

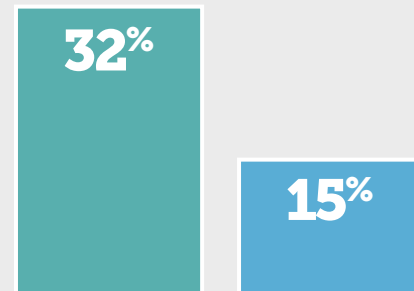
Keep New York Smiling



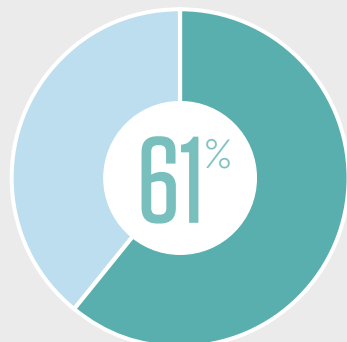
51% of New York adults said they have lost one or more teeth to decay or gum disease.¹



One in four 3rd-graders in New York state has untreated decay.²



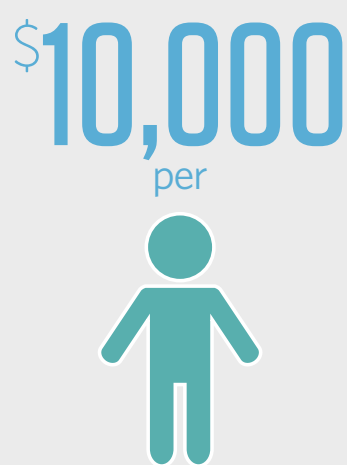
32 percent of low-income children had untreated decay, compared with only 15 percent of children in higher-income families.³



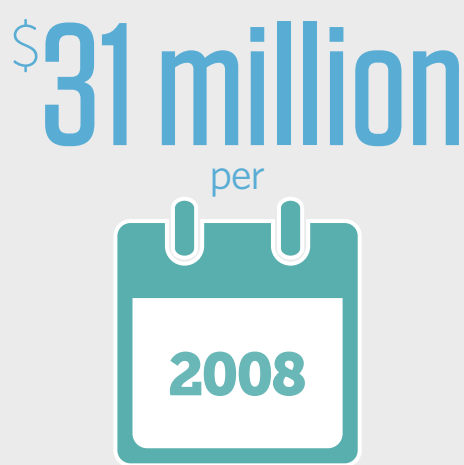
61 percent of children on Medicaid did not see a dentist in New York in 2012.⁴ Individuals with fewer years of education, lower incomes, minorities and younger adults are less likely to visit a dentist.⁵



Outside of New York City, less than half the state's population has access to community fluoridated water.⁶



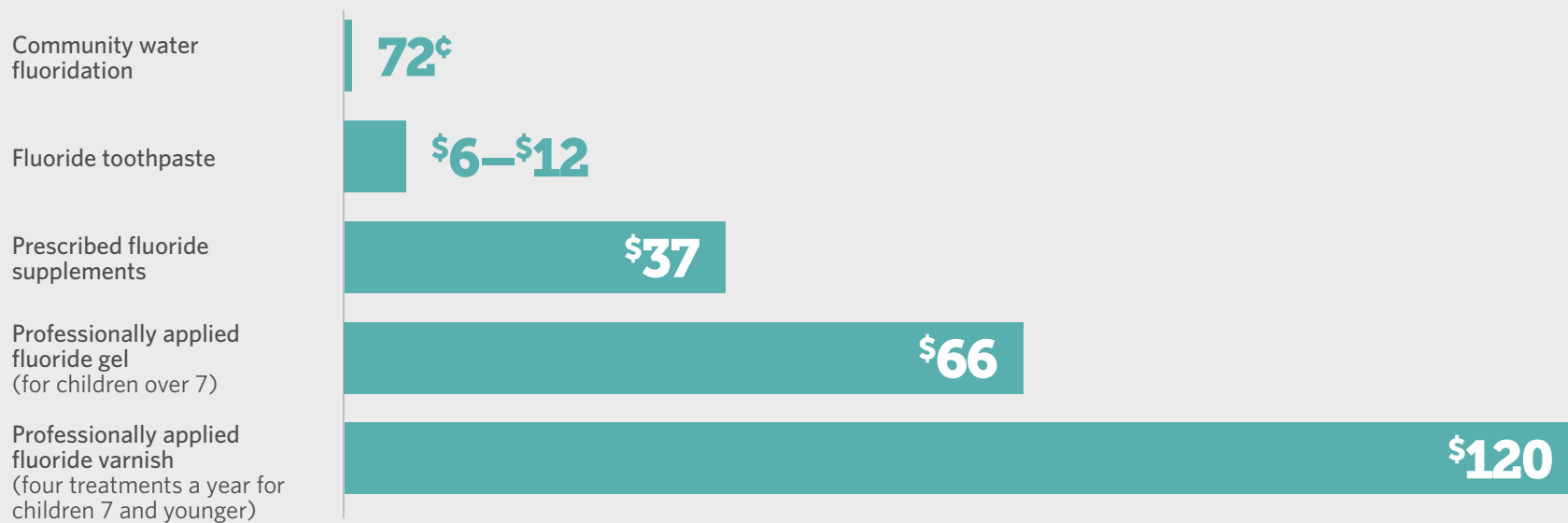
Treating severe early childhood cavities can cost up to \$10,000 a child.⁸



The total spending on treating severe early childhood cavities in 2008 equaled \$31 million in the state of New York.⁹

Solutions¹²

Cost per child per year



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