



MODERN DENTISTRY in the NEWS

Texas Ranks Among Lowest States Nationally in Access to Dental Care

According to Kaiser Family Foundation's State Health Facts, Texas ranks among the lowest states nationally in several key areas related to access to dental care:

44th in Nation

Dentists Per 10,000
Civilian Population

Rank (1=high / 51=low)	Dentists per 10,000
United States	6.0 (Average)
34. Oklahoma	5.0
39. Louisiana	4.9
40. Missouri	4.8
42. West Virginia	4.7
44. New Mexico	4.6
44. South Carolina	4.6
44. Texas	4.6
47. Georgia	4.5
47. North Carolina	4.5
49. Alabama	4.4
50. Mississippi	4.1
50. Arkansas	4.1

50th in Nation

Practitioners Needed to Achieve
Target Population-to-Practitioner Ratio

Rank (1=high / 51=low)	Practitioners Needed to Achieve Target Population-to-Practitioner Ratio
United States	9,427
45. Tennessee	368
47. Louisiana	369
48. California	398
49. Illinois	577
50. Texas	877
51. Florida	1,015

Texas Population Living in a Dental Health
Professional Shortage Area (HPSA):

4,854,980

Texas Population Living in a
Dental HPSA as % of State Population:

19.3%

Estimated Texas Underserved
Population as % of State Population:

11.3%

Texas Practitioners Needed
to Remove HPSA Designation:

537