

# Georgia Health Start Oral Health Screening, 2013-2014

**Objective:** The objective of this study was to determine the oral health status of children aged 2-5 years of age in Georgia Head Start Centers.

**Methods:** The Georgia Department of Public Health conducted a statewide oral health screening of children attending Head Start in 2014. Clinical caries examinations were conducted on 1437 children between ages 2-5 from Georgia Head Start Centers

**Participants:** The children aged from 2 to 5 years were screened. However, the final analysis was done for the age group 3-5 because of a small population size (N = 66) within the 0-2 age group

**Results:** The graphs and figures below presents the results in detail

## Demographics distribution of Head Start children in Georgia Head Start Oral Health Screening, 2013-2014, (N =1437)

### Gender

51.66% Children were females and 48.34% were Males

### Age Groups

97.03% Children were in the age group 3-5 years

48.66% of children were 3 years followed by 4 years 42.75%

### Race and Ethnicity

Majority of children were Black 76.01% followed by Hispanic 10.31%

## Key oral health findings among Georgia Head Start students ages 3–5-year

### Rampant Caries

1.63% had Rampant caries

### Treated Caries

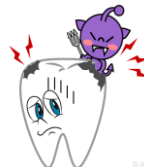
8.81% had treated back teeth and 2.34% said yes to treated teeth without specification of front/back

### Untreated Caries

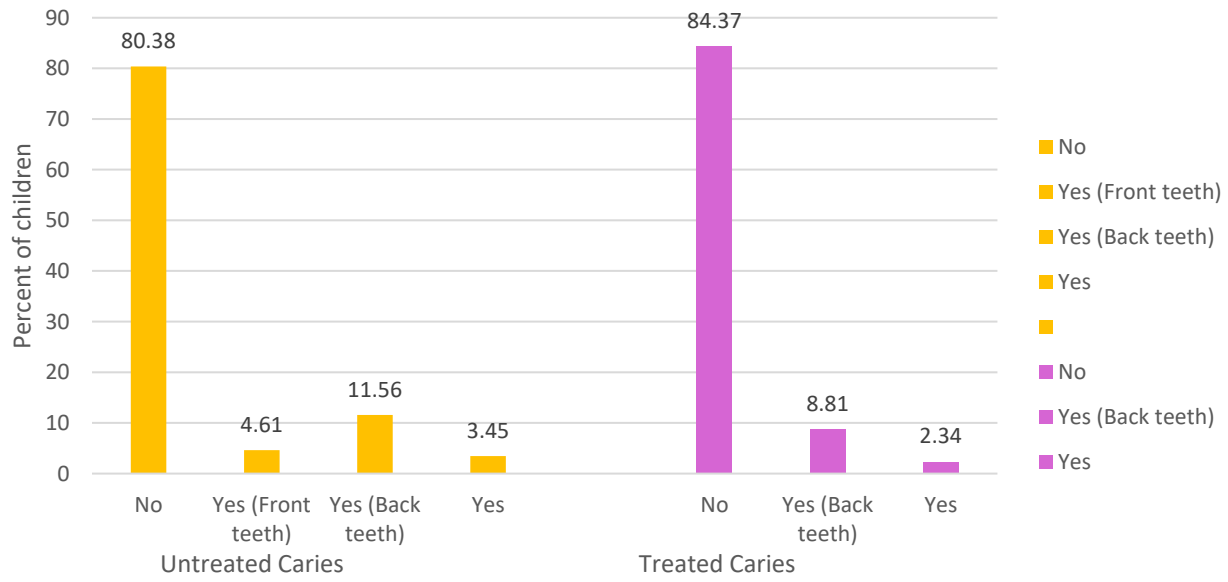
11.56% had untreated caries in the back teeth and 4.62% front teeth , 3.45% did not specify but responded yes to untreated caries

### Treatment urgency

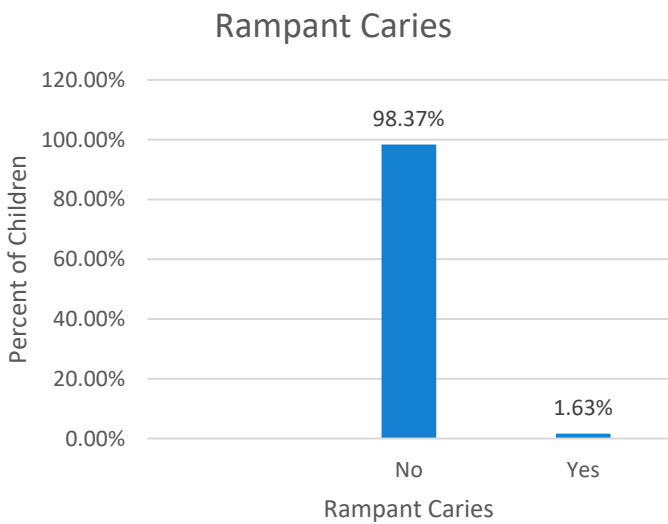
2.89% needed emergency dental care, 16.38% needed Early Dental care



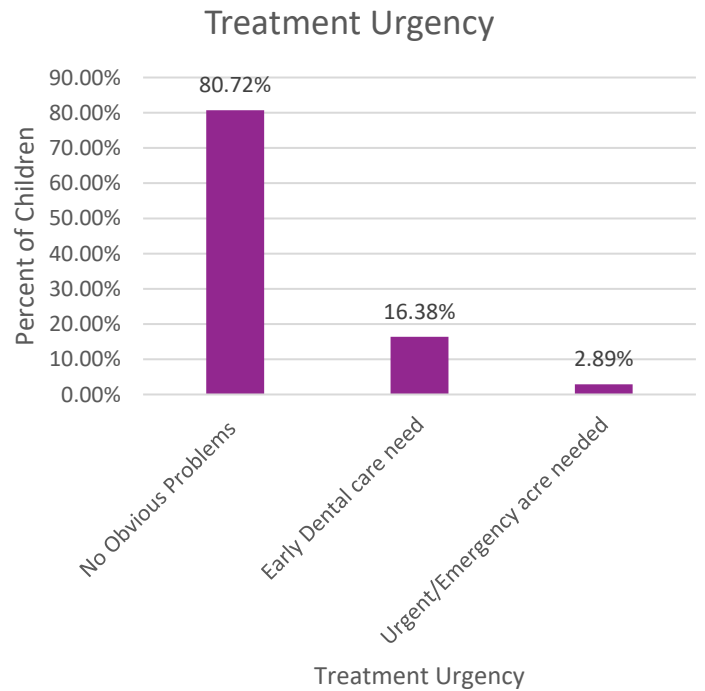
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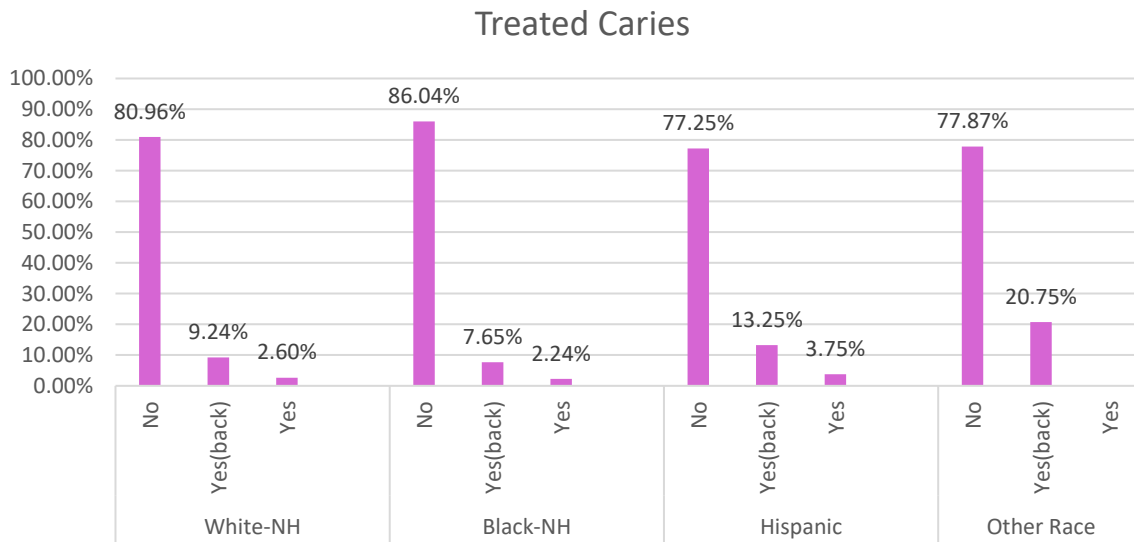
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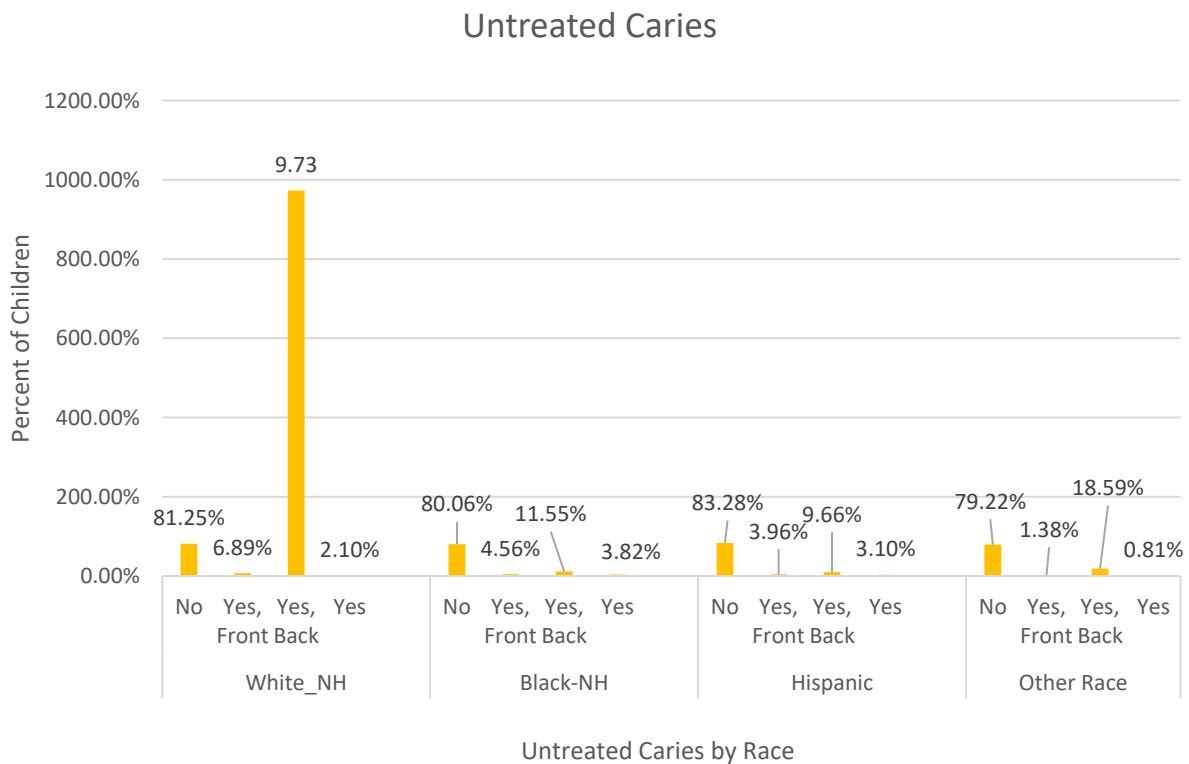
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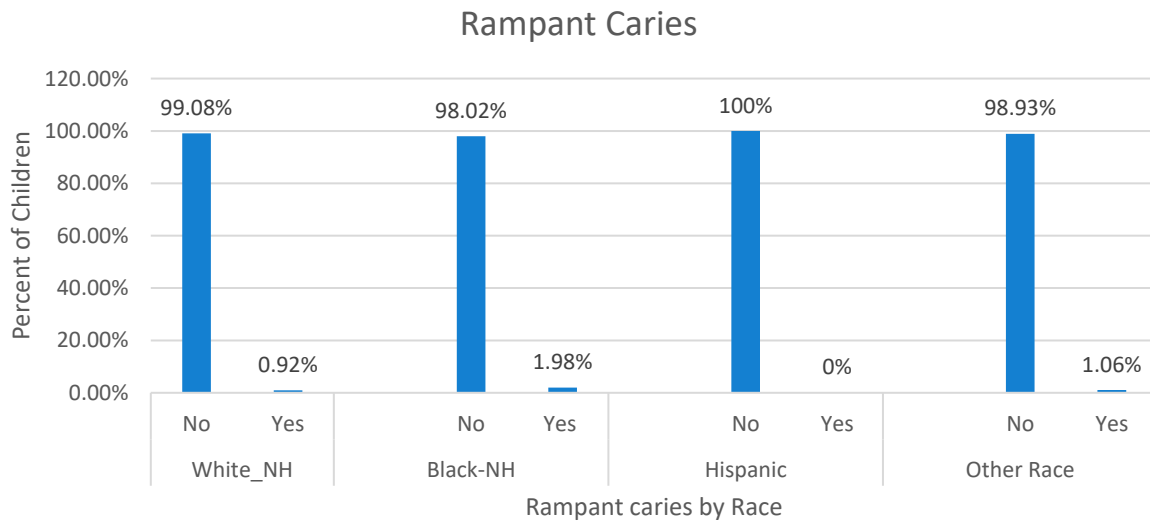
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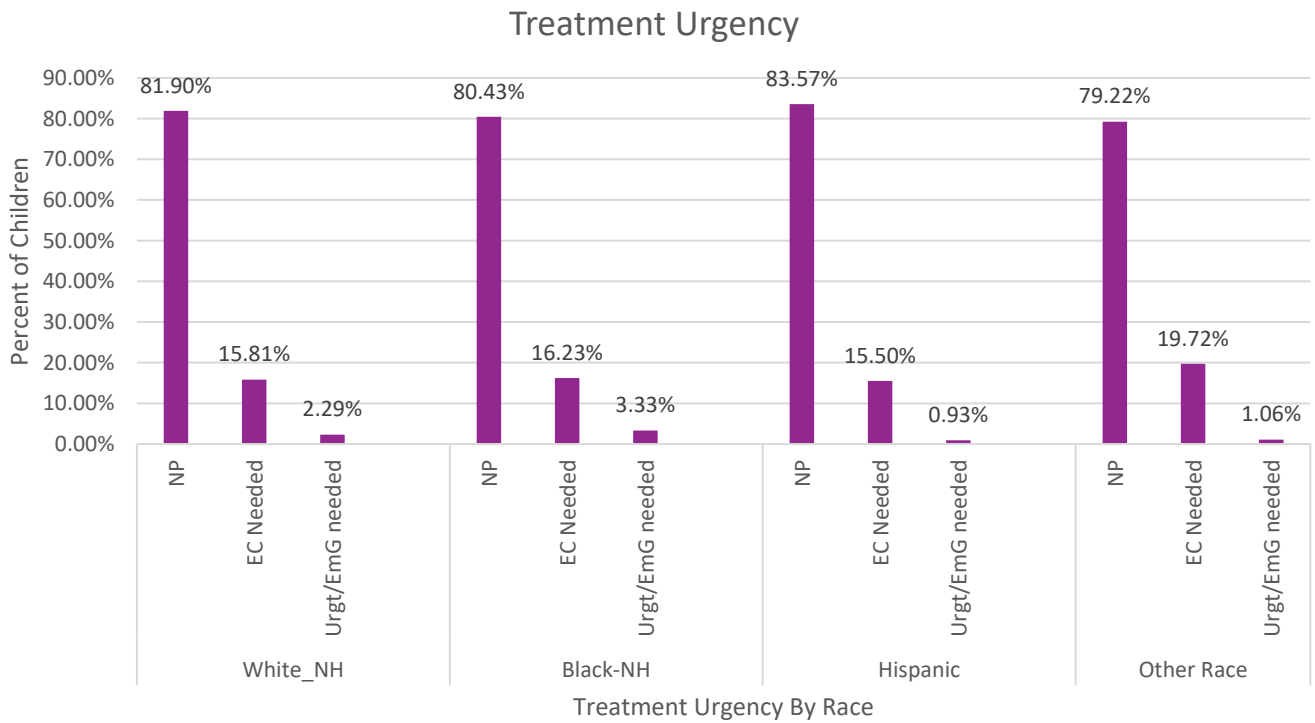
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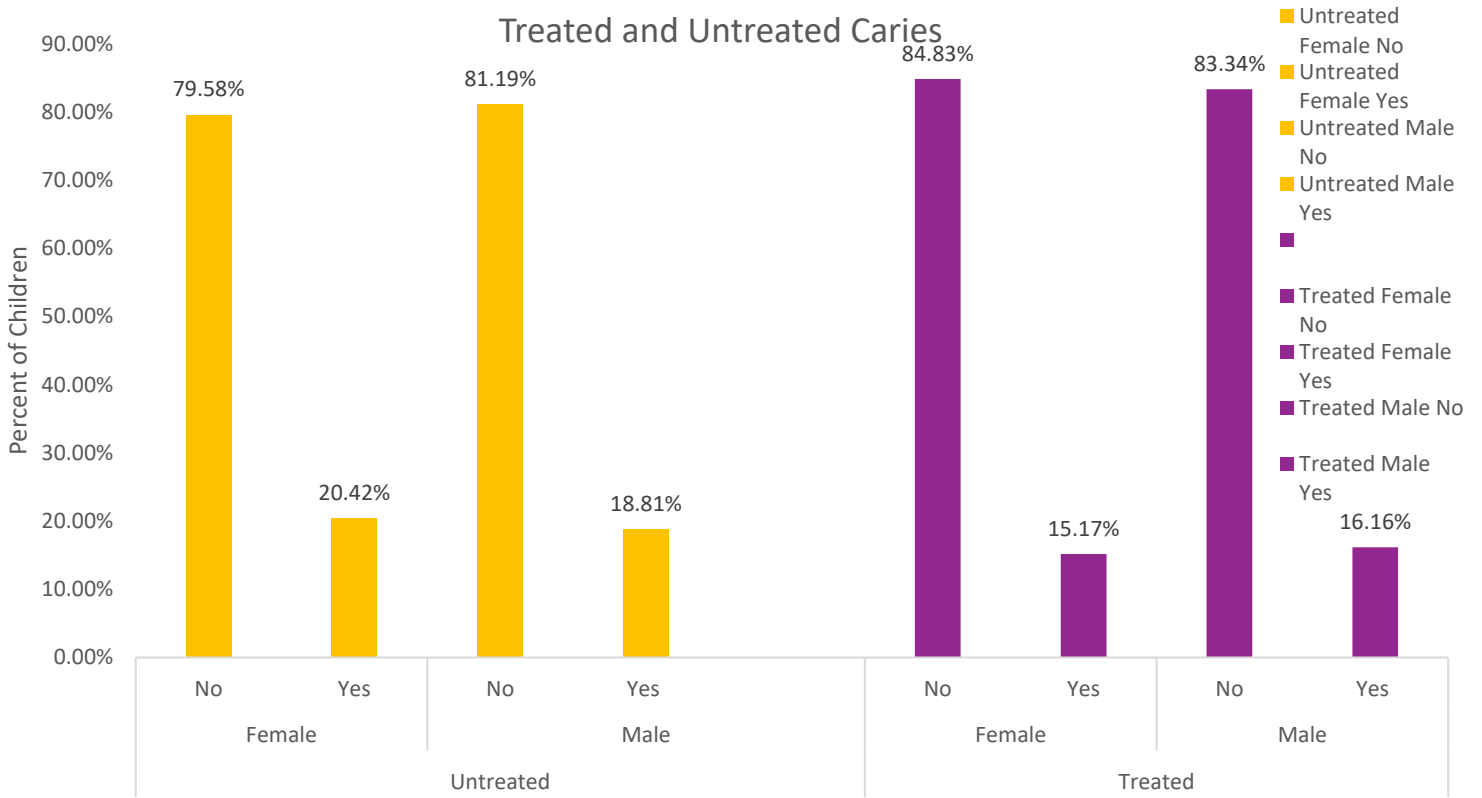


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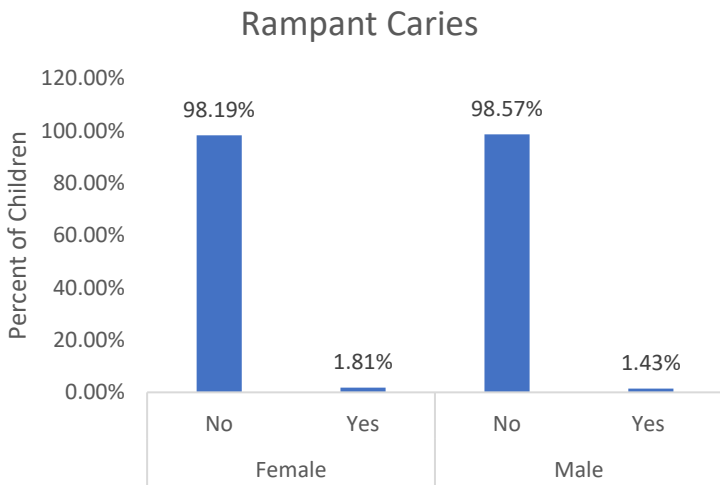
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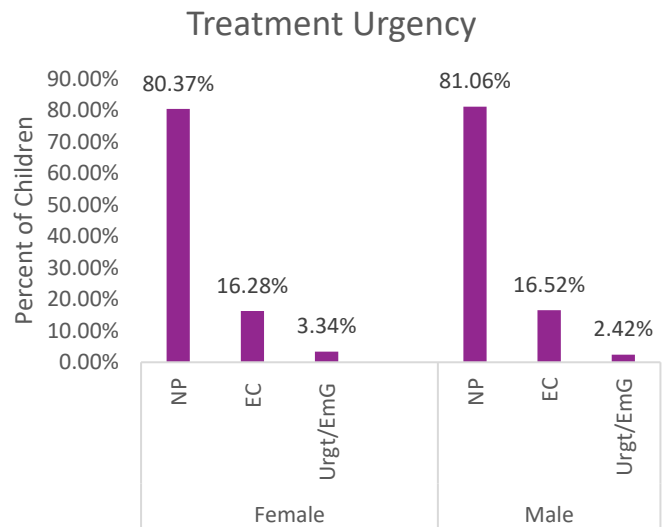
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Treatment Urgency By Gender

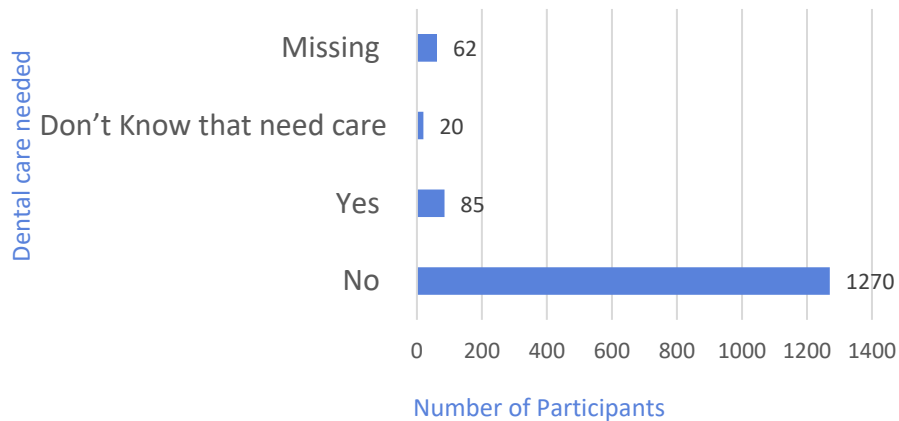
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## Survey Questions

### How long has it been since your child last visited a dentist



### During the past 12 months, was there a time when you needed dental care for your child but could not get it?



### On an average day, how many servings of pop, soda, or other sweetened beverages does your child drink

