

THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

ORAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IS NEEDED FOR



Program
Planning



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Implementation



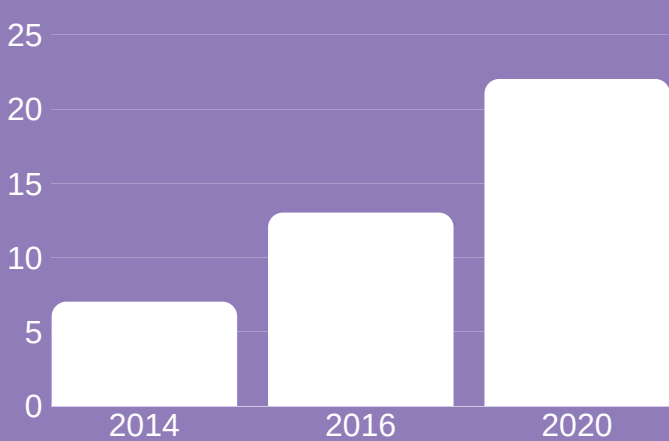
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The purpose of an oral health surveillance system is to **use data** to protect and promote population-wide oral health.

The Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists considers a state to have an oral health surveillance system if they have these 10 items.

- 1 Written oral health surveillance plan
- 2 3rd grade oral health data (BSS)
- 3 Tooth loss data for adults
- 4 Oral cancer data
- 5 Annual dental visit for Medicaid/CHIP
- 6 Annual dental visit for children 1-17 years
- 7 Annual dental visit for adults
- 8 Fluoridation status of public water systems
- 9 Workforce and infrastructure data
- 10 Publicly available & actionable data



The number of states with an oral health surveillance system has **TRIPLED** over the last 6 years.

MORE WORK IS NEEDED

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The number of states without an oral health surveillance system.

MISSING ELEMENTS - STATES NEED HELP WITH

Developing a written oral health surveillance plan.
Funding, developing and implementing a 3rd grade oral health survey.
Disseminating actionable data.



Where oral health lives

ASTDD CAN HELP

We have a variety of resources to help states. Contact us for more information.

The Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors