



# SMILES FOR VETERANS PROGRAM

*Services provide veterans with new smiles.*

## Background

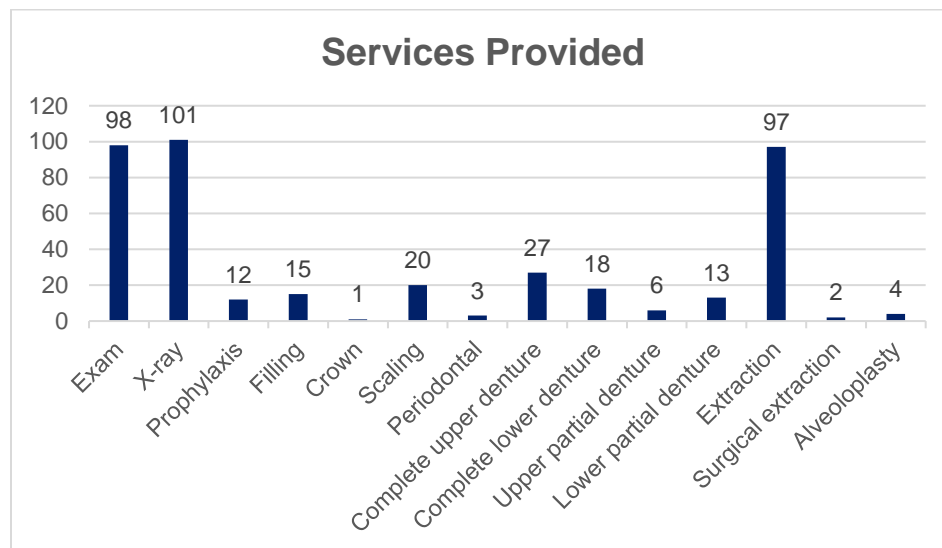
*A collaboration between A.T. Still University and the Office of Dental Health*

The Smiles for Veterans Program at A.T. Still University's (ATSU) Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health (MOSDOH) partnered with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Office of Dental Health (ODH) to provide non-covered dental services to veterans. This program identifies veterans with critical oral health needs and provides services to help improve their oral health and overall health. These services include oral health screenings, exams and care interventions, which may include deep cleanings, extractions, root canals, crowns and dentures as identified by the clinic.

## Services Provided

*Types of services and associated costs*

ATSU partnered with ODH for a contract period from April 17-Aug. 31, 2024. During this time, the MOSDOH clinic was able to provide 417 different types of services to 129 veterans. These services included: exams, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, crowns, scaling, periodontal work, dentures, extractions and alveoplasties (surgical reshaping of the jawbone for dentures). The total cost of the services provided was \$56,106.15, with \$20,000 coming from the Veteran's United Foundation, and the remaining funds coming from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

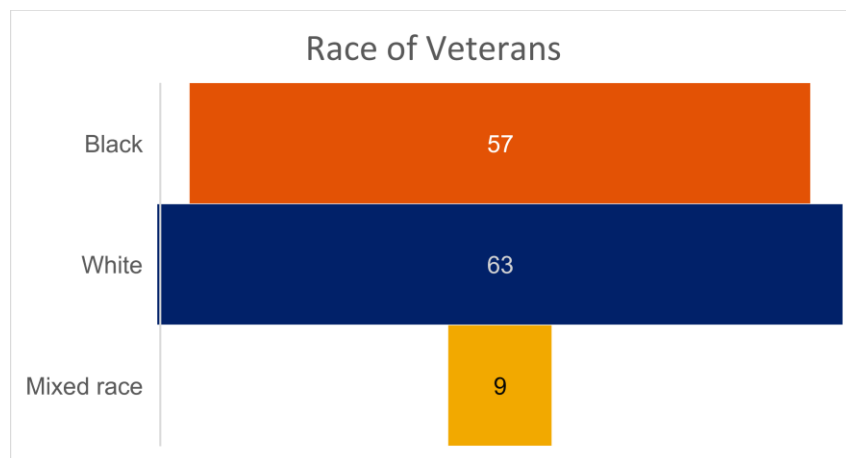
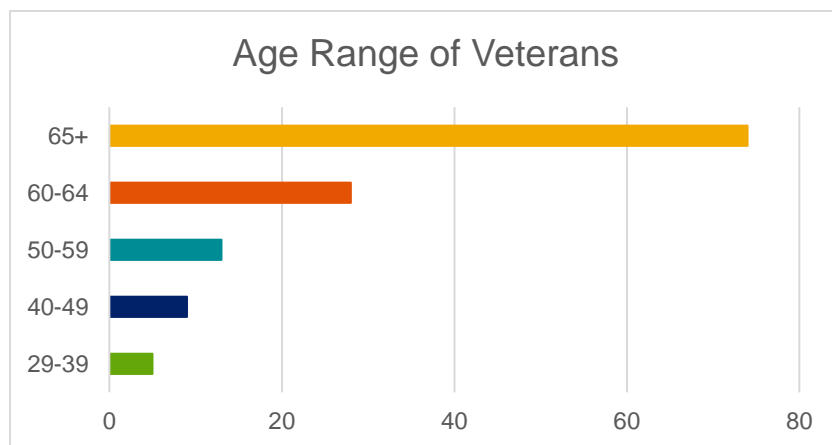
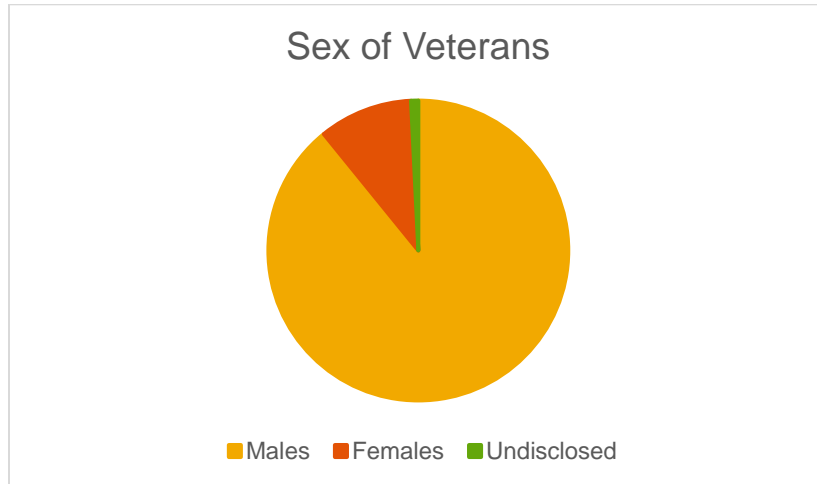


**“By not looking your best, that adds on to the anxiety.”**

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## Demographics of Veterans Served

The demographics of the veterans served are varied. They are predominantly male, over the age of 65 and about fifty percent black and mixed race or white.



## Veteran Responses After Services are Completed

*Pictures and feedback*



**2024**

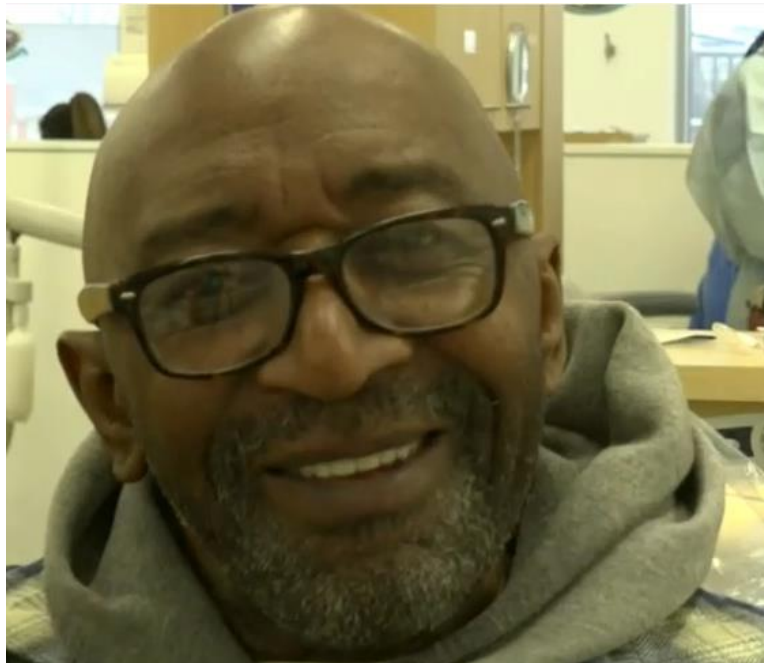
**Patient was first seen at Dexter light house Clinic in October 2023 for extractions. Patient has been traveling to the St. Louis Affinia dental clinic for all appointments from Doniphan, MO (3 hours away)! His wife told him that he looks 20 years younger!2024**



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**“I got my smile back!”**

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