

THE STATE OF **ORAL** **HEALTH** IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



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A summary of "The Continuing Need for Oral Health Services,"
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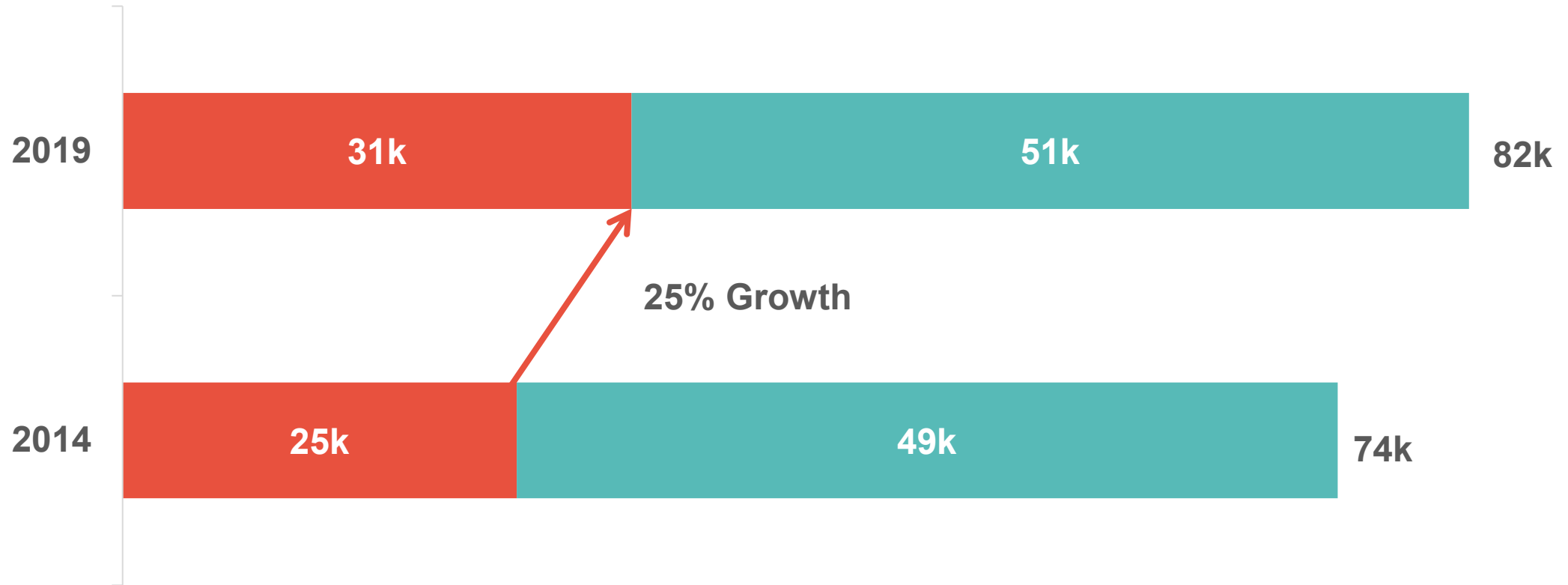


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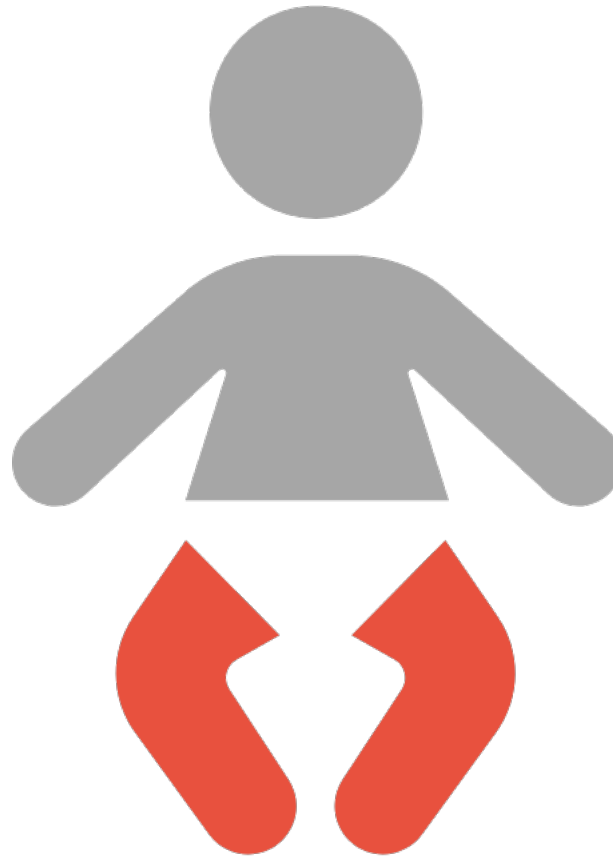
Oral Health Access (OHA) Partners

25% increase in individuals who accessed dental care

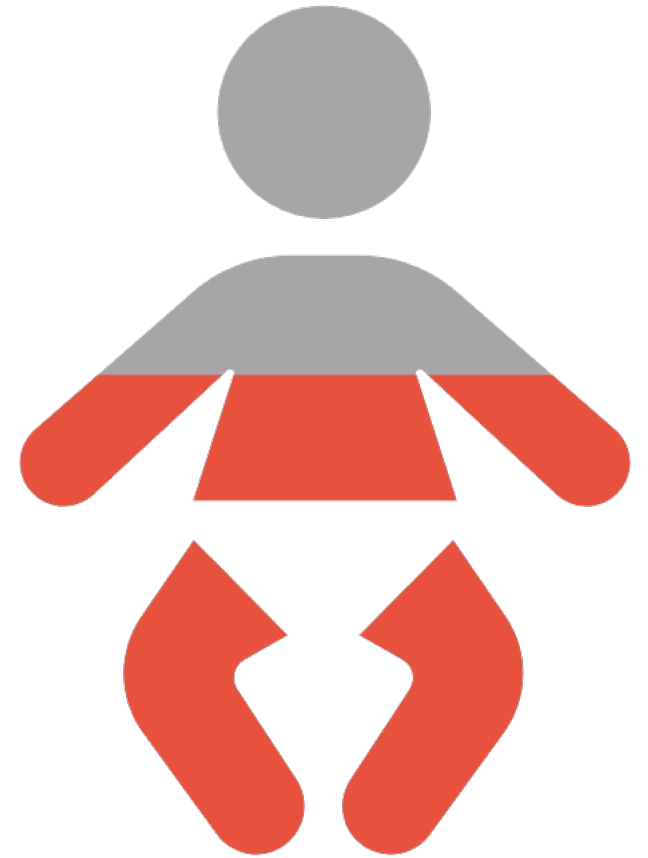


First Tooth First Birthday

60% more
0-2 yr-olds went
to the dentist



2014



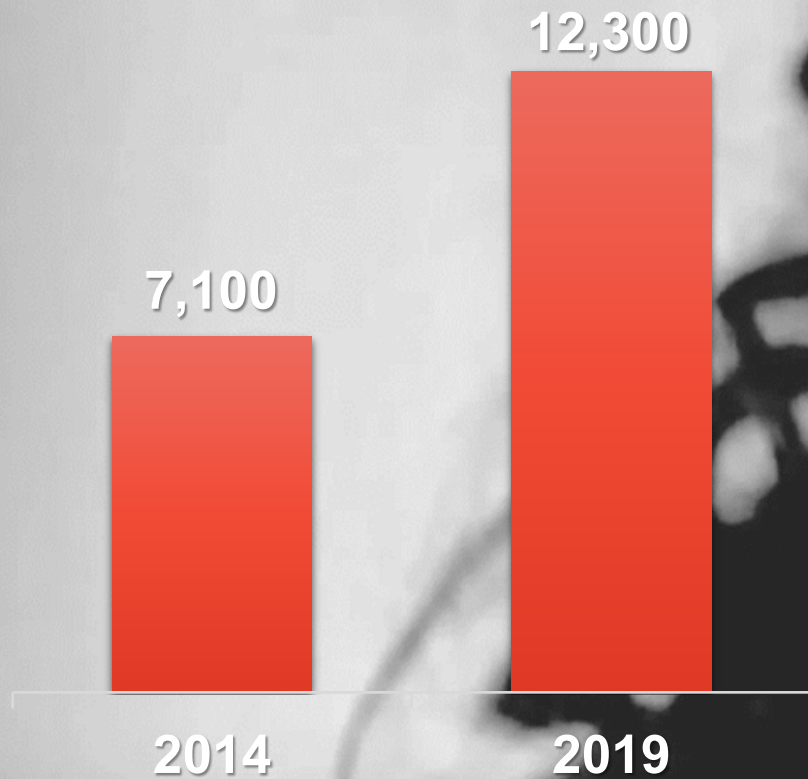
2019



Kinder Dental Screenings

Only 18% of Kinders had cavities – a 25% improvement from 2014

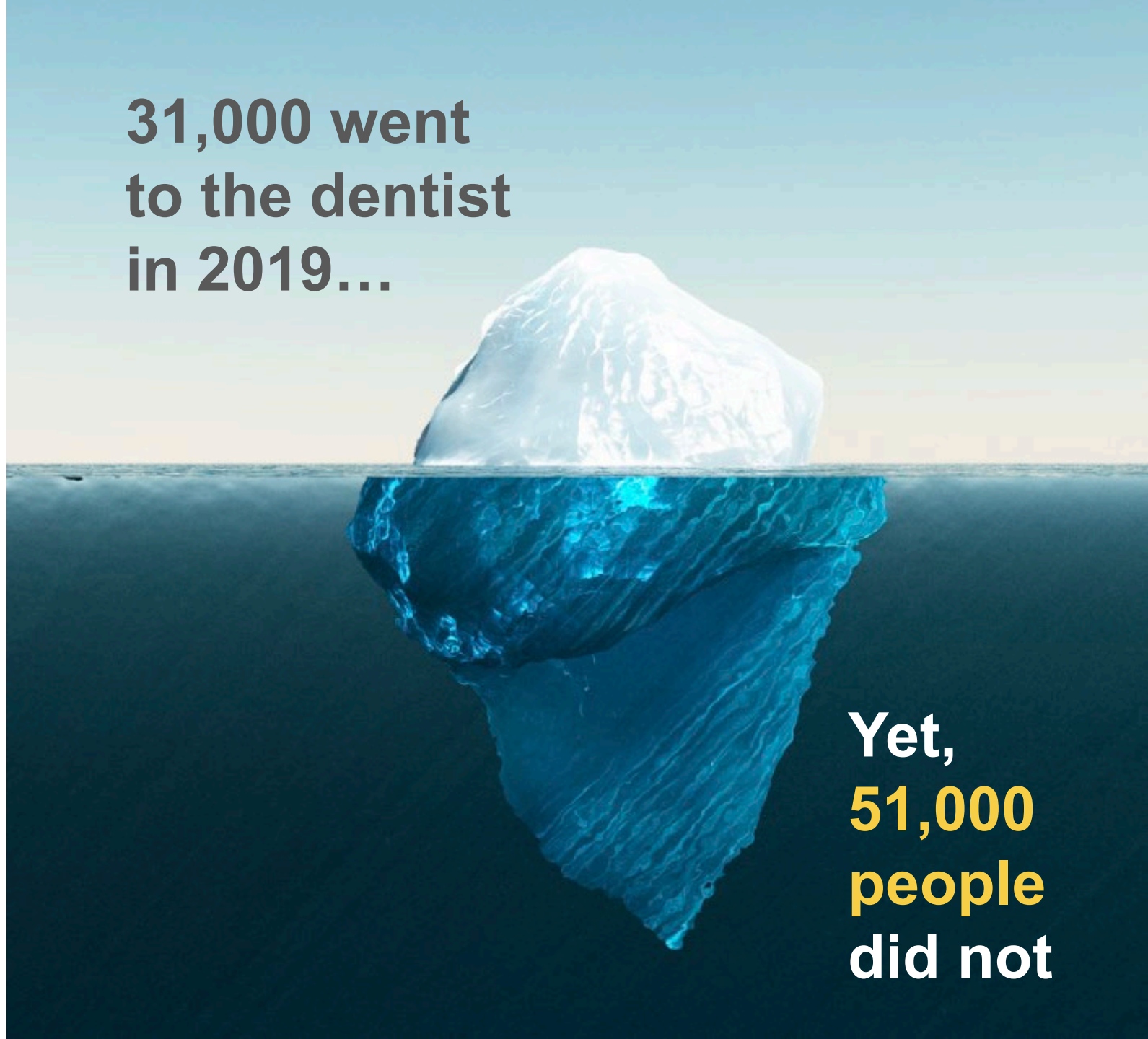
**75% more
adults went to
the dentist**



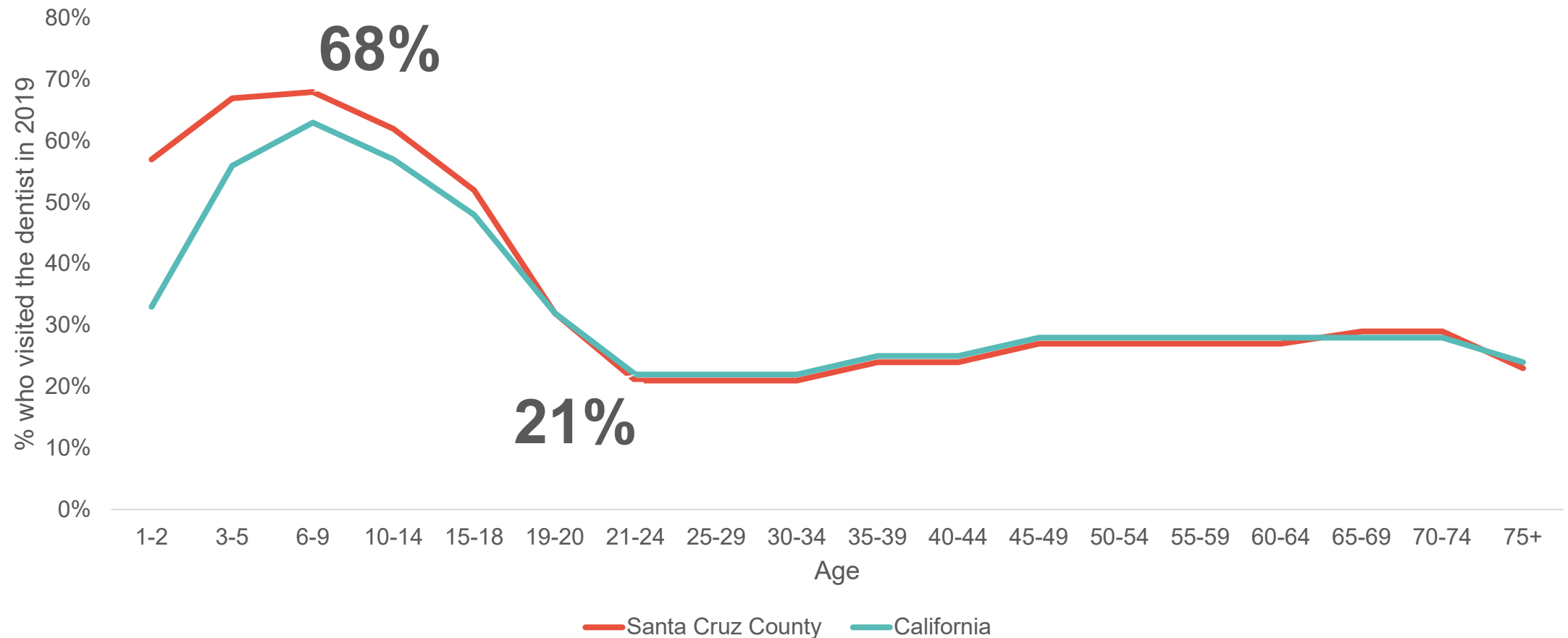
The 2022 Needs Assessment

31,000 went
to the dentist
in 2019...

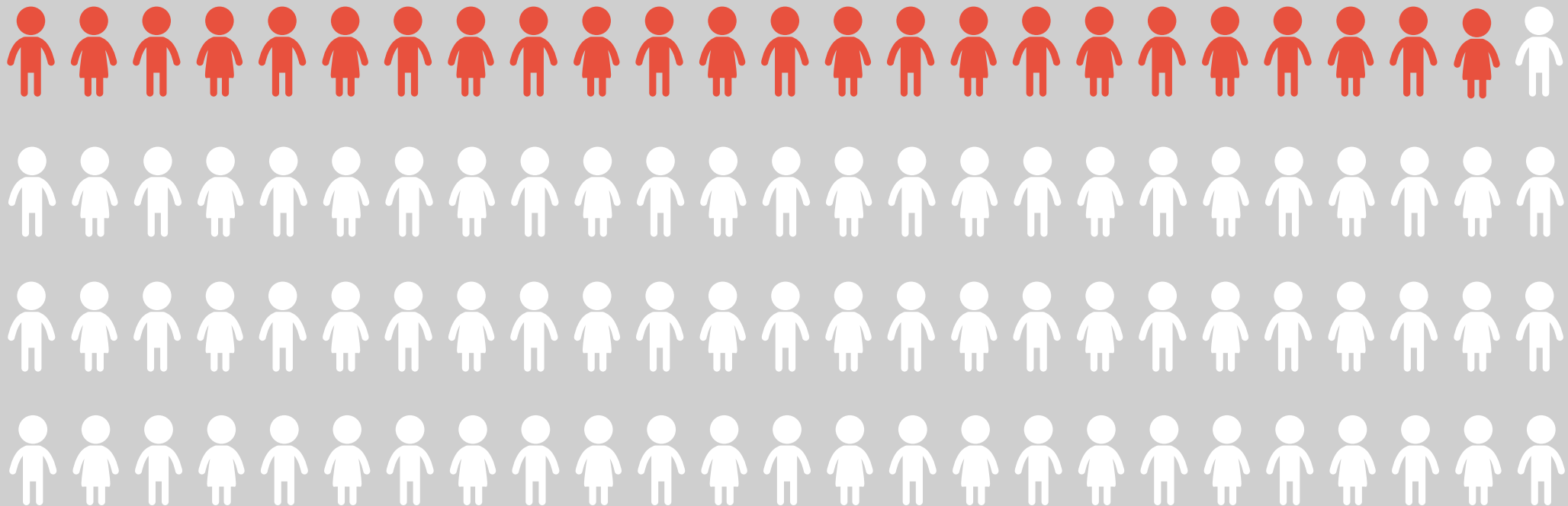
Yet,
51,000
people
did not



Finding 1: After age 9, going to the dentist dramatically drops



Finding 2: Over 75% of adults did not receive dental care in 2019



Finding 3:
64% of Seniors
have gum disease
and less than
1 in 4 visit
a dentist



OHA 2023 and Beyond

- Continue activities focused on children & pregnant people
- New focus areas:
 - Older kids (youth and teens)
 - People with diabetes
 - Seniors



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