

# PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT PREGNANT WOMEN

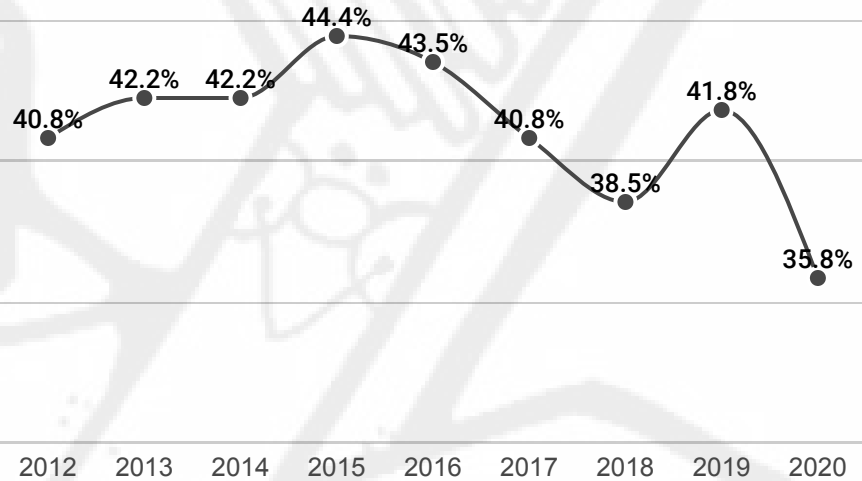


## ★ IMPROVING ORAL HEALTH

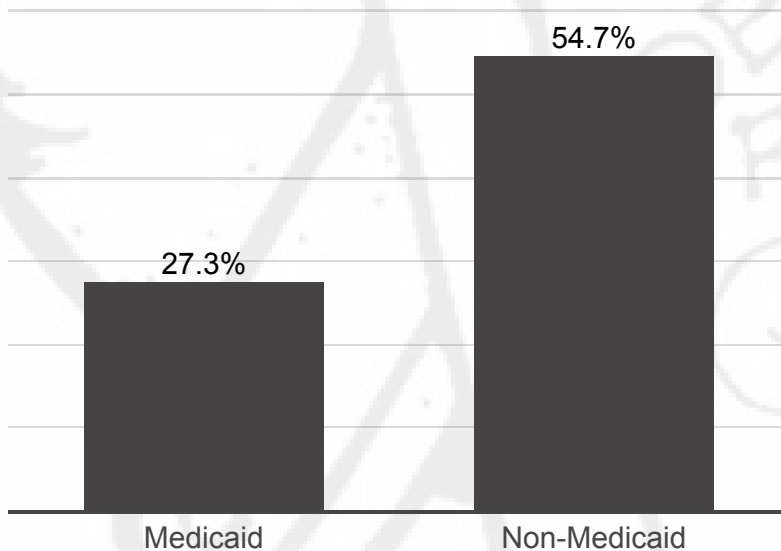
Support access to quality oral health services, particularly for families with disadvantaged backgrounds.

To protect overall health through advancement in oral health care.

Dental Care is Prenatal Care



PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE'S PREGNANT WOMEN WITH A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT



PERCENTAGE OF DELAWARE'S PREGNANT WOMEN WITH A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT IN THE PAST YEAR BASED ON MEDICAID STATUS

## ▲ HOW ARE WE DOING?

In 2020, only 35.8% of pregnant women had a preventive dental visit compared to 41.8% in 2019.

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*Cavities (also called tooth decay) are one of the most common chronic diseases in the United States.*

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## FEDERAL OBJECTIVES

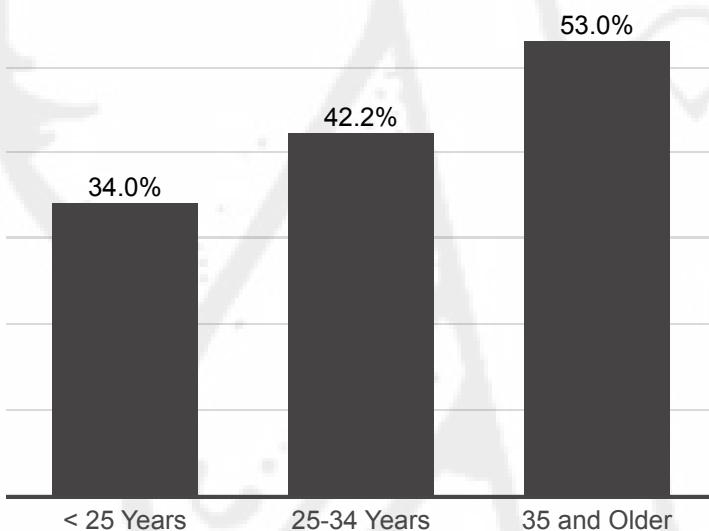
Increase access to comprehensive oral health care for MCH populations most at risk for oral disease.

One in four women of childbearing age have untreated cavities. Children from mothers with poor oral health develop tooth decay at a higher rate with one in five affected in early childhood.

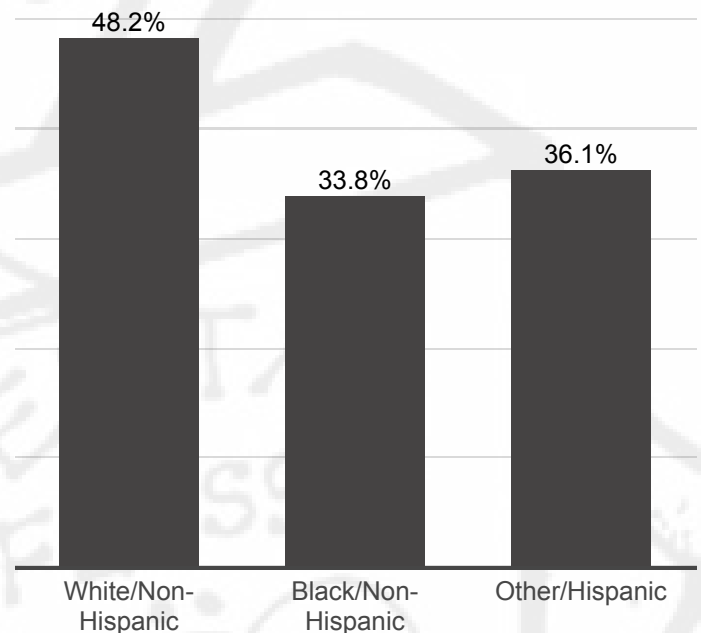


## HOW ARE WE DOING?

66.2% of Delaware's Black/Non-Hispanic pregnant women and 63.9% of Delaware's Other/Hispanic pregnant women did not have a preventive dental visit in the past year. This is compared to 51.8% of Delaware's White/Non-Hispanic pregnant women.



DELAWARE'S PREGNANT WOMEN WITH A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT IN THE PAST YEAR BASED ON AGE



DELAWARE'S PREGNANT WOMEN WITH A PREVENTIVE DENTAL VISIT IN THE PAST YEAR BASED ON RACE/ETHNICITY



## DELAWARE'S COMMUNITY VOICE

"There is an absence of physicians, specialists, dentists and emergency dental care downstate."