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Synopses of State and Territorial Dental Public Health Programs

Trends

Colorado

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Demographics					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
State Population	4,601,403	4,665,177	4,753,377	4,861,515	4,939,456
School-aged children (grades K–12, 5–17 years)	824,978	839,810	840,478	828,232	842,777
Children enrolled in Medicaid — enrolled at least 1 month of the year	329,127	342,917	350,238	394,402	345,671
Children eligible for SCHIP ¹	52,965	41,101	46,715	52,199	80,850
Children (K–12) on free/reduced-cost school lunch program	51.9%	53.1%	53.39%	53.5%	53.52%
Percent of total population that are between 5-17 years	18.1%	18%	17.7%	17%	17.34%
Type of SCHIP program - Medicaid expansion, separate, combination	Separate	Separate	Separate	Separate	Separate
SCHIP Eligibility Limit	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	200	200
Number of children under 18 in families earning less than 125% FPL	210,000	192,000	238,000	224,000	188,000
Percent of children under 18 in families earning less than 125% FPL	18.1%	16.5%	20.3%	18.8%	15.88%
National school lunch program reported - number of children on free lunch program	142,284	147,065	154,426	Not Asked	165,434
National school lunch program reported - number of children on reduced lunch program	31,644	31,527	31,334	Not Asked	36,221
National school lunch program reported - number of children on paid lunch program	161,206	157,901	162,186	Not Asked	175,098
National school lunch program reported - number of children	335,134	336,494	347,947	Not Asked	376,752

who received lunch program					
Number of children under 19 at or below 200% FPL	Not Asked	396,000	397,000	427,000	372,000
Percent of children under 19 at or below 200% FPL	Not Asked	32.8%	32.6%	33.9%	29.7%
Number of children under 19 at or below 200% FPL without insurance	Not Asked	114,000	110,000	120,000	109,000
Percent of children under 19 at or below 200% FPL without insurance	Not Asked	9.5%	9%	9.5%	8.71%
Percent of total population that are 65 years and older	Not Asked	10.9%	9.8%	9.8%	10.13%
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Infrastructure					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Population served by public water system	4,167,345	4,190,698	4,190,698	4,190,698	4,190,698
Percentage of people on public water systems that receive fluoridated water ²	73.4%	73.6%	73.6%	73.6%	73.6%
Population served by fluoridated water system	3,058,666	3,085,319	3,085,319	3,085,319	3,085,319
Percent of population on F water system as reported by state	Not Asked	74%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of dental schools	1	1	1	1	1
Number of dental hygiene schools	4	4	4	4	4
Number of dental assisting schools	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of community-based low-income dental clinics ²	41	41	41	39	69
Number of school-based or school-linked dental clinics ²	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of school-based health centers with an oral health component ²	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of local health departments with a dental program ²	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of tribal, state, or local agencies with service populations of 250,000 or more ²	6	7	7	7	8
Number of agencies with a dental program ²	2	2	5	2	3
Number of dental programs directed by a dental professional ²	2	2	5	2	2
Number of directors with an advanced public health degree ²	0	0	1	1	1
By what age does your state EPSDT guidance recommend a referral for a dental examination?	1	1	1	1	1
Number of local health departments that had a dental program for education services	0	0	0	0	0

only.					
Number of local health departments that had a dental program for preventive services only.	0	0	1	1	0
Number of local health departments that had a dental program for preventive & restorative services.	2	2	3	3	4
Number of school-based dental clinics that had a dental program for education services only.	0	0	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of school-based dental clinics that had a dental program for preventive services only.	5	1	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of school-based dental clinics that had a dental program for preventive & restorative services.	0	0	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of mobile dental clinic programs that had a program for education services only.	0	0	0	0	0
Number of mobile dental clinic programs that had a program for preventive services only.	0	1	1	3	9
Number of mobile dental clinic programs that had a program for preventive & restorative services.	4	1	1	2	2
Does your state have Medicaid adult dental benefits?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
None, Emergency, Limited, Comprehensive	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency	Emergency
Does your state have Medicaid adult dental benefits for pregnant women?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
None, Emergency, Limited, Comprehensive	Emergency	Limited	Limited	Emergency	Emergency
Does your state have SCHIP adult dental benefits?	No	No	No	No	No
None, Emergency, Limited, Comprehensive	—	—	—	—	—
Does your state have policies designed to increase access for nursing home residents?	No	No	No	No	No
Does your state have policies designed to increase access for developmentally disabled adults?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does your state EPSDT program have a dental periodicity schedule that is separate and distinct from the overall periodicity schedule?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Yes	Yes
By what age does your state EPSDT guidance recommend a referral for a dental examination?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
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Workforce					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of dentists licensed by state	4,459	4,438	4,649	4,916	4,553

Number of dentists in the state	3,206	3,187	3,265	3,565	3,421
Number of dentists enrolled as Medicaid providers - Combined only.	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of dentists enrolled as Medicaid providers only	786	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of dentists enrolled as SCHIP providers only	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Percentage of dentists enrolled in Medicaid ³	25%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Percentage of dentists enrolled in SCHIP ³	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of dental hygienists in the state	2,747	2,859	2,887	3,092	3,058
Number of dental hygienists licensed by state	3,523	3,694	3,709	4,017	3,910
Number of counties in state	Not Asked	64	64	64	64
Number of counties without a dentist.	11	10	10	9	9
Total of county population without a dentist.	37,502	36,248	27,901	25,498	28,217
Total population of counties in state without an enrolled Medicaid dentist	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	81,148	112,284
Percent of counties in state without an enrolled Medicaid dentist	20%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Percent of counties in state without an enrolled Medicaid dentist with paid claims >=\$10,000	48%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Number of counties in state without an enrolled Medicaid dentist	Not Asked	22	11	22	17
Number of counties in state without Medicaid billing dentist who saw 50+ beneficiaries under age 21	Not Asked	—	—	—	36
Number of dentists with at least one paid claim - Medicaid only.	494	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	517
Number of dentists with at least one paid claim - SCHIP only.	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	—
Number of dentists with at least one paid claim - Combined only.	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	—
Number of dentists with paid claims >= \$10,000 - Medicaid only.	276	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	336
Number of dentists with paid claims >= \$10,000 - SCHIP only.	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	—
Number of dentists with paid claims >= \$10,000 - Combined only.	—	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	—
Number of billing dentists with at least 1 claim - Medicaid	Not Asked	316	803	398	191
Number of billing dentists with at least 1 claim - SCHIP	Not Asked	1,010	1,070	1,057	—
Number of billing dentists with at least 1 claim - combined providers	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of treating dentists with					

at least 1 claim - Medicaid	Not Asked	467	1,058	563	517
Number of treating dentists with at least 1 claim - SCHIP	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of treating dentists with at least 1 claim - combined providers	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of billing providers with paid Medicaid claims >= \$10,000	Not Asked	513	250	240	336
Number of billing providers with paid SCHIP claims >= \$10,000	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of billing providers with paid Medicaid or SCHIP claims >= \$10,000	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of billing providers who saw 50 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - Medicaid	Not Asked	380	215	233	287
Number of billing providers who saw 50 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - SCHIP	Not Asked	94	—	—	—
Number of billing providers who saw 50 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - Combined	Not Asked	—	—	—	—
Number of billing providers who saw 100 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - Medicaid	Not Asked	330	152	173	215
Number of billing providers who saw 100 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - SCHIP	Not Asked	472	—	—	—
Number of billing providers who saw 100 or more beneficiaries < 21 years - Combined	Not Asked	—	—	—	—

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Administration

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
State dental director devotes full time to his/her duties	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full-time equivalents (FTEs) ⁴	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25
Contracted full-time equivalents (FTEs) ⁴	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
Percentage of time dental director spends on Medicaid/SCHIP issues	0%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Percentage of time dental director spends on Medicaid/SCHIP issues that is paid for by Medicaid/SCHIP	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
As of January 1st of this year, how many full years has the current dental director been in this position?	11	12	13	14	0
Percent of dental budget from HRSA State Oral Health Collaborative Systems	Not Asked	5%	5%	4%	10%
Percent of dental budget from HRSA Integrated Systems Development	Not Asked	0%	0%	0%	0%
Percent of dental budget from HRSA Healthy Tomorrows Oral Health	Not Asked	0%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked

Percent of dental budget from HRSA Title VII	Not Asked	0%	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Percent of dental budget from Bureau of Health Professions (Oral Health Workforce)	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	7%	7%
Does your state have a state-level dental sealant coordinator?	Yes	Yes	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Does your state have standard forms on which sealant data is collected in the field?	No	Yes	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Is the form used by all programs?	—	Yes	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Does the sealant data come to a central location?	Yes	Yes	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Do you have set criteria for the inclusion of schools in the sealant program?	Yes	Yes	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
What are the criteria?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
How many schools in your state do these sealant criteria include?	221	221	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Of this number of schools, how many did you reach with a sealant program during the last completed school year?	32	39	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Does your state currently have a statutory requirement or authority for an oral health program?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	0
Does the current dental director/program manager position require public health experience?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Is the dental director currently performing other responsibilities, even temporarily, such as rural health even though it isn't part of the oral health position?	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Does your state currently have a statutory requirement or authority for a state dental director	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
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Programs					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Abuse/Neglect Education or Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness (PANDA) — health professionals reached	200	200	Has Program	175	175
Access to Care — people served	650	691	28,287	1,106	1,106
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System — people surveyed	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	6,000	6,000
Craniofacial Anomalies Recording and Referral System — infants served	Has Program	Not Asked	Has Program	Has Program	Has Program
Dental Screening — people served	—	1,100	Has Program	1,150	1,150
Dental Sealants — children served	1,118	1,400	2,593	4,720	4,720
Early Childhood Caries/Baby Bottle Tooth Decay Prevention —					

mothers, children, and others served	—	—	—	—	—
Fluoridated Community Water Supplies — people served	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Fluoride Mouthrinse — children served	4,124	3,205	4,124	3,162	3,162
Fluoride Supplements (Tablets/Drops) — children served	—	—	—	—	—
Fluoride Varnish — children served	—	—	—	—	—
Medicaid Dental Claims Data — uses dental data	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	—	Has Program
Mouthguard/Injury Prevention — people served	—	—	—	—	—
Needs Assessment/Oral Health Surveys — people served	Has Program	4,000	9,837	Not Asked	Not Asked
Oral Health Education/Promotion — people served	Has Program	Has Program	121	300	300
Oral Health Programs for Pregnant Women — pregnant women served	Not Asked	Has Program	Has Program	Has Program	Has Program
Oral Health Surveillance System — people served	Not Asked	Not Asked	Has Program	Not Asked	Not Asked
Oral Health Surveys — people served	9,600	—	121	6,035	6,035
Other Oral Health Needs Assessment or Surveys — number surveyed	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	738	—
Pregnancy Risk Survey — women surveyed	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	2,003	1,772
Smoke and Spit Tobacco Cessation — people served	Has Program	Has Program	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked
Youth Risk Behavior Survey — youth surveyed	Not Asked	Not Asked	Not Asked	1,348	734

¹ SCHIP is the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

² Item related to *Healthy People 2010* oral health objectives. [See sources page for more information.](#)

³ Wording of question changed between 1998 and 2002. See the Methods Section of [About the Synopses](#) to view the questionnaires.

⁴ FTE is full-time equivalent. The number of work hours budgeted per week divided by 40 hours per week equals the number of full-time equivalent workers.

— Indicates items for which respondent did not provide information for a year.

Has Program Indicates that the oral health unit funds, supports or otherwise facilitates the program, but did not report number served.

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