



EVERY SMILE COUNTS

THE ORAL HEALTH OF CONNECTICUT'S CHILDREN

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Every Smile Counts 2022 is a survey conducted through the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Oral Health to assess the oral health status of children in Connecticut.

DENTAL DECAY CONTINUES TO BE A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM FOR CONNECTICUT KINDERGARTEN AND THIRD GRADE CHILDREN.



15%

of Connecticut's kindergarten and third grade children need dental treatment.



16%

of Connecticut's kindergarten and third grade children have untreated decay.

THERE ARE RACE-BASED AND ETHNICITY-BASED DISPARITIES IN LEVELS OF DENTAL DISEASE AMONG CONNECTICUT'S KINDERGARTEN AND THIRD GRADE CHILDREN.



There are socioeconomic-based disparities in levels of dental disease among Connecticut's kindergarten and third grade children.



Race-based and ethnicity-based health disparities continue to exist in rates of dental decay experience among Connecticut's kindergarten and third grade children.

28% OF THIRD GRADE CHILDREN IN CONNECTICUT HAVE PROTECTIVE DENTAL SEALANTS.



Race-based and ethnicity-based disparities continue to exist in rates of Connecticut's kindergarten and third grade children who have dental sealants.



Connecticut has not met the objectives for either national or state improvement plans for third grade children's dental decay experience, untreated dental decay, or dental sealants.



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