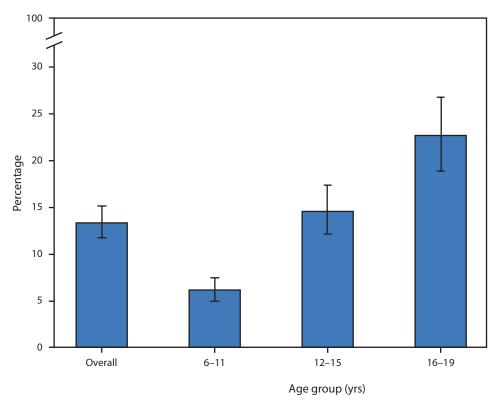
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Prevalence* of Untreated Dental Caries† in Permanent Teeth Among Children and Adolescents Aged 6–19 Years, by Age Group — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, 2011–2014



^{*} With 95% confidence intervals indicated with error bars.

During 2011–2014, 13.3% of children and adolescents aged 6–19 years had untreated dental caries in their permanent teeth. The percentage of children and adolescents with untreated dental caries increased with age: 6.1% among those aged 6–11 years, 14.5% among those aged 12–15 years, and 22.6% among those aged 16–19 years.

Source: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey data. Hyattsville, MD: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC, National Center for Health Statistics; 2011–2014. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm.

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[†] Untreated dental caries (i.e., dental cavities) are defined as tooth decay that has not received appropriate treatment. Data were collected by dentists in the mobile examination center as part of the oral health component of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.