

ORAL HEALTH

HEALTH PRIORITY | #12

Defined as: Keeping teeth, gums, and mouth healthy to prevent mouth pain, tooth decay, tooth loss, mouth sores

LOCAL DATA

3rd graders with untreated dental decay¹



17% Western Wisconsin

18% Wisconsin

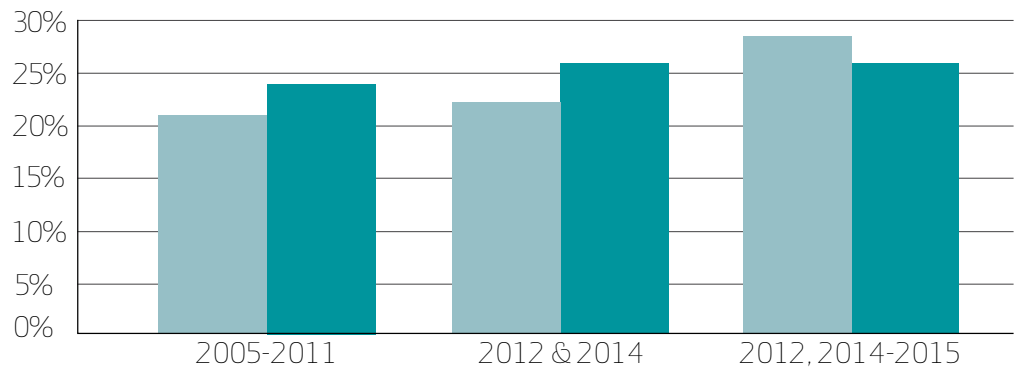
Residents on municipal water with fluoride content at the recommended level²

Eau Claire County - 84%

Wisconsin - 89%

Residents (age 2+) that did not have a dental visit in the past year³

■ Eau Claire County
■ Wisconsin



Maintaining proper oral health is not only good for a healthy smile, but prevents certain oral diseases (gum disease) and chronic diseases (heart disease) associated with improper dental hygiene (County Health Rankings, 2015-2017).

COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY⁴

Top reasons this is a problem in our community:

Good dental care or personal dental care practices are not affordable

Dental clinics that accept BadgerCare are limited

People cannot easily access services for dental care

How serious is this health topic?

73%

64%

51%

Major problem..... **9%**

Moderate problem..... **25%**

Slight problem..... **38%**

Not a problem..... **28%**

¹DHS-Health Smiles/Healthy Growth Wisconsin's Third Grade Children (2013)

²Environmental Public Health Tracker (2015)

³2017 County Health Rankings (DHS - Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 2012, 2014, 2015)

⁴2017 Eau Claire County Community Health Survey