2004 Hospital Charges for Severe Cavities

The Dalles
$47,561

Hood River (no F^-)
$159,613
Severe Cavities in Head Start Kids

The Dalles: 0%

Hood River (no F⁻): 9%*

*p=.01 (highly statistically significant)

Children without fluoridated water were three times more likely to need hospital operations. The cost of dental treatment per child was twice as high.