Key Informant Analysis

ORAL HEALTH

QUICK FACTS:

- Total of 15 Key Informant responses
- Most respondents (53.3%) reporting to have been in their positions for over ten years
- 86.7% of respondents reported that they saw a need for Oral Health Intervention or Treatment either “Frequently” or “Very Frequently”
- 80% indicated a need for referrals to free or low-cost dental services among those they serve

QUICK FACTS #2

- 63.6% of respondents indicated that Dental Care ranks low among in importance among individuals they work with
- Roughly 1/3 of informants (31%) reported that Dental Care remains a low priority until there is an emergency
- Only a single respondent reported that they rarely saw the need for free or low cost dental services

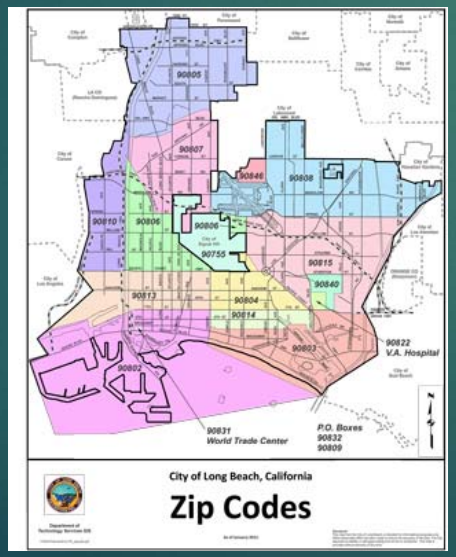
Who is at risk for not receiving dental care? What geographic areas in Long Beach experience limited access to dental care?

AREAS:

90805: 58.3%

90813: 50%

90810: 25%



PEOPLE:

Seniors (50%)

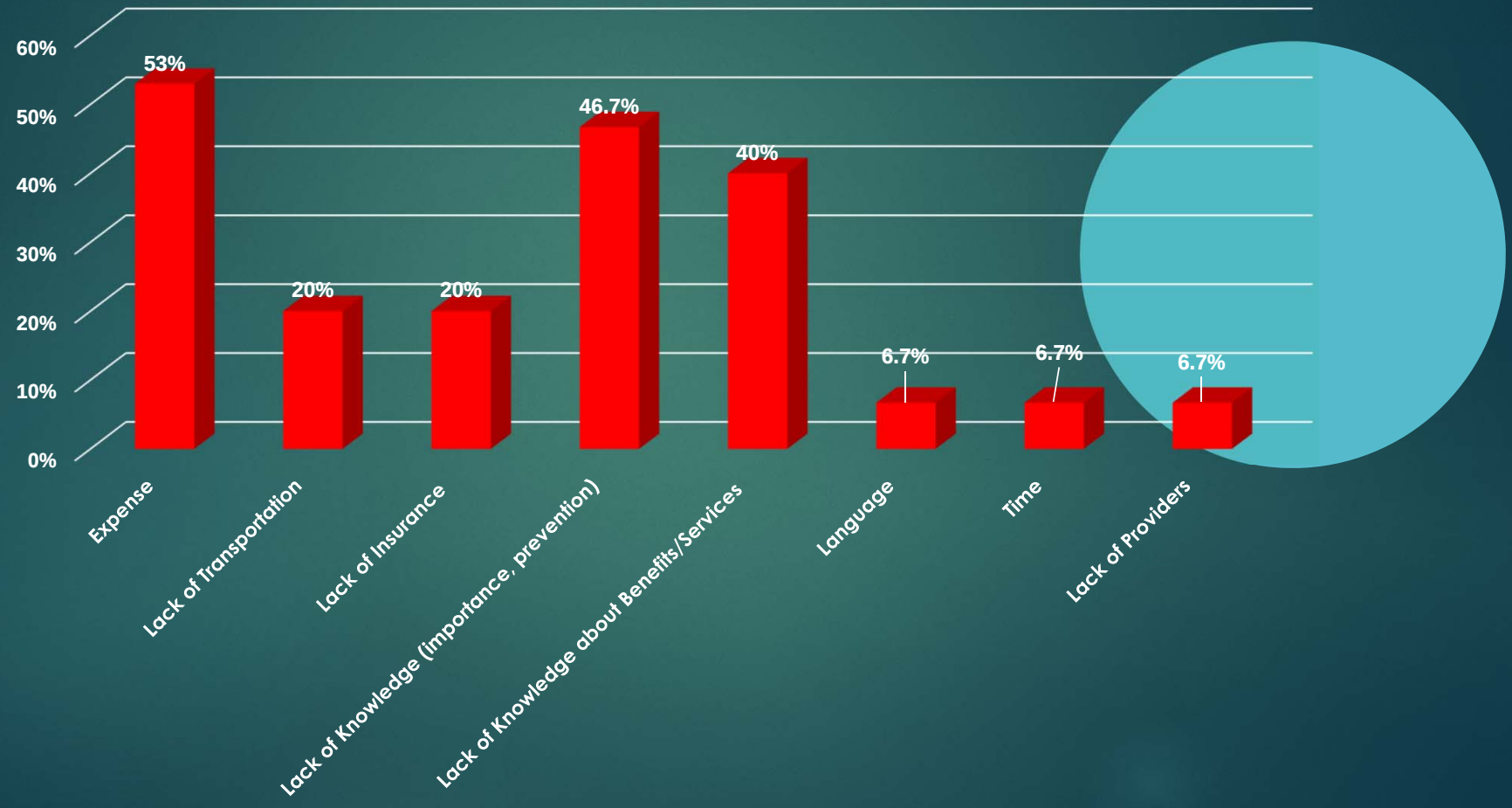
Other Language/Immigrant (33.3%)

Low Income (25%)

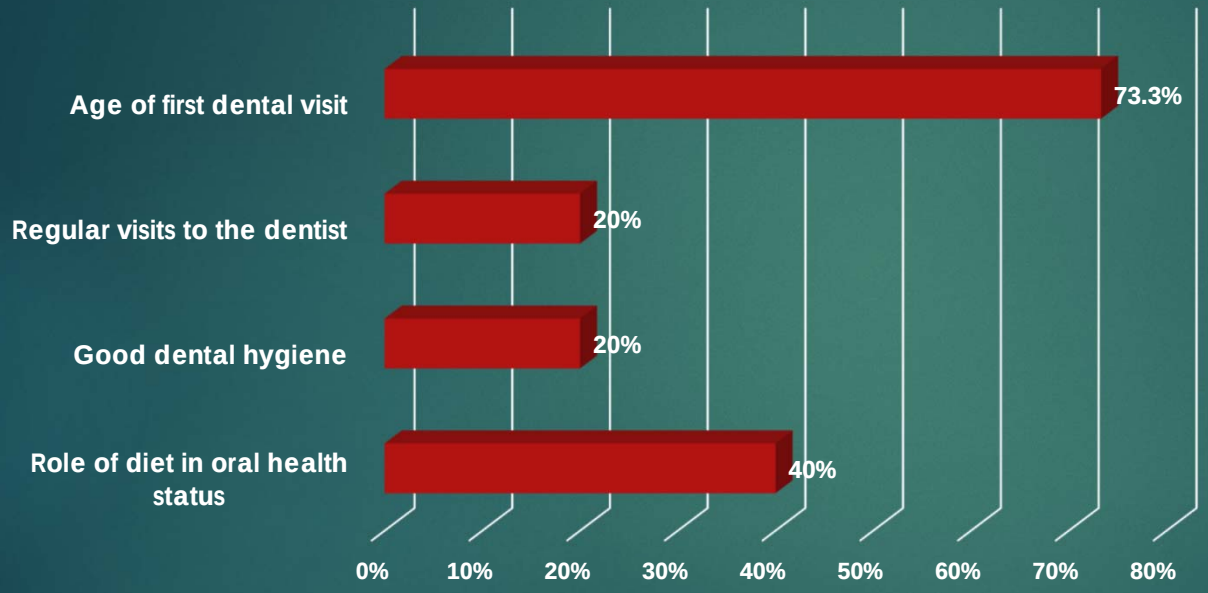
Homeless (25%)

Children Under 5 (16.7%)

What do you perceive to be the major barriers to accessing oral heath care in Long Beach?



What are the Most Important Messages that should be Communicated About Children's Health?



- First tooth, first visit.
- Diet – especially soda/soft drinks
- Baby teeth ARE IMPORTANT

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL DATA

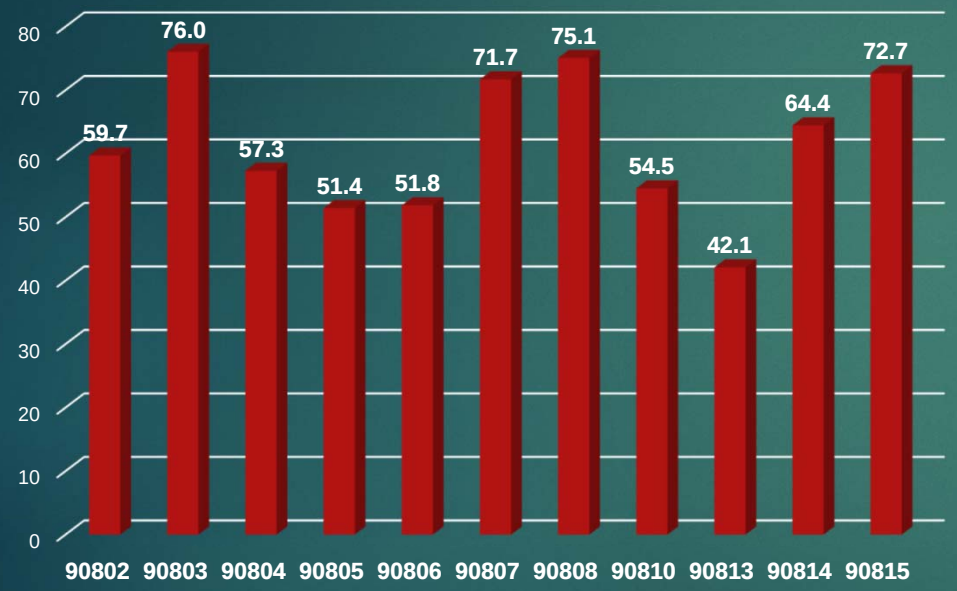
Estimated % of residents who reported having been to the dentists or dental clinic in 2016:

United States: 65.3%
LBC: 60.2%

Respondents 65 and older who report having lost ALL of their natural teeth because of tooth decay or gum disease

United States: 14.5%
LBC: 10.6%

DATA BY ZIP CODE



What are the best ways to reach families with young children 0-5 who need dental care?

- Pediatric Offices (53.3%)
- Preschool (40%)
- Head Start (33%)
- WIC (20%)
- ECE Provider (13.3%)
- Libraries (13.3%)
- Parks and Rec (13.3%)
- Faith Based (13.3%)

HONORABLE MENTIONS and IDEAS

- School Dentist
- Phone # to streamline referrals/ info (“Smile Line” in OC)
- Presentations at School Meetings
- Advertising @ Bus Stops