

# Dental Services at Pennsylvania Free and Charitable Clinics: 2024 Survey Results



Free clinics are safety net health care organizations that utilize a volunteer/staff model to provide a range of health services to low-income individuals. Free clinics are necessary for populations with or without insurance to get dental care.

Pennsylvania Coalition for Oral Health (PCOH) collects annual data from free clinics across the state to track free dental services provided. Information is collected via online survey and may not represent all of the free care that takes place in the commonwealth.

## Summary

The 2024 survey had 11 responses. Two were from pop-up clinics, eight were from permanent clinics, and 1 from the Donated Dental Services Program.\*

- **11,832 individuals served**
- **50,455 dental procedures performed**
- **11,452 volunteer hours**
- **\$3.9 million in services provided**

- 54% of individuals served were over the age of 18.
- 27% of individuals served were Hispanic or Latino.
- The average appointment wait time at a permanent clinic is 2.5 months.

### Most common insurance status:

- Uninsured (47%)
- Medicaid (45%)



- 23 out of 67 Pennsylvania counties are represented in the survey, primarily from the southwest, southcentral, and southeast regions.
- 44 counties are not served by a free clinic providing dental services.

## Comprehensive Dental Care

Most clinics provide these 4 services:

Exams & Screenings

Restorations

Diagnostic Imaging

Preventive Services

Prosthodontic, endodontic, oral surgery, and periodontal services were provided by at least one clinic.

## More information

- For more background on the charitable work tracking project and to see data from previous years, please review the [2018-2022 Charitable Work Tracking Report](#).
- To find a free clinic in your area, visit [pacharitablehealth.org](http://pacharitablehealth.org).

*\*These values are only for the 11 clinics which shared data for 2024. Actual values for the state will be higher.*