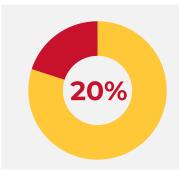
# **Don't Let Diabetes Steal Your Smile**



# Tooth Loss is Significantly Worse Among People with Diabetes.

#### The Facts:



20% of adults with diabetes have lost 6 or more teeth. Compared to only 7% of adults without diabetes.

Adults with diabetes are nearly

more likely to lose their teeth.

#### Your Gums and Your Glucose:

#### **Understanding the Hidden Connection**

- Uncontrolled diabetes weakens your immune system.
- A weakened immune system makes it hard to fight off gum disease.
- As gum disease progresses, tooth loss occurs.



# Diabetes affects your whole body, including your mouth.

## See your doctor and dentist regularly!

Doing so will detect early warning signs, treat any disease, and prevent complications.



### Save your smile!

Make your doctor and dentist appointments part of your normal routine.

Citation: Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, BRFSS 2022.