

# Ohio's Oral Health Status



Oral Health Ohio envisions a state where all Ohioans enjoy optimal oral health as part of overall health and well-being across their lifespan. This infographic illustrates the oral health status of Ohioans when compared to the nation's performance on 12 key oral health indicators. While Ohio performs above the national average on some indicators, too many Ohioans do not get the care they need. This is especially true for young children and older adults.



In 2020,  
**2 in 10**  
OLDER ADULTS



(age 65+ in Ohio) have lost **all natural teeth** due to tooth decay or gum disease.<sup>1</sup>



In 2018,  
**4 in 10**  
OLDER ADULT



(age 65+ in Ohio) have reportedly lost **6 or more teeth** due to tooth decay or gum disease.<sup>2</sup>



In 2020,  
nearly  
**7 in 10**  
OLDER ADULTS



(age 65+ in Ohio) reportedly visited a dentist within the past year.<sup>3</sup>



In 2018,  
**9 in 10**  
ADULTS



on community water systems (CWS) in Ohio received optimally fluoridated water.<sup>4</sup>



In 2020,  
**7 in 10**  
ADULTS



(age 18-64 in Ohio) reportedly visited a dentist within the past year.<sup>5</sup>



In 2017-18,  
**5 in 10**  
3RD GRADERS



in Ohio have one or more dental sealants on a permanent molar.<sup>6</sup>



In 2019-20,  
**5 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 1-5 in Ohio) reportedly had a **preventive dental visit** in the past 12 months.<sup>7</sup>



In 2019-20,  
**8 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 6-17 in Ohio) had one or more **preventive dental visits** in the past 12 months.<sup>8</sup>



In 2016-17,  
nearly  
**3 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 3-5 in Ohio) had a history of tooth decay in primary or baby teeth (e.g., filling, crown, extraction or cavity).<sup>9</sup>



In 2016-17,  
nearly  
**2 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 3-5 in Ohio) had untreated cavities.<sup>10</sup>



In 2019,  
**2 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 0-5 in Ohio) who are eligible for \*EPSDT screening, had **any dental visit**.<sup>11</sup>



In 2019,  
**5 in 10**  
CHILDREN



(age 6-18 in Ohio) who are eligible for \*EPSDT screening, had **any dental visit**.<sup>12</sup>

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\*Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. EPSDT is a child health program in Medicaid designed to meet the physical, mental, and developmental health needs of children.



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