

Oral Health Status of American Indians & Alaska Natives

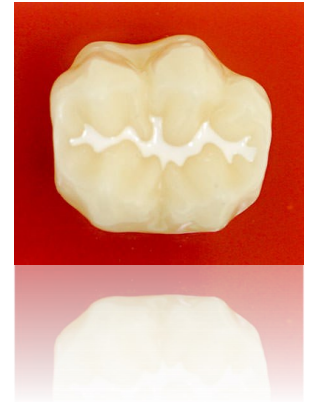


1 in 3
 American Indian/Alaska Native children get protective fluoride

1 in 6
 American Indian/Alaska Native children get protective sealants



IHS & Tribal Clinics emphasize prevention of dental diseases in services they provide



5% fewer children that have EVER had cavities
10% fewer adults with gum disease
20% fewer children with unfilled cavities

Despite this success, American Indians and Alaska Native children and adults continue to suffer disproportionately from dental disease compared to the rest of the U.S.:

- ⇒ 3-5 times as many cavities across all ages
- ⇒ Twice as much gum disease in adults

