

# Publication Summary



## Dental Statistics – NHS Registration and Participation

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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 2013. 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 81.8% as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, up from 79.8% as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- Within the 6-12 and 13-17 age groups, over 99% of the population was registered with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Among mainland NHS boards, Greater Glasgow & Clyde had the highest level of children registered (89.9%) and Ayrshire & Arran the highest level of adults registered (85.9%).
- Grampian had the lowest registration rates for children (79%), adults (59.4%) and the total population (63.3%).
- Nationally, the rate of participation in NHS General Dental Services among registered patients over the last 2 years was 86.6% for children and 75.4% for adults (down from 87.5% and 77.1% respectively, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012).
- Participation rates were lowest in the 18-24 age group (69.3%) and highest in the 0-2 age group (98.1%).
- Participation rates for children were highest in Borders (91.9%) and lowest in Shetland (83.5%); rates for adults were also highest in Borders (85.5%) and lowest in Orkney (67.4%).

### 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 where they are registered.

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 (in this release as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013). This measure further supports data already available on NHS dental registrations and the introduction of the [non-time-limited registration policy](#).

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