Dental Care Provider Survey
Summary Report: Lewis County

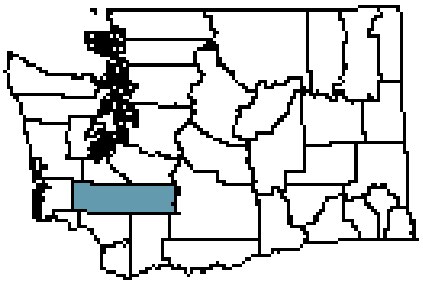
Survey year: 2012-2013

The Department of Health (DOH) conducts the Dental Care Provider Survey to obtain health care access data. This data is used in the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation analysis. HPSA is a federal program administered by the federal Office of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). A HPSA designation identifies areas with provider shortages for underserved and uninsured populations. To learn more about the program please see the HPSA Overview.

This summary report reflects dental survey responses. The department makes every attempt to establish a close to accurate number of dentists by collecting lists from local health departments, the National Provider Identifier Registry and other sources. To meet federal guidelines in the analysis the target response rate is >75%. This report offers an aggregate summary of the survey responses.

For questions about the survey data, methodology, and related information please contact Natalie Ogle at Natalie.Ogle@doh.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 236-2832. Information on other counties can be found on the County Data web page.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS	
Primary Dental Care Provider	Healthcare professionals who provide comprehensive oral health by treating dental concerns and diseases and promoting prevention by providing oral health literacy. Hygienists, denturists, and specialists not providing primary dental care were excluded.
Provider Types and Credentials	Primary dental care providers are defined by HRSA. For purposes of this survey credentialing types licensed by the State of Washington were used.
	Dentists: · Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) · Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
Primary Specialty	· General Dentistry · Pediatric Dentistry
Additional specialty	· Periodontics (treatment of supporting structures of teeth such as gums and bone) · Oral Surgery (surgical treatment of oral diseases, injuries and defects) · Endodontics (treatment of tooth pulp and surrounding root of teeth) · Orthodontics (study and treatment of improper bites and tooth irregularity) · Prosthodontics (esthetic restoration and replacement of missing or deficient teeth)

COUNTY PROFILE		
Lewis County	The United States Census Bureau supplied county data and can be found at: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53000.html	
Population (2013)	75,081	
Land area	2,402.80 sq. mi.	
Major City/Town (Population)	· Centralia (16,505) · Chehalis (7,298) · Napavine (1,766) · Winlock (1,339) · Morton (1,126)	
Number of dentists surveyed	The DOH determined the number of providers within the county by reviewing, updating, and consolidating multiple listings to produce a close to accurate headcount for the survey year.	
	Dentists: 32	
Survey Respondents	Respondent is the number of survey responses submitted. Responses were achieved by direct contact and mailings to clinics.	
	Dentists: 23 (or 71.9% of surveyed dentists)	

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Respondent Specialties Some respondents may not have selected a specialty	General Dentistry: 22 Pediatric Dentistry: -	Periodontics: - Oral Surgery: - Endodontics: - Orthodontics: - Prosthodontics: - General: - None Listed: 2
Provider Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)	Full-time equivalent is the sum of reported primary care hours (weekly hours >40 were adjusted to 40) then divided by 40 to obtain the total FTE for the county. One FTE = 40 hours direct patient care per week.	
	Dentist FTE: 16.9	
Average number of days for scheduled appointment	Reported number of days was summed and divided by number of survey respondents. Includes reported days for secondary practice sites.	
Current patients:	8.0 days	
New patients:	8.2 days	
PROVIDER CHARACTERISTICS		
Proportion Calculations	Proportions are calculated with: · Numerator: counts of respondent dentists who indicate the listed characteristic · Denominator: total respondents dentists o **Lewis County: n=23, unless noted**	
Additional Languages	26.1% of providers, or 6 dentists, offer additional spoken languages at their practice. Identified languages include: · Chinese · Spanish · Vietnamese	
Transitory agricultural migrant farm workers	Patients and their dependents defined as not having a permanent local address in the area as the practice.	
	26.1% of providers, or 6 dentists, indicate having patients and their dependents defined as transitory agricultural migrant farm workers.	
Homeless persons	Patients and their dependents defined as those living in unstable, nonpermanent locations such as in shelters, transitional housing, in tents, in cars, or on the streets.	
	21.7% of providers, or 5 dentists, indicate having patients and their dependents defined as homeless.	
PAYER TYPE		
Medicaid	Federal and state administered payment for low income persons and includes Healthy Options.	
	60.9% of providers, or 14 dentists, treat Medicaid patients. 27.4% is the average proportion of Medicaid patients. (n=14)	
Accepting new patients:	26.1% of providers, or 6 dentists, accept new Medicaid patients. Restrictions include: · ABCD Only · Under age 6 · Limited number of patients per month	
Self-pay	No dental insurance, patient pays full fees or has cash discount at time of service only.	

Accepting new patients:	91.3% of providers, or 21 dentists, treat Self-pay patients. 24.0% is the average proportion of Self-pay patients. (n=21) 73.9% of providers, or 17 dentists, accept new Self-pay patients. Restrictions include: • None
Sliding Fee Scale (SFS)	No insurance or subsidies and fees are discounted according to income level. Includes charity.
Accepting new patients:	26.1% of providers, or 6 dentists, treat SFS patients. 14.6% is the average proportion of SFS patients. (n=6) 26.1% of providers, or 6 dentists, accept new SFS patients. Restrictions include: • None
Other Payer types	• 30.4% of providers, or 7 dentists, treat L&I patients. • 43.5% of providers, or 10 dentists, treat other patients.
ADDITIONAL FACILITIES	
Federally Qualified Health Center or Community Health Center (FQHC or CHC)	FQHCs, also known as CHCs, are health care facilities that provide primary care services to all persons regardless of ability to pay. Centers providing primary care are surveyed. (Only dental clinics listed below.)
	• Valley View Health Center (VVHC) Headquarters (Chehalis) • VVHC Dental (Morton)
Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	The U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services designates clinics meeting specific conditions for certification as a Rural Health Clinic. RHCs are eligible for enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. These clinics are surveyed.
	• Pope's Kids Place (Centralia)
Tribal Health Clinic	Tribal Health Clinics that do not serve non-tribal patients were excluded in the survey and HPSA analysis.
	• None with dental clinics
Free Clinic	Free clinics are medical facilities providing health services for little to no cost. These clinics are not surveyed.
	• Pope's Kids Place (Centralia)
College/University	• None with dental clinics

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