



Oral Health in Oregon

Approximately
33%
of Oregonians

have not seen
a dentist in
the last year.



An estimated 28,000 Oregonians
visit the emergency department
annually for non-traumatic dental problems.

Support school dental sealant programs, which
are cost-effective and reduce cavities by 50%.

Support optimal community water fluoridation, which
is one of the top 10 public health achievements of the
20th century.

Based on the 2012 Oregon Smile Survey:



1 in 5 children had untreated decay
(1 in 3 in 2007)



52% of 6–9 year olds had already
had a cavity (64% in 2007)

More than **17,000** had rampant decay (decay
in **7** or more teeth), compared to 24,000 in 2007.

Oregonians experience oral health inequities.

Low-income children
had substantially
higher rates of
cavities and
untreated cavities:

2x rate of
rampant decay

48%

of low-income adults
avoid smiling due to
the condition of their
mouth and teeth.