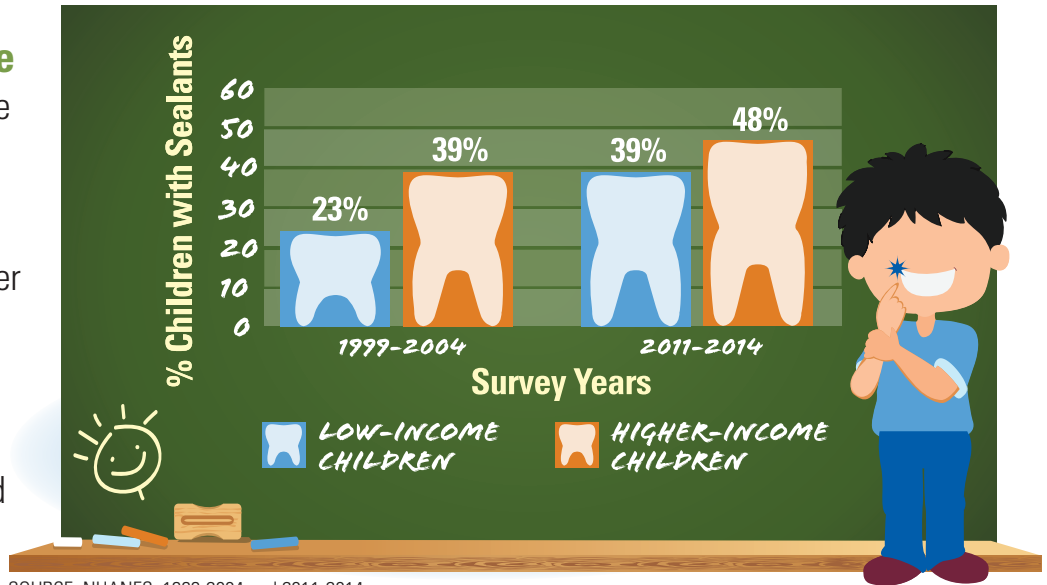


Sealant Use

Disparities are decreasing over time

The number of low-income children with sealants increased by about 70% from 1999-2004 to 2011-2014, and the number of higher-income children with sealants increased by 23%. The increase in sealants among low-income children prevented almost 1 million cavities.*



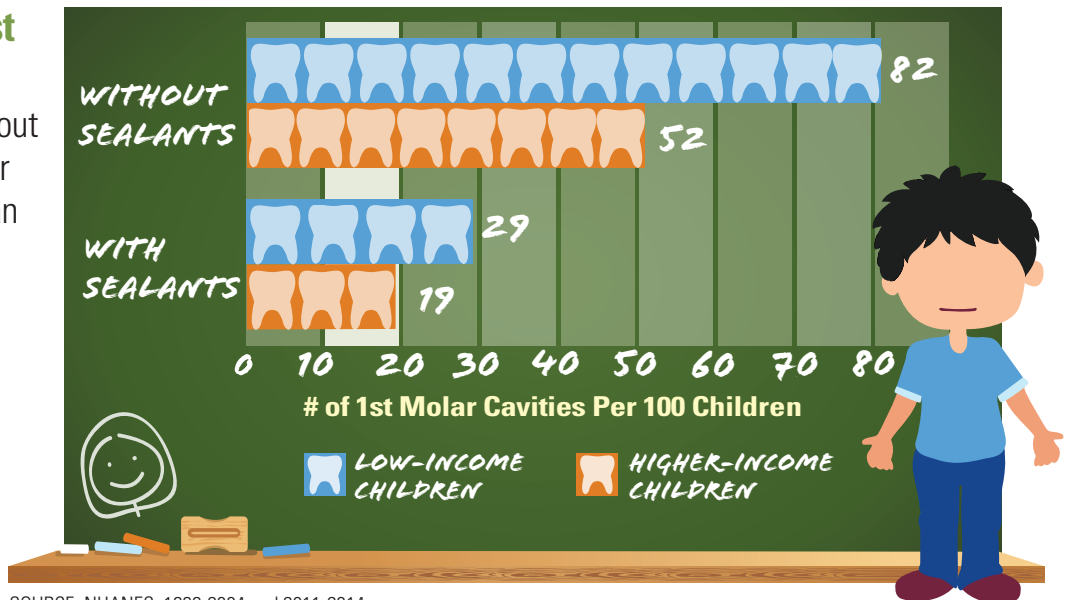
SOURCE: NHANES, 1999-2004 and 2011-2014.

*Journal of Public Health Dentistry, 2014: <http://bit.ly/2cZXOYh>

Cavities

Disparities still exist

Low-income children without sealants have about 60% more cavities in their 1st permanent molars than higher-income children.



SOURCE: NHANES, 1999-2004 and 2011-2014.