



**BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR AN ORAL HEALTH SURVEY  
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**Survey Coordinator:** This person must be detail oriented. Although this person does not need to have a dental background, they need to have an understanding of why the survey is important. It is up to this person to contact the schools and convince them to participate. Budget: 0.5 FTE for 6-9 months (salary will vary by state and job classification)

**Disposable Supplies:** Budget these items on a per child basis. Most prices are from the PlakSmacker website – government contract prices may be lower than those listed.

Item	Comment	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost/Child
Photocopies	Necessary	3/child	0.10	0.30
Gloves (nitrile) 2/child	Necessary	100	9.00	0.18
Tongue Depressors	Use one of these – both not necessary	500	12.50	0.03
Disposable Mirrors		144	53.00	0.37
Toothbrushes	Good Idea	144	39.00	0.27
Toothpicks	Good Idea	lots	cheap	0.00
Tray Covers	Optional	1,000	19.00	0.02

**Other Screening Supplies:** Budget these items on a per screener basis. Prices are from a variety of websites – government contract prices might be lower than those listed.

Item	Comment	Cost/box	Cost/Screener
Antiseptic Hand Wash	Necessary	9.00	18.00
Penlights (6 pack)	Necessary	14.00	28.00
Antiseptic Wipes	Good Idea	10.00	20.00
Supply Tub	Good Idea	25.00	25.00
Garbage Bags	Good Idea	10.00	10.00

**Screeners:** For a statewide survey, plan on one person-day per school. In urban areas, a screener may be able to screen more than one school per day, but in rural areas, it is almost impossible to screen more than one school per day. Depending on your area, and who will screen the children (dentist, hygienist, etc), plan on about \$240 per school (4 hours at \$60/hour).

**Travel:** Travel costs will depend on the size of your state. If you hire regional screeners, travel costs will be reduced.

**Translations:** Budget \$500 per page of translation.

**Office Supplies, Phone, Postage:** A good estimate is about \$20 per school.

**Data Entry:** An administrative staff person should be able to enter 60 BSS screening forms per hour (more if they have data entry experience). Budget \$25 per hour for data entry – total cost will be dependent upon the number of forms. You may be able to use direct data entry or scan forms and have no data entry costs.

**Data Analysis and Interpretation:** If the basic BSS model is used, data analysis and interpretation should take about 40 hours @ \$150 per hour = \$6,000.

**Graphics and Printing:** Dependent on availability of in-house staff.

## SAMPLE BUDGET FOR STATEWIDE SURVEY

Assumptions:

- 80 schools
- 6 regional screeners (hygienists)
- 5,000 students enrolled in the 80 schools
- 80% response rate – 4,000 children will be screened
- Will use disposable mirrors & toothpicks

Budget Item	Description	Cost
Coordinator	\$45,000 salary; 30% benefits; 0.5 FTE for 9 months	21,940
Screeners	80 schools @ \$240/school	19,200
Travel	80 schools @ \$40/school	3,200
Disposable Supplies	4,000 kids @ \$0.84/child (if using disposable mirrors)	3,360
Other Screening Supplies	6 screeners @ \$101/screener	606
Photocopies	5,000 children @ 0.30/child	1,500
Translations	\$500/page, 3 pages, 2 languages	3,000
Office Supplies	80 schools @ \$20/school	1,600
Data Entry	60 forms/hour; 4000 forms; \$25/hour	1,670
Data Analysis & Interpretation	40 hours @ \$150/hour	6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$62,076</b>
Report Preparation	In-kind?	
Graphics & Printing	Unknown	

**Disclaimer:** These are estimates based on data from several oral health surveys. The cost for your survey may vary depending on local salaries and available in-kind staff.

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