Oral Health in Montana
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Montana Demographics
145,500+ square miles

6.8 people/square mile

45 frontier & 10 rural counties

7 American Indian Reservations

Largest minority group (6.7%)
Prevalence of Oral Disease

Prevalence of Decay Experience and Untreated Decay in Third Grade Children
Montana 2017/2018

- 2014: 44.8%
- 2017-2018: 61.0%

U.S. Average: 52%

- Decay Experience
- Untreated Decay
Prevalence of Decay Experience and Untreated Decay by Race
Montana 2017/2018

Prevalence of Decay Experience and Untreated Decay by NSLP participation
Montana 2017/2018
14.1% of adults 65+ reported no remaining natural teeth.
Oral Cancer

2.6% of cancers diagnosed in MT

30.5% diagnosed at the earliest stage
Community Water Fluoridation
Montana – 33.7%
U.S. – 74.4%

Prevalence of Dental Sealants in Third Grade Children by Race
Montana 2017-2018

Dental Sealants
Montana – 48%
U.S. – 42%
Dental Workforce

54% of dentists reside in the 6 most populated counties

679 Licensed Dentists
Dental Hygienists

800 Registered Dental Hygienists

89 Limited Access Permit endorsements

Denturists

1 of 6 states to regulate Denturity

19 Denturists
Dental Care Utilization

Medicaid-Enrolled Children that Received Preventative Dental Care and Children Aged 6-9 that Received Dental Sealants
Montana 2014-2018

Montana DPHHS analysis of dental claim data
Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD)

184 Montana dentists enrolled as trained providers (2015)

6.7% of Medicaid eligible children <18 months received dental care

Utilization of Dental Care within the Past Year Among Adults by Income
Montana 2018

Utilization of Dental Care within the Past Year Among Adults by Race, Education Level and Disability
Montana 2018

Access to Dental Care
Montana Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, 2019

79% of counties designated dental HPSAs

Community-based Dental Clinics

14 Community Health Centers (CHC) with dental clinics

Services to 32,076 Montanans (2018)
Dental-related Emergency

Department Visits
8% of ED visits

Average cost - $2,583

Oral Health in Primary Care
Interprofessional Collaboration

Systemic Health

Primary Care Provider