

# PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT CHILDREN



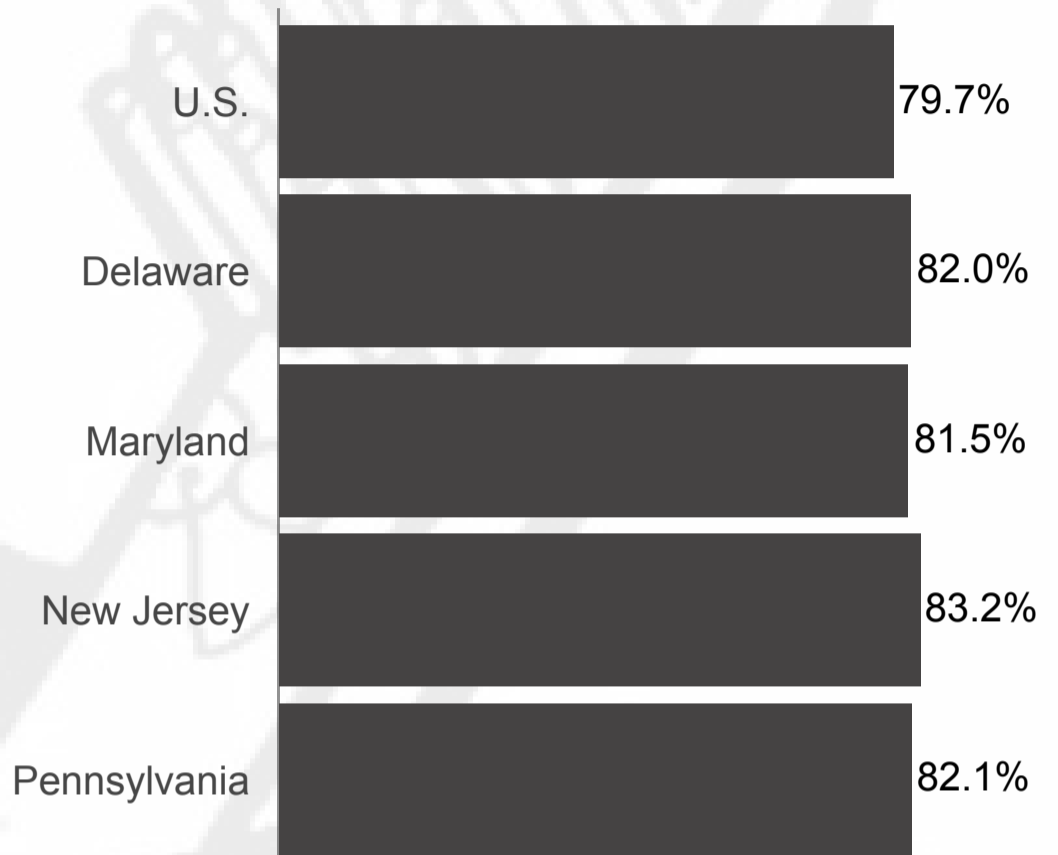
## ★ IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH

Support access to quality oral health services, particularly for families with disadvantaged backgrounds.

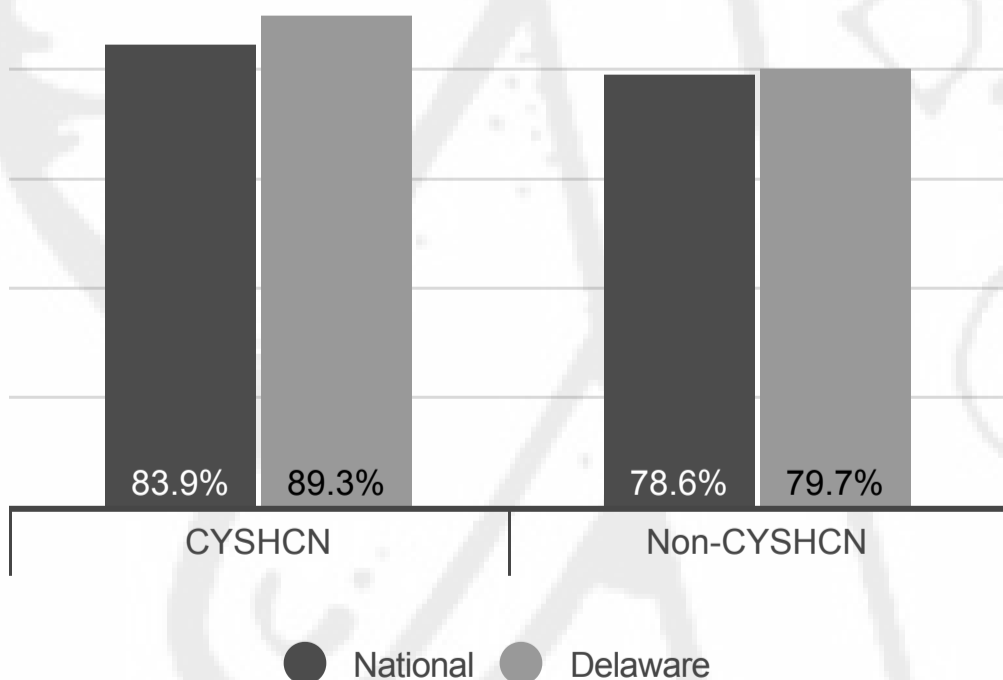
To protect overall health through advancement in oral health care.

## ▲ HOW ARE WE DOING?

According to the 2017/2018 National Survey of Children's Health, 18% of Delaware children have not had a preventive dental visit in the past year, which is only slightly better than the national average of 20.3%.



PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN, AGES 1-17, WHO HAD A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT IN THE PAST YEAR (2017/2018 NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH)



## ★ HOW ARE WE DOING?

According to the 2017/2018 National Survey of Children's Health, 20.3% of non-CYSHCN Delaware children and 10.7% of CYSHCN have not had a preventive dental visit in the past year, which is only slightly better than the national average of 21.4% and 16.1% respectively.

CHILDREN, AGES 1-17, WHO HAD ONE OR MORE PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISITS IN THE PAST YEAR BASED ON SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (2017/2018 NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH)

“ While tooth decay is the most common childhood disease, it is also nearly 100% preventable. ”

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## DELAWARE GOALS

Increase the percent of Delaware children, ages 1 through 17, who have an annual preventive dental visit.



## DELAWARE'S ACTIVE MEASURES

Oral Health for children is one of Delaware's currently selected National Performance Measures (NPM) for the 2020 fiscal year.



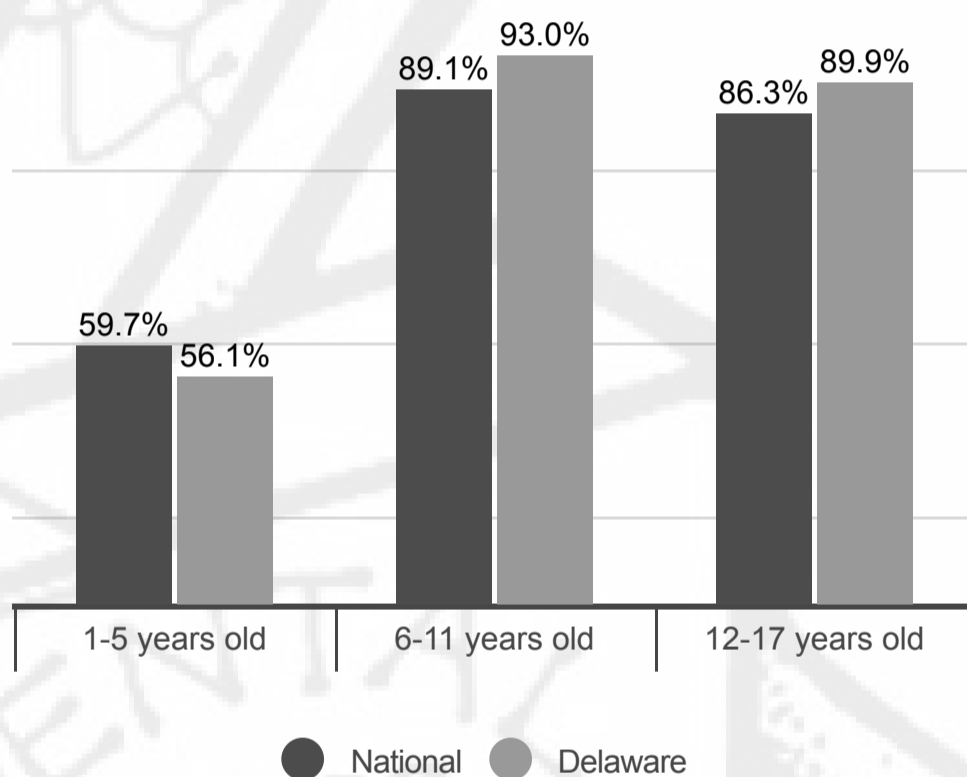
## DELAWARE'S COMMUNITY VOICE

"There is a lack of dental coverage for low-income individuals."



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

According to the 2017/2018 National Survey of Children's Health, 43.9% of Delaware children, ages 1-17, have not had a preventive dental visit in the past year. Additionally, 7% of Delaware's 6-11 year olds and 10.1% of Delaware's 12-17 year olds have not had a preventive dental visit in the past year.



CHILDREN, AGES 1-17, WHO HAD A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT IN THE PAST YEAR BASED ON AGE GROUPS (2017/2018 NATIONAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH)



## FEDERAL OBJECTIVES

Increase access to comprehensive oral health care for MCH populations most at risk for oral disease.

- Children from mothers with poor oral health develop tooth decay at a higher rate. One in five are affected in early childhood.
- When left untreated, tooth decay can harm children's quality of life and impair academic performance.