Environment

Water fluoridation

Fluoridation of water is an important intervention to ensure optimal dental health in the community, particularly of children. Oregon has the third lowest amount of fluoridation in community water systems, a fact that continues to negatively impact the dental health of all Oregonians.

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<td>Oregon fluoridation compared to other states</td>
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* Data only available every other year.

Source: CDC Water Fluoridation Reporting System

Despite evidence that water fluoridation is safe and prevents tooth decay, Oregon ranks 48th among U.S. states by proportion of public water systems that are fluoridated. This diminishes the dental health of all Oregonians.

Additional Resources: CDC 2012 Water Fluoridation Statistics

About the Data: Data source is the CDC Water Fluoridation Reporting System (as of Dec. 31, 2010 and 2012). Population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau are used to calculate the percent of the population served by community water systems with optimally fluoridated water.
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