

# Publication Summary



## Dental Statistics – NHS General Dental Service Registrations

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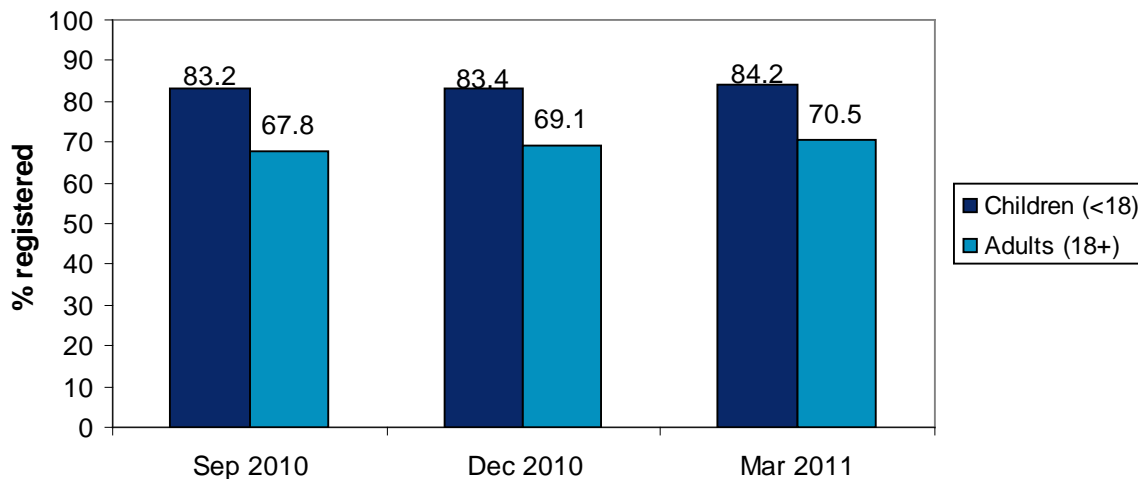
### About this Release

This release provides information on NHS General Dental Services (GDS) registrations as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Information on the participation (contact with an NHS dentist) of these registered patients can also be found in this release.

### Key Points

- The level of the Scottish population (all ages) registered with an NHS GDS dentist was 73.2%, up from 72.0% as at 31 December 2010.
- The 6-12 age group had the highest level of population registered (95.5%) with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Among mainland NHS boards, NHS Ayrshire & Arran had the highest level of children registered (85.2%) and NHS Lanarkshire the highest level of adults registered (77.2%).
- People from the most deprived backgrounds make up the lowest proportion (SIMD 1-18.8%) of those registered.
- At Scotland level, the rate of participation in NHS General Dental Services among registered patients over the last 2 years was 80.3% for adults and 88.6% for children.
- Participation rates for children were highest in NHS Borders (93.0%) and lowest in NHS Western Isles (74.4%), while rates for adults were highest in NHS Borders (87.6%) and lowest in NHS Orkney (63.1%).

## Percentage of children & adults registered with a GDS dentist in Scotland; September 2010 to March 2011



Source: ISD Scotland; MIDAS (Management Information & Dental Accounting System).

## Background

Since June 2010, ISD has been reporting registration levels based on the geography of patients' home addresses, rather than on the geography of the dental practice.

Participation is a measure of patient attendance at an NHS general dental practice for treatment, registration or other form of contact within the last two years as at 30th September 2010. This measure will further support data already available on NHS dental registrations and the introduction of [non-time-limited registration policy](#).

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