Oral Health Care System: California

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

15% of California Medicaid children 6 through 14 years old received a sealant on a permanent molar in 2013, compared to 14% nationally.

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Oral Health Status Index Among Adults in 2015

- California: 6.8
- U.S.: 8.2

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

- California: 44%
- U.S.: 52%

Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

- California:
  - Positive: 5.9
  - Neutral: 3.6
  - Negative: 4.0

- U.S.:
  - Positive: 5.9
  - Neutral: 4.0
  - Negative: 4.0

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

- California: 64%
- U.S.: 77%

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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

- California: 29%
- U.S.: 49%

- Decreased 31.6% in California

Number of Dentists per 100,000 Population

- California 2001: 57.3
- California 2013: 65.9
- U.S. 2001: 60.5
- U.S. 2013: 76.6

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

- California: 29%
- U.S.: 42%

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