

# Access to Oral Health Care

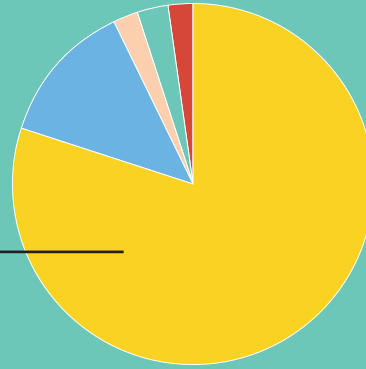
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## Most Ohio children have visited the dentist at least once in the last year

# 80%

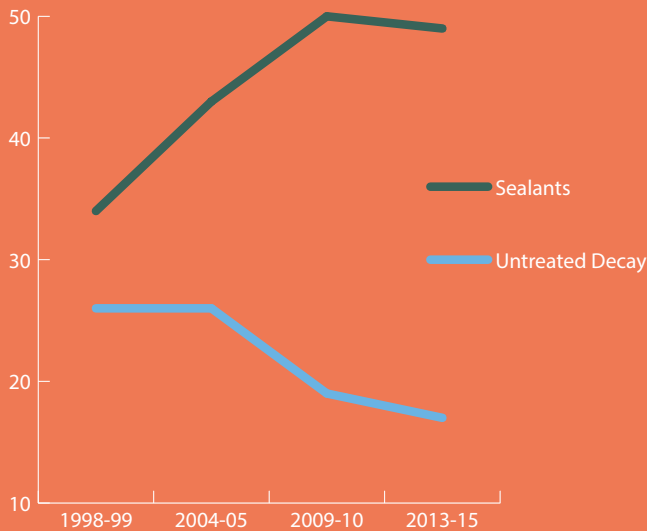
of Ohio third-graders had seen a dentist within the past year, as reported by their parents.



- Within the past year
- Within 1-3 years
- More than 3 years ago
- Never been to the dentist
- Unsure

Source: Make Your Smile Count! Third Grade Oral Health Screening Survey, 2013-15, Ohio Department of Health

## Oral health indicators for Ohio third-graders improving



Between 1998 and 2015, the percentage of children with dental sealants has steadily increased.

Between 1998 and 2015, the percentage of children with untreated cavities has continued to see a steady decrease.

Source: Make Your Smile Count! Third Grade Oral Health Screening Survey, 2013-15, Ohio Department of Health

## Ohio is meeting national targets

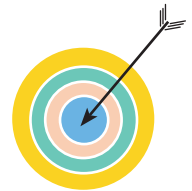
Percentage of children with one or more dental sealants:



# 49%

National Target

# 28%



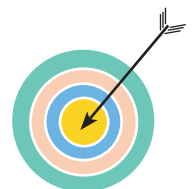
Percentage of children who had visited the dentist within the past year:



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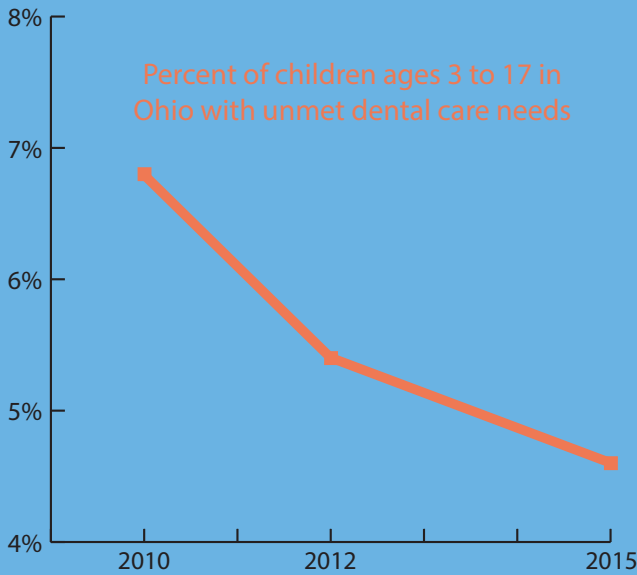
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# Unmet dental care needs decreasing in Ohio



The percentage of children ages 3 to 17 in Ohio with unmet dental care needs has been decreasing over the past several years.

Source: Ohio 2016 State Health Assessment

## Ohio's ratio of population to dentists better than national average

### Ohio

In 2014, the population to dentist ratio was:



Each person represents 100 people

### The United States

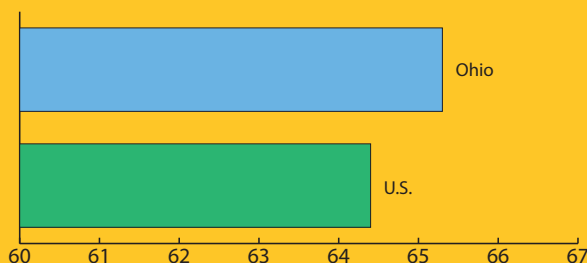
In 2014, the population to dentist ratio was:



Fewer people per dentist means that it's easier to schedule a dental appointment! Ohio has been improving its ratio of dentists to patients over the last several years. Plus, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry has announced that it is expanding its dental classes by about 10% beginning in 2018. When fully implemented, there will be 40 more dental students at the college of dentistry, adding to the number of dentists in Ohio.

Source: Ohio 2016 State Health Assessment

## Adults receiving dental care



In Ohio, 65.3% of adults reported visiting a dentist in the last 12 months. This is slightly better than the national average of 64.4%.

Source: Ohio 2016 State Health Assessment