

Oral Health



The World Health Organization defines good oral health as being free of chronic mouth and facial pain, oral and throat cancer, oral sores, birth defects such as cleft lip and palate, periodontal (gum) disease, tooth decay and tooth loss. Risk factors for poor oral health include unhealthy diet, tobacco use, excessive alcohol use, and poor oral hygiene.

First dental visit of Colorado children 1 to 5 years of age, 2010



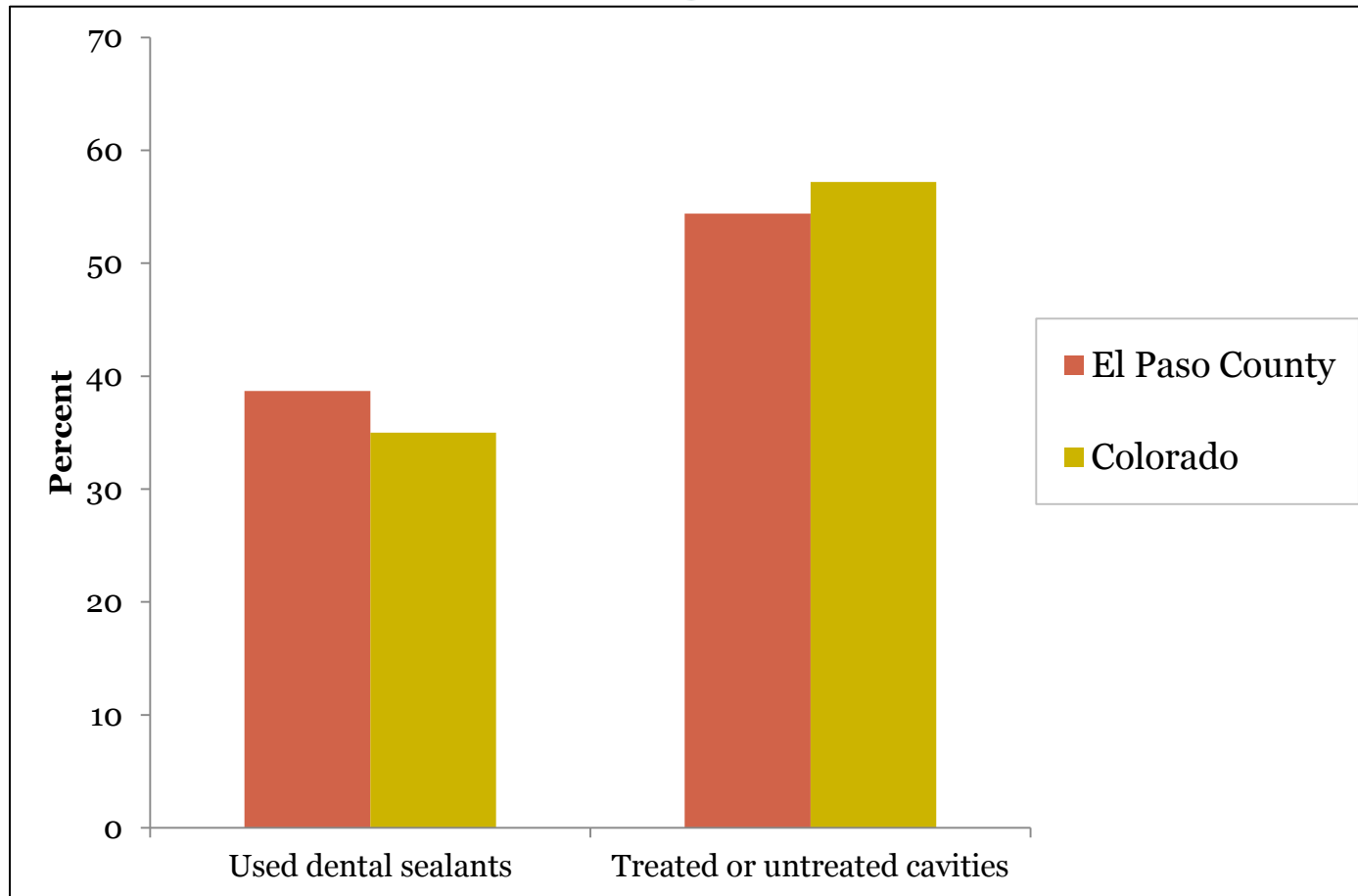
8%

- Went by 2 years of age

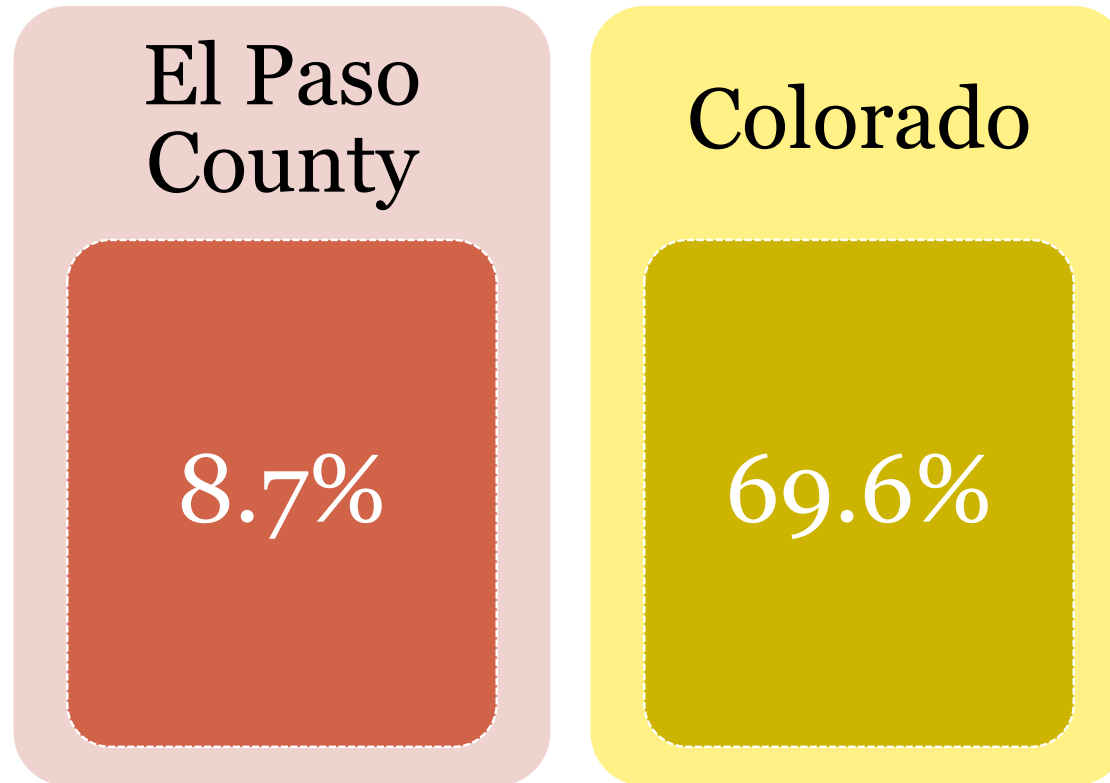
- Have never seen a dentist

33%

Percent of third grade children with dental sealants and cavities, 2006 to 2007



Percent of public water supply population receiving optimally* fluoridated water, 2010



* Optimal fluoride levels average 1 part per million