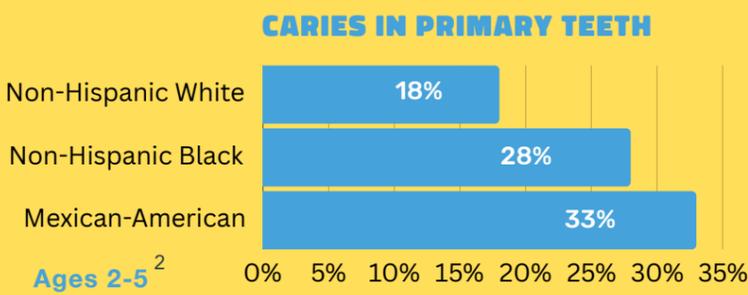


# DENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES GREATEST FOR MINORITIES

Equitable access to oral healthcare is a growing problem, especially for some racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. By connecting care to the communities that need us most, Benevis is committed to breaking down barriers to high-quality, affordable dental care for everyone.

## NON-HISPANIC BLACK & MEXICAN-AMERICAN KIDS HAVE MUCH HIGHER RATES OF TOOTH DECAY (CARIES)



**71%**  
Ages 3-5

71% of American Indian and Alaskan Native kids have had caries by age 5. They have the highest rate of early childhood caries in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

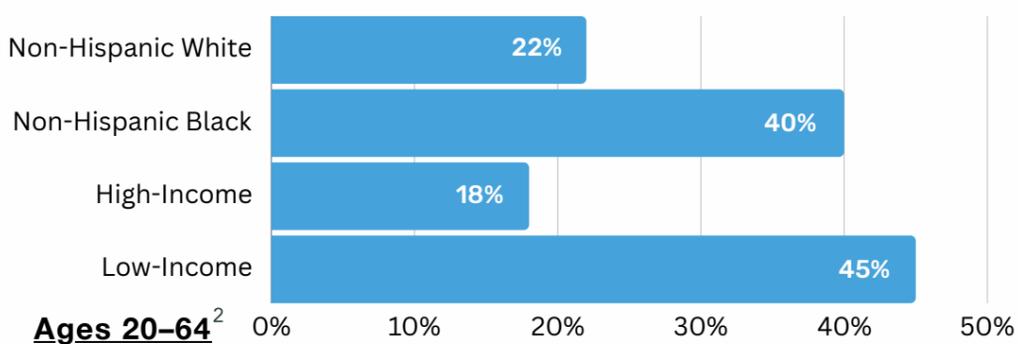
**69%**  
Ages 12-19

69% of Mexican-American adolescents have had caries in permanent teeth vs. 54% of non-Hispanic White kids.<sup>2</sup>



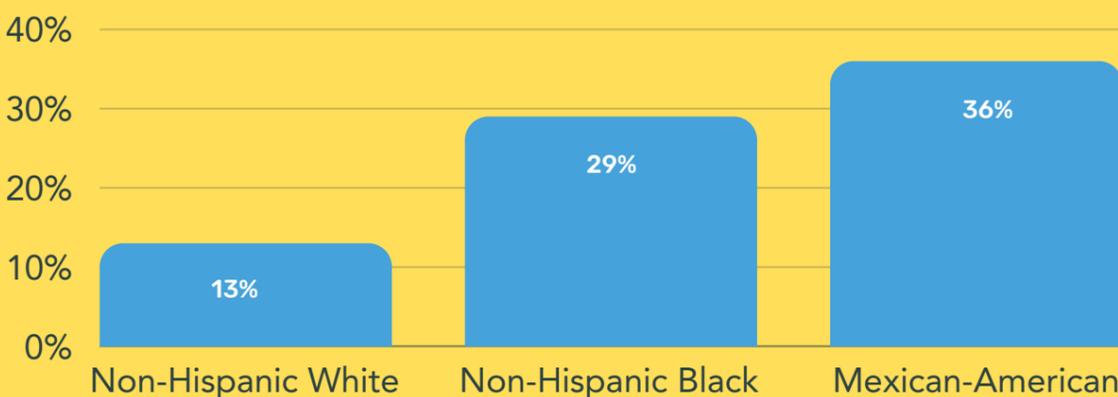
Prevalence of untreated tooth decay is 1-2x higher for Mexican-American and Non-Hispanic Black children.<sup>2</sup> Healthy baby teeth are critical because eating, speech, and future tooth placement depend on them.

## NON-HISPANIC BLACK ADULTS HAVE 2X MORE UNTREATED DECAY



low-income adults  
**2 TO 3X**  
more untreated cavities<sup>2</sup>

## UNTREATED TOOTH DECAY IS GREATEST IN MEXICAN-AMERICAN ADULTS OVER 65



Non-Hispanic Black and Mexican-American adults 65 and older were 2x as likely to have untreated decay as Non-Hispanic White adults. Thirty three percent (33%) were also low-income seniors.<sup>2</sup>

Everyone deserves routine, comprehensive oral healthcare. Benevis can help by removing barriers to health equity for children and adults. Help us keep smiles healthy by connecting families to dental providers.

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