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.

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Percentage with a Dental Visit in the Past 12 Months

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

13% OF NEW JERSEY 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

- **New Jersey**:
  - Excellent Oral Health: 8.8 (High-Income Adults)
  - Good Oral Health: 6.7 (Low-Income Adults)
  - Poor Oral Health: 8.2 (High-Income Adults)
  - Very Poor Oral Health: 7.2 (Low-Income Adults)

- **U.S.**:
  - Excellent Oral Health: 8.8 (High-Income Adults)
  - Good Oral Health: 6.7 (Low-Income Adults)
  - Poor Oral Health: 8.2 (High-Income Adults)
  - Very Poor Oral Health: 7.2 (Low-Income Adults)

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

- 46% of High-Income New Jersey Adults answered all of HPI’s oral health knowledge survey questions correctly compared to 52% of High-Income and 44% of Low-Income U.S. Adults.
- 35% of Low-Income New Jersey Adults answered all of HPI’s oral health knowledge survey questions correctly.

Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

- **New Jersey**:
  - Positive: 6.3 (High-Income Adults)
  - Neutral: 3.6 (Low-Income Adults)
  - Negative: 5.9 (High-Income Adults)
  - Strongly Negative: 4.0 (Low-Income Adults)

- **U.S.**:
  - Positive: 6.3 (High-Income Adults)
  - Neutral: 3.6 (Low-Income Adults)
  - Negative: 5.9 (High-Income Adults)
  - Strongly Negative: 4.0 (Low-Income Adults)

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

- **New Jersey**:
  - 0-25%: 23%
  - 26-50%: 36%
  - 51-75%: 64%
  - 76-100%: 74%

- **U.S.**:
  - 0-25%: 46%
  - 26-50%: 44%
  - 51-75%: 56%
  - 76-100%: 64%

15% of New Jersey’s population on community water systems receive fluoridated water.

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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**

- **New Jersey**: 69%
- **U.S.**: 49%

*In 2013, Medicaid reimbursement rates for child dental services were 69% of private dental benefit plan rates in New Jersey compared to 49% in the U.S.*

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

- **New Jersey**: 2001 - 71.3, 2013 - 81.2
- **U.S.**: 2001 - 57.3, 2013 - 60.5

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

- **New Jersey**: 24%
- **U.S.**: 42%

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