Oral Health Care System: New Mexico

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.

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**Percentage with a Dental Visit in the Past 12 Months**

![Bar chart showing percentage of dental visits in New Mexico and the U.S. for children with Medicaid coverage, children with private dental benefits coverage, and adults with private dental benefits coverage from 2000 to 2013.](chart)

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

![Chart showing percentage of Medicaid children who received a sealant on a permanent molar in New Mexico and the U.S. in 2013.](chart)

**15% of New Mexico 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 Mexico: 8.2
- U.S.: 7.2

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

- New Mexico: 59%
- U.S.: 52%

Answered all of HIP’s Oral Health Knowledge Survey Questions Correctly compared to 52% of high-income and 44% of low-income U.S. adults.

Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

- New Mexico: High-Income Adults 8.2, Low-Income Adults 7.2
- U.S.: High-Income Adults 7.2, Low-Income Adults 4.1

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

- New Mexico: 77%
- U.S.: 59%

77% of New Mexico’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

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BETWEEN 2003 AND 2013 REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD DENTAL SERVICES IN MEDICAID decreased 24.9% in New Mexico

Number of Dentists per 100,000 Population

2001

New Mexico: 44.4
U.S.: 50.9

2013

New Mexico: 57.3
U.S.: 60.5

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

New Mexico: 53%
U.S.: 42%