

Oral Health and Young Children

Children with cavities in their baby teeth are at much greater risk for cavities in their adult teeth.

Children should start seeing the dentist after the **first tooth** comes in and **no later** than the **first birthday**

FIRST TOOTH | FIRST BIRTHDAY

Dental cavities are five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than allergies in children.

On average, elementary children missed a total of 6 days per year; 2.1 days of missed school were due to dental problems

IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Children Visited Dentist in Past Year

Percentage of children age 2-11 who self-report have visited a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental clinic with past year

San Joaquin  63%

California  90%

Percentage of Children Ages 2-11 who have never had a dental visit

San Joaquin  28%

California  9%

