

- Below are some statistics from the CDC on caries rates in US children and adults



### **Statistics on Childhood Caries**

Courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Although dental caries (tooth decay) is largely preventable, it remains the most common chronic disease of children aged 5 to 17 years - 4 times more common than asthma (42% versus 9.5%).(Link)

According to the CDC

- 28% of children ages 2-5 have already had decay in their primary (baby) teeth
- 50% of children have experienced tooth decay by age 11
- 68% of 19 year olds have experienced tooth decay in their permanent teeth. More than two-thirds!
- Low income children are twice as likely to experience decay than children of higher income families
- 52,000,000 school hours are lost each year due to dental disease

### **Statistics on Caries in Adults**

Many adults also have untreated dental caries

- 27% of adults ages 20-39 years have untreated dental caries
- 21% of adults ages 40-59 years have untreated dental caries
- 19% of adults ages 60+ years have untreated dental caries