



## Dental Public Health Activities Descriptive Summaries

---

**Practice Number:** 04003  
**Submitted By:** Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services  
**Submission Date:** September 2001  
**Last Updated:** September 2009

### **Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles – Disseminating Surveillance and Other Oral Health Data**

The Arizona Community Oral Health Profiles are a series of fact sheet used to provide Arizona communities with information on the oral health status of their residents. The Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Oral Health developed the profiles in 1997 to organize the available oral health information for communities and to provide easier access to this data. Each profile summarizes and coordinates the oral health findings from eleven state surveys, and lists the information for a specific Arizona community, the county and the state for comparison. The purpose of the Community Oral Health Profile is to provide community-specific data to support a community in raising awareness of oral health needs, planning and developing solutions to meet the needs of its residents, and/or justifying resources.

A searchable database stores profiles for 173 Arizona communities, allows the Office of Oral Health to update data from partners collecting surveillance data. Access to oral health data for all 173 community profiles by the public and communities is provided through the Arizona Department of Health Services Web site at <http://www.azdhs.gov/hsd/chpprofiles.htm> (oral health data added to a set of Arizona Community Health Profiles). Communities have used the profiles for grant proposals to seek funding for oral health prevention and treatment services and to support community water fluoridation.

---

#### **Contact Person(s) for Inquiries:**

Julia Wacloff, RDH, MS, Chief, Office of Oral Health, Arizona Department of Health Services, 150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. #320, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Phone: 602-542-1866, Fax: 602-364-1494, Email: [julia.wacloff@azdhs.gov](mailto:julia.wacloff@azdhs.gov)