Oral Health Care System:

**Texas**

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

- **Texas**: 19%
- **U.S.**: 14%

19% of Texas 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

- Texas
  - High-Income Adults: 7.3
  - Low-Income Adults: 7.2
- U.S.
  - High-Income Adults: 8.2
  - Low-Income Adults: 7.2

Oral Health Knowledge Index Among Adults in 2015

53% OF HIGH-INCOME TEXAS ADULTS
50% OF LOW-INCOME TEXAS 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

Oral Health Attitude Index Among Adults in 2015

- Texas
  - High-Income Adults: 5.9
  - Low-Income Adults: 4.0
- U.S.
  - High-Income Adults: 4.9
  - Low-Income Adults: 4.2

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

- Texas
  - High-Income Adults: 80%
  - Low-Income Adults: 78%
- U.S.
  - High-Income Adults: 96%
  - Low-Income Adults: 70%

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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

- 2003 and 2013 reimbursement rates for child dental services in Medicaid increased 33.8% in Texas.

Number of Dentists per 100,000 Population

- 2001: Texas 45.2, U.S. 50.5
- 2013: Texas 57.3, U.S. 60.5

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

- Texas: 48%
- U.S.: 42%