



Dental Care In HUSKY A: 2005

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EPSDT Periodicity Schedule



- **Preventive dental services every 6 months**
- **Initial dental exam at 2 years of age**
- **All necessary dental treatment**

Methods

- Identified 146,046 children 3-19 continuously enrolled in CY 2005
- Searched HUSKY A encounter data for dental care (any dental services, preventive care, treatment)
- Calculated utilization rates
- Analyzed utilization trends (1997-2005)

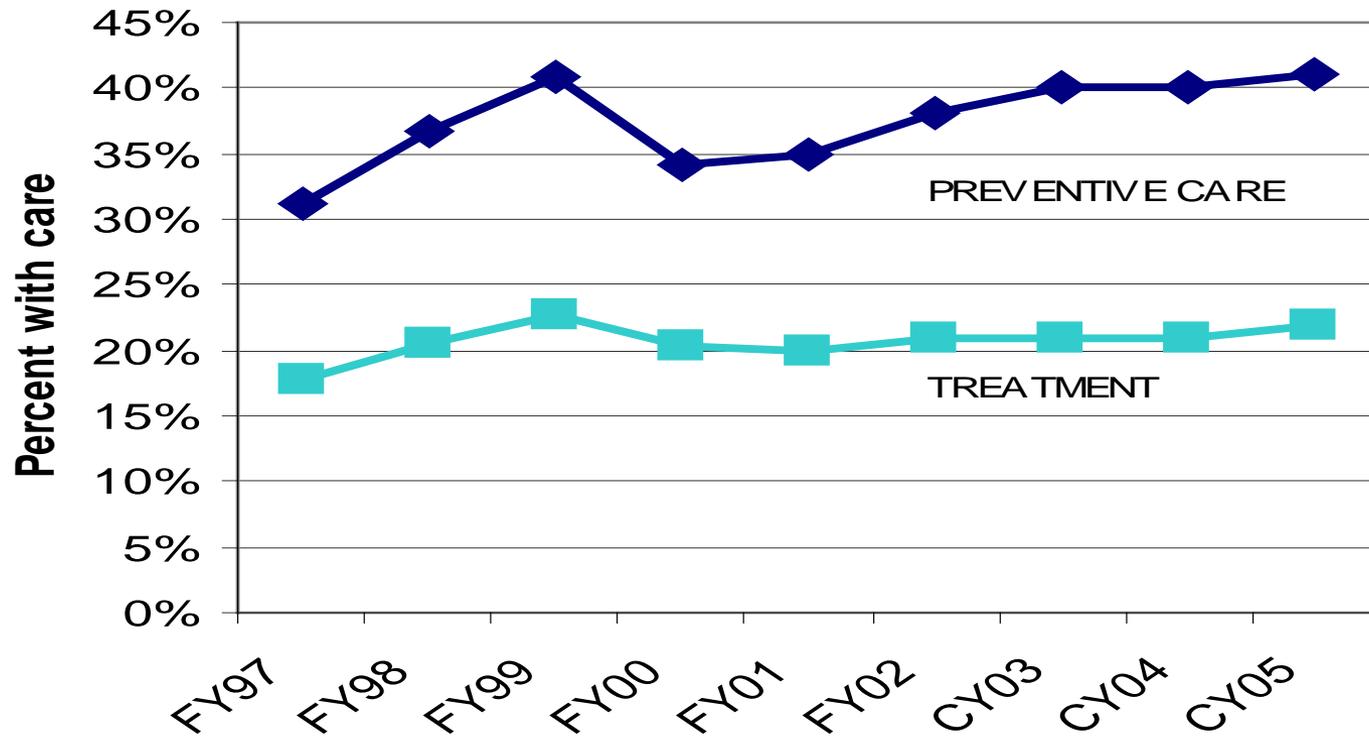
Few Children Under 3 Receive Any Dental Care

Year	Children under 3	Had any dental care	Had preventive dental care
2005	49,168	4.9%	3.1%
2004	48,092	5.0%	2.9%
2003	47,477	4.5%	2.9%
2002	46,340	4.1%	2.6%
2001	44,580	3.3%	2.1%
2000	40,068	3.7%	2.4%

Source: CT Department of Social Services annual EPSDT reports to CMS

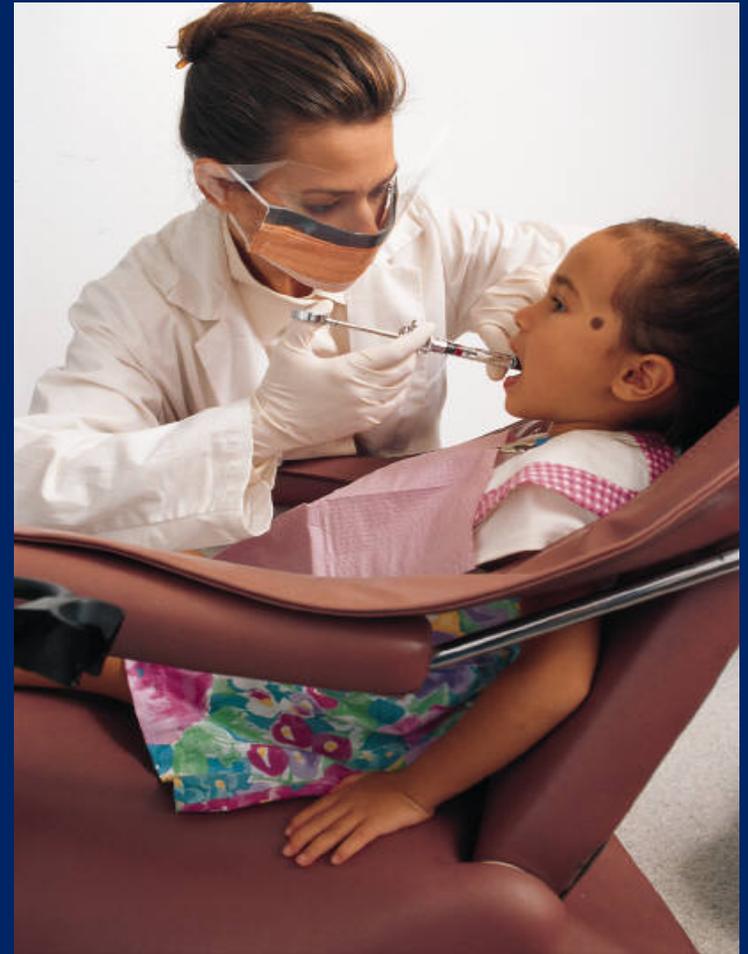
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Any Dental Care

- 48 % of children had any dental care
- Rate is unchanged from 2004, though still higher than rates for earlier years of the program (2000-02)



Preventive Care

- **41% had dental prophylaxis, fluoride treatment, sealants, and oral hygiene instruction or counseling**
- **Rate unchanged from 2004**
- **Only 35% of children with any preventive visits had 2 or more visits**



Treatment

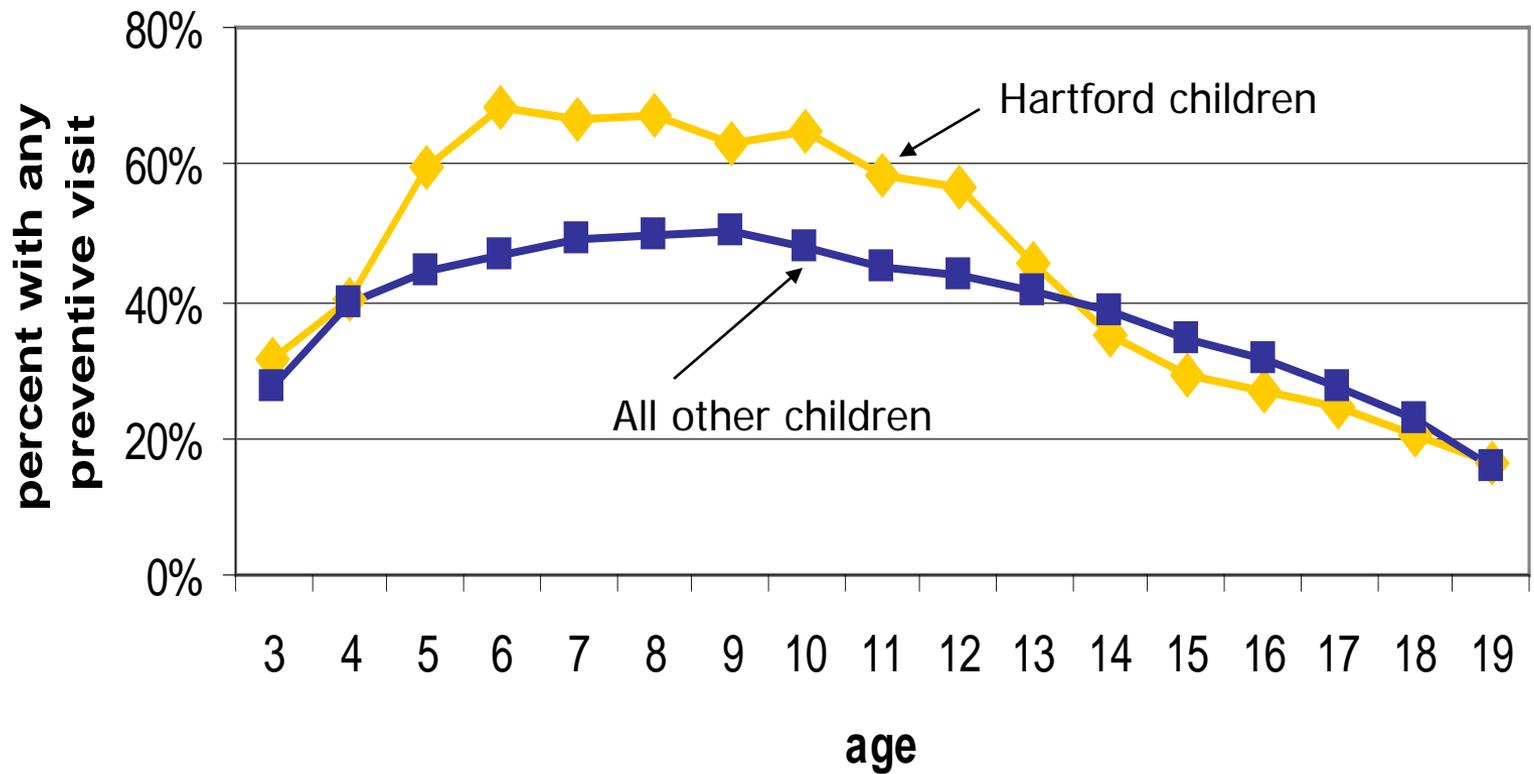
- **22% had fillings or other treatment**
- **Rate was unchanged from 2004**
- **45% of children with any treatment had 2 or more treatment visits**

Most Likely to Have Preventive Care

- **Children 6 to 11**
- **Hispanic children**
- **Children living in Hartford**
- **Children enrolled in CHNCT**

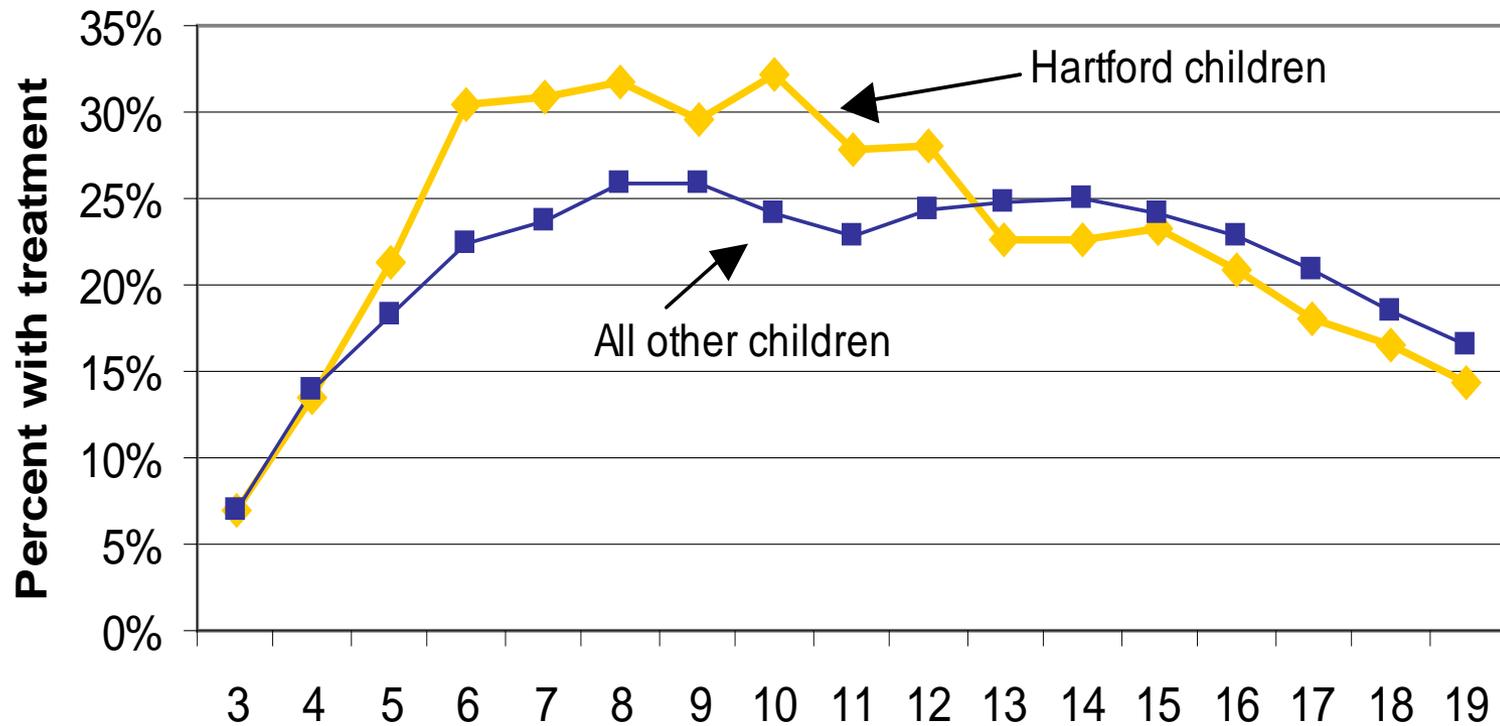
Preventive Care in Hartford

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Dental Treatment

Dental Treatment for Hartford Children in HUSKY A: 2005

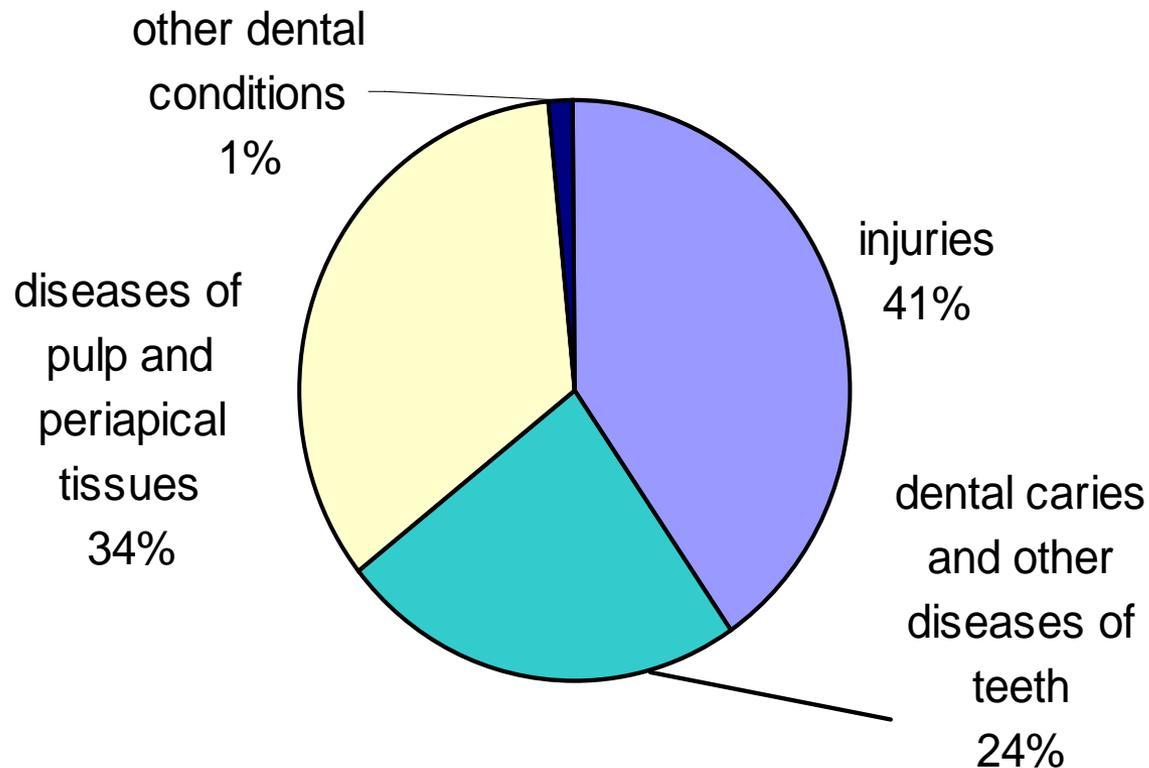


Dental Sealants

	Children with at least one sealant placed in 2005	
Age	CY 2004	CY 2005
3 to 5	0.3%	0.4%
6 to 8	12.4%	13.3%
9 to 11	12.8%	10.9%
12 to 14	8.9%	9.6%
15 to 19	2.2%	2.3%
Total	7.1%	7.0%

ED Visits for Dental Care

ED Visits for Dental Problems: HUSKY A, 2005



Conclusions

- **Preventive dental care utilization remains below professional recommendations, EPSDT schedule and contract requirements**
- **Access to dental care for school-aged children in Hartford is better due to school-based dental clinics and other safety net providers**

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