

This figure describes the data gathering stages of the FDACS:

Months after baseline	FDACS stage	Completion date	Number of participants (unweighted numbers **)
--	Sample development	May, 1993	3,998 potential dentate participants identified
0	Baseline interview & clinical exam	May, 1994	873 participants interviewed & examined (a stratified random sample was taken of the 3,998)
6	Telephone interview	November, 1994	849 participants (97% of baseline)
12	Telephone interview	May, 1995	819 participants (94% of baseline)
18	Telephone interview	November, 1995	805 participants (92% of baseline)
24	In-person interview & clinical exam	May, 1996	764 participants (88% of baseline)
30	Telephone interview	November, 1996	748 participants (86% of baseline)
36	Telephone interview	May, 1997	738 participants (85% of baseline)
42	Telephone interview	November, 1997	724 participants (83% of baseline)
48	In-person interview & clinical exam	May, 1998	714 participants (82% of baseline)
54	Telephone interview	November, 1998	703 participants (81% of baseline)
60	Telephone interview	May, 1999	692 participants (79% of baseline)
66	Telephone interview	November, 1999	680 participants (78% of baseline)
72	In-person interview & clinical exam	May, 2000	665 participants (76% of baseline)

** The FDACS used a disproportionate stratified random sample. Therefore, although the weighted and unweighted sample sizes at baseline were both 873, the weighted and unweighted values post-baseline do differ somewhat due to differential attrition across strata.

These were the 6-monthly participation/non-participation unweighted distributions:

Time point	Deceased	Medically unable	Participated	Refused	Unreachable	Total
6 months	9	3	849	4	8	873
12 months	18	4	819	7	25	873

18 months	23	6	805	12	27	873
24 months	29	10	764	35	35	873
30 months	36	15	748	38	36	873
36 months	42	16	738	40	37	873
42 months	52	16	724	40	41	873
48 months	60	15	714	40	44	873
54 months	65	18	703	44	43	873
60 months	72	19	692	44	46	873
66 months	83	19	680	44	47	873
72 months	92	20	665	46	50	873

We gathered successfully these types of self-reported and clinical data on our FDACS participants:

Oral health outcomes measured by clinical examination	Self-reported oral health outcomes	Subjects' predisposing and enabling characteristics	Subjects' reported dental care use
Coronal and root caries Root surface abrasions	Dental/oral signs & symptoms Chewing ability	Age, area of residence, race, education level	Specific dental services used
Bulk restoration fractures Cusp fractures	Speech interference Psychosocial impacts	Satisfaction with dental care Negative aspects of dental care	Dates and reasons for dental visits
Periodontal attachment loss	Perceived oral health	Importance of dental visits	
Tooth mobility Tooth loss	Satisfaction with oral health	Value/effectiveness of dental care Value of teeth	
		Oral hygiene behavior	
		Household income	
		Present financial situation	
		Dental insurance	