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 without an oral health surveillance system has TRIPLED over the last 6 years.

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.

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

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