

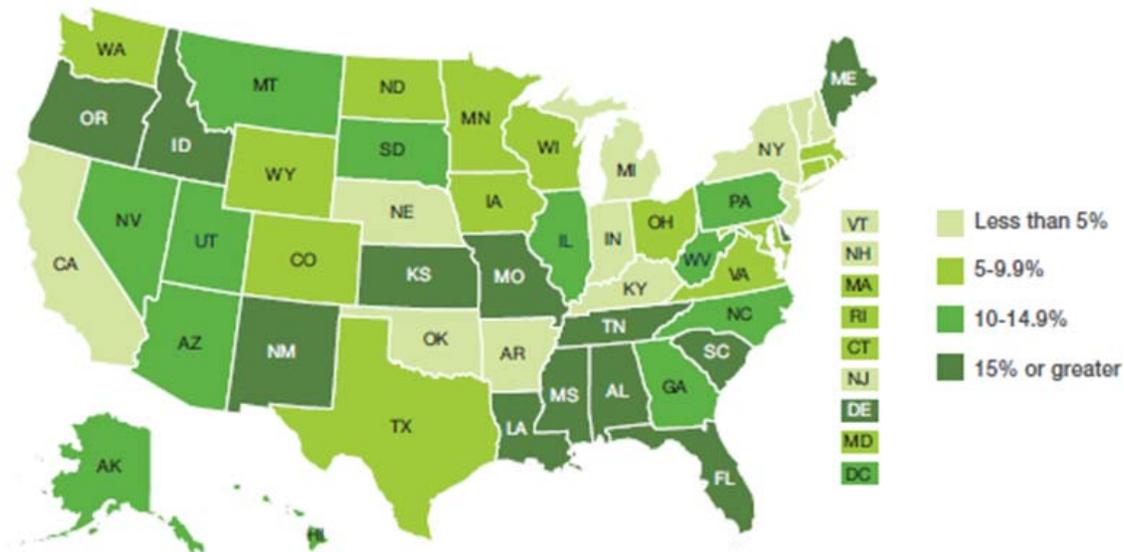
# Idaho Dental Facts

**Idaho is 1 of 10 states with the worst dental shortages!**

FIGURE 1:

## PERCENT OF POPULATION THAT IS UNDERSERVED AND LIVING IN A DENTIST SHORTAGE AREA, 2013

Dentist Shortages Widespread: In 25 States and the District of Columbia, at Least 10 Percent of Residents Do Not Have Adequate Access to a Dentist



SOURCE: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration Designated HPSA Statistics Report, State Population and Health Professional Shortage Areas Designation Population Statistics, data as of January 9, 2013. Analysis by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

State	% of population that is underserved*
1. MISSISSIPPI	36.3%
2. LOUISIANA	24.4%
3. ALABAMA	24.4%
4. NEW MEXICO	24.2%
5. DELAWARE	21.9%
6. SOUTH CAROLINA	20.6%
7. TENNESSEE	19.8%
8. FLORIDA	18.0%
9. IDAHO	17.5%
10. OREGON	17.3%

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**Dental Shortage Areas** are calculated by multiplying the # of dentists in the area by the ratio of 3000:1 and subtracting this figure from the total population living in the shortage area.

**More than 1/3 of U.S. dentists are nearing retirement.**

# Decay in Children

**Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease!**

Five times more common than asthma; four times more common than early childhood obesity.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

## Medicaid Access

Many dentist do not accept Medicaid.

For many low-income children, emergency rooms are their only option for toothaches or other preventable dental problems.

The prevalence of four or more teeth with untreated decay for students in low-income schools was significantly higher (27.4%) than among high-income schools (14.4%).

—2009 Idaho Smile Survey





## Oral Health Care During Pregnancy

- 45.6% of Idaho mothers who gave birth did not have a dental visit during pregnancy.\*
- Proper dental care during pregnancy may help prevent pre-term and low birth weight babies.
- Only 56.7% of pregnant women received counseling about the importance of dental care during pregnancy.\*

\*2011 [Idaho Pregnancy Risk Assessment Tracking System](#))