Sealant Use

Disparities are decreasing over time
The number of low-income children with sealants increased by about 70% from 1999-2004 to 2011-2014, and the number of higher-income children with sealants increased by 23%. The increase in sealants among low-income children prevented almost 1 million cavities.*


Cavities

Disparities still exist
Low-income children without sealants have about 60% more cavities in their 1st permanent molars than higher-income children.