

## **2010 STATISTICS SHOW INCREASE IN U.S. RESIDENTS RECEIVING FLUORIDATED DRINKING WATER**

At last week's National Oral Health Conference, Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announced that the agency had released the latest statistics for the nation on community water fluoridation. The new statistics are available on its Web site ([www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/statistics/2010stats.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/statistics/2010stats.htm)).

The latest data reported by the CDC Division of Oral Health show that in 2010, 73.9% of the U.S. population on community water systems, or a total of 204.3 million people, had access to optimally fluoridated water. This is an increase of about 9 million people from 2008, when 72.4% of the U.S. population on public water systems, or 195.5 million people, received optimally fluoridated water. Twenty-six states plus the District of Columbia have achieved the *Healthy People 2010* objective of having 75% of their population on community water systems receive fluoridated water. Studies show that community water fluoridation prevents at least 25% of tooth decay in children and adults throughout the lifespan.

For more information about fluoridation, visit the CDC Web site at [www.cdc.gov/fluoridation](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation).