



A Snapshot of Children's Oral Health

SMILE SURVEY SHOWS LITTLE PROGRESS AND WORK TO BE DONE

As part of the Washington State Department of Health Smile Survey, the Snohomish County Smile Survey is conducted every five years to assess the oral health of children throughout the county. During the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, licensed dental examiners screened 817 children aged 3-5 years from 24 Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs and 2046 kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd grade students in 11 elementary schools.

CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD

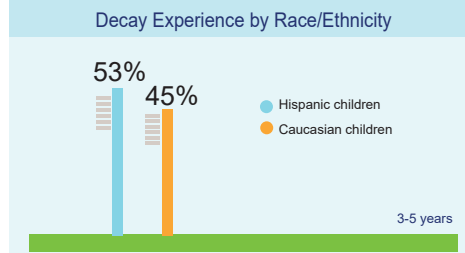
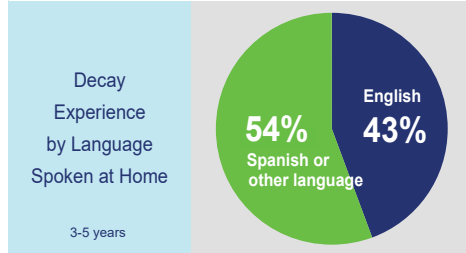
Did not meet the Healthy People 2020 Goal

DECAY EXPERIENCE

Snohomish County had decay experience similar as Washington State, same as 2010 Smile Survey, and did not meet the Healthy People 2020 goal.



Decay Experience by County, State & Healthy People 2020 Goals



TERMS:

WHITE SPOTS

The earliest sign of caries is the appearance of a chalky white or discolored spot on a tooth (referred to as "white spot lesion") which can be stopped or reversed.

CARIES EXPERIENCE

Also referred to as decay experience means any evidence of past or present dental caries.

UNTREATED DECAY

Breakdown of the enamel surface can be seen by the dental screeners.

RAMPANT DECAY

Seven or more teeth with caries experience.

TREATMENT NEEDS

Dental Sealants:

Dental sealant on at least one permanent molar tooth.

Early Treatment Need:

Active untreated caries with no swelling or pain.

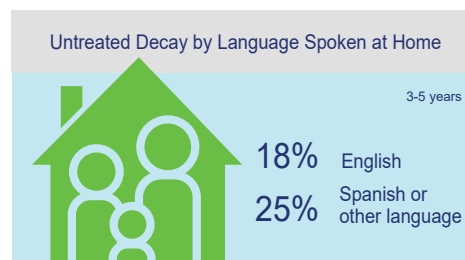
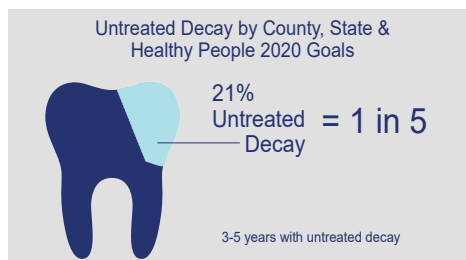
Urgent Treatment Need:

Active untreated caries with swelling or pain.

Met the Healthy People 2020 Goal

UNTREATED DECAY

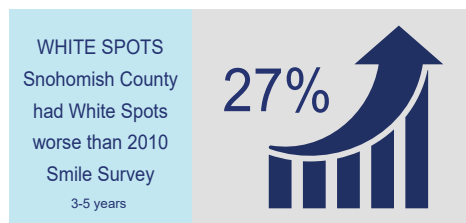
Snohomish County had Untreated Decay similar as Washington State, same as 2010 Smile Survey, and met the Healthy People 2020 goal (21%).



Did not meet the Healthy People 2020 Goal

WHITE SPOTS

Snohomish County had White Spots worse than 2010 Smile Survey.



CHILDREN 6-9 YEARS OLD

Did not meet the Healthy People 2020 Goal



Programs Making A Difference

A lifetime of good health for all children is possible when services work together to reduce dental health disparities. Snohomish County relies on collaboration and the services of partner agencies to meet the need of our growing population through programs and policies that not only advance children's oral health but also integrate oral health into whole health. For example, Sea Mar and Community Health Centers of Snohomish County offer both dental and primary care services. In addition, the Arcora Foundation has trained nearly forty primary care clinics on children's oral health and fluoride varnish application.

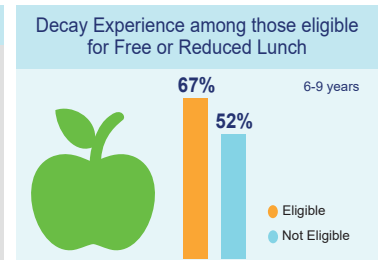
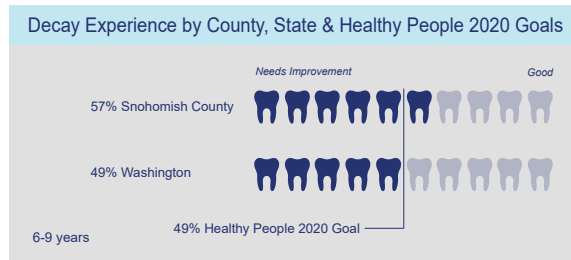
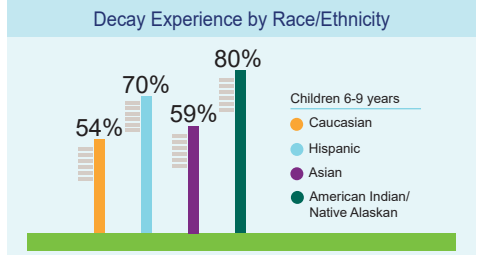
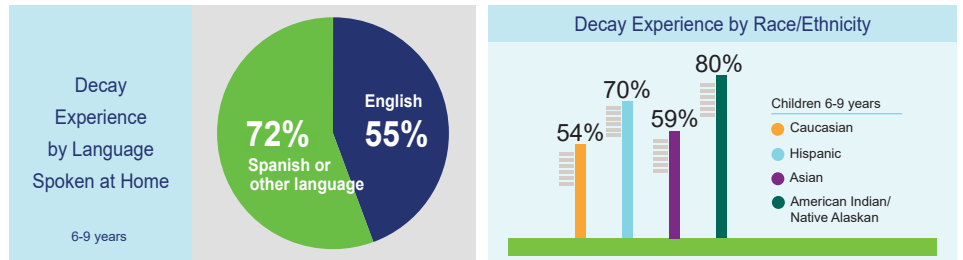
ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY (ABCD)
 ABCD connects Apple Health-insured children from birth through 5 years to dentists who are trained to treat young children. ABCD has made Washington a national leader in young children's utilization of oral health care. In Snohomish County the program is located at the Snohomish Health District. Currently there are nearly 85 ABCD certified dentist in the county.

SCHOOL-BASED DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS
 Dental hygienists apply dental sealants and fluoride varnish at schools across Washington. Community Health Centers of Snohomish County, Smile Partners, Kids Cavity Prevention Program provide this service in our county.

COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION
 Fluoride exists naturally in virtually all water supplies. Water is said to be "fluoridated" when a public water system adjusts the fluoride levels to prevent tooth decay. Most drinking water in Snohomish County is fluoridated, thanks to the City of Everett's fluoridation efforts dating back to 1992. Community water fluoridation remains the most cost-effective method of delivering fluoride to an entire population at once.

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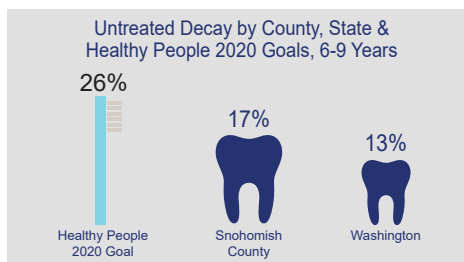


Met the Healthy People 2020 Goal



UNTREATED DECAY

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Met the Healthy People 2020 Goal



DENTAL SEALANTS

Children 6-9 years old in Snohomish County had dental sealants better than Washington State, same as 2010 Smile Survey, and met the Healthy People 2020 goal. There is no difference in dental sealants between the children who were eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch Program and those who were not.

