

# U.S. Dental Expenditures

2017 Update

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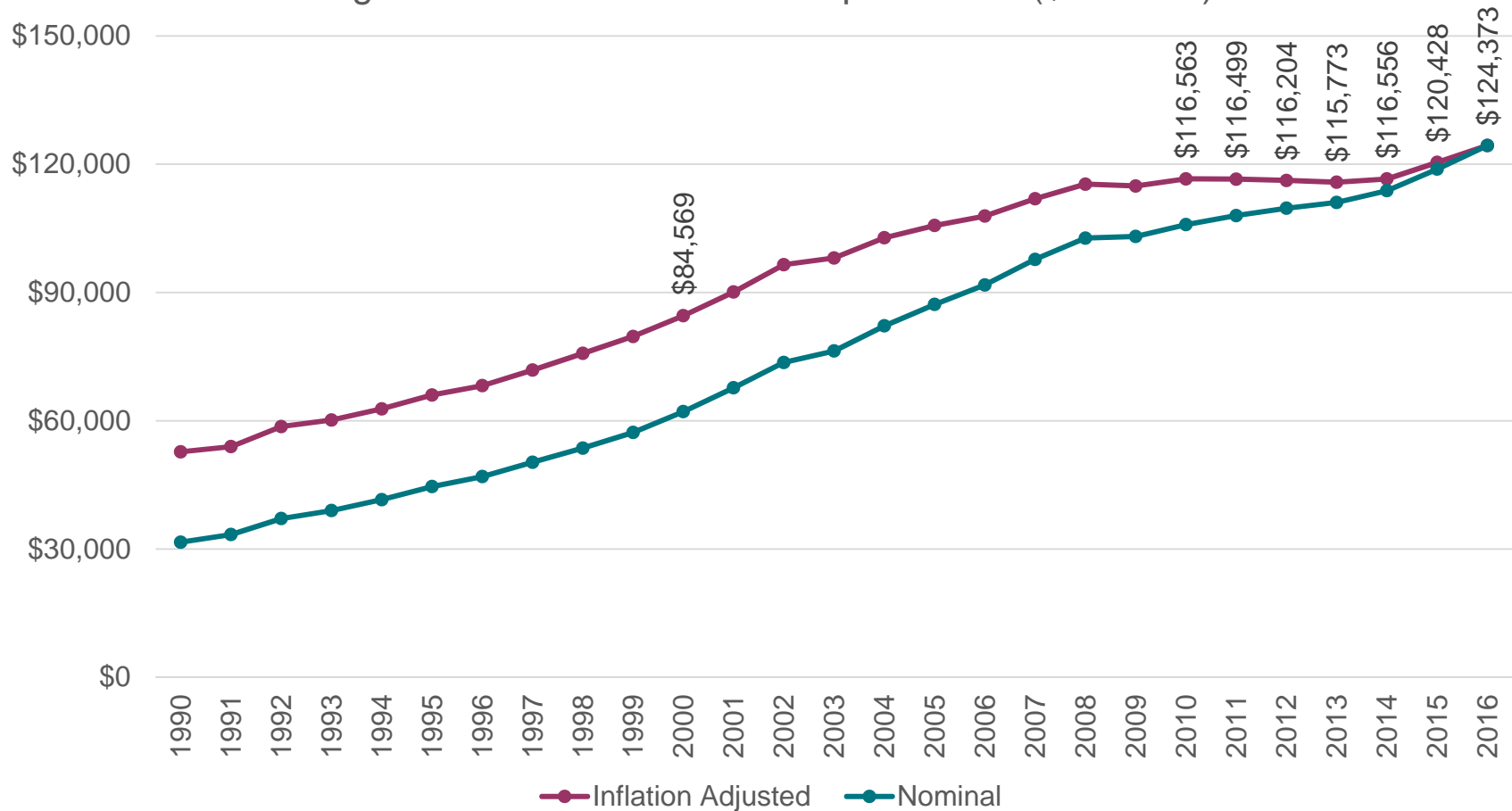
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# Key Findings

- Total dental expenditures were \$124B in 2016. This was a 3.3% increase from 2015, after adjusting for inflation.
- Per capita total dental expenditures also increased in 2016, for the second year in a row.
- Dental expenditures increased in 2016 for all sources of financing (e.g. out-of-pocket, insurance, CMS programs). The breakdown of expenditure by source of financing was largely unchanged in 2016. However, CMS programs saw a slight increase.
- Total U.S. dental expenditures have increased for two straight years after being flat for several years.

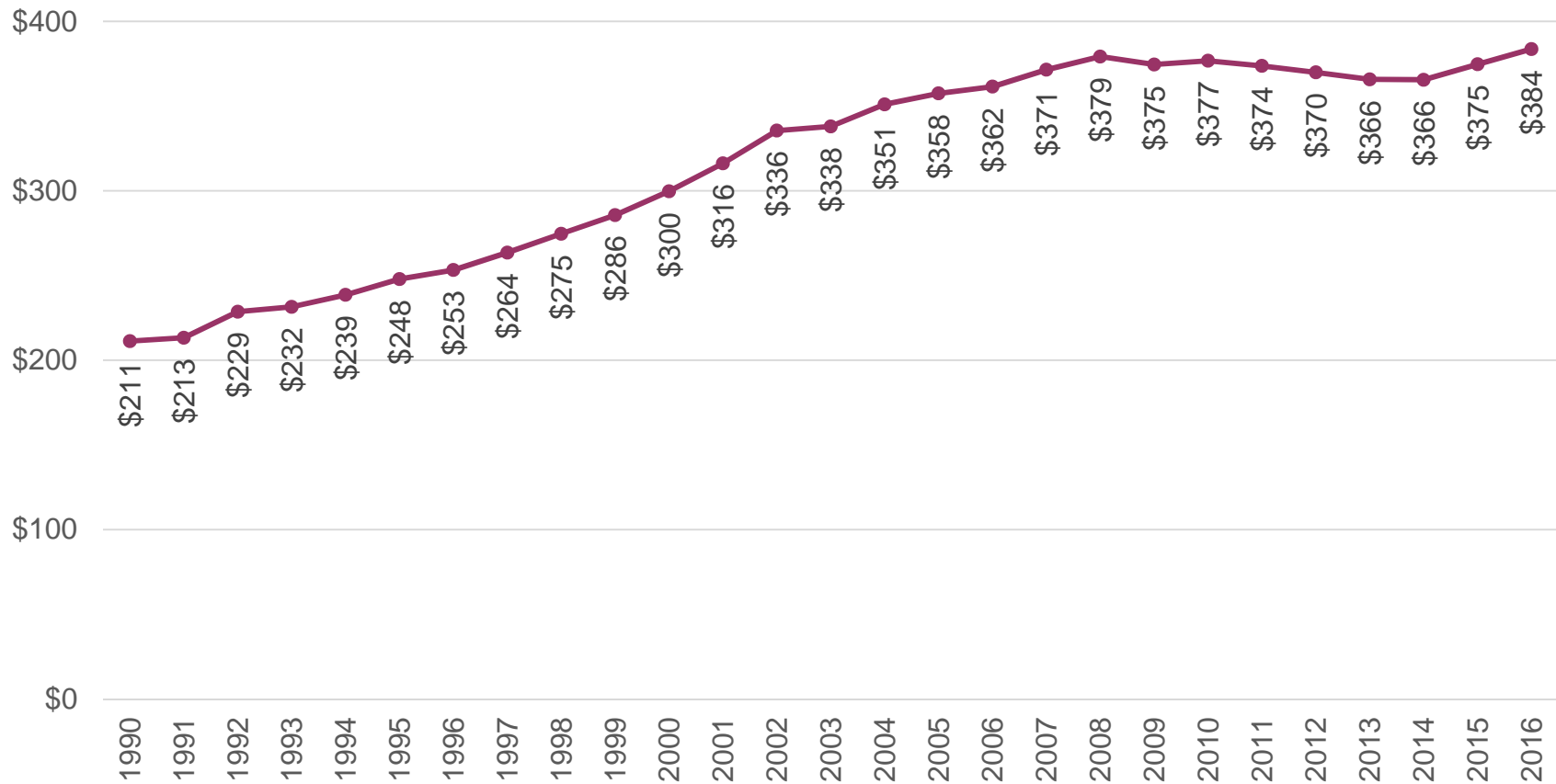
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Figure 1 – Total U.S. Dental Expenditures (\$ millions)



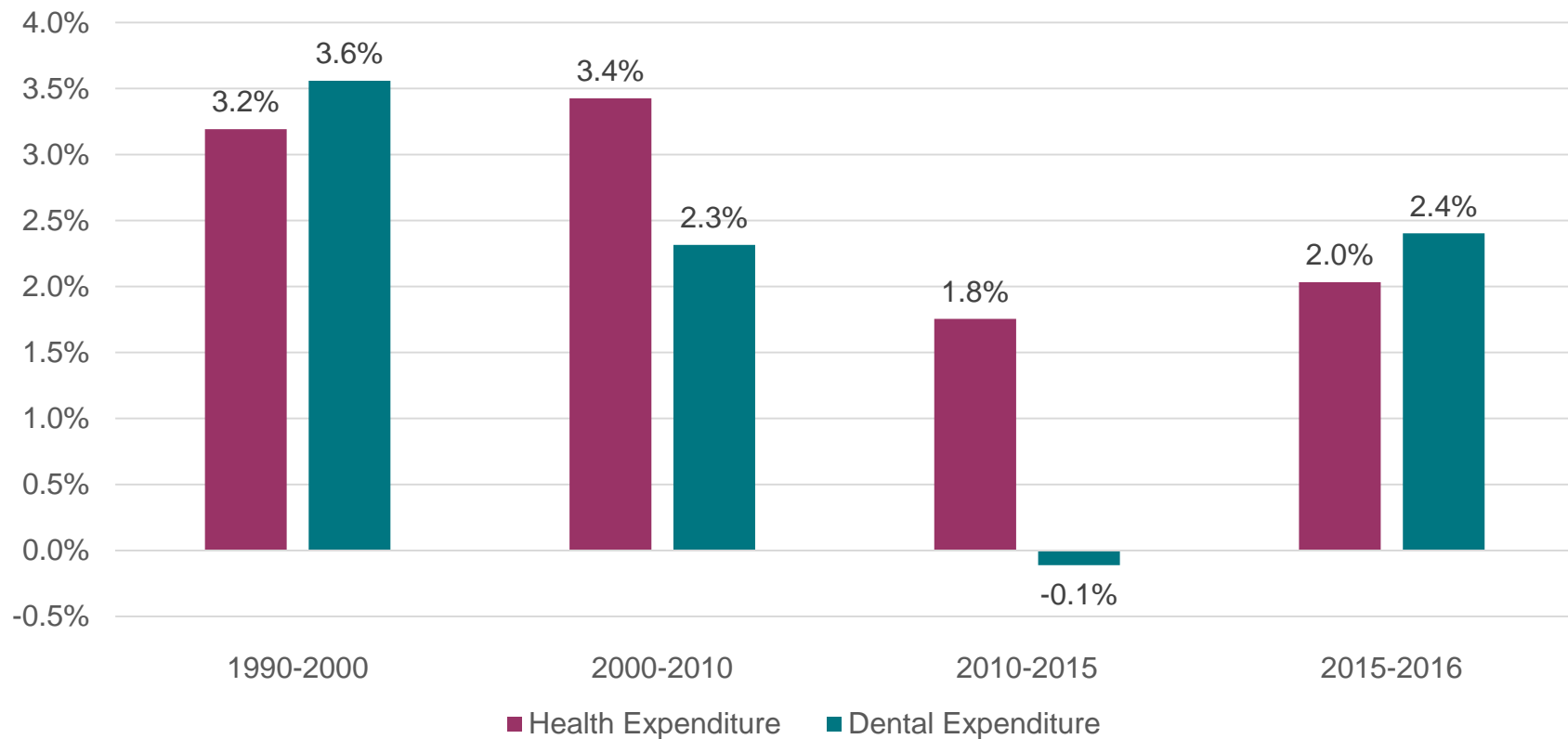
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Figure 2 – National Dental Expenditures per Capita (in constant 2016 dollars)



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Figure 3: Average Annual Growth Rate of Overall Health and Dental Expenditures



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Figure 4: Distribution of Overall Health Expenditures by Source of Financing

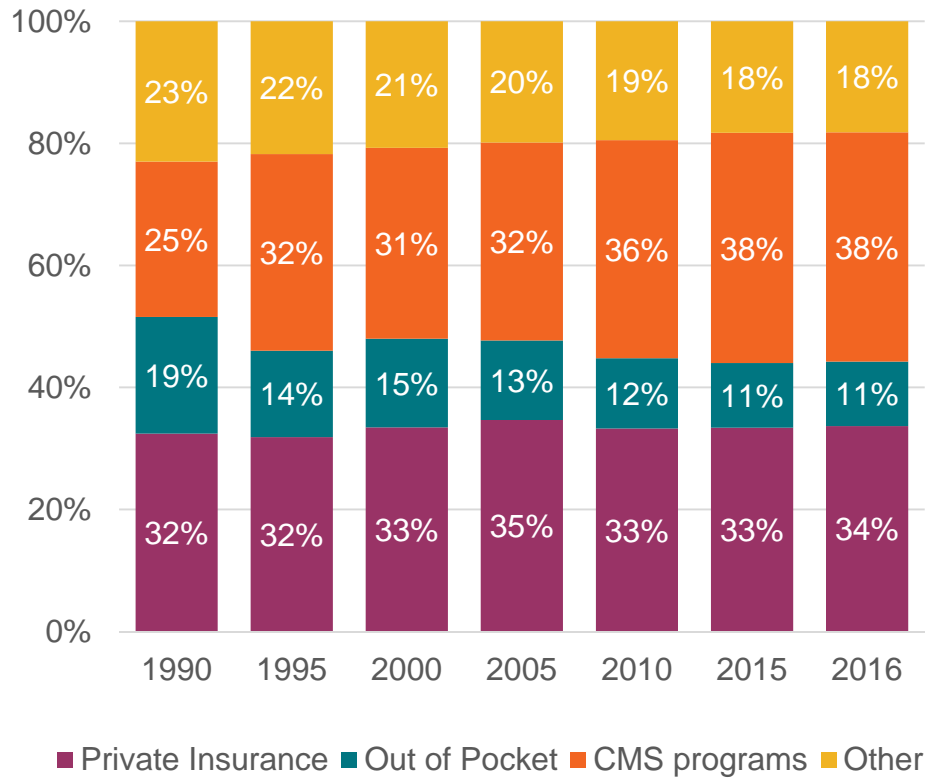
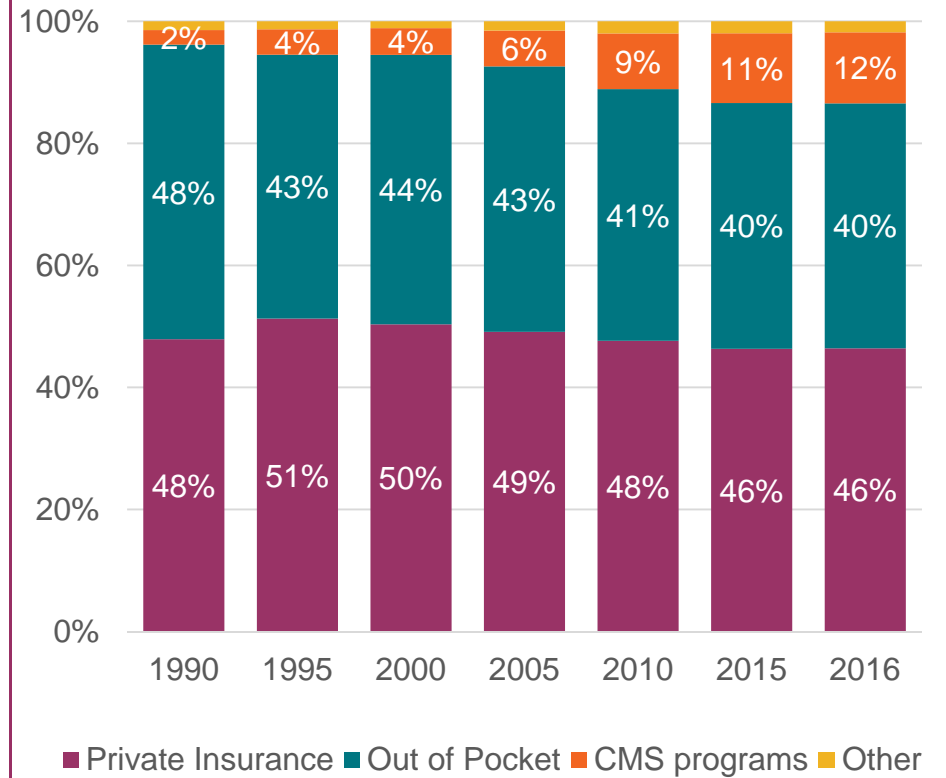
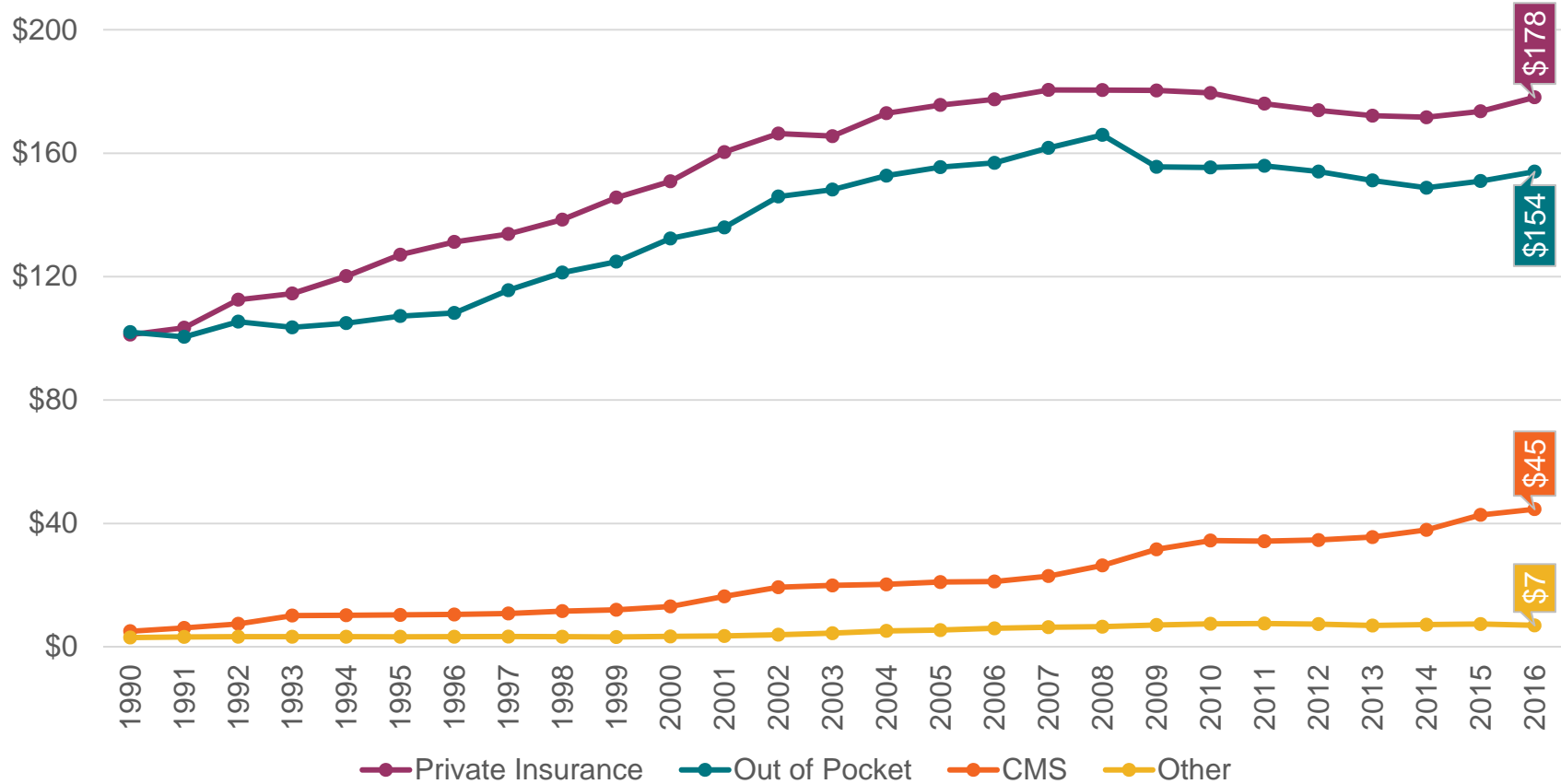


Figure 5: Distribution of Dental Expenditure by Source of Financing



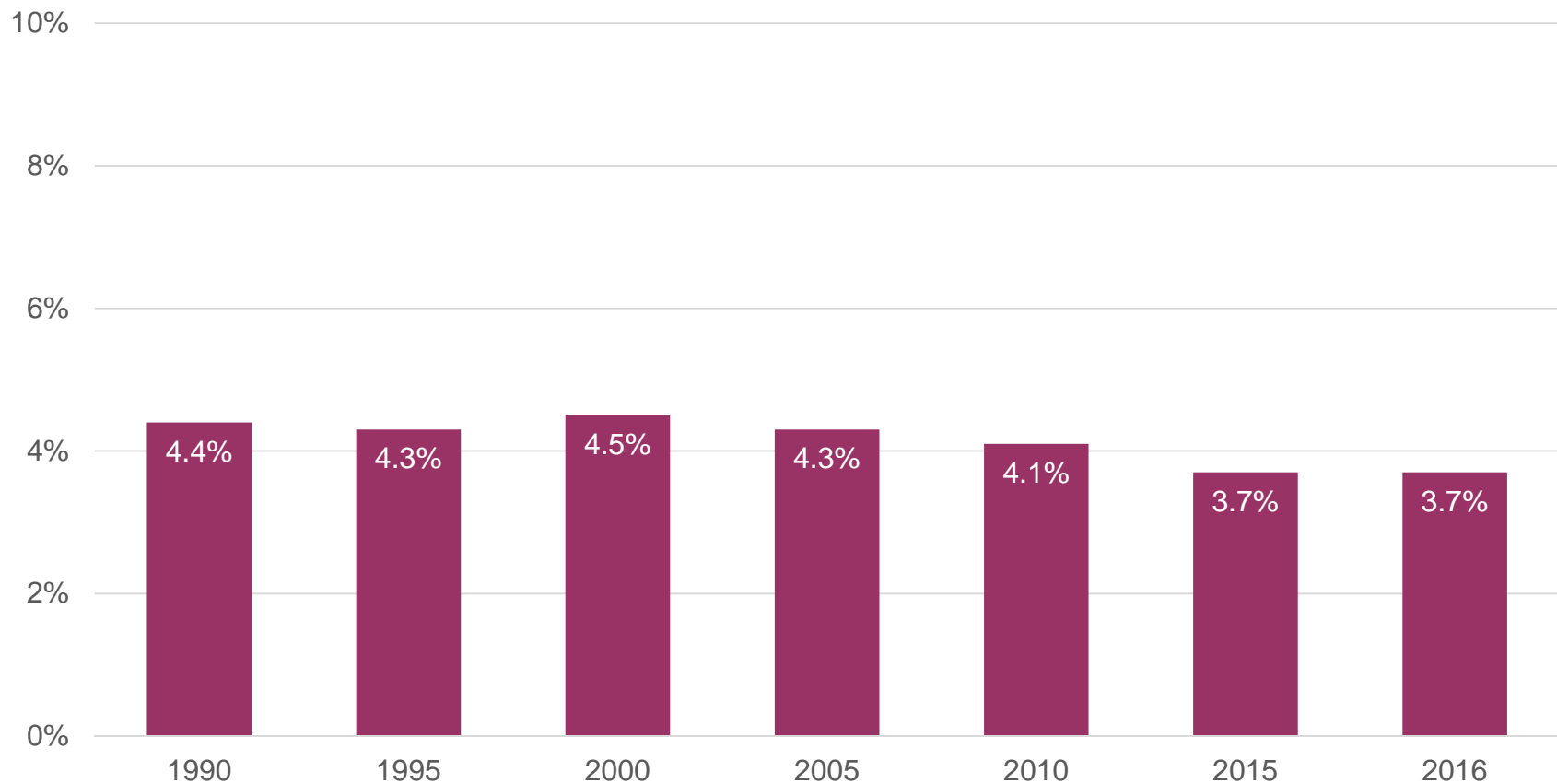
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Figure 6: National Dental Expenditures per Capita by Source of Financing (in constant 2016 dollars)



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Figure 7: Dental Expenditure as a Share of Total Health Expenditures





# Data and Methods

- Data are from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The analysis is for 1990 to 2016, the latest year data are available.
- Expenditures are adjusted for inflation using the GDP deflator.
- Analysis was completed December 11, 2017.
- For full methods, see a previous analysis of the data [here](#).



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