

DENTAL FACTS ABOUT TURKEY

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Name of the Association: **Turkish Dental Association**

WORKFORCE	2004
Active Dentists	18577
Population/dentist:	3650
men	1147
women	7430
in public services	6048
in private practice	12529
in universities	1574
armed forces	673 (it is not included in total number)
in other related occupations (Full-Time administrative posts, etc)	
Chairside Assistants (dental nurses):	nearly 2000
Therapists:	unavailable
Dental Hygienists:	unavailable
Laboratory Technicians:	nearly 11750
Denturists:	unavailable
Other dental work categories – specify:	unavailable

DENTAL EDUCATION	2004
Number of Dental Schools:	15
List of Dental Schools (with addresses) Please attach.	Attachment-1
Do you have a vocational training? How long?	
Length of Curriculum:	5
Graduates Per Year:	nearly 900
Number of Schools for Therapists:	unavailable
Number of Schools for Hygienists:	unavailable
Number of Schools for Chairside Assistants (dental nurses):	3
Number of Schools for Lab Technicians:	
Recognised Specialities: No of Specialists (these are practitioners with officially recognised qualifications in a particular area): 2	
1. Prosthodontics	
2. Orthodonty	

ORAL HEALTH CARE	2004
Does your country have an oral health policy? If yes, please attach an electronic copy.	unavailable
Oral health care free of charge for children up to what age	(Please see below*)
of all oral health care for children: % delivered in public service % delivered in private practice	(Please see below *)
of all oral health care for adults: % delivered in public service % delivered in private practice	* % 80 of population is in the extent of Social Security System. This population and children in the extent of this population legally have the right of free dental system. However, this legal right is not used in practice. Dental practioners, who are employed at public service have not required facilities to meet this service. Therefore, in our country % 75-80 of dental services are met by private sector. There is no special system for children.
Treatment costs covered by the social security system:	Despite of a few limitations (For instance; porcelain crown is not paid and social security systems bring limitations for prosthodontics services when system buy this service from private sector.
Treatment costs covered by the private insurance:	Rarely, there is private insurance for dental service. However, a few private institutions (bank, companies etc.-nearly 300 thousand people-) buy dental service from private or public sector for their employees.
Treatment costs entirely paid by patient:	There is no such distinction.
Annual Expenditure on Oral Health as % of total expenditure on health	Nearly % 5

LICENSURE

Authority:

Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Health (gives approval for practicing dentistry.)

Republic of Turkey, the Council of Higher Education (coordinates all high education, including dental education.)

Requirements: Degrees, diplomas:

After graduation from a dental faculty, one gains degree of D.D.S. and a diploma is provided to practice as dentists.

National or state examinations necessary for registration

Unavailable

Reciprocal agreements with (list of countries that enter into agreements allowing mutual exchange of workforce):

Unavailable

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Is continuing education mandatory?

No.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Licensure Body:

Ministry of Health:

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Health

TC Sağlık Bakanlığı,

Mithatpaşa Cad.

No : 3, 06434 Sıhhiye /ANKARA

TURKEY

Chief Dental Officers

Dental Chambers

Dental Chambers function under the supervision of Turkish Dental Association.

Scientific Organizations

Dental Industry Associations

DİŞSİAD (Dental Materials Industrial Businessman Association)

Hüseyinağa Mah. Meşrutiyet Caddesi

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