

Dental and Oral Health

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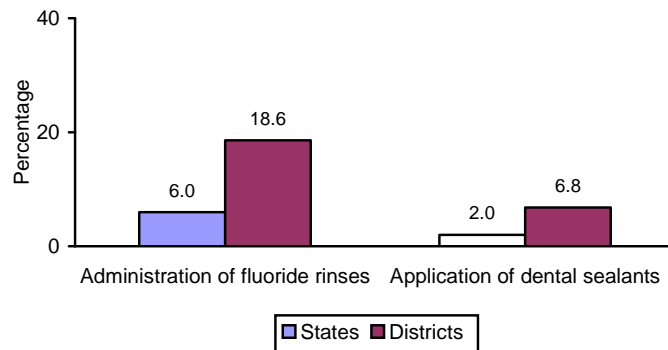
Health Education

- 74.5% of elementary schools taught dental and oral health in at least 1 elementary school class, and 54.6% of middle schools and 55.1% of high schools taught dental and oral health in at least 1 required health education course.

Health Services

- The percentage of schools in which school health services staff provided identification of or referrals for oral health problems increased from 54.5% in 2000 to 65.8% in 2006.¹
- The percentage of states that required districts or schools to provide identification of or referrals for oral health problems decreased from 28.0% in 2000 to 16.0% in 2006.
- 18.0% of states and 29.6% of districts required student health screenings for oral health problems.
- 36.9% of elementary schools, 24.0% of middle schools, and 17.0% of high schools conducted student health screenings for oral health problems.
- 6.9% of districts provided administration of fluoride rinses through arrangements with organizations or professionals outside the school and 6.9% of districts provided application of dental sealants through such arrangements.

Percentage of States That Required Districts or Schools and Percentage of Districts That Required Schools to Provide Administration of Fluoride Rinses or Application of Dental Sealants



Percentage of Schools That Provided Administration of Fluoride Rinses or Application of Dental Sealants		
Location	Administration of Fluoride Rinses	Application of Dental Sealants
At school by health services staff	10.6	6.1
Through arrangements with organizations or professionals outside the school	7.6	8.1

¹ Selected changes between 2000 and 2006 are included if they met at least 2 of 3 criteria ($p < .01$ from a t-test, a difference greater than 10 percentage points, or an increase by at least a factor of 2 or decrease by at least half). Variables are not included if they do not meet these criteria or if no comparable variable existed in both survey years.

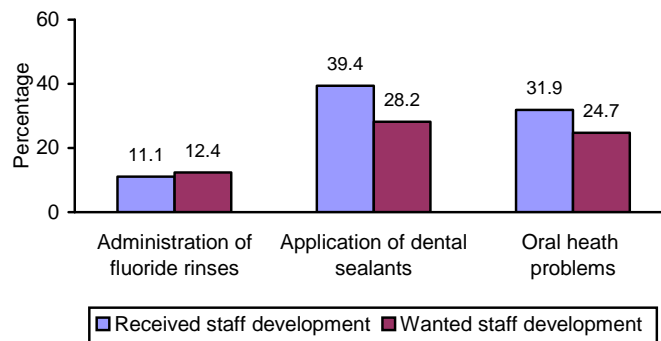
Health Services (continued)

Percentage of States and Districts That Provided Funding For Staff Development or Offered Staff Development to School Nurses on Administration of Fluoride Rinses, Application of Dental Sealants, and Oral Health Problems During the 2 Years Preceding the Study		
Topic	States	Districts
Administration of fluoride rinses	32.7	15.8
Application of dental sealants	26.0	7.6
Oral health problems	50.0	28.1

During the 2 years preceding the study:

- The percentage of states that provided funding for staff development or offered staff development on oral health problems to school nurses increased from 34.0% in 2000 to 50.0% in 2006.

Percentage of School Health Services Coordinators Who Received Staff Development During the 2 Years Preceding the Study or Who Wanted Staff Development on Administration of Fluoride Rinses, Application of Dental Sealants, or Oral Health Problems



Faculty and Staff Health Promotion

- 34.7% of states provided dental care coverage as part of their health insurance plans.
- Among the 46.0% of districts that indicated their state did not offer health insurance, 67.3% provided dental care coverage as part of their health insurance plans.

During the 12 months preceding the study:

- 2.0% of states required districts or schools to provide funding for or offer oral health screening for faculty and staff.
- 6.3% of districts provided funding for or offered oral health screening for faculty and staff and 4.2% of schools offered oral health screening for faculty and staff.
- 2.0% of states required districts or schools to provide funding for or offer referrals for oral health problems for faculty and staff.
- 5.1% of districts provided funding for or offered referrals for oral health problems for faculty and staff and 5.6% of schools offered referrals for oral health problems for faculty and staff.

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