Chapter 8: Historical County Population-to-Dentist Ratio, Mid-1960s and Forward





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This section contains county population-to-dentist ratios for a period slightly more than 50 years. Although sentinel years are not exactly at 10-year increments, nonetheless they provide a good indicator of dentist availability. Note that the years 1965, 1976, and 1986 used different resources for their numbers (see data sources below).

The statewide range for population-to-dentist ratio was from 1,974:1 (1997) to 2,390:1 (1976). During the 20-year period for this review, the ratio has been stable, only varying from 1,974:1 (1997) to 2,069:1 (2008),

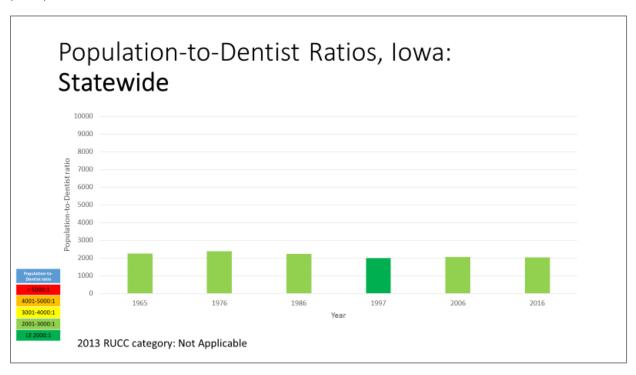


Figure 1355. Historical population-to-dentist ratios, lowa counties, mid-1960s and forward.

Color	Population-to-Dentist ratio
	> 5,000:1
	4,001-5,000:1
	3,001-4,000:1
	2,001-3,000:1
	< 2,000:1

Data Sources:

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