



Federal Overview: America's Oral Health Priorities CDC Perspective

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CDC's Division of Oral Health Focus Areas

- **Prevention**
 - Prevent oral diseases and promote good oral health through proven interventions.
- **Data, Science, and Evaluation**
 - Monitor the burden of oral disease and risk factors. Analyze data to guide programs and identify promising practices.
- **Workforce Development and Infrastructure**
 - Train dental workforce and oral health program staff. Support core public health infrastructure.
- **Integration and Access**
 - Advance whole-person care to improve oral health status and control of co-morbid chronic disease.

State and National Partner Strategies

- **Funded States**

- Improve oral health through monitoring the burden of oral disease and examining associations with chronic diseases and oral health outcomes.
- Increase access to evidence-based preventive dental services.
- Increase awareness of infection prevention and control guidelines.

- **Funded Partners**

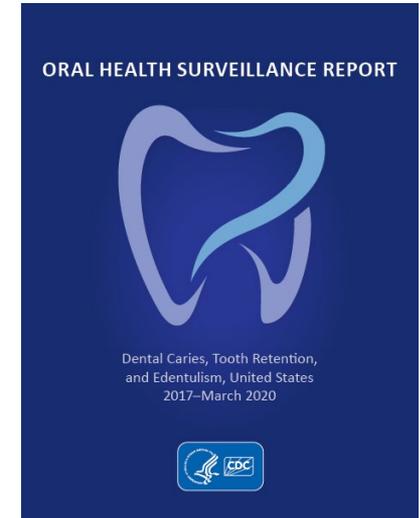
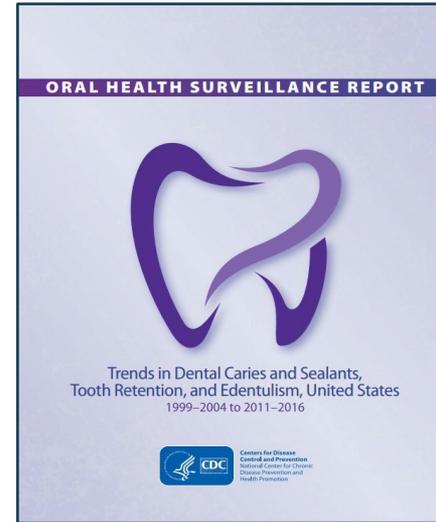
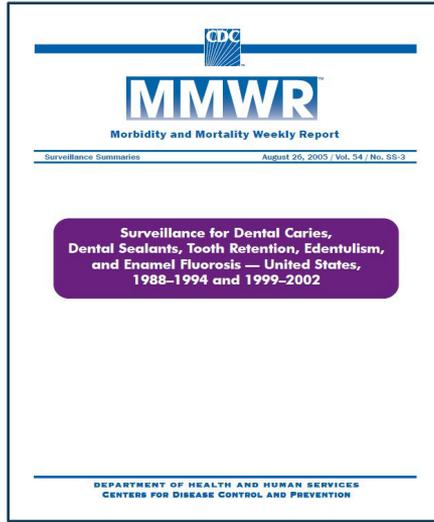
- Support the states to increase access to oral health services and enhance prevention strategies to improve oral health.
- Provide technical assistance, resources, surveillance support, and evaluation support.

- **Addition funding to:** Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country and Prevention and Control of Chronic Disease and Associated Risk Factors in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico

State and National Data Collection Efforts

- **Monitor oral disease burden, related risk factors, and access to preventive dental services.**
 - National estimates based on clinical assessment and questionnaire data for all ages.
 - State estimates based self-report for adults.
 - Periodic state-by-state estimates based on oral health screening among 3rd grade students, Head Start programs, and older adults.
 - Relationship between oral health status and other chronic conditions.
- **Analyze and report on data from the Medical Expenditure Survey (MEPS) data and state cancer registry data.**

Select CDC NHANES Reports/Burden of Disease/Oral Health Trends across the United States



https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/indss_2020.html

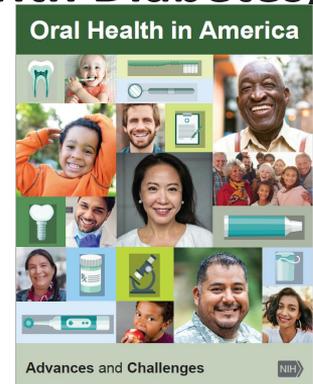
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Collaborative Efforts and other contributions involving oral health

- **Dental Visits and Smoking Status, National Health Interview Survey**
- **Incidence, trends, stage at diagnosis, and 5-year relative survival of oral cavity and pharyngeal cancers, 2016–2020**
- **Examining the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Dental Provider Availability and Access to Care among Medicaid Enrollees**
- **Delayed Dental Care Due to Cost Among US Adults with Diabetes, 2018–2019**
- **Oral Health in America, Advances and Challenges**



Residency Program in Dental Public Health

- **Federal program located in Atlanta, GA**
- **1-year full-time or 2-years part-time**
- **Provides training in 10 dental public health competencies through:**
 - Research activities
 - Field experience
 - Courses and seminars
 - Site visits
 - Journal club

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