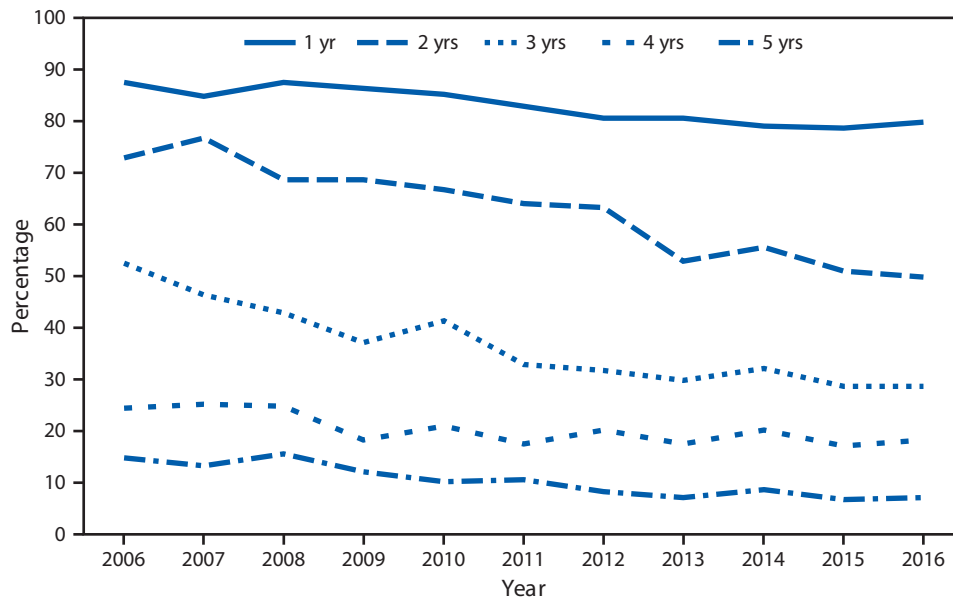


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Percentage of Children Aged 1–5 Years Who Had Never Been to a Dentist,* by Age and Year — National Health Interview Survey,† United States, 2006–2016



* Based on a response of "never" to the question "About how long has it been since (sample child) last saw a dentist? Include all types of dentists, such as orthodontists, oral surgeons, and all other dental specialists, as well as dental hygienists."

† Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian, noninstitutionalized U.S. population and are derived from the National Health Interview Survey Sample Child component.

During 2006–2016, the percentage of children aged 1–5 years who had never seen a dentist decreased as age increased. In 2016, 80.2% of children aged 1 year, 49.7% of children aged 2 years, 28.6% of children aged 3 years, 18.3% of children aged 4 years, and 6.8% of children aged 5 years had never seen a dentist. For all ages, the percentage of children who had never seen a dentist declined from 2006 to 2016.

Source: National Health Interview Survey, 2006–2016. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/index.htm>.

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