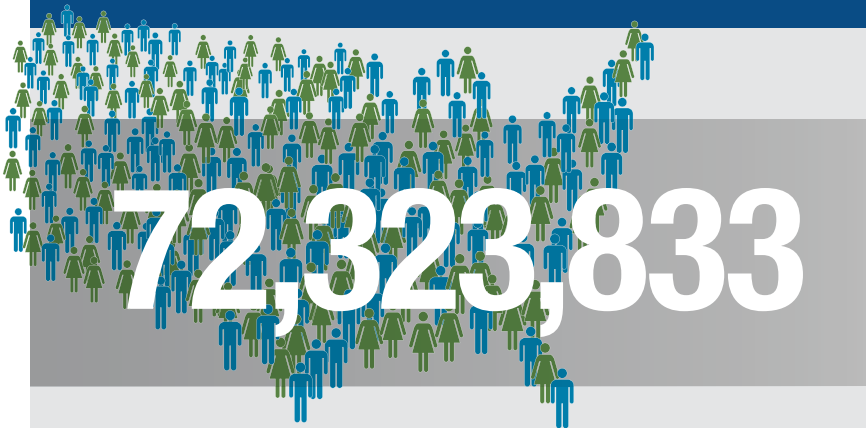
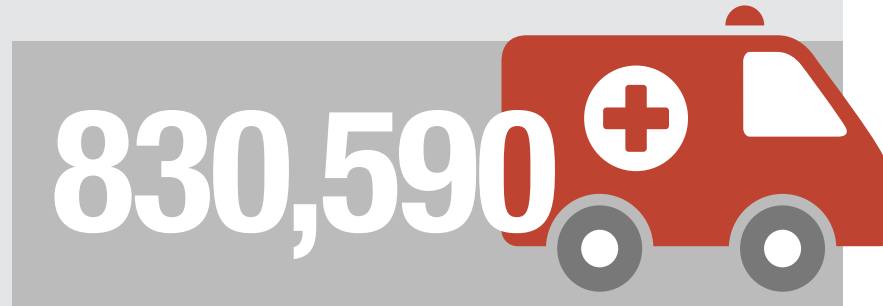


Community Water Fluoridation by the Numbers

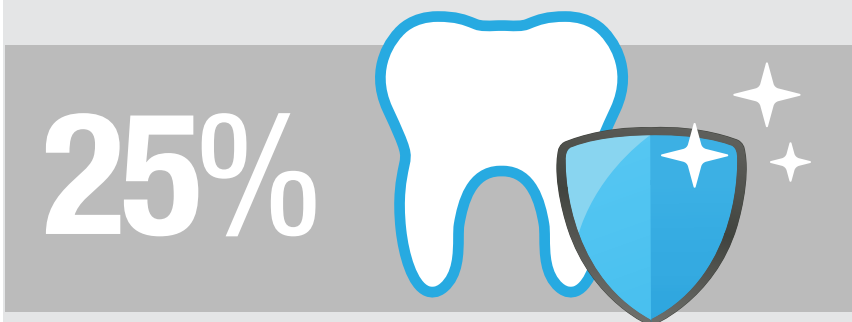
Millions of Americans do not have access to fluoridated water in their communities, leading to higher rates of tooth decay and greater costs to taxpayers. Fluoridation can reduce states' expenditures for emergency room care, Medicaid, and other public health services.



Number of Americans served by public water systems that do not provide fluoridated drinking water¹



Number of Americans treated at hospital emergency rooms in 2009 for preventable dental problems²



Estimated rate by which community water fluoridation reduces tooth decay throughout a person's lifetime³



Amount of money communities save for every dollar invested in water fluoridation⁴



Lifetime cost of treating one decayed molar⁵



Amount of money saved annually per child by the Texas Medicaid program as a direct result of water fluoridation⁶

¹ These data are as of Dec. 31, 2010, and are the most recent fluoridation census conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "2010 Water Fluoridation Statistics," accessed March 20, 2013, <http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/statistics/2010stats.htm>.
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