



## 2025 AFTER ACTION AND DENTAL SERVICE REPORT

**2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Dental Event**

**Army National Guard Camp Mead**

**Titan Readiness Center**

**25-27 September 2025**

**After-Action Report**

**VETMOM Project Partners:** NE Dept of Veterans Affairs (NDVA)  
NE Army National Guard (NEARNG)  
NE DHHS Office of Oral Health (OOHD)  
Nebraska Dental Foundation (NDF)  
Nebraska Dental Association (NDA)  
Nebraska Dental Hygiene Association (NDHA)  
UNMC College of Dentistry (COD)  
Creighton University School of Dentistry (SOD)  
America Dental Care Foundation (ADCF)  
Dental Designs Laboratory (DDL)

**2025 VETMOM Mission Background:** The NDVA Director John Hilgert again confirmed that the problem of getting access to dental care services remains an ongoing concern for an estimated 100,000 Nebraska Veterans and approval was given to plan VETMOM #3. 2025 was the third such event, and it has now become an established annual activity to help address this need. It has successfully formed a large collaboration with multiple partners who now fully understand each other's roles and responsibilities. VETMOM has built firm relationships with many people who step up to assist year after year. It continues to have tremendous volunteer personnel support from faculty/students from both colleges and NDA/NDHA private practitioners. It has an operating budget of approximately 75K and once again the fund-raising efforts more than covered the expenses. Major sponsors included Hornaday, Ameritas, Farmers Mutual, the Omaha Community Foundation, Google, Dental Designs, DentaQuest, Patterson, Dexis, and the Reynolds Foundation. The Lincoln District, Omaha District, and Southeast District Dental Societies all contributed. The VFW Post #131 and American Legion Posts #3 and #105 also donated as well as several individuals. The financial reports, donations and payments were precisely managed by Lisa Sypal, the new CEO of the Nebraska Dental Foundation.

**2025 Pre-Mission Activities:** The VETMOM Leadership Committee remained the same with Levi Bennett (NDVA), Dr. Jim Jenkins (UNMC COD), Dr. Steve Anderson (GI Private Practice), Dr. Greg Bennett and Dr. Jon Asbjornson (UNMC COD), Joe Barrett (DDL) and Dr. Charles F. Craft/Jessica Ball (OOHD). Mission dates were set by the NEARNG for 25-27 September. This date was earlier than 2023 and avoided schedule conflicts with Veterans Day in November.

Several advance team planning meetings (Zoom) were held throughout the year with VA staff members Levi Bennett, Holden Armstrong, Erin Lais, Dr. Jim Jenkins (clinical director) and others. An effort was made to get some younger members involved in the organizing process, including Dr. Nick Murry (COD) and Dr. Marty Wolfe (SOD).

NEARNG Point of Contact personnel remain Col. Westcamp, LTC Phillips and SSG Doorlag. Existing MOA/MOUs were updated and signed with the NG (Titan no cost), ADCF (dental equipment cost 38K), Ponca Nomads (Cam no cost), and Patriotic Productions (Bill Williams GWOT display cost \$500). The software data program was purchased through DMOM Cloud in Arizona (Kevin Conroy \$750) and the patient/volunteer registration website was activated for five months (RSVPifly cost \$2045). In 2025, the VA managed all Veteran eligibility, registration (Erin) and event promotion (Holden). The sites went active in early June and by September all 500 appointment slots were filled. Patients received 90-minute appointment times with priority to 90 denture patients who were scheduled early on the first day of care.

Food was catered in again by Hy-Vee (Aric Burkey cost: \$4.5K), Posterboards and banners were ordered again from Signs Now (Sharon \$375), Dental Supplies from Patterson (\$15K), and 500 Mission T-shirts were ordered from ARTFX (Kevin \$5K) this year to cover all volunteers. ADCF personnel were Adam Parsons and Anthony Trupa. Air Compressor from United Rentals (\$650). Wolfe Electric and Vernaska Plumbing provided local setup assistance (no cost). PPE supplies were secured through the help of James Lyman (DHHS). Starlink Communications were through Ameritas (Kip Koll). An Advon site survey was conducted at the Titan Center by Drs. Jenkins and Craft with SSG Doorlag and Dean Bloom at the Titan Center in August.

The VA team double checked patient schedules and sent out appointment reminders. The VETMOM patient treatment form was reorganized by Dr. Craft and Jessica to clean up some areas and create room for new treatment codes, X-Ray orders, and provider comments. The ADA medical history form was utilized again that contained treatment and photo permission. Denture information sheets were updated and patient post-op “goody bags” (camo) were packed. New patient triage guidance protocols were also developed to help provide clarity for dental screeners working in this section.

**Sept 25 Mission Setup:** The ADCF dental equipment arrived safely via semi from Kansas on Thursday 24 Sept. SSG Doorlag met VETMOM leaders at the Titan Center promptly at 0800 for NG site access. About 15 Veteran volunteers arrived to help move and assemble the dental gear. The boxes were moved from the loading dock into the assembly room via Bobcat (Dean Bloom) and pallet jacks. This year, VETMOM was supplemented by the 55<sup>th</sup> Dental

Squadron from Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha. The 55<sup>th</sup> is under the command of Colonel Sarra Corker and the leadership of LTC Cole Christensen. The 28 member active-duty team was comprised of oral surgeons, dentists, residents, assistants, and lab technicians. It was under the supervision of MSgt Robinson Divert and they proved to be a huge mission asset. They arrived every day of the event in uniform, on time and stayed until the end. They were willing to do any job, anywhere, and always with a positive attitude. Because of their participation, the setup schedule was more organized and faster this year. Dexis and Patterson personnel arrived with a new Panorex unit and set up the Radiology section quickly with Nomads and printers from the NDA. Dr. Jon Asbjornson and Pat Hupp (PCM) again were X-ray section leaders. Infection Control set up was again overseen by Kip Koll (Ameritas). Dr. Anderson arranged to pick up the NDA dental trailer and brought it to Camp Mead. Dr. Jenkins ordered mission dental supplies and transported them to the site to establish the central supply section. The Pros section was set up by Dr. Greg Bennett (COD) who brought three Cerac Scanners and Joe Barrett (DDL), who also established a Wi-Fi hotspot direct to his lab (Blake). Shawn and Leight Furman from Norfolk set up the denture repair station. Dr. Monte Zysett and Dr. Terry Lanphier oversaw the oral surgery section. Dr. Tim Caulkins (COD) and Dr. Jen Haslen (SOD) supervised the dental students. Levi Bennett and CVSOs set up the Veterans Service Section and Jessica Ball organized the Triage section (Dr. Brett Thompson and Dr. Ken Tusha) and Data Entry Station (who used 6 NDA laptops and 4 NDVA Chrome Books) more effectively this year. Tim Wilson provided EMT services. The VA also set up the mobile VET Center (Chuck Wess) in the Titan parking lot. Veterans Rollie, Digger and Royce assisted with patient entry again this year. Access Improvements were made outside by having volunteer and patient parking separated. The VA set up a tent outside to increase wheelchair utilization and the NG allowed the use of an ATV, designed as a Jeep, for patients who needed ambulatory assistance by SFC Chris Herndon.

**Sept 26-27 Patient Services:** VETMOM leadership arrived at 0630am, Volunteers at 0700 and the first patients at 0800. Denture patients were given the priority with 30 scheduled for each time slot at 0800, 0930 and 1100am. An additional 30 patients were set at these times for other dental services and those increased to 50 for the afternoon slots. Volunteers were asked to check in/out at the loading dock this year (Alex). After recording their hours, they received their mission shirts. This helped relieve congestion at the entry site and patient flow was smoother this year. A total of 356 volunteers signed in (30 General DDS, 25 Specialists, 34 Hygienists, 83 Dental/Hygiene Students, 45 DAs, 49 Pre-Dental Students plus 90 other volunteers). Together they provided 3275 mission hours that were valued at \$342,340. Dental Designs donated over 50K worth of in-kind denture services.

A total of 500 patients were scheduled and 375 unique Veterans and Spouses initially checked in. Another 65 dental patients had revisit appointments on the second day. There was a total of 440 patient visits. 66% of these patients were male and 44% were female. The largest number were between 60 to 79 years old with an average age of 74. 68% of the patients resided in rural counties while 32% came from urban counties. 38% traveled 26 to 50 miles, 22% traveled 51-100 miles, and 13% traveled 100-250 miles to get to the event. 88% of survey responders reported that access to dental care was one of their main health concerns. 63% of patients said they do not currently have a regular dentist!

The NDVA surveyed 213 event participants. 98% reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their treatment outcome and experiences. Another 98% said they were likely to recommend other Veterans attend a future VETMOM event. Some of their comments include: “2024 and 2025 are STELLAR and much needed. Don’t know what would make it better as the dental and volunteer personnel were top notch!” “I thought it was an amazing event. Thank you to all the volunteers and industry professionals for making Veterans like me healthier.” And “Everything went well. Third time here, All the Doctors and Hygienists were great. Thank you for our service to us all.” Some of the suggestions include: “More people needed to work on x-ray machines as the wait for this area was very long.” “Have more than one person perform the blood pressure checks”. “Possibly have a three-day event to make wait times less for x-rays and dental plans.” And “It started out as a cluster, but once everyone got a routine it all smoothed out.”

Chief dental concerns were 34% cleaning, 24% fillings/extractions, 17% dentures, and 17% of the mission patients reported they were currently in acute pain. A total of 2,949 services were provided. Evaluation produced 820 services, 29% of the mission total (31% 2024) and Triage ran smoother but for BP delays. The Radiology section provided 550 services, 19% of the total (19% 2024) but again had long waiting times for the Panorex machine. Dentists read the Xray’s before the patients entered the treatment area which improved overall diagnosis. Nomads were used in Radiology and on the clinic floor. The IC section had many more volunteers this year which helped it keep up with the steady instrument flow. The Oral Surgery section provided 402 services, 14% of the total (21% 2024) but were much busier the second morning when many patients came back to get their immediate dentures. The Restorative section provided 223 services, 8% of the total (7% 2024) while the Hygiene section produced 741 services, 26% of the total (17% 2024). More returning patients were asking for annual checkups. The Pros section produced 121 services, 4% of the overall total (5% 2024). There were 85 pharmacy services, and less than 10 root canals were provided.

The 2025 VETMOM mission performed a total of 2,949 treatment services. This care had a public health value of \$572,245. Denture care provided \$215,603 (38%), Oral Surgery care was \$113,241 (20%), Evaluation care \$80,265 (14%), Preventive care \$59,930 (10%), Restorative care \$56,748 (10%), Radiology care \$37,640 (7%), and Endodontic care \$6,759 (1%). The overall services and scope of the VETMOM missions have grown over time. The 2023 event provided 2,323 services for a value of \$406,500 while the 2024 event provided 2,714 services for a value of \$653,487. **The combined three-year total of the Nebraska VETMOM events now stands at 1,266 patient encounters, 7,986 dental services provided and \$1,632,232 in patient care value. The Avg care value received per patient visit is \$1,290.** The NDVA (Holden) produced an excellent Fact Sheet that highlighted the mission totals featuring the VETMOM “Major Molar” mascot.

Several VIP mission tours were conducted during the 2025 event. At 1030 Friday morning, Director Hilgert was able to take Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly, Major General Craig Strong, Adjutant General of the Nebraska National Guard, and others on a short tour of the VETMOM event. DHHS visitors included CEO Steve Corsi, Interim Director Ashley Newmeyer and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Tim Tesmer. That was followed by the visit of several members of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee who were there to attend the signing ceremony of LB148 (Dental Compact) and to examine access to oral health care services to rural and other underserved populations. Official preparations were coordinated through Dr. Jessica Meeske (NDA President) and Dr. Scott Morrison (ADA Rep). These high-level visits help to bring awareness to Veterans’ issues but require much time to accommodate. It is important to follow proper chain of command protocols, with the NDVA being the lead organization. Media coverage included a press release from the NDVA, articles from the UNMC College of Dentistry, the Nebraska Rural Health Journal, Ameritas community service promotion video, and a news spot from Nebraska Television (NTV).

**Post Event Summary:** Patients were given referral information for proper follow up care and access to the College of Dentistry VetSmile program. The patient dental charts were individually reviewed by the Office of Oral Health to ensure the correct data information was entered into the VETMOM software program. As in past years, some provider signatures, service codes, and treatment priorities were missing, and this issue will need to be reviewed again next year. However, the on-site data entry was much cleaner this year. Once the chart review was completed, the forms were given to the NDVA for scanning into their VetraSpec case management database and then shredded. Lisa Sypal and Jodi Cameron printed 550 patient forms and sent important official thank you letters from the NDA to all VETMOM donors and sponsors.

A final post event site inspection was conducted at the Titan Readiness Center on 01 October with SSG Doorlag, Levi Bennett, and Dr. Craft. The facility was deemed to be back in full operational condition without any damage. The final NEARNG rental agreement was signed, and preliminary discussion was held for the 2026 event to possibly use a portion of the Atlas site too. SSG Doorlag will be transferred to another duty station in December, and the future Titan Readiness Center facility point of contact will be SFC Freeman Sanquist [freeman.s.sandquist.mil@army.mil](mailto:freeman.s.sandquist.mil@army.mil). A gift of appreciation was given to Corey for his service. **2025 Lessons Learned:** A series of After-Action meetings at the NDVA/Zoom were held following the event. These recommendations were discussed for future missions:

- Recommend a second Pano be obtained to speed up this service (PCM?)
- Be clear that crowns, implants, metal partial and molar endos are not available.
- USAF Personnel were mission essential; a commendation letter was written.
- Mini Jeep transport was very helpful...secure for 2026.
- Increase the number of people doing BP monitoring in Triage.
- Account for all BP Cuffs and Pulse Oximeters...a couple disappeared this year.
- Create Jenkins video for volunteers on proper VETMOM procedures.
- Increase the number of Cerac Scanners from 3 to 5 if possible (SOD?)
- Denture cases went down from 156 to 121...less stress on this section.
- Moving Vols to loading dock greatly helped lessen front area congestion.
- Limit the number of future VIP tours to perhaps only the Governor and staff.
- NDA (Jody) sent out official thanks to all sponsors and donors...important!
- Local air compressor unit broke down; Dr. Jenkins had to get two other units.
- Over 100 no-shows...continue to work on reducing this amount.
- May consider increasing Veteran medical screening test, use Atlas site?
- Oral Surgery/Pros flow was better; a colored wrist band system was used.
- More SDF services were provided in 2025, but it should be utilized more.
- GWOT Display was great, consider Miliary Uniform display next year too.
- Raw Nerve may have a benefit concert later in 2025 or 2026.
- VA Mobile Clinic was helpful; it should be available on both days.
- Set up Pros/OS/Lab meeting prior to 2026 event.
- Jim Jenkins (Dr. Red Hat) continues to be a superior clinical leader.
- Essential to have list of providers who can do post op denture adjustments.
- X-Ray printers need to be updated to improve quality.
- Discussion to be held concerning future VETMOM site locations.

**Respectfully Submitted: Dr. Charles F. Craft 24 November 2025**

# 2025 NEBRASKA VETERANS MISSION OF MERCY DENTAL EVENT IMPACT



**440** VETERAN & SPOUSE  
PATIENT VISITS

**\$572,245**

WORTH OF CARE PROVIDED

**\$1.63 MILLION WORTH OF CARE SINCE 2023!**



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SURVEY  
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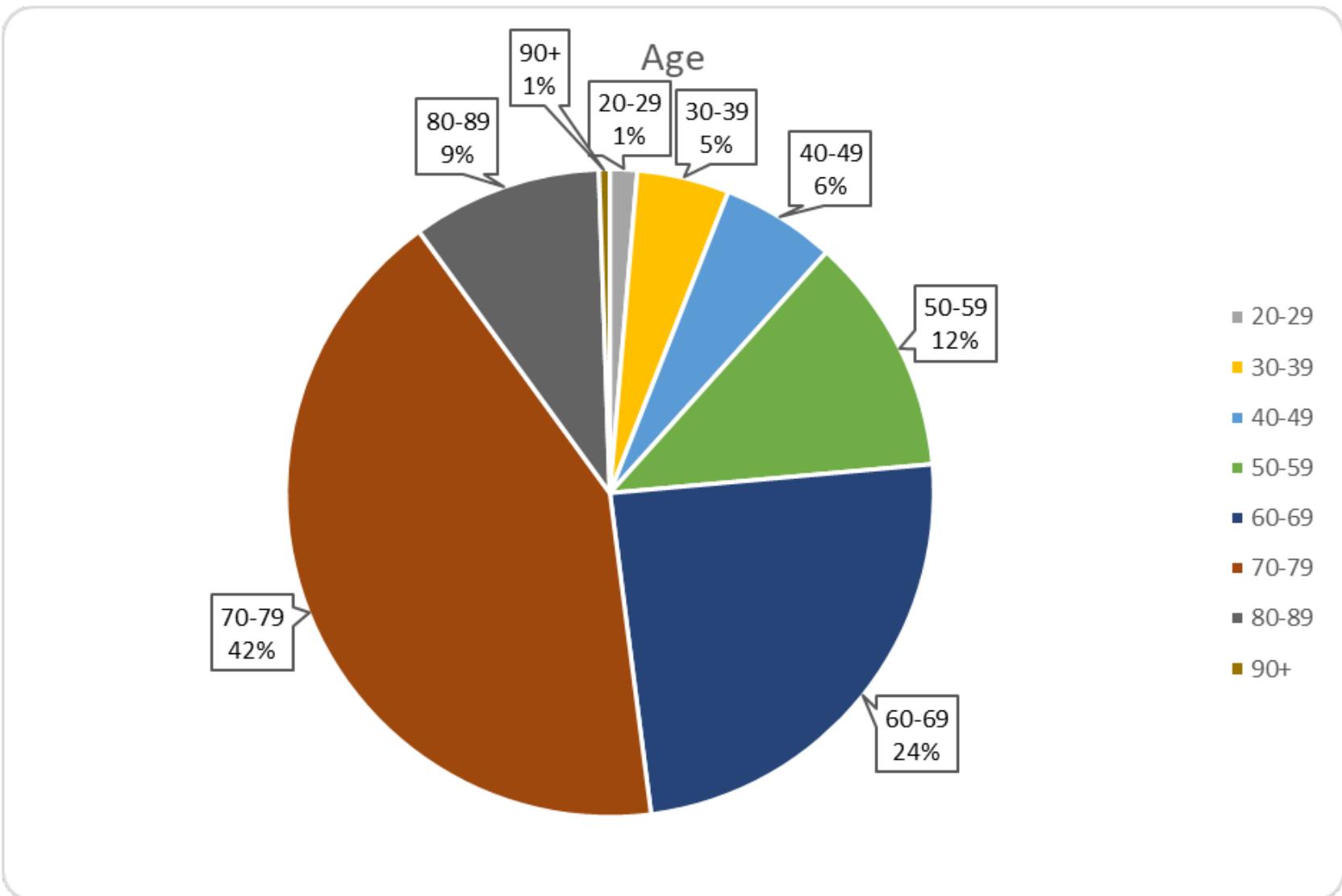
**2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy**  
**Volunteer Hours and Value**

Volunteer Categories	Number on sign in/out sheet who recorded hours	Value	Total Number of Hours	Total Amount
Assistants	45	\$25.00	460.45	\$11,511.25
Dental Students	83	\$15.00	721	\$10,815.00
Dentists	30	\$250.00	274.5	\$68,625.00
Specialists	25	\$500.00	416.5	\$208,250.00
Hygienists	34	\$45.00	244	\$10,980.00
Other Healthcare Provider	10	\$45.00	98.25	\$4,421.25
Pre-Dental Students	49	\$15.00	362	\$5,430.00
Superstar Volunteers	80	\$31.96	698	\$22,308.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356</b>		<b>3274.7</b>	<b>\$342,340.58</b>

## 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Patient Gender and Age

Age	Number of People
20-29	5
30-39	17
40-49	21
50-59	44
60-69	90
70-79	155
80-89	35
90+	2
Unspecified	2
Average Age	74.2

Gender	Number of People
Male	241
Female	126
Unspecified	4

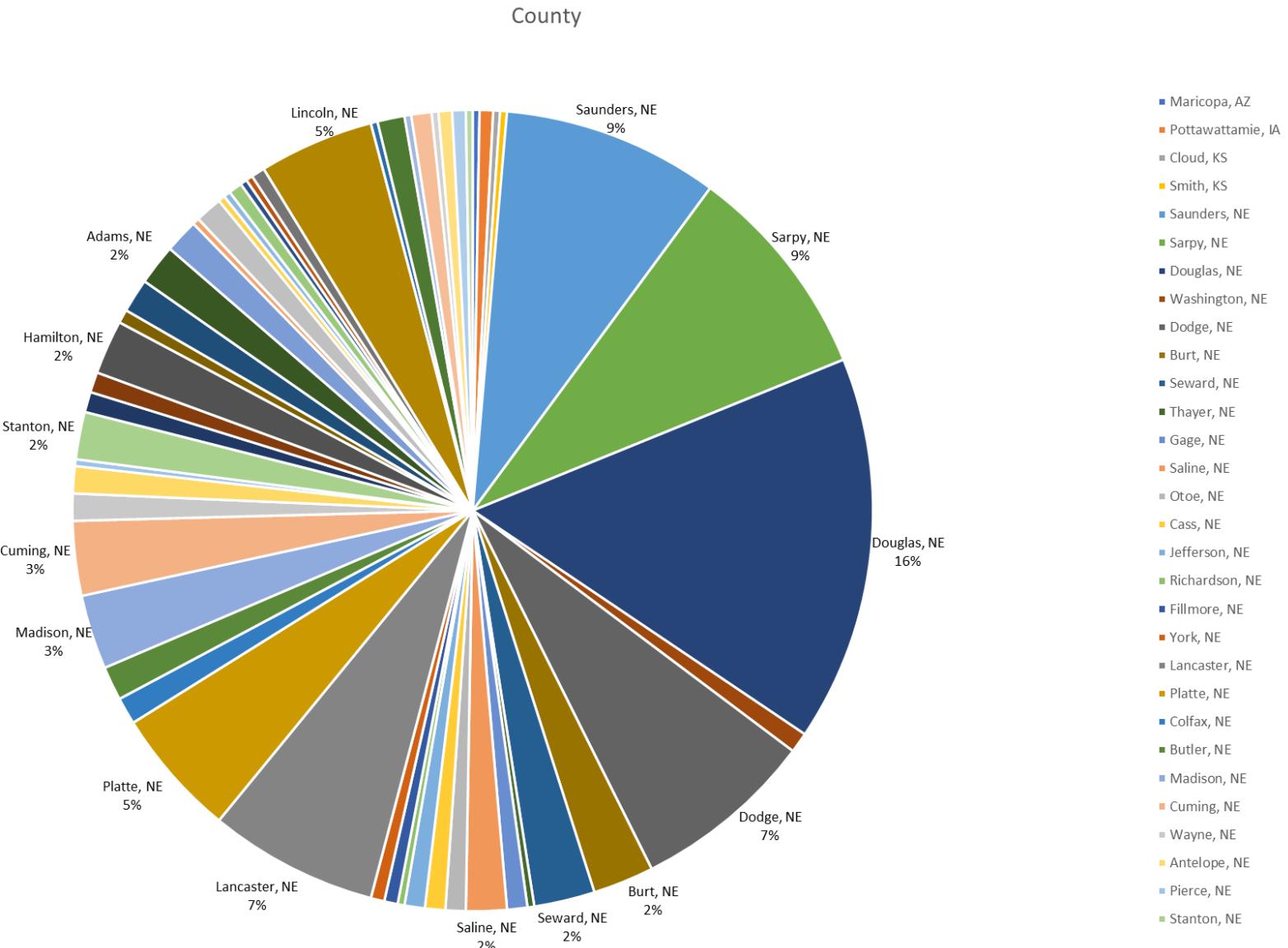


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## Patient Home Location by County

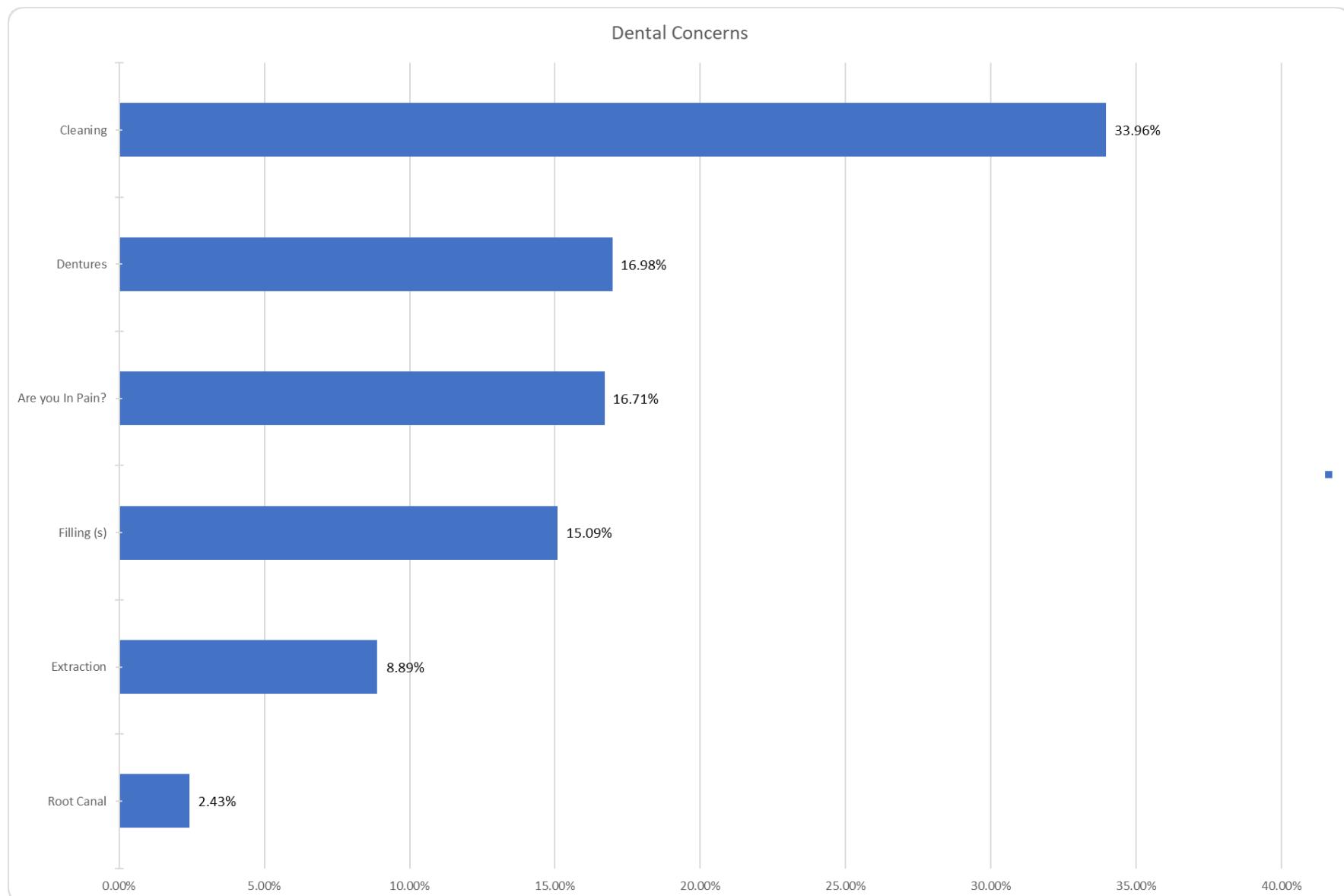
County, State	Number of People
Maricopa, AZ	1
Pottawattamie, IA	2
Cloud, KS	1
Smith, KS	1
Saunders, NE	32
Sarpy, NE	32
Douglas, NE	57
Washington, NE	3
Dodge, NE	27
Burt, NE	9
Seward, NE	9
Thayer, NE	1
Gage, NE	3
Saline, NE	6
Otoe, NE	3
Cass, NE	3
Jefferson, NE	3
Richardson, NE	1
Fillmore, NE	2
York, NE	2
Lancaster, NE	25
Platte, NE	19
Colfax, NE	4
Butler, NE	5
Madison, NE	11
Cuming, NE	11
Wayne, NE	4
Antelope, NE	4
Pierce, NE	1
Stanton, NE	7
Hall, NE	3
Custer, NE	3
Hamilton, NE	8
Greeley, NE	2
Buffalo, NE	5
Adams, NE	6
Furnas, NE	5
Franklin, NE	1
Clay, NE	4
Phelps, NE	1
Kearney, NE	1
Webster, NE	2
Nuckolls, NE	1
Red Willow, NE	1
Dundy, NE	2
Lincoln, NE	17
Deuel, NE	1
Dawson, NE	4
Keith, NE	1
Hooker, NE	3
Garden, NE	1
Cherry, NE	2
Dawes, NE	2
Scotts Bluff, NE	1
Unspecified	5

VETMOM Patients	
Urban	32%
Rural	68%

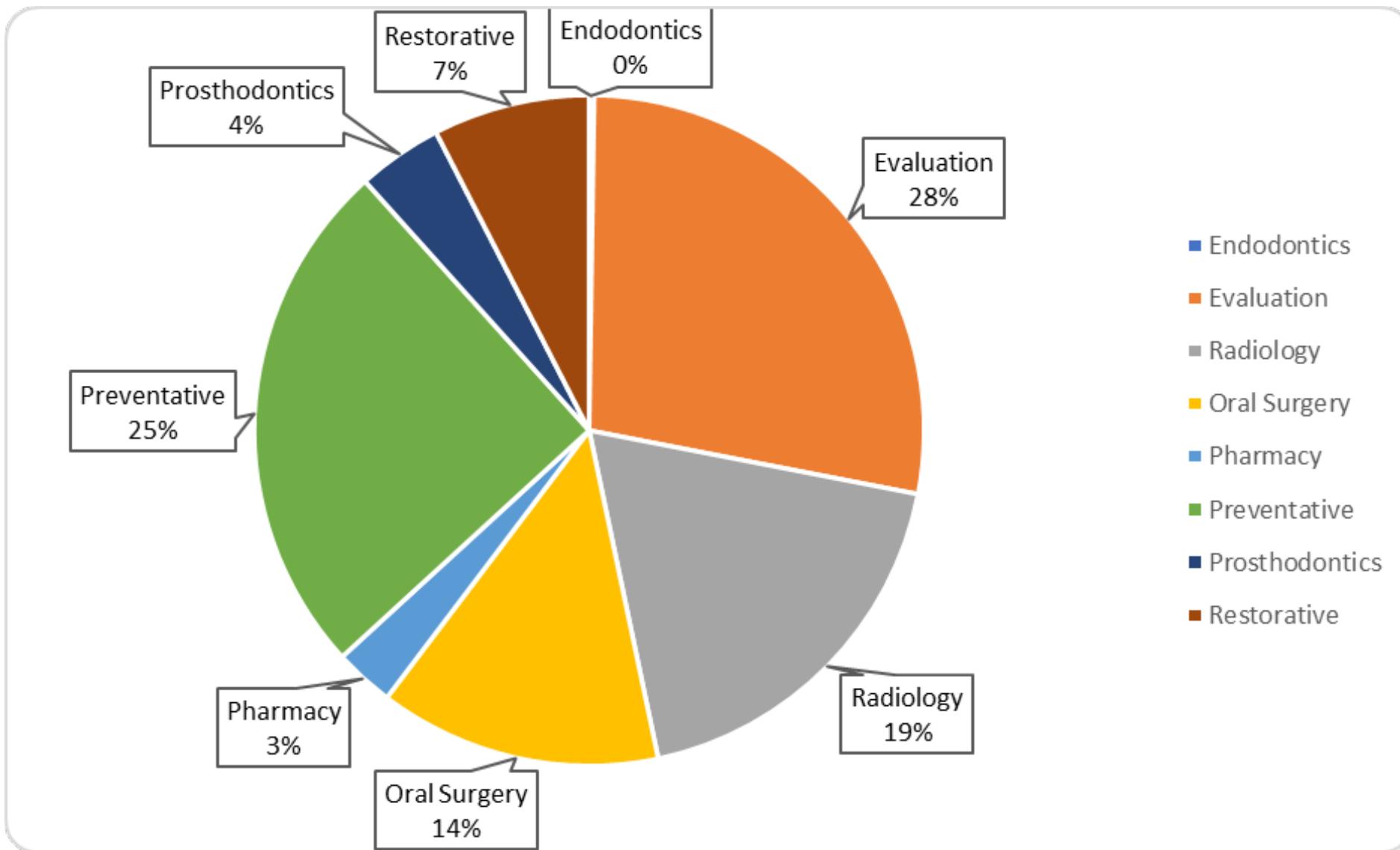


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## Chief Dental Complaint

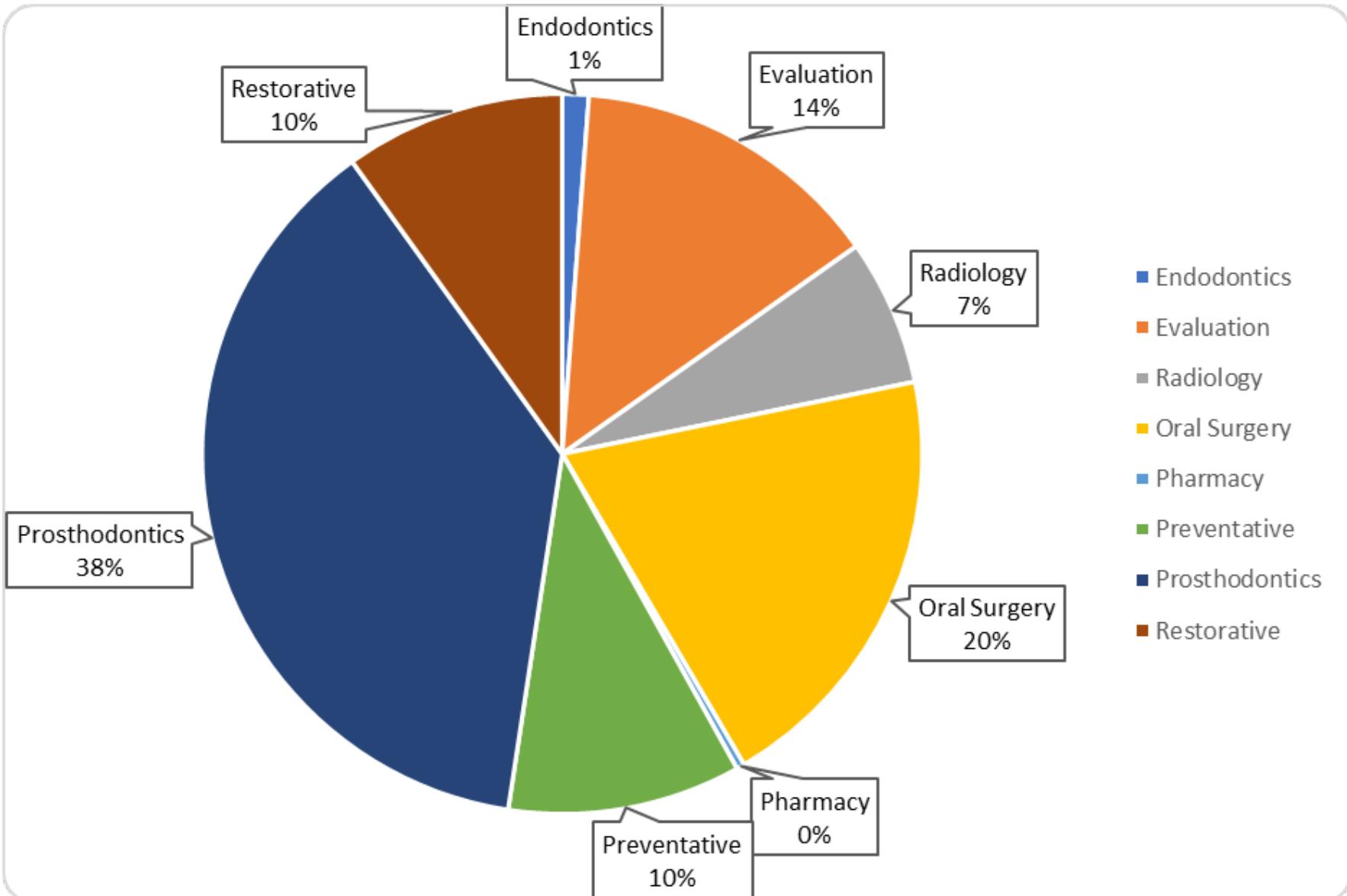


## 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Dental Service Quantity by Department



## 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Dental Service Value by Department

Department	Quantity	Value
Endodontics	7	\$6,759.00
Evaluation	820	\$80,265.00
Radiology	550	\$37,640.00
Oral Surgery	402	\$113,241.00
Pharmacy	85	\$2,058.59
Preventative	741	\$59,930.00
Prosthodontics	121	\$215,603.00
Restorative	223	\$56,748.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2949</b>	<b>\$572,244.59</b>



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## Service Codes

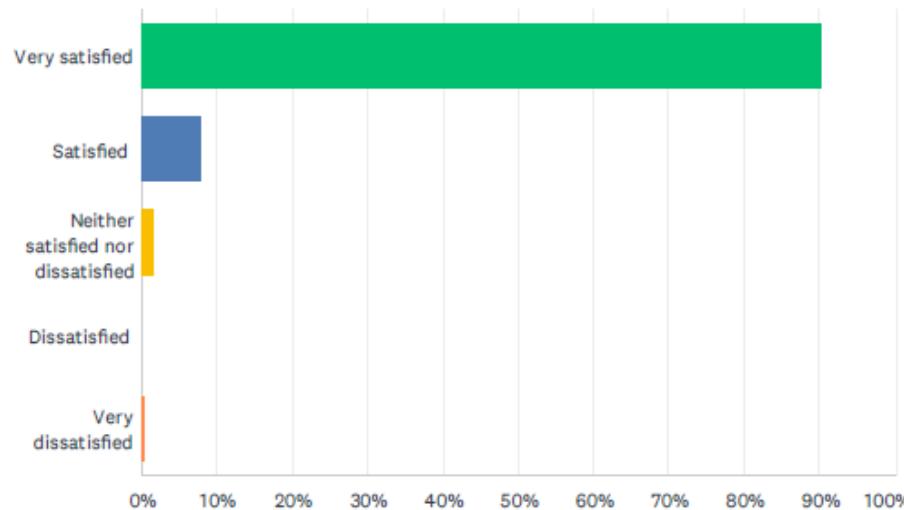
Code	Description	Department	Rate	Quantity	Value
3310	Anterior Endodontic Treatment (Excluding Final Restoration)	Endodontics	\$871.00	5	\$4,355.00
3330	Molar Endodontic Treatment (Excluding Final Restoration)	Endodontics	\$1,202.00	2	\$2,404.00
191	Medical Screening Service	Evaluation	\$90.00	370	\$33,300.00
9997	No Treatment	Evaluation		13	
9999	Return Visit	Evaluation	\$85.00	65	\$5,525.00
9998	Refused Treatment	Evaluation		2	
140	Limited Oral Exam	Evaluation	\$112.00	370	\$41,440.00
220	Intraoral-Periapical - first film	Imaging	\$35.00	136	\$4,760.00
272	Bitewings - 2 films	Imaging	\$52.00	35	\$1,820.00
274	Bitewings - 4 films	Imaging	\$76.00	159	\$12,084.00
330	Panoramic Film	Imaging	\$134.00	119	\$15,946.00
230	Intraoral-Periapical - add'l film	Imaging	\$30.00	101	\$3,030.00
7140	Extraction, Erupted Tooth or Exposed Root	Oral Surgery	\$227.00	297	\$67,419.00
7210	Surgical Removal of Erupted Tooth Requiring Elevation & Removal of Bone	Oral Surgery	\$335.00	77	\$25,795.00
7250	Surgical Removal of Residual Tooth Roots (Cutting Procedure)	Oral Surgery	\$360.00	11	\$3,960.00
7310	Alveoplasty in Conjunction with Extractions - per Quadrant	Oral Surgery	\$361.00	8	\$2,888.00
7240	Removal of Impacted Tooth - Completely Bony	Oral Surgery	\$566.00	2	\$1,132.00
4261	Osseous Surgery (Including Flap Entry and Closure) One to Three Contiguous Teeth	Oral Surgery	\$1,721.00	7	\$12,047.00
9610	Therapeutic Parenteral Drug, Single Administration	Pharmacy	\$55.86	10	\$558.59
	Post meds	Pharmacy	\$20.00	75	\$1,500.00
1330	Oral Hygiene Instruction	Preventative	\$64.00	370	\$23,680.00
1110	Prophylaxis - Adult	Preventative	\$108.00	197	\$21,276.00
1206	Topical Fluoride Application	Preventative	\$46.00	133	\$6,118.00
4355	Full Mouth Debridement to Enable Comprehensive Eval and Diagnosis	Preventative	\$216.00	41	\$8,856.00
5410	Adjust Complete Denture- Maxillary	Prosthodontics	\$108.00	2	\$216.00
5512	Repair Broken Denture Base, Maxillary	Prosthodontics	\$259.00	1	\$259.00
5820	Upper Interim Partial	Prosthodontics	\$822.00	1	\$822.00
5110	Complete Denture - Maxillary	Prosthodontics	\$2,073.00	24	\$49,752.00
5120	Complete Denture - Mandibular	Prosthodontics	\$2,182.00	17	\$37,094.00
5650	Add Tooth to Existing Partial Denture	Prosthodontics	\$311.00	4	\$1,244.00
5821	Lower Interim Partial	Prosthodontics	\$817.00	1	\$817.00
5411	Adjust Complete Denture	Prosthodontics	\$108.00	3	\$324.00
5422	Adjust Partial Denture	Prosthodontics	\$168.00	1	\$168.00
5740	Reline Partial Denture	Prosthodontics	\$664.00	1	\$664.00
5751	Reline Complete Mandibular Denture (laboratory)	Prosthodontics	\$544.00	3	\$1,632.00
5212	Mandibular Partial Denture - Resin Base	Prosthodontics	\$1,612.00	15	\$24,180.00
5130	Immediate Denture - Maxillary	Prosthodontics	\$2,194.00	25	\$54,850.00
5211	Maxillary Partial Denture - Resin Base	Prosthodontics	\$1,612.00	9	\$14,508.00
5140	Immediate Denture - Mandibular	Prosthodontics	\$2,194.00	13	\$28,522.00
5750	Reline Complete Maxillary Denture (laboratory)	Prosthodontics	\$551.00	1	\$551.00
1354	Interim Caries Arresting Application	Restorative	\$86.00	26	\$2,236.00
2140	Amalgam - One Surface	Restorative	\$169.00	3	\$507.00
2160	Amalgam - Three Surfaces	Restorative	\$261.00	1	\$261.00
2161	Amalgam - Four or More Surfaces	Restorative	\$365.00	1	\$365.00
2330	Resin-Based Composite - One Surface, Anterior	Restorative	\$197.00	31	\$6,107.00
2331	Resin-Based Composite - Two Surfaces, Anterior	Restorative	\$240.00	18	\$4,320.00
2332	Resin-Based Composite - Three Surfaces, Anterior	Restorative	\$292.00	10	\$2,920.00
2335	Resin-Based Composite - Four or More Surfaces, Anterior	Restorative	\$353.00	28	\$9,884.00
2391	Resin-Based Composite - One Surface, Posterior	Restorative	\$213.00	23	\$4,899.00
2392	Resin-Based Composite - Two Surfaces, Posterior	Restorative	\$270.00	43	\$11,610.00
2393	Resin-Based Composite - Three Surfaces, Posterior	Restorative	\$335.00	21	\$7,035.00
2394	Resin-Based Composite - Four or More Surfaces, Posterior	Restorative	\$393.00	16	\$6,288.00
2920	Recement Crown	Restorative	\$158.00	2	\$316.00
	Total			2874	\$572,244.59

# 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy

## Exit Survey conducted by the NE Department of Veteran's Affairs

Q1 How satisfied were you with the treatment outcome and experience at this dental event?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 0



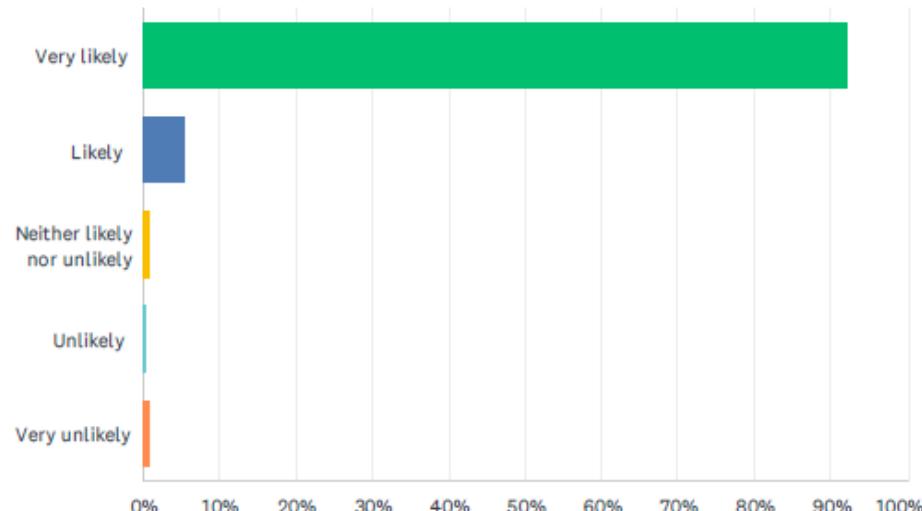
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	90.14%	192
Satisfied	7.98%	17
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	1.41%	3
Dissatisfied	0.00%	0
Very dissatisfied	0.47%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>213</b>

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## Exit Survey conducted by the NE Department of Veteran's Affairs

Q2 How likely are you to recommend other Veterans attend a future Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 0

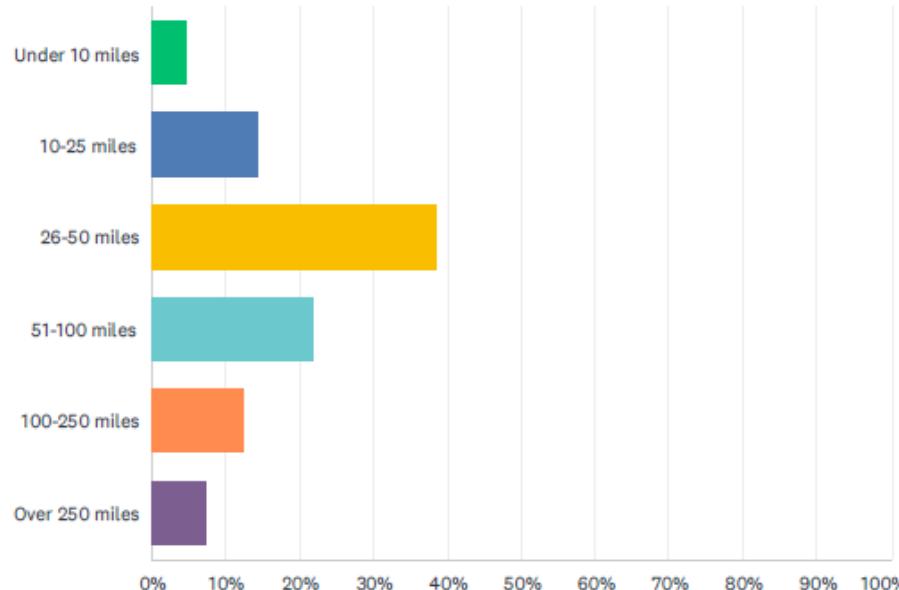


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very likely	92.02%
Likely	5.63%
Neither likely nor unlikely	0.94%
Unlikely	0.47%
Very unlikely	0.94%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>

# 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Exit Survey conducted by the NE Department of Veteran's Affairs

## Q4 How far did you travel to get here?

Answered: 213 Skipped: 0

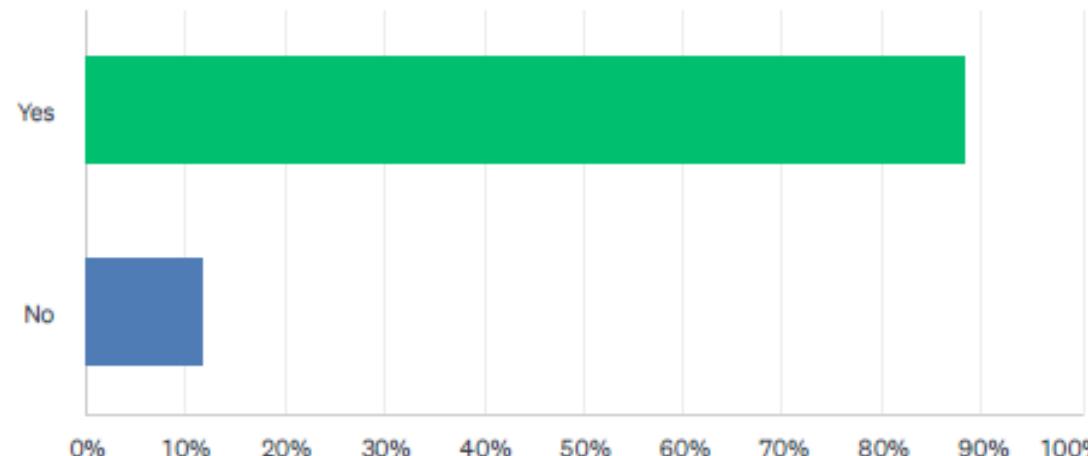


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 10 miles	4.69%
10-25 miles	14.55%
26-50 miles	38.50%
51-100 miles	22.07%
100-250 miles	12.68%
Over 250 miles	7.51%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>

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Exit Survey conducted by the NE Department of Veteran's Affairs**

**Q6 Is access to adequate dental health care one of your main concerns as a Nebraska Veteran?**

Answered: 213    Skipped: 0

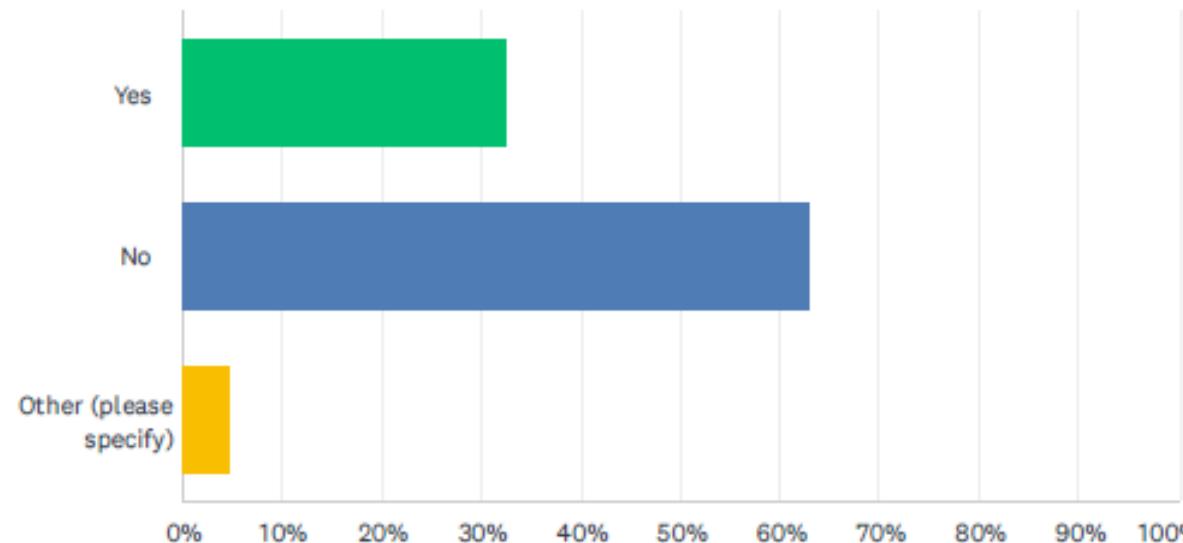


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.26%	188
No	11.74%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>213</b>

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**Q7 Do you currently have a regular dentist?**

Answered: 213 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	32.39% 69
No	62.91% 134
Other (please specify)	4.69% 10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>

## 2025 Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy Photos



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Thanks to all our partners, sponsors and volunteers!  
2026 VETMOM coming soon...let the planning begin!

# NEBRASKA VETERANS ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE

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There are over 100,000 veterans in Nebraska. Approximately 90% do not qualify for dental benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Access to dental care is the number one requested need to the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA). The Nebraska Veterans Mission of Mercy (VETMOM) event started in 2023 to help address this concern. Multiple partners, including the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, Nebraska Army National Guard, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Oral Health and Dentistry (DHHS OOHD), Nebraska Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry (UNMC COD), and Creighton University School of Dentistry (CU SOD), and more than 350 dental volunteers, collaborate annually to offer a full range of free dental services to eligible Veterans and their spouses. The 2025 event was held September 25-27 in the National Guard facility at Camp Mead. There were 440 patient visits and 2,949 free dental services provided (including 121 dentures). This care had a public health value of \$572,245. The average patient age was 68 and more than 50% lived in rural locations. Patients were given information on how to access proper follow up appointments. In three years, the Nebraska VETMOM has conducted more than 1250 patient visits and rendered more than 1.63 million in dental services. Veterans dental care is also given to hundreds of patients at the UNMC COD through their VETSMILE program. Access to care remains a significant need for Nebraska Veterans. These new programs are helping to lessen that burden and demonstrate that the dental profession honors their service to our country and is willing to provide essential assistance.

