Oral Health Care System: Florida

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

[Bar chart showing percentage with dental visits in Florida and the U.S. by year and for children with Medicaid and private dental benefits coverage, and adults with private dental benefits coverage.]

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

[Bar chart showing percentage of Florida Medicaid children and U.S. children who received sealants, with Florida at 10% and the U.S. at 14%.]

10% of Florida 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

Florida

- Excellent Oral Health: 8.5
- Good Oral Health: 6.6
- Fair Oral Health: 7.2

U.S.

- Excellent Oral Health: 8.2
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- Fair Oral Health: 6.6

High-Income Adults

- Florida: 8.5
- U.S.: 8.2

Low-Income Adults

- Florida: 6.6
- U.S.: 7.2

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

Florida

- 51% of high-income Florida adults answered all of HPI’s oral health knowledge survey questions correctly.

U.S.

- 43% of low-income Florida adults answered all of HPI’s oral health knowledge survey questions correctly.

Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

Florida

- Positive: 6.3
- Neutral: 4.4
- Negative: 5.9

U.S.

- Positive: 4.0
- Neutral: 4.4
- Negative: 5.9

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

Florida

- 78%

U.S.

- 78%

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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**

- Florida: 37%
- U.S.: 49%

*Increased 0.7% in Florida*

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

- Florida: 49.9 (2001), 57.3 (2013)
- U.S.: 50.7 (2001), 60.5 (2013)

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

- Florida: 30%
- U.S.: 42%