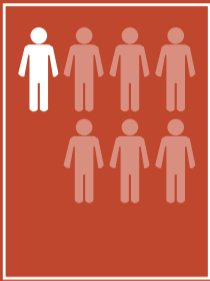




New members of the dental team can help improve access to dental care in the U.S.

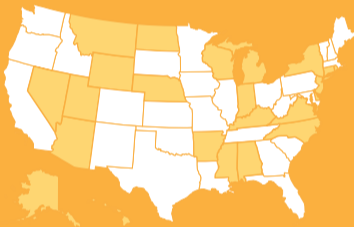
47 million

1 in 7 Americans lives in an area with a shortage of dentists



16,511,502

1 in 5 children went without seeing a dentist in 2009



29

Number of states that permit expanded function dental assistants

zero

Number of studies that have revealed **problems** with the quality of care given by dental therapists and other midlevel dental providers

16

Number of recent graduates of 2 dental therapist programs in **Minnesota** who are now ready to care for patients

53

Number of countries, including Great Britain and Canada, that currently deploy dental therapists

5,157

Number of additional procedures that a dentist in a solo, private practice could provide in 1 year by hiring a hygienist with dental therapy training

For more information and sources on these data, please visit www.pewcenteronthestates.org/dental-workforce