

2021 KANSAS OLDER ADULT ORAL HEALTH SURVEY DATA TABLES

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Background Information

- A list of licensed long-term care facilities in Kansas was obtained from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. The sampling frame was limited to facilities with nursing beds. Long-term care hospital units and mental health facilities were removed from the sampling frame.
- The sampling frame consisted of 297 facilities with a total nursing facility bed count of 18,957.
- The sampling frame was stratified by county population density (frontier, rural, densely settled rural, semi-urban and urban). Within each stratum, the sampling frame was ordered by county name.
- To match previous surveys, a probability proportional to size sampling scheme was used to select 20 facilities. Nineteen (19) facilities agreed to participate and the one refusing facility was replaced by a randomly selected facility from the same sampling interval. Data are available for all 20 sampling intervals.
- A total of 374 residents received an oral health screening, representing 23% of the 1,657 nursing facility beds in the 20 facilities.
- Data analyses were completed using the complex survey procedures within SAS 9.4. The data were weighted to represent the nursing facility population within each sampling interval.
 - Cluster = nursing facility
 - Weight = number of nursing facility beds in sampling interval / # nursing facility residents screened in sampling interval
- Unless otherwise noted, all data presented have been adjusted for the complex sampling scheme.

QUICK FACTS

- ❖ A total of 374 nursing facility residents, ranging in age from 44 to 106 years, were screened. Almost 6-of-10 were female (57%), about half (55%) reported being enrolled in Medicaid, and most were non-Hispanic White (87%).
- ❖ In 2021, 19% of the nursing facility residents screened had no natural teeth (edentulous) compared to 30% of those screened in 2018-2019.
- ❖ Of the edentulous residents screened in 2021, 22% had no dentures; similar to the 2018-2019 results (20%).
- ❖ In 2021, 21% of the nursing facility residents screened had fewer than 20 teeth compared to 56% of residents screened in 2018-2019. Research has shown that having fewer than 20 teeth has a negative impact on a person's ability to eat.
- ❖ Of the dentate residents screened in 2021, 45% had untreated tooth decay compared to 21% of the dentate residents screened in 2018-2019.
- ❖ Almost half of the residents with teeth (42%) had substantial oral debris suggesting they are not getting the oral hygiene care they need.

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Table 1: Characteristics of the participating nursing facility residents by dentate status, 2021

Variable	Edentulous Participants (n=72)		Dentate Participants (n=302)		All Participants (n=374)	
	# Screened	Weighted Percent/Mean	# Screened	Weighted Percent/Mean	# Screened	Weighted Percent/Mean
Age						
<65 years	12	16.5	32	11.0	44	12.0
65-74 years	14	18.9	73	24.3	87	23.3
75-84 years	20	28.6	114	37.1	134	35.5
85-94 years	23	31.5	71	24.3	94	25.6
95+ years	3	4.5	9	2.6	12	2.9
Unknown/Missing	0	.	3	0.8	3	0.6
Range (years)		44-98		45-106		44-106
Mean (years)		77.7		77.3		77.4
Sex						
Male	25	35.6	131	44.2	156	42.6
Female	47	64.4	169	55.2	216	56.9
Unknown/Missing	0	.	2	0.6	2	0.5
Race/Ethnicity						
White	61	83.7	267	88.1	328	87.3
Black/African American	3	4.8	18	6.1	21	5.9
Hispanic/Latino	5	7.2	9	3.2	14	4.0
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2	3.0	7	2.3	9	2.4
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1	1.3	0	.	1	0.3
Unknown/Missing	0	.	1	0.2	1	0.2
Medicaid Enrolled						
No	27	37.1	89	28.8	116	30.4
Yes	35	48.4	168	56.2	203	54.7
Unknown/Missing	10	14.5	45	15.0	55	14.9

Table 2: Prevalence of edentulism (total tooth loss) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent Edentulous	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Participants (n=374)	19.0	14.9	23.1
Age			
<65 years	26.0	10.5	41.6
65-74 years	15.4	7.7	23.1
75-84 years	15.3	10.1	20.4
85-94 years	23.3	14.1	32.5
95+ years	29.1	1.0	57.3
Sex			
Male	15.8	10.0	21.7
Female	21.5	15.2	27.8
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	18.2	13.6	22.8
Hispanic or Non-White Race	24.7	9.6	39.7
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	23.2	14.3	32.0
Yes	16.8	12.0	21.5

Table 3: Prevalence of substantial tooth loss (< 20 teeth) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Substantial Tooth Loss	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Participants (n=374)	40.5	35.0	46.0
Age			
<65 years	47.1	32.0	62.3
65-74 years	36.9	24.7	49.1
75-84 years	37.6	28.7	46.6
85-94 years	44.1	30.8	57.5
95+ years	54.6	22.2	87.0
Sex			
Male	38.0	29.1	47.0
Female	42.3	36.6	48.0
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	40.1	34.5	45.7
Hispanic or Non-White Race	44.2	28.1	60.3
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	44.6	31.2	58.0
Yes	38.9	34.7	43.0

Table 4: Oral health of **dentate** nursing facility residents (n=302), 2021

Variable	Percent Yes or Mean	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
Untreated decay (%)	45.2	39.0	51.3
Root fragments (%)	26.0	20.2	31.8
Tooth mobility (%)	31.1	22.7	39.6
Substantial oral debris (%)*	41.5	32.8	50.2
Gingival inflammation (%)	43.4	37.1	49.8
Suspicious soft tissue lesion (%)*	1.3	0.0	2.6
Upper denture (%)	9.6	6.1	13.2
Lower denture (%)	5.4	2.6	8.2
Needs early or urgent dental care (%)	56.3	49.4	63.2
Needs urgent dental care (%)	4.1	1.2	7.0
Lower teeth present (mean)	11.0	10.6	11.3
Upper teeth present (mean)	10.6	10.0	11.2
Total number of teeth present (mean)	21.6	20.7	22.4

* Information on substantial oral debris and soft tissue lesions was missing for 1 participant

Table 5: Prevalence of untreated decay among **dentate** participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Untreated Decay	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	45.2	39.0	51.3
Age			
<65 years	55.5	38.5	72.5
65-74 years	42.2	32.1	52.4
75-84 years	42.0	32.6	51.4
85-94 years	49.6	37.9	61.3
95+ years	39.5	1.4	77.6
Sex			
Male	42.9	32.9	52.8
Female	46.9	38.0	55.9
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	42.6	36.3	49.0
Hispanic or Non-White Race	63.5	47.7	79.2
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	37.5	28.6	46.5
Yes	47.9	37.8	58.0

Table 6: Prevalence of root fragments among *dentate* participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Root Fragments	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	26.0	20.2	31.8
Age			
<65 years	31.6	15.9	47.3
65-74 years	26.5	16.3	36.7
75-84 years	25.1	16.3	33.9
85-94 years	25.0	14.8	35.3
95+ years	28.6	-7.5	64.8
Sex			
Male	24.3	15.8	32.7
Female	27.8	20.0	35.5
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	24.9	19.1	30.6
Hispanic or Non-White Race	35.3	21.0	49.6
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	23.2	16.4	30.1
Yes	27.7	19.9	35.6

Table 7: Prevalence of tooth mobility among *dentate* participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Tooth Mobility	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	31.1	22.7	39.6
Age			
<65 years	34.3	5.0	63.5
65-74 years	28.7	13.4	44.1
75-84 years	28.9	17.3	40.5
85-94 years	31.4	18.8	44.1
95+ years	57.9	20.7	95.1
Sex			
Male	28.6	16.9	40.3
Female	33.5	21.5	45.6
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	29.8	20.8	38.7
Hispanic or Non-White Race	42.1	28.7	55.4
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	27.7	17.5	37.9
Yes	35.5	24.3	46.6

* Compared to whites, non-whites have a significantly higher prevalence of tooth mobility.

+ Compared to residents who have lived in a facility < 5 years, those that have lived in the facility for 5+ years have a significantly lower prevalence of tooth mobility.

Table 8: Prevalence of substantial oral debris among *dentate* participants (n=301) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Substantial Oral Debris	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=301)	41.5	32.8	50.2
Age			
<65 years	33.1	16.2	50.0
65-74 years	49.7	36.2	63.3
75-84 years	41.4	28.3	54.6
85-94 years	37.9	20.2	55.6
95+ years	37.3	2.8	71.8
Sex			
Male	41.6	30.0	53.2
Female	41.9	32.5	51.3
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	39.4	30.1	48.8
Hispanic or Non-White Race	55.9	40.1	71.6
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	34.4	18.9	50.0
Yes	45.3	36.1	54.5

* Information on substantial oral debris was missing for one participant

Table 9: Prevalence of severe gingival inflammation among *dentate* participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent with Gingival Inflammation	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	43.4	37.1	49.8
Age			
<65 years	53.0	30.1	75.8
65-74 years	36.7	23.3	50.2
75-84 years	43.7	34.5	52.9
85-94 years	44.5	28.9	60.2
95+ years	48.2	13.5	82.9
Sex			
Male	43.1	33.9	52.3
Female	44.3	35.2	53.3
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	41.0	34.0	47.9
Hispanic or Non-White Race	61.1	48.3	74.0
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	34.6	23.8	45.4
Yes	47.7	38.8	56.6

Table 10: Percentage needing early or urgent dental care among dentate participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Percent Needing Early or Urgent Dental Care	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	56.3	49.4	63.2
Age			
<65 years	70.3	53.6	87.1
65-74 years	44.9	33.9	55.8
75-84 years	57.3	45.9	68.7
85-94 years	60.2	46.7	73.7
95+ years	60.8	28.0	93.6
Sex			
Male	52.1	40.1	64.1
Female	59.6	51.4	67.9
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	54.4	46.8	62.0
Hispanic or Non-White Race	69.5	56.7	82.2
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	46.2	35.6	56.8
Yes	59.9	50.3	69.5

Table 11: Mean number of teeth present among dentate participants (n=302) by selected characteristics, 2021

Characteristic	Mean Number of Teeth Present	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
All Dentate Participants (n=302)	21.6	20.7	22.4
Age			
<65 years	22.3	20.6	24.0
65-74 years	21.7	19.9	23.5
75-84 years	21.3	19.8	22.7
85-94 years	21.2	19.1	23.4
95+ years	23.1	19.2	27.1
Sex			
Male	21.6	20.3	22.9
Female	21.5	20.7	22.4
Race/Ethnicity			
White (Non-Hispanic)	21.6	20.6	22.6
Hispanic or Non-White Race	21.2	19.2	23.1
Medicaid Enrolled			
No	21.7	20.1	23.2
Yes	21.5	20.8	22.3

Table 12: Oral health of ***edentulous*** participants (n=72), 2021

Variable	Percent Yes	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
Has upper denture (%)	77.6	63.8	91.3
Has lower denture (%)	77.6	63.8	91.3
Has upper & lower denture (%)	77.6	63.8	91.3
Substantial oral debris (%)	7.9	1.0	14.8
Suspicious soft tissue lesion (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Needs early or urgent dental care (%)	4.8	0.2	9.4
Needs urgent dental care (%)	0.9	-1.0	2.7

Table 13: Oral health of ***dentate and edentulous*** participants (n=374), 2021

Variable	Percent Yes	Lower 95% Confidence Limit	Upper 95% Confidence Limit
Has upper partial/full denture (%)	22.5	18.1	26.9
Has lower partial/full denture (%)	19.1	16.2	22.0
Substantial oral debris (%)	35.1	27.2	43.0
Suspicious soft tissue lesion (%)	1.0	0.0	2.1
Needs early or urgent dental care (%)	46.5	40.7	52.3
Needs urgent dental care (%)	3.5	1.2	5.9

Table 14: Responses to the resident questionnaire by dentate status, 2021

Variable	Edentulous Participants (n=72)		Dentate Participants (n=302)		All Participants (n=374)	
	# with Data	Weighted Percent/Mean	# with Data	Weighted Percent/Mean	# with Data	Weighted Percent/Mean
Q1: Dental insurance						
No	40	52.4	133	44.3	173	45.8
Yes	18	26.3	113	37.6	131	35.5
Unknown/Missing	14	21.3	56	18.1	70	18.8
Q2: Medicaid						
No	27	37.1	89	28.8	116	30.4
Yes	35	48.4	168	56.2	203	54.7
Unknown/Missing	10	14.5	45	15.0	55	14.9
Q3: Mouth pain						
Seldom	60	84.3	250	83.4	310	83.6
Some of the time	9	12.2	38	12.4	47	12.3
Most of the time	2	1.8	9	2.6	11	2.5
Unknown/Missing	1	1.8	5	1.6	6	1.6
Q4: Dental care						
Private office	23	31.4	134	44.5	157	42.0
Public dental clinic	3	3.8	8	2.2	11	2.5
Our facility	6	8.1	84	28.3	90	24.5
Hospital ED	0	0.0	2	0.4	2	0.4
I don't get care	37	51.9	65	21.6	102	27.3
Unknown/Missing	3	4.8	9	3.0	12	3.3
Q5: Dry mouth						
Seldom	37	50.8	178	60.3	215	58.5
Some of the time	20	28.0	90	29.2	110	29.0
Most of the time	14	19.5	32	10.0	46	11.8
Unknown/Missing	1	1.8	2	0.5	3	0.8
Q6: Tooth pulled						
No	63	88.3	233	78.1	296	80.0
Yes	4	5.2	32	10.1	36	9.2
Unknown/Missing	5	6.5	37	11.8	42	10.8
Q7: Limit foods						
Seldom	45	63.7	223	74.9	268	72.7
Some of the time	19	26.6	56	17.8	75	19.5
Most of the time	8	9.8	20	6.5	28	7.1
Unknown/Missing	0	0.0	3	0.8	3	0.7
Q8: Brush teeth						
No	29	40.0	90	30.5	119	32.3
Yes	40	56.5	195	64.8	235	63.2
Unknown/Missing	3	3.5	17	4.6	20	4.5
Q9: Others brush*						
No	17	57.6	50	55.5	67	56.0
Yes	7	23.5	29	32.6	36	30.5
Unknown/Missing	5	18.9	11	11.9	16	13.5

* Limited to those that answered "No" to question 8