

What is the proportion of eligible women accessing the Smiles for Two program?

		Eligible Women Giving Birth	% Eligible Women Referred	% of Referrals Attended	% Eligible Women Attended Program
2021	North	452	6%	37%	2%
	NW	368	45%	53%	24%
	South	497	20%	58%	11%
	TOTAL	1317	22%	53%	12%

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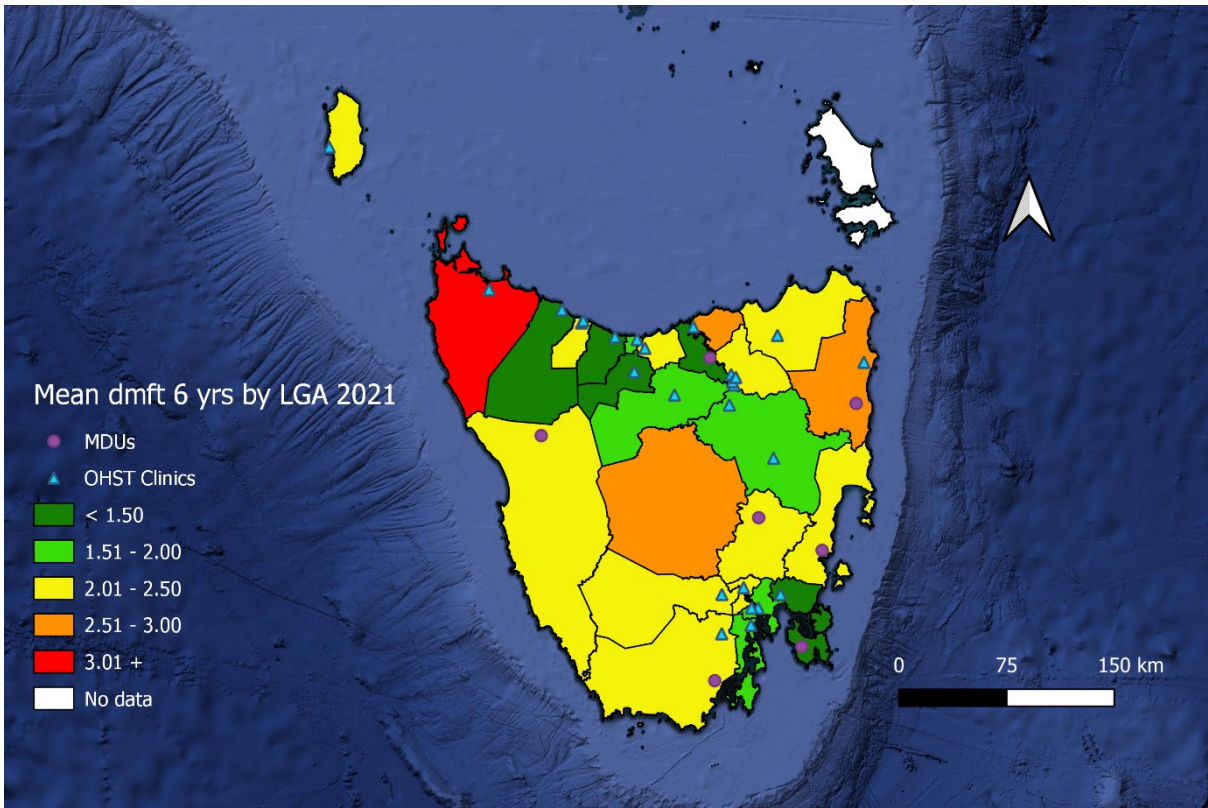
1. Women are eligible to participate if they are pregnant, live in Tasmania, and have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are under 18 years of age.
2. Program details can be viewed on the Department of Health website, here: <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/health-topics/dental-health/dental-health-programs-and-initiatives/smiles-two-pregnancy-and-dental-health>
3. In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted Oral Health Services Tasmania’s (OHST’s) efforts to increase awareness of the program amongst the community, especially amongst referring health practitioners such as midwives. In 2022, OHST will focus on awareness raising and will increase the referral and attendance rates for this program.

Please provide detail regarding comparative health outcomes in relation to oral health and wait times (including numbers on the waiting list) by region.

Children’s Dental Services

For children’s dental services, Oral Health Services Tasmania (OHST) produces an annual report detailing dmft/DMFT ratings within Local Government Areas for children who attended an OHST clinic. dmft stands for (d) decayed, (m) missing, (f) filled (teeth). The lower the dmft, the better the health status. While the maps below are a snapshot on 2021, OHST also looks at trends over time at a statewide level. The graphs below the maps show the improvements being made in children’s oral health in Tasmania over several years. Note that it is not possible to accurately assess trends over time at an LGA level due to small population sizes.

Mean dmft of children at 6 yrs examined at OHST - 2021



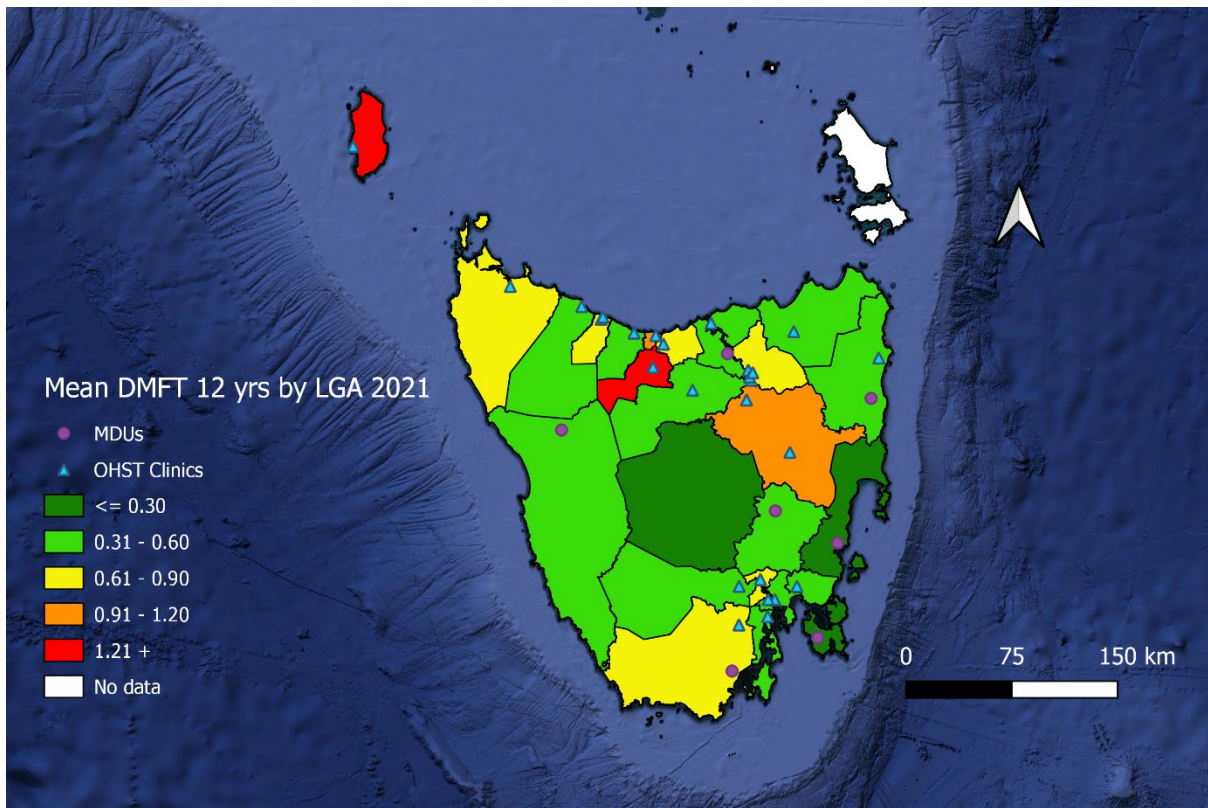
Overview: This shows the mean dmft (deciduous teeth) for children 6 years old examined at OHST in 2021, per Local Government Area (LGA).

In August 2019 the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) became the primary service provider for Flinders Island, hence OHST did not visit Flinders during 2021 and so there is no data for this LGA. OHST and RFDS are currently developing processes for data sharing.

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Data source: Oral Health Services Tasmania – Titanium client information system.

Mean DMFT of children at 12 yrs examined at OHST - 2021

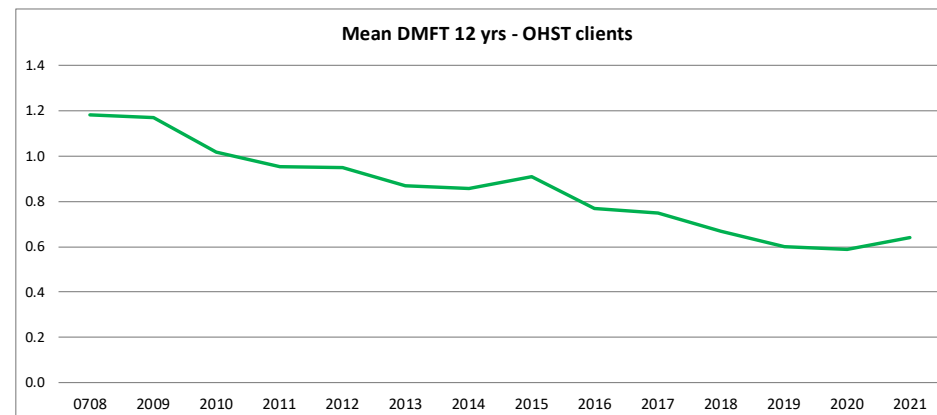
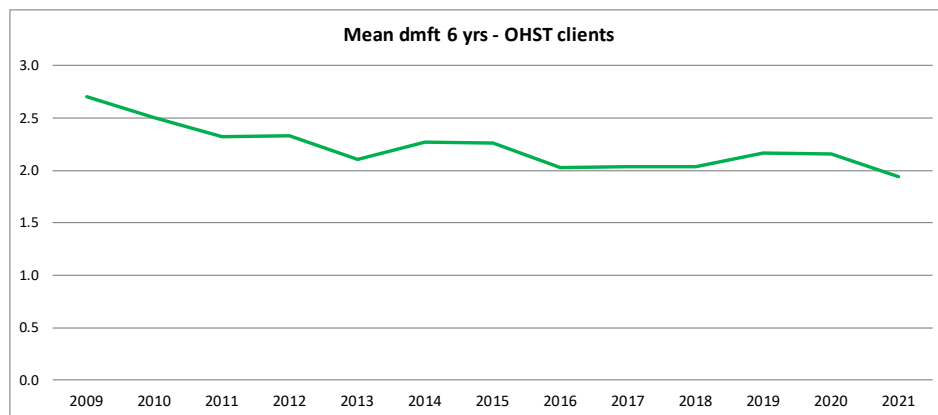


Overview: This shows the mean DMFT (permanent teeth) for children 12 years old examined at OHST in 2021, per Local Government Area (LGA).

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Notes:

- (1) a lower dmft/DMFT indicates better oral health. Oral health of Tasmanian children has been improving over the last decade.

Adult’s Dental Services

Median time waited for patients offered care off a waiting list in 2021*:

Waiting List	General Care (months)	Denture Services (months)
Burnie	20	5.3
Devonport	15.4	7.1
Launceston	37.1	2.6
Hobart	34.9	5.5

* Note that this excludes urgent care needs which are prioritised and not managed through a waiting list.

Number of people on waiting lists by region as at 28 February 2022:

Waiting List	General Care	Denture Services
Burnie	1635	217
Devonport	2713	244
Northern Tas	6253	2
Southern Tas	5323	204