



# DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN TURKEY

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Oral and dental health services are provided by two main groups in Turkey .

- 1- Public
- 2- Private

## Public institutions and organizations providing oral and dental health services

### 1-Divisions of Ministry of Health

\_Oral and Dental Health Hospitals

Oral and Dental Health Centers (ADSM)

Neighborhood polyclinics

### 2-Dental faculties

### 3-Polyclinics of Other Public Institutions

Private institutions and organizations providing oral and dental health services

- Practices
- Joint practices
- Oral and Dental Health Polyclinics
- Oral and Dental Health Centers
- Dental hospitals

# Oral and dental health care financing in Turkey

- 1- Public Insurance (SGK- GSS)
- 2- Individual payment
- 3- Private health insurance

# Services covered by GSS (General health insurance)

- In Turkey, the GSS only purchases oral and dental health treatment services from public sources ( Ministry of Health and Universities). As a result, service quality is affected.
- While the GSS is meant to cover 95% of oral and dental health treatments, the quality of the care is still being questioned.
- Dental implants , as well as any operations linked to the implants, are not covered by GSS.

# Services received from private health care institutions and organizations

. Until recently, clinics were the most active in this field, but in recent years, there has been a rapid increase in the number of collective work units. The acceptance of specialty in dentistry and branching among dentists had an impact on this change.

Physicians were also directed to collaborate as a result of the policies

Implemented health policies also directed physicians to collective work,

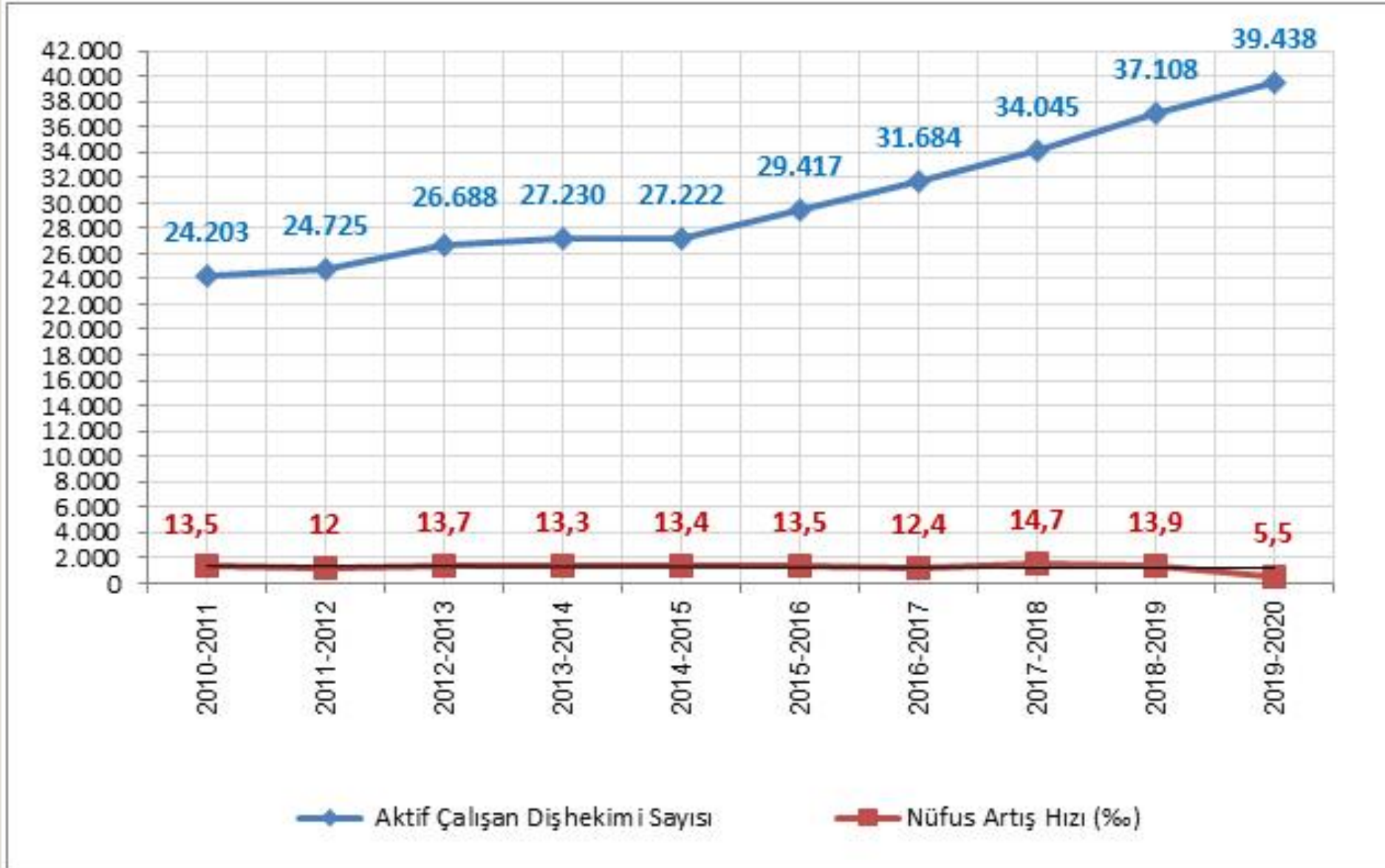
## Services received from private health institutions and organizations

- Private health institutions and organizations provide services in almost all areas of dentistry.
- Although speciality in dentistry has become widespread , most of the specialist dentists perform out of their areas of interest .



- Number of dentists working : **39.438**
- Number of the faculties: **103**
- Annual quota : for 2021-2022 period **8340** new students
- Population per dentist : **2120**

## 2010-2020 YILLARI ARASINDA TÜRKİYE'DE NÜFUS VE DİŐHEKİMİ ARTIŐ ORANLARI



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# Dental Health related Programs

- Undergraduate programs : Dental faculties
- Associate degree programs:

*Dental prosthesis technologies*

*Oral and dental health technician*

- Profession: The work that people do to earn money
- Organization :an organized group of people with a particular purpose, such as a business or government department.

# TDA

- Turkish Dental Association (TDA) is one of the most active professional associations in Turkey and it acts as the collective "voice" of nearly 24.000 dentists and is founded on June 7th, 1985 as a regulatory body for dentistry in Turkey and the central office is located in the capital city of Turkey, Ankara.

# TDA

- The legal representative of the dental profession in our country is the Turkish Dental Association (TDB)
- TDB and Chambers: TDB headquarters is in Ankara. There are 37 Dental Chambers affiliated to TDB
- Is obligatory for employees in private oral and dental health institutions and organizations to be a members and those working in the public sector can become members if they wish.

- Turkish Dental Association entered into a long-termed endeavour for this aim following its establishment; and has become a prestigious professional organization well known with its mission and international relations, both in its region and in the globe.

# COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- DA has commissions and committees working on specific issues, all of which consist of volunteering colleagues. The list of actively functioning commissions and committees can be found below.
- Oral Health Care Delivery and Finance Commission
- Oral Health Examination and Treatment Price Updating Commission
- Press Commission
- Foreign Affairs Commission
- Commission for Education and Workforce Planning in Dentistry
- Commission for Legislation and Alignment with the EU Acquis in Dentistry
- Education Commission
- Ethical Committee
- Young Dentists Commission
- Women Dentists Commission
- Congresses and Exhibitions Commission
- Professional Products and Services Commission
- Personal Rights Commission
- Commission for Diagnosis-Treatment Protocols and Coding Systems
- Public Oral Health Education Commission
- National Oral Health Commission
- TDA Academy
- Supreme Council of Continuing Dental Education
- Turkish Dental Students International Committee



## TDB Examination and Treatment Fee Schedule:

Treatment fees are determined annually ,

The purpose to protect the labor for dentists , and provides effective health services for the patient

as well as the patients to enable them to receive the best quality health services.



# Dental Congresses

TDB congresses are held every two years in Istanbul and in one of the Anatolian provinces in between. These are international congresses with international participants, mainly from neighboring countries.

- TDB congresses have scientific, social programs and dental fair organisations.
- More than 10000 people attend to these congresses.

- Turkish Dental Association has taken a leading role by improving the unity and by displaying the conjugate movement decision with Dental Faculties, Scientific Dental Societies, Dental Equipment Industrialist and Businessmen Society and Dental Technicians Chambers, who are the components of our profession.

# International Relations

- In this context, besides its active memberships in FDI(FDI World Dental Federation ) and EROEuropean Regional Organization of the World Dental Association

Turkish Dental Association continues its highest-level professional solidarity with Balkan countries, Turkic Republics, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Arab countries.

# Continuing dental education (SDE)

Although it is not obligatory to attend postgraduate education programs in our country,  
the professional organization has made this encouraging for dentists.

# TDB Academy

- TDB Academy; prepares and implements training programs for dentists and staff.