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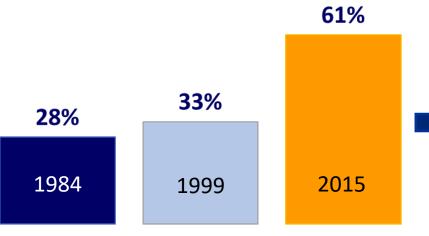
## Oral Health Status of American Indian & Alaska Native Elders (55+)

Only **5 out of 10** AI/AN elders over 65 years of age have enough teeth to chew food, compared to **7 out of 10** in the U.S. middle class (200% of the federal poverty level).

49%

Of those 55+ years have <u>untreated</u> dental cavities

## Percent of 55+ Year Old AI/AN Dental Patients with 20+ Teeth



We've made substantial improvements over the past 30 years, more than doubling the number of AI/AN seniors over the age of 55 keeping most of their teeth.

2x

as many older American Indians and Alaska Natives report the following, compared to other older Americans:

- Poor oral health
- Toothaches
- Avoiding certain foods because of tooth pain

