

# FLUORIDE FACTS

# Missouri

**76.4**

Percent of Missouri residents on community water supplies who are receiving fluoridated water's benefits

**41**



Number of the 50 largest U.S. cities (including Kansas City) fluoridating public water

**100**



Number of reputable international health and science organizations that recognize fluoride's public health benefits

**\$38**



Amount of future dental care costs saved by every \$1 invested in community water fluoridation

**25**



Percent (minimum) of tooth decay prevented during a lifetime thanks to fluoridated water

**65**



Years of research and experience proving fluoridation is safe for people and the environment

**2009**



FDA approves fluoridated bottled water and confirms it reduces tooth decay risk

Missouri starts adding fluoride to drinking water for public health

**1954**

**116**

Number of Missouri water systems providing optimally fluoridated water



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