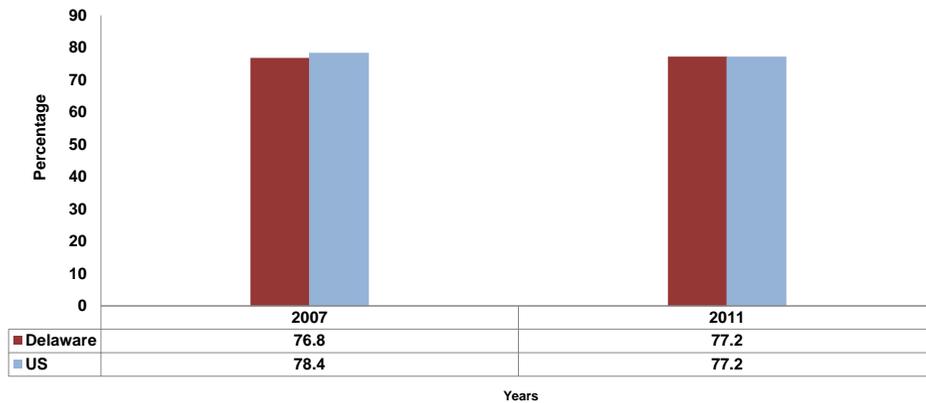




Children Age 1-17 Years Who Receive Dental Care Top Level Outcome Measure



Interpretation

In 2007, 76.8 percent of children received dental care during the past 12 months. That percentage increased to 77.2 percent in 2011. The U.S. saw a decrease in children receiving preventive dental care visits from 78.4 percent in 2007 to 77.2 percent in 2011.

Addressing the health issue

The Division of Public Health (DPH) provides dental services to Medicaid and CHIP-eligible children at four dental clinics located throughout Delaware. Community interventions are in place to address the oral and dental health of Delaware's children. The Delaware Seal-a-Smile and First Smile Delaware campaigns provide educational materials and resources for parents, as well as medical and dental providers to decrease the prevalence of dental disease and to raise oral health awareness.

¹ Children age 1 to 17 years who received one or more preventive dental care visits during the last 12 months.

² The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reflect a 10 percent increase over the 2011 estimate.

³ Source: National Survey of Children's Health.