



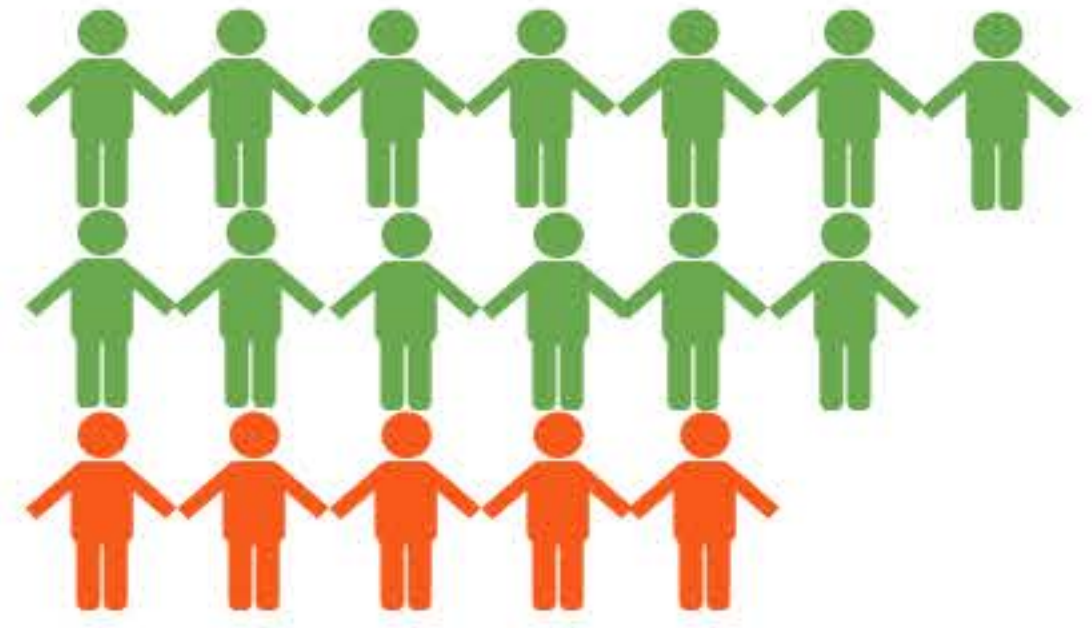
# Oral Health by the Numbers



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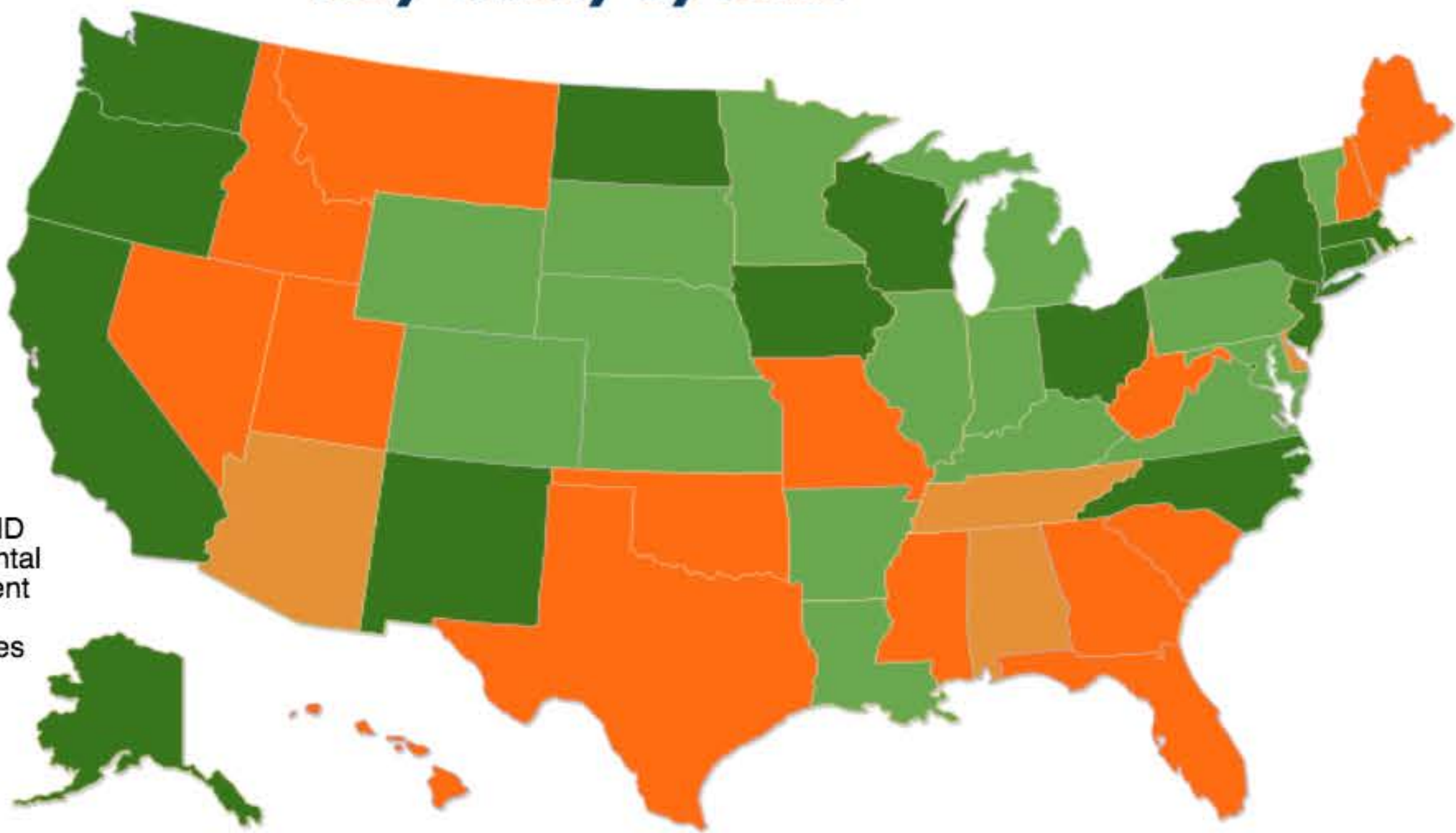
**The number of Americans without dental insurance is more than 2.5X the number without medical insurance.\***

Note: Each figure represents 9.7 million people (2012)



Uninsured Dental Uninsured Medical

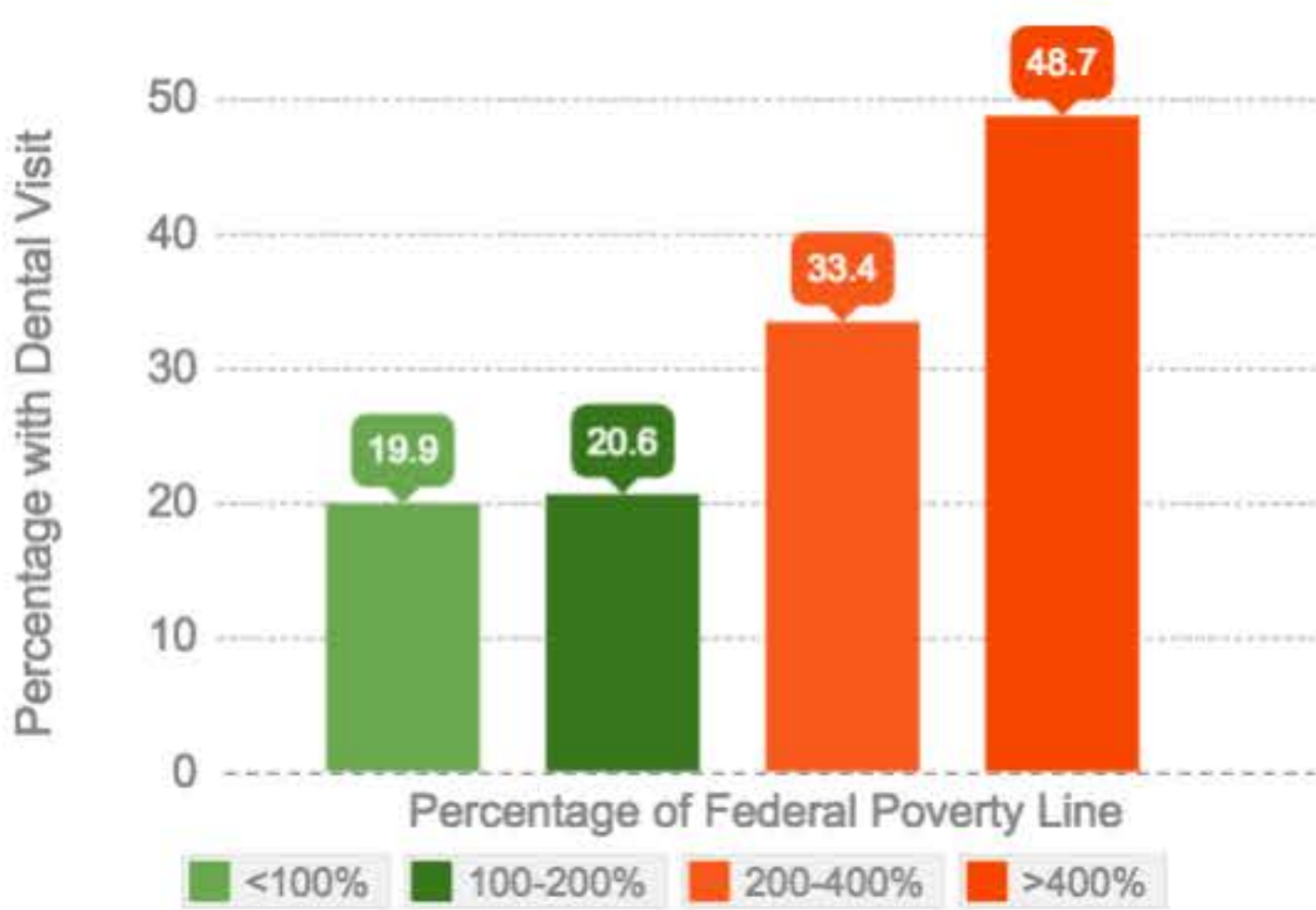
**Adult Medicaid dental benefits vary widely by state\*\***



None (4) Emergency Only (15) Limited (17) Extensive (15)

Note: ID, MT & ND offer different dental benefits to different categories of Medicaid enrollees

**Low income adults are 2X as likely to go without an annual dental check-up than those with a higher income. \*\*\*\***



**Between 2006-2009 ER visits for preventable dental conditions increased by 16%.\*\*\***



**ER dental visits cost the healthcare system up to \$2.1 billion a year. (2010)\*\*\*\*\***



\* "Who has dental benefits?" National Association of Dental Plans, accessed January 8, 2015, [http://www.nadp.org/Dental\\_Benefits\\_Basics/Dental\\_BB\\_1.aspx](http://www.nadp.org/Dental_Benefits_Basics/Dental_BB_1.aspx)

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Emergency Only: Relief of pain under defined emergency situations.  
Limited: Fewer than 100 dental procedures covered; annual benefit cap of less than \$1,000.  
Extensive: More than 100 dental procedures covered; annual benefit cap of \$1,000 or more.

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