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Texas

Dental Costs & Access Fact Sheet 2026 — procedure prices, insurance gaps, Medicaid acceptance and dentist shortages.

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Texas at a glance

\$4,410 SINGLE IMPLANT, AVG.	26/51 RESTORATIVE COST RANK	52.7% DENTISTS TAKING MEDICAID	0 DENTAL-DESERT COUNTIES
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- A complete single dental implant averages **\$4,410** in Texas, \$97 below the \$4,507 national mean of our 51 markets — ranking Texas **26 of 51** on the restorative cost index (1 = least expensive).
- **52.7%** of Texas dentists accept Medicaid patients (rank 16 of 51), and the state provides **emergency-only** adult dental coverage.
- **No Texas county meets the dental-desert definition**, which requires above-median prices; Texas sits below that line. Access pressure is nonetheless broad: **208 of Texas's 254 counties** (82%) carry at least one active Dental HPSA designation.
- Nationally, 288 of 3,144 counties qualify as dental deserts, and 2,601 carry at least one active Dental HPSA designation.

Procedure prices: Texas vs the national mean

Every row is labelled with its data basis. **OBSERVED** = measured per-state prices. **ESTIMATED** = no per-state source; the national figure scaled by the restorative cost index. **NATIONAL** = no per-state source at all, so no geographic variation is invented.

Procedure	Texas range	Texas avg.	U.S. mean (51 markets)	Basis
Exam, cleaning & X-rays	\$50–\$345	\$200	\$203	ESTIMATED
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$90–\$440	\$220	\$226	ESTIMATED
Deep cleaning (SRP, per quadrant)	\$165–\$345	\$235	\$242	ESTIMATED
Tooth extraction	\$75–\$785	\$295	\$300	ESTIMATED
Root canal	\$490–\$1,470	\$1,080	\$1,100	ESTIMATED
All-on-4 (per arch)	\$11,405–\$26,950	\$14,870	\$15,179	ESTIMATED
Professional teeth whitening	\$300–\$1,000	\$650	\$650	NATIONAL
Dental crown	\$955–\$2,130	\$1,250	\$1,369	OBSERVED
Porcelain veneer (per tooth)	\$555–\$3,205	\$1,954	\$1,759	OBSERVED
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$2,565–\$10,255	\$6,504	\$6,352	OBSERVED
Single dental implant (complete)	\$3,680–\$5,610	\$4,410	\$4,507	OBSERVED
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,420–\$3,405	\$1,838	\$1,953	OBSERVED

What insurance actually pays in Texas

Applied to Texas averages: a typical full coverage plan structure (preventive ~100%, basic ~80%, major ~50%) against a \$1,500 annual maximum. This is an illustration of a common plan design, not a quote, and it is the subtraction carrier pages do not publish.

Procedure	Texas avg.	Tier	Plan pays	You still pay
Composite filling (1 tooth)	\$220	basic	\$176	\$44
Root canal	\$1,080	major	\$540	\$540
Dental crown	\$1,250	major	\$625	\$625
Full set of dentures (both arches)	\$1,838	major	\$919	\$919
Braces (traditional, full case)	\$6,504	ortho	\$1,500 (cap)	\$5,004
Single dental implant (complete)	\$4,410	excluded	nothing	\$4,410

The annual maximum is consumed by the whole plan year, not reset per procedure. Orthodontics and implants are the two lines where the gap is widest: the first exhausts the cap on its own, the second is usually excluded outright.

Methodology & sources

Single implant (complete) — our own observed 51-market series, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20531728 (CC BY 4.0).

Crown, porcelain veneer, braces, dentures — Average Procedural Cost Study by ASQ360° Market Research for Synchrony's CareCredit. Cited wherever displayed, not redistributed in our open dataset.

All other procedures — national figures scaled by the restorative cost index, labelled *estimated*. Cosmetic rows carry no state variation.

Medicaid acceptance and adult benefit level — DOI 10.5281/zenodo.20666358.

Shortage and dental-desert counts — HRSA Dental HPSA snapshot 2026-07-30, crossed with county median income and state price level; DOI 10.5281/zenodo.21707529.

This is pricing and market research, **not medical advice** and not an insurance quote. Figures are market averages for budgeting and comparison — your quote depends on your case, provider and plan document.

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