

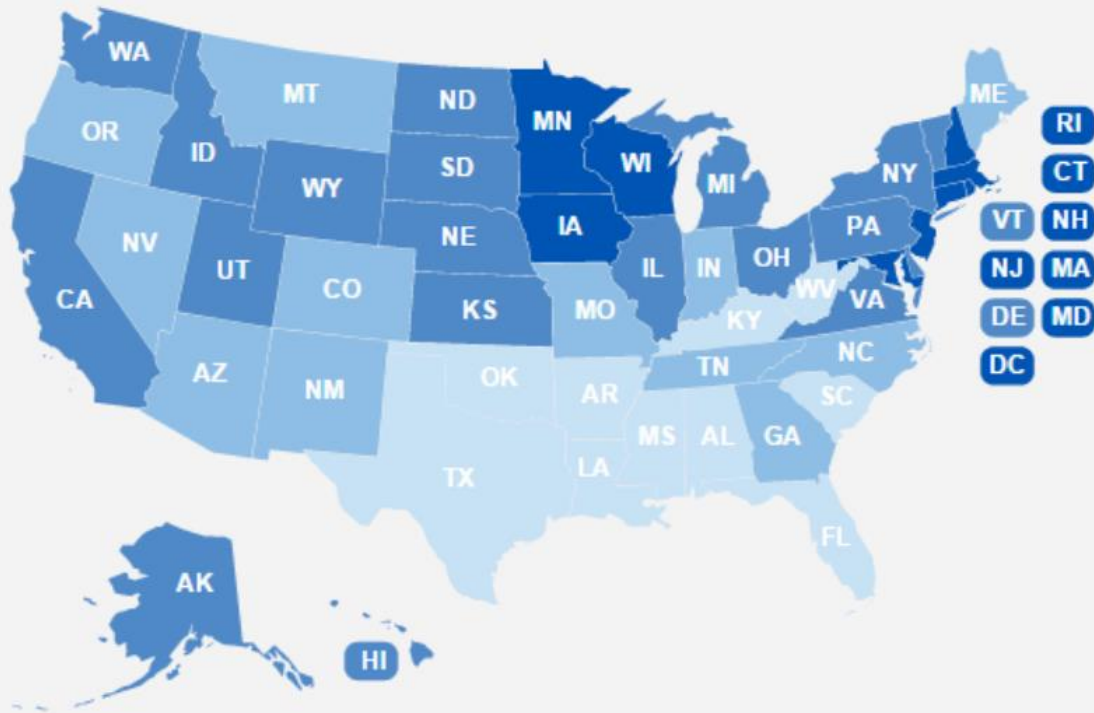
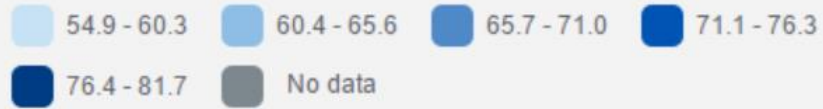


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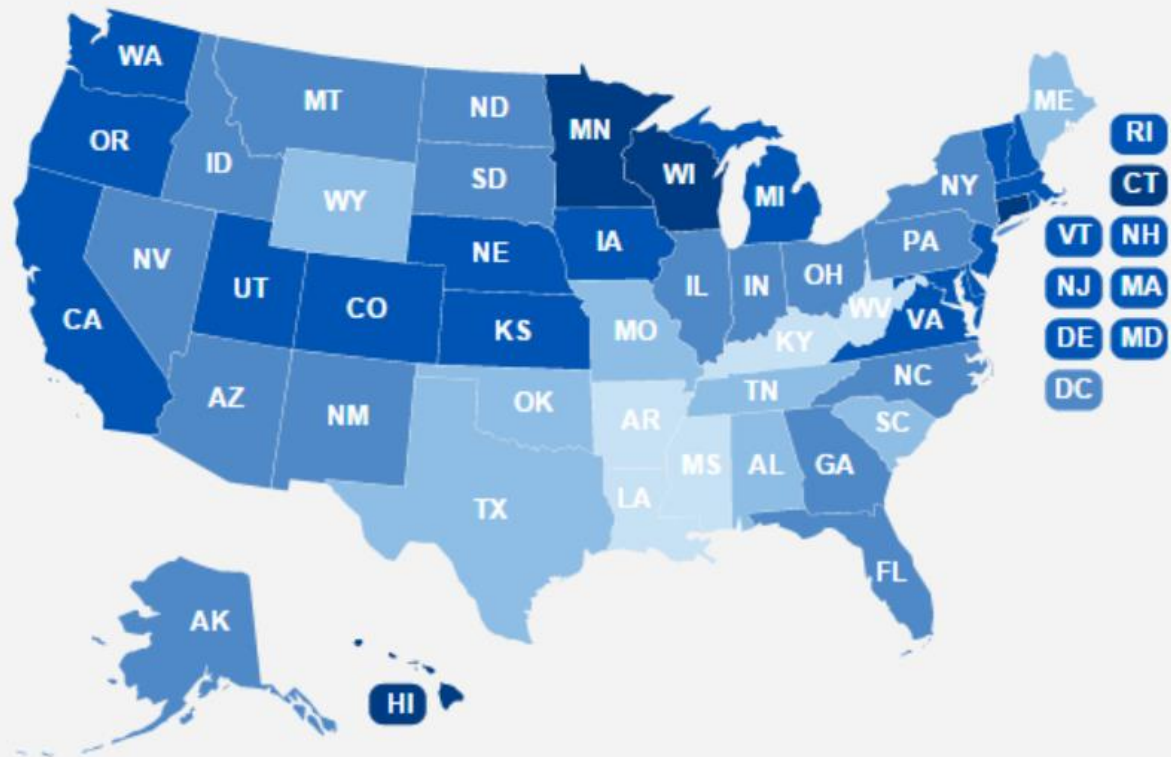
**Dental Visit, Annual:** Percentage of adults who have visited the dentist or dental clinic within the past year for any reason. (2011 BRFSS Methodology)



65.6% of seniors visited a dental health professional within the last 12 months. -

Source: *Americans Health Rankings*, United Health Foundation, May 21, 2015

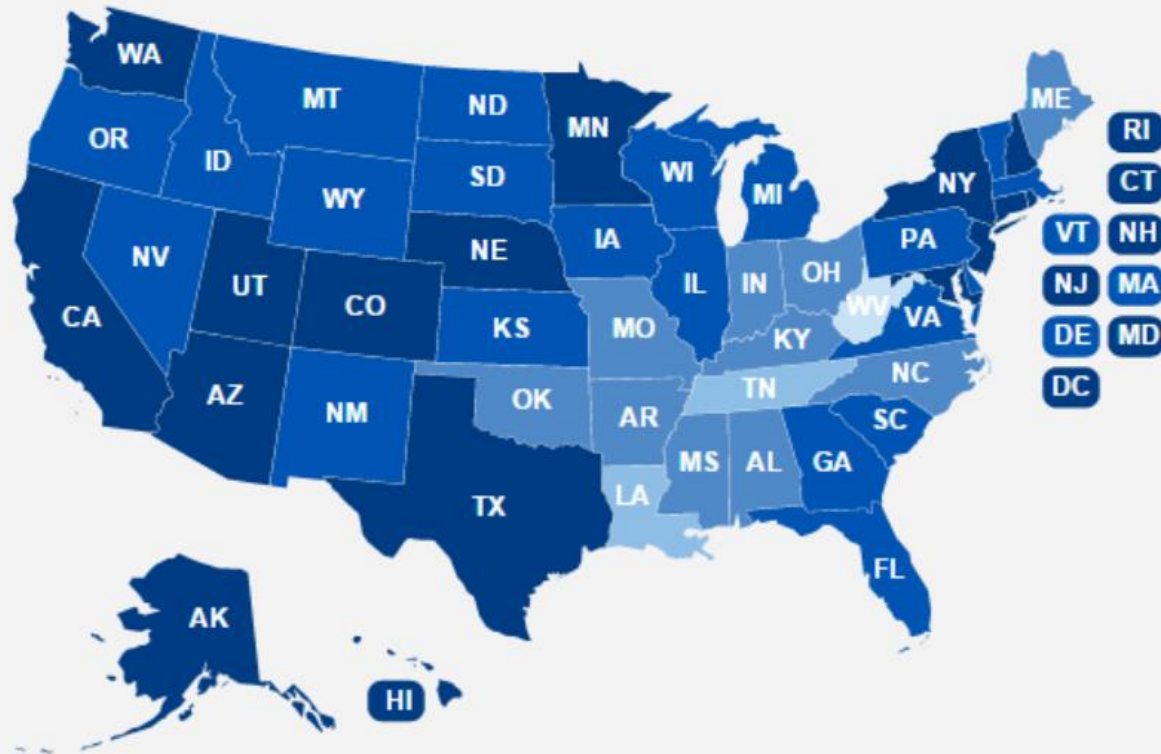
**Dental Visit - Seniors:** Percentage of adults aged 65 and older who report having visited a dental health professional within the last 12 months.



The national median of adults who had a dental visit within the last year is 67.2%.

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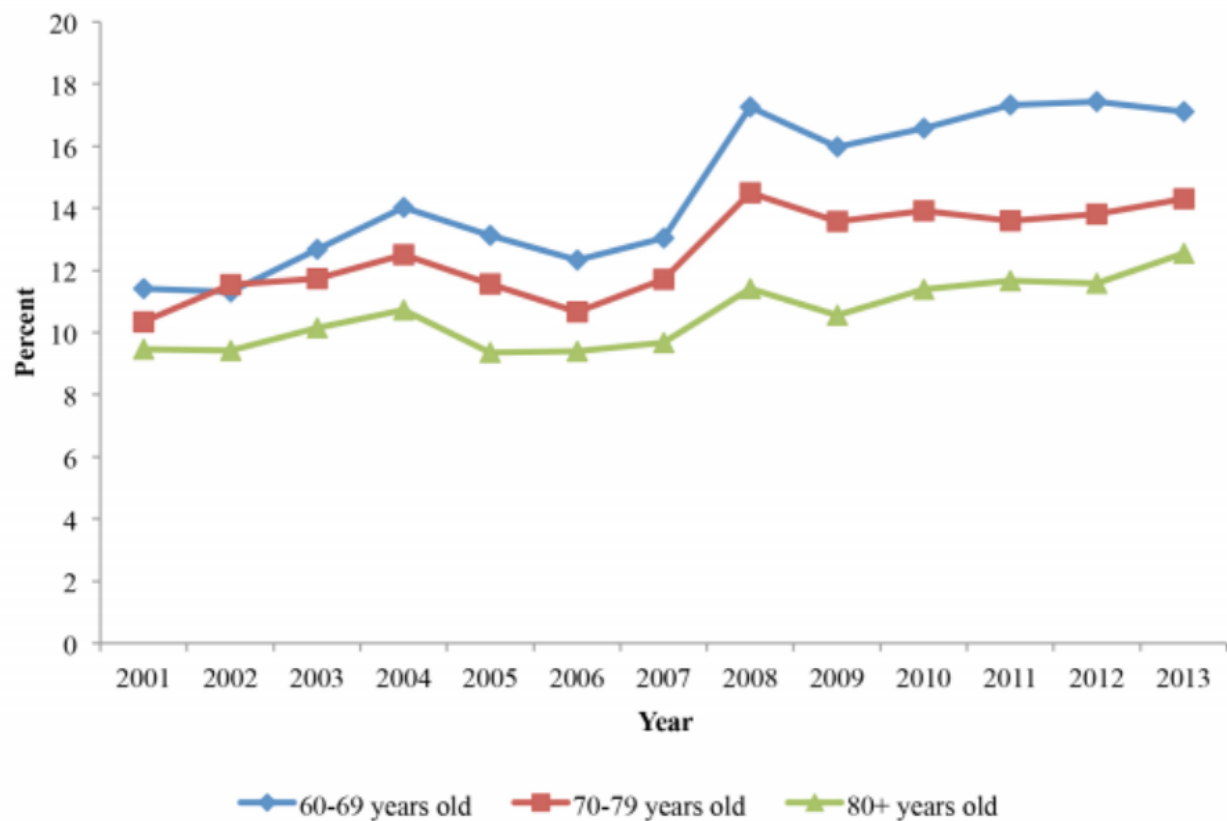
**Teeth Extractions:** Percentage of adults aged 65 and older who have all teeth removed due to teeth decay or gum disease



Nationwide, 15% of seniors have all of their teeth removed.

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**Figure 5. Trends in Threat of Senior Hunger by Age**



15.5% of seniors face the threat of hunger or 9.6 million seniors.

*The State of Senior Hunger in America  
2013: An Annual Report  
NFESH, NASUAD, April 2015*



# NASUAD's Oral Health Work

- NASUAD membership unanimously endorsed supporting an oral health benefit for Medicare recipients.
- NASUAD is preparing a State of the State survey on Oral Health in the States highlighting what state Medicaid programs cover (*estimated release date, late Summer 2015*)