There is increased interest on research to define strategies to improve ethnic and racial minority group’s access to dental services. Results from numerous studies propose issues other than finances are responsible for most minority populations not seeking dental care. The purpose of this study was to assess barriers that prevent African Americans and English speaking Latinos to access oral care. This information may be useful to inform future development of strategies to decrease those barriers. Using a survey, we evaluated differences in barriers based on race and ethnicity. Questions inquired about insurance coverage, area of residence, occupation, education level, race/ethnicity, and patient navigation skills have on one’s access to dental care. 18 African Americans, 2 American Indians and 10 Latinos 18 to 41 years old answered the survey. Results show that the majority of respondents had an annual income below $35,000. Only 23% of the participants reported having dental insurance. Most participants (94%) also reported it had been 6 months or more since they had had a dental visit, with 30% of them never having visited a dentist. In contrast 66% reported having had painful aching somewhere in their mouth during the past year. 23% reported they had talked to a health professional, other than a dentist about their oral health. Based on our results we conclude that access to dental services in this sample was limited and that participants reported not being able to access certain needed services at times.