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.

### Percentage with a Dental Visit in the Past 12 Months

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<td>2000</td>
<td>26% (36%)</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>29% (45%)</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>59% (48%)</td>
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- **Children with Medicaid Coverage**
- **Children with Private Dental Benefits Coverage**
- **Adults with Private Dental Benefits Coverage**

### Percentage of Medicaid Children Who Received a Sealant on a Permanent Molar in 2013

- **South Dakota**: 11%
- **U.S.**: 14%
Oral Health Care System: South Dakota

Oral Health Status Index Among Adults in 2015

- 7.7: High-income adults (South Dakota)
- 7.3: Low-income adults (South Dakota)
- 8.2: High-income adults (U.S.)
- 7.2: Low-income adults (U.S.)

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

- 61% of high-income South Dakota adults
- 46% of low-income South Dakota 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 (4.4), Low-income adults (4.1), South Dakota (5.9), U.S. (4.0)

Oral Health Status Index

- Excellent: 10
- Good: 8
- Fair: 6
- Poor: 4
- Very Poor: 2

Oral Health Knowledge Index

- Excellent: 10
- Good: 8
- Fair: 6
- Poor: 4
- Very Poor: 2

Oral Health Attitude Index

- Positive: 10
- Neutral: 5
- Negative: 0

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

- 0-25%: 23%
- 26-50%: 36%
- 51-75%: 44%
- 76-100%: 44%

94% of South Dakota’s population on community water systems receive fluoridated water.
**Oral Health Care System: South Dakota**

**Change in Private Dental Benefit Plan Charges Between 2003 and 2013**

**CHANGE IN PRIVATE DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN CHARGES BETWEEN 2003 AND 2013**

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<td>SOUTH DAKOTA</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
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<td>1.2%</td>
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**Medicaid Fee-for-Service Reimbursement as a Percentage of Private Dental Benefit Plan Charges for Child Dental Services**

IN 2013, MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD DENTAL SERVICES WERE 51% OF PRIVATE DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN RATES IN SOUTH DAKOTA COMPARED TO 49% IN THE U.S.

**Number of Dentists per 100,000 Population**

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**Percentage of Dentists Participating in Medicaid for Child Dental Services in 2014**

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<td>65%</td>
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