Oral Health Care System: Missouri

This fact sheet summarizes select data on the oral health care system as of 2015. Topics include dental care utilization; oral health status; attitudes and knowledge of oral health; fluoridation rates; reimbursement rates to providers and the supply of dentists.

For methods and data sources, please visit ADA.org/statefacts.

For more information on the ADA Health Policy Institute, please visit ADA.org/HPI.
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#### Oral Health Status Index Among Adults in 2015

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**High-Income Adults**

**Low-Income Adults**

#### Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

- **56%** of High-Income Missouri Adults
- **49%** of Low-Income Missouri Adults

**Answered all of HPI’s Oral Health Knowledge Survey Questions Correctly** compared to **52%** of high-income and **44%** of low-income U.S. adults.

#### Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

- **Positive**
  - High-Income Adults: 6.0
  - Low-Income Adults: 4.0
  - High-Income U.S.: 5.9
  - Low-Income U.S.: 4.0

#### Percentage of Population on Community Water Systems Receiving Fluoridated Water in 2012

- **76%** of Missouri’s population on community water systems receive fluoridated water.

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Change in Private Dental Benefit Plan Charges Between 2003 and 2013

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Medicaid Fee-for-Service Reimbursement as a Percentage of Private Dental Benefit Plan Charges for Child Dental Services

- **Missouri**: 40%
- **U.S.**: 49%

**2003 and 2013**
Reimbursement Rates for Child Dental Services in Medicaid decreased 16.6% in Missouri

Number of Dentists per 100,000 Population

- **Missouri**: 57.3
- **2001**: 46.7
- **U.S.**: 60.5
- **2001**: 48.0
- **Missouri**: 23%
- **U.S.**: 42%

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