Oral Health Care System: Massachusetts

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

- **Children with Medicaid Coverage**
  - Massachusetts: 58% in 2000, 71% in 2013
  - U.S.: 39% in 2000, 48% in 2013

- **Children with Private Dental Benefits Coverage**
  - Massachusetts: 67% in 2013
  - U.S.: 60% in 2013

- **Adults with Private Dental Benefits Coverage**
  - Massachusetts: 60% in 2013
  - U.S.: 59% in 2013

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

- **Massachusetts**: 24%
- **U.S.**: 14%

**24%**

OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAID CHILDREN 6 THROUGH 14 YEARS OLD RECEIVED A SEALANT ON A PERMANENT MOLAR IN 2013, COMPARED TO 14% NATIONALLY

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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

BETWEEN 2003 AND 2013 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD DENTAL SERVICES IN MEDICAID decreased 2.9% in Massachusetts

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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