

U.S. Dental Spending Up in 2021



11% NATIONAL DENTAL EXPENDITURES INCREASED by 11% from \$146 billion in 2020 to \$162 billion in 2021 (constant 2021 dollars).





DENTAL SPENDING IN 2021 WAS HIGHER THAN ITS PRE-PANDEMIC LEVEL.

COVID-19 related government relief program spending was \$7 billion in 2021. Absent these programs, we estimate that 2021 national dental spending would have been \$155 billion, still above pre-pandemic levels.

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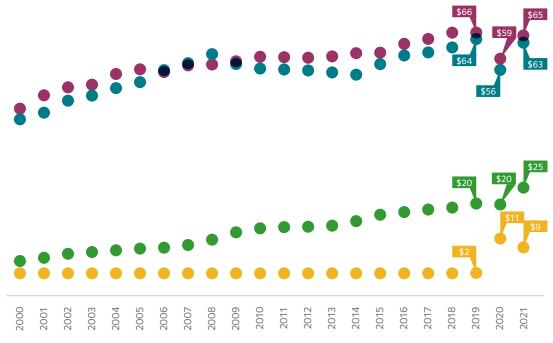
NATIONAL DENTAL EXPENDITURES, 2000-2021 (Constant 2021 \$, Billions)



Within government programs, Medicare and Medicaid spending increased by about \$2 billion each.

Private health insurance spending was up by 11% and out-of-pocket spending increased by 13%.





NATIONAL DENTAL EXPENDITURES BY SOURCE OF FINANCING, 2000-2021 (Constant 2021 \$, Billions)

Sources: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau. Note: Expenditures adjusted for inflation using the GDP implicit price deflator. In the second graph, the 'Other' category includes the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). It does not include the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. The 'Government Programs' category includes Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs.