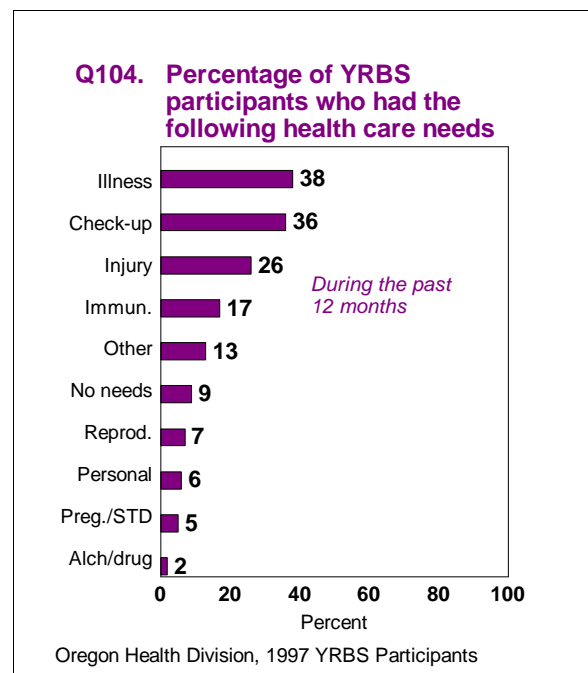
Q103. When did you last go to a dentist?

Seventy-eight percent of Oregon YRBS participants visited a dentist during the previous 12 months, including *significantly* more female (80%) than male (76%) students. There was no statistically significant difference by grade. *Significantly* fewer African American (65%), Hispanic (61%), Asian (71%), and American Indian (72%) students saw a dentist in the previous year.



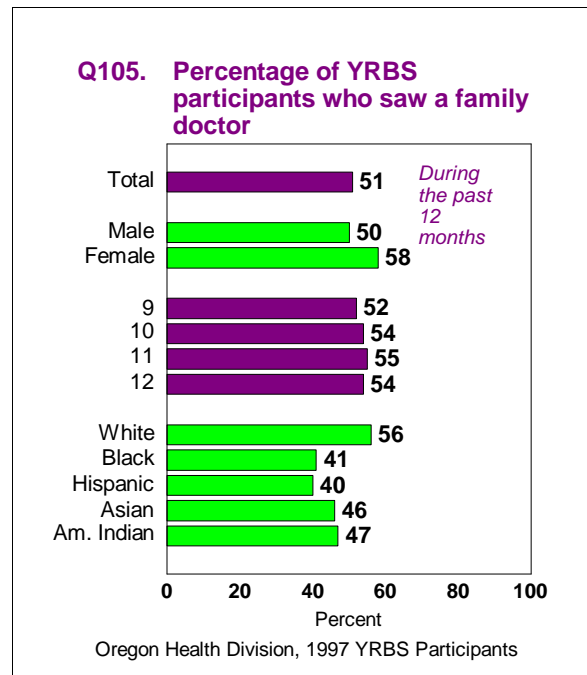
Q104. During the past 12 months, did you have any of the following health care needs (Mark all that apply)? [Percentage figure equals percentage of YRBS participants who reported this health care need.]

- * Illness - 38%
- * Check-up or sports physical - 36%
- * Injury or accident - 26%
- * Immunization - 17%
- * Other problem not listed - 13%
- * I had no health care needs - 9%
- * Reproductive health services (exam or birth control/condoms) - 7%
- * Personal or emotional problem - 6%
- * Pregnancy test or STD test - 5%
- * Alcohol or other drug problem - 2%



Q105. During the past 12 months, where did you go to meet your health care needs (Mark all that apply)?

Fifty-one percent of Oregon YRBS participants visited a family doctor the previous 12 months, including *significantly* more female (58%) than male (50%) students. As grade increased, *significantly* more students saw a family doctor. *Significantly* fewer African American (41%), Hispanic (40%), Asian (46%), and American Indian (47%) students saw a family doctor in the previous year.



In addition, students went to following places for health care needs [Percentages may exceed 100% due to the possibility of multiple responses.]:

- * Emergency room (15%), including *significantly* more males (17% vs 15% females), and *significantly* fewer Hispanic (11%) and Asian (11%) students. There was no statistically significant difference by grade.
- * County or Community Health Clinic: (15%), including *significantly* more females (18%) than males (13%), *significantly* fewer African Americans (8%) and *significantly* more American Indians (20%). As grade increased, *significantly* fewer students went to a health clinic.
- * Other (15%), including *significantly* more females (18%) than males (13%). There were no statistically significant differences by grade or race/ethnicity.
- * Needed care, but didn't see anyone (2%). Of the YRBS participants, 578 students reported not receiving care when they needed it. There were no statistically significant differences by gender, grade, or race/ethnicity.