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## Profile of the Dental Auxiliaries Workforce in NSW

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# INTRODUCTION

This report provides an overview of information from the 2006 NSW Dental Therapists and Dental Hygienist Labour Force Survey. All persons wishing to work as dental therapists ('therapist') or dental hygienists ('hygienist') in this State must be registered with the Dental Board of New South Wales ('the Board'). This includes persons whose primary registration and permanent place of residence may be in another State but who work some or all of their time in NSW. For many years, a separate labour force survey has been conducted covering persons registered as dentists. In 2006, a separate survey form called the Dental Auxiliaries Labour Force Survey was sent to therapists and hygienists.

An extract from the register maintained by the Board was undertaken on 26 September 2006. All persons who had been registered on 1 July 2005 and had maintained their registration during the year 2005/2006 were invited to renew their registration for another year. Accompanying their invitation to renew was a Labour Force survey form that the Board requested be completed and returned together with their remittance. Most therapists and hygienists choosing to renew also participated in the labour force survey. However, it is not mandatory to complete a survey form in order to renew registration. Persons who chose not to renew by September 2006 were deemed to hold unfinancial status. Other reasons for persons to have been deleted from the register include deregistration following disciplinary action or death.

Strict procedures are followed to ensure the privacy of individuals who respond to the Survey. There is no access to identifying data, as individual names and addresses are not included by the Board on the data file. Survey information will not be made available in any format that enables the identification of individual respondents. The continued support of the Dental Board of New South Wales, professional organisations and the therapists and hygienists participating in the survey is appreciated.

This report provides an overview and commentary on the dental auxiliary workforce in 2006. It is intended for readers wishing to obtain information on current labour force conditions without the presentation of detailed tabulations from the survey. Full tables covering responses to each question on the survey form have been placed in a separate report. While this constitutes the first report for therapists and hygienists, a series of reports covering seven other health professions together with earlier reports in the series can be downloaded free of charge from the NSW Health website: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/workforce/index.html>

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## REGISTRANTS

## 2.1 The Number of Dental Auxiliaries on the Register

The 2006 register of dental therapists and hygienists contains 521 names divided as follows:

Renewals	286
New Entrants	48
Previously unfinancial	163
<b>TOTAL CURRENT</b>	<b>497</b>
Unfinancial in last 12 months	9
Unfinancial >12 months	15
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT</b>	<b>24</b>

\* As this is only the third year for the registry and the first year for workforce data, the categories within the register are still in development.

Of the current registrants, 451 completed labour force survey data, a response rate of 91%. These 451 respondents included 385 persons currently working as therapists or hygienists in NSW (85% of the survey respondents), and 66 persons who are not currently working as NSW dental therapist and hygienists. There would be 424 dental therapist and hygienists working in NSW if we assume that those who did not respond to the survey have a similar workforce pattern to those who did respond. However, this percentage should not be assumed and there may be good grounds for believing that non-respondents include a higher percentage of persons who are not working.

## 2.2 Division into the Professions

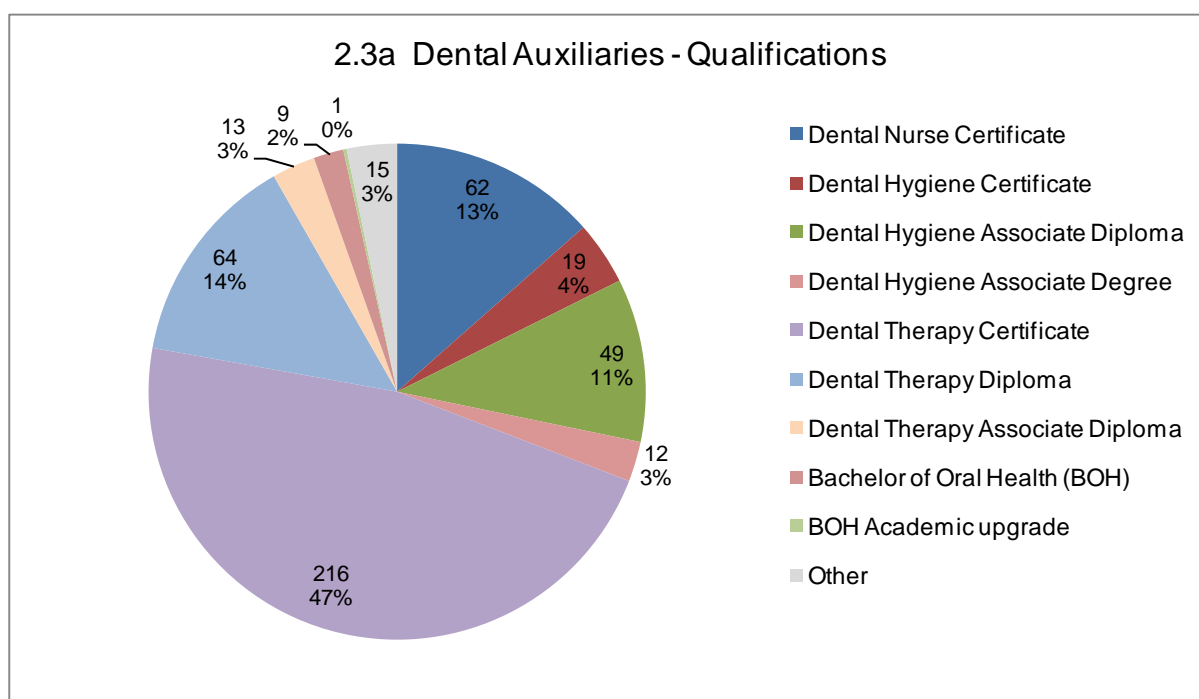
Using the approach discussed earlier, we have divided the dental auxiliaries labour force into three categories: therapists, hygienists and persons working in both professions. Those registrants who participated in the labour force survey are divided according to their response on the first survey question that asks them to indicate their current registration type. Registrants who did not respond to the survey are divided according to qualifications although 6 registrants could not be assessed. By this method, the 497 current registrants include 278 dental therapists, 167 dental hygienists and 46 dual professionals.

**Registrants with dual professions are included under both headings.** Therefore, the total number of dental therapy registrants is 324 and the total number of dental hygiene registrants is 213.

## 2.3 Qualifications

We have categorised qualifications for the two professions into those persons holding certificates, diplomas (including associate and advanced diplomas) and degrees where they are relevant to working within the professions. Degrees in business and management were not regarded as relevant qualifications for this purpose. Most degree holders held a qualification in oral health that allows them to work in either profession although they may only be working as either therapists or hygienists.

Charts 2.3a indicates the category of qualifications for therapists and hygienists. People who work in both professions are included in both charts. It will be noted that diplomas are more common for hygienists and certificates for therapists. The most common qualification for hygienists is a Diploma in Dental Hygiene awarded by TAFE in South Australia (the original Australian site of instruction that now extends to a number of universities including Sydney and Newcastle) while the most common qualification for therapists is a Certificate in Dental Therapy awarded by the NSW Department of Health.



From this point, our analysis discusses therapists and hygienists separately. Section 3 relates to dental therapists and Section 4 to dental hygienists. Each section is self contained and necessarily repetitive in its discussion of methods since many readers may confine interest to one section or the other.

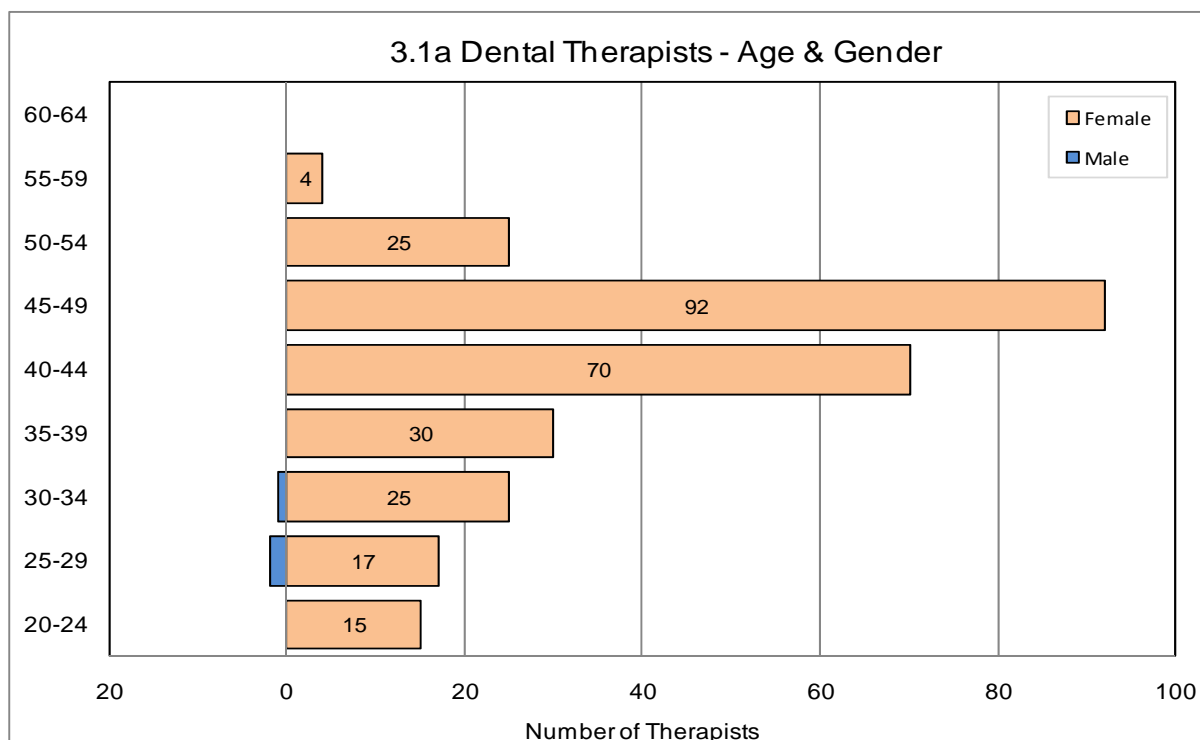
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## DENTAL THERAPISTS

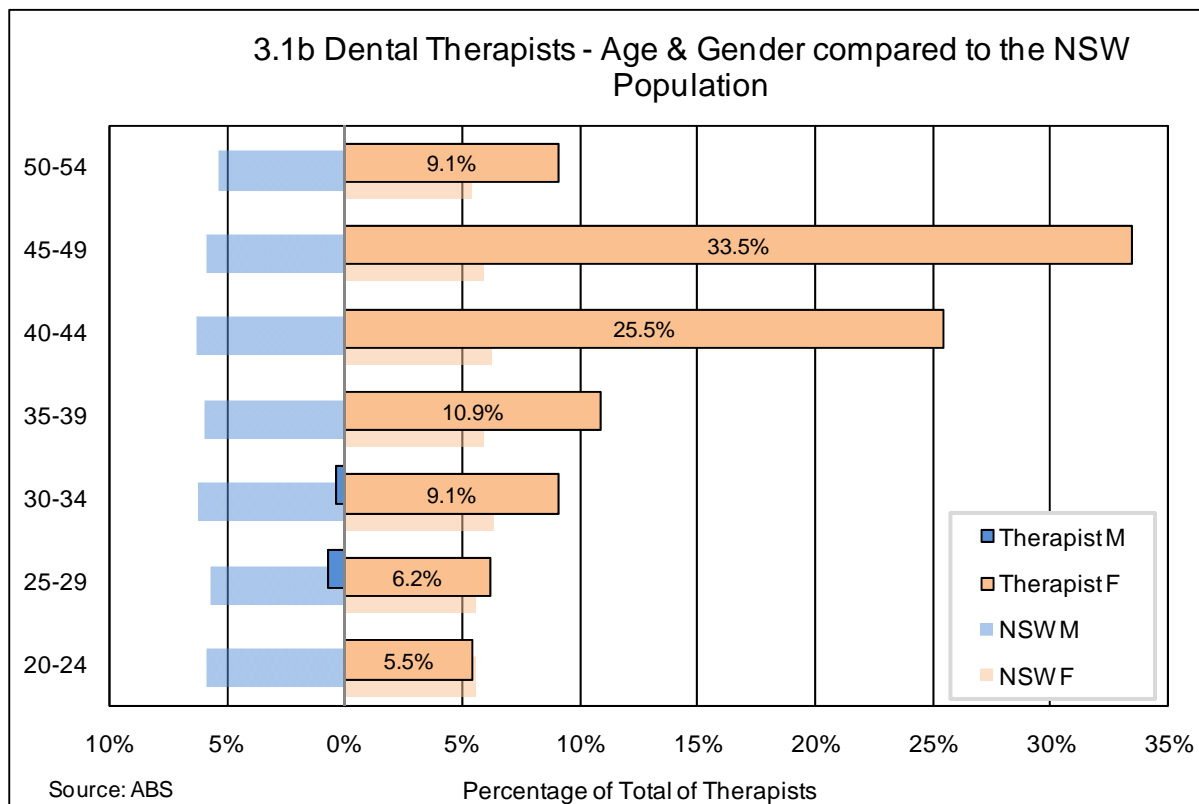
### 3.1 Age and Gender of Current Registrants

Dental therapists are overwhelmingly female. As shown in Chart 3.1a, the age bands peak in the late forties. The average age is 45. Chart 3.1b compares this percentage distribution with the NSW population at working ages in 2005<sup>1</sup> over the 20-54 year age bands. It will be observed that males at all ages are more highly concentrated in the general workforce while females at all ages are more concentrated among dental therapists. In the female 45-49 year age group, there are ten times more dental therapists than workers in general.

Since the profession is almost entirely female, we have not divided subsequent tables by gender.



<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics *Population by Age & Sex New South Wales 2005* Catalogue No. 3235.1

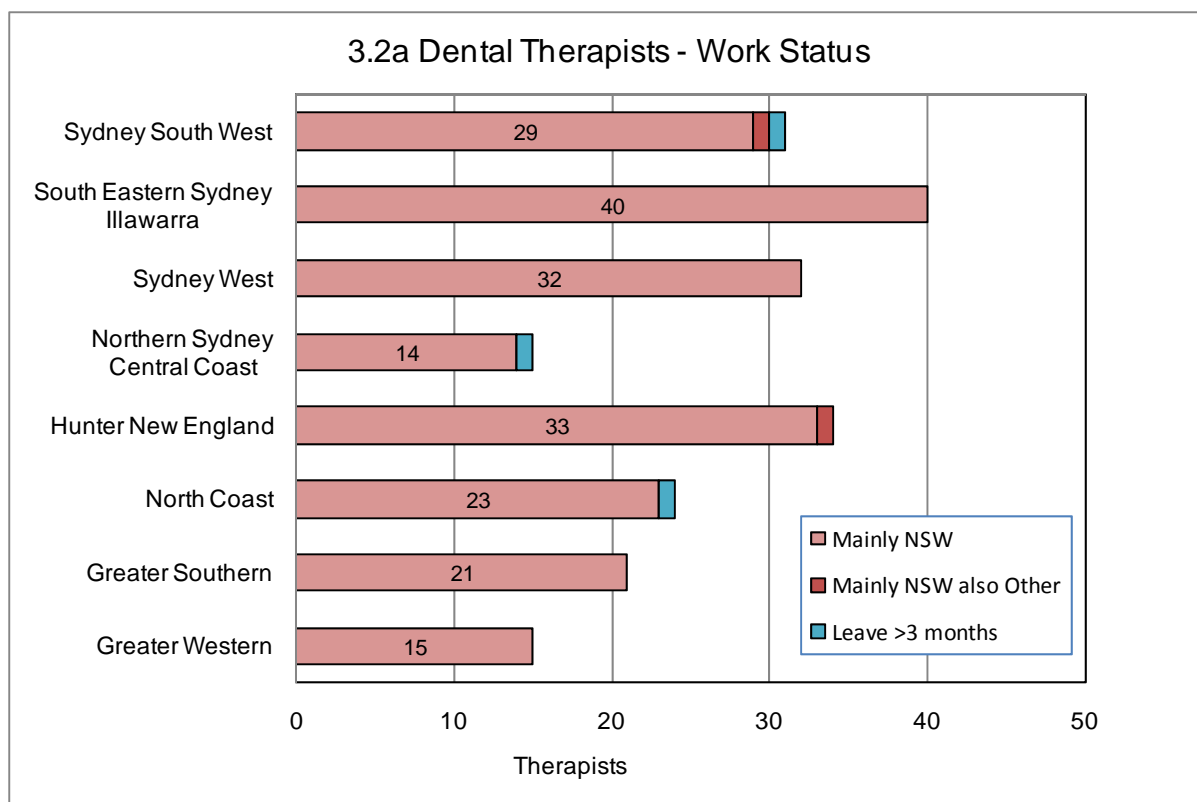


### 3.2 Working Status and Place of Work

On the survey form, dental therapists were requested to state their postcode of up to four jobs (if applicable). The responses were edited to ensure that postcode matched location. Postcode was converted to Area Health Service (AHS) using an algorithm that selects the most appropriate AHS for that postcode.

The working status and AHS for all dental therapists working in NSW is shown in Chart 3.2a. The Area of the main job is used for those therapists who work in two jobs located in different Areas. If the main job is held outside NSW, the AHS of the second or later job is shown. Dental therapists indicating that they are working partly in NSW but not providing data on the NSW component of their work are excluded from these tables. It will be observed that the great majority of dental therapists work only in NSW.

A comparison with the companion table for dental hygienists (Chart 4.2a) illustrates the great differences in workplace between the professions. Therapists work largely in the public sector and are distributed more evenly with population than are hygienists who work almost entirely in the private sector.



### 3.3 Employment Setting

In addition to the geographical location of their main employment, therapists also indicated their employment setting for up to four jobs. The results are shown in Table 3.3a. It will be seen that most therapists are employed in schools and community health clinics. These figures include qualified therapists working as hygienists in private dental practices. Hours devoted to clinical dental therapy in each setting is shown in Chart 3.6a.

**Table 3.3a Employment Setting for Dental Therapists – All jobs worked**

Setting	Main Job	Subsequent Jobs
School	67	20
Community clinic	90	19
Dental Hospital	19	4
Other public	20	6
General practice	33	15
Specialist practice	20	11

### 3.4 Selected Characteristics

Table 3.4a indicates certain characteristics of the whole dental therapy labour force regardless of work status. There are 7 Aboriginal dental therapists, three of whom are not actually working in clinical dental therapy. While the number is few, the ATSI proportion of the workforce is higher than in other health professions. There are two registered dental therapists who are neither citizens nor permanent residents, both New Zealanders. Thirty eight therapists are registered interstate as well as in NSW with six registered in more than one State or Territory other than NSW.

The number of dental therapists stating that they were seeking work was 29, almost 10% of the labour force. Most (16) were looking for part time work only. Therapists working less than 35 hours were asked why they wanted only part time hours. There were 163 respondents and more than half cited child rearing duties as one of the reasons. Only 25 respondents said that relevant work was not available at their location.

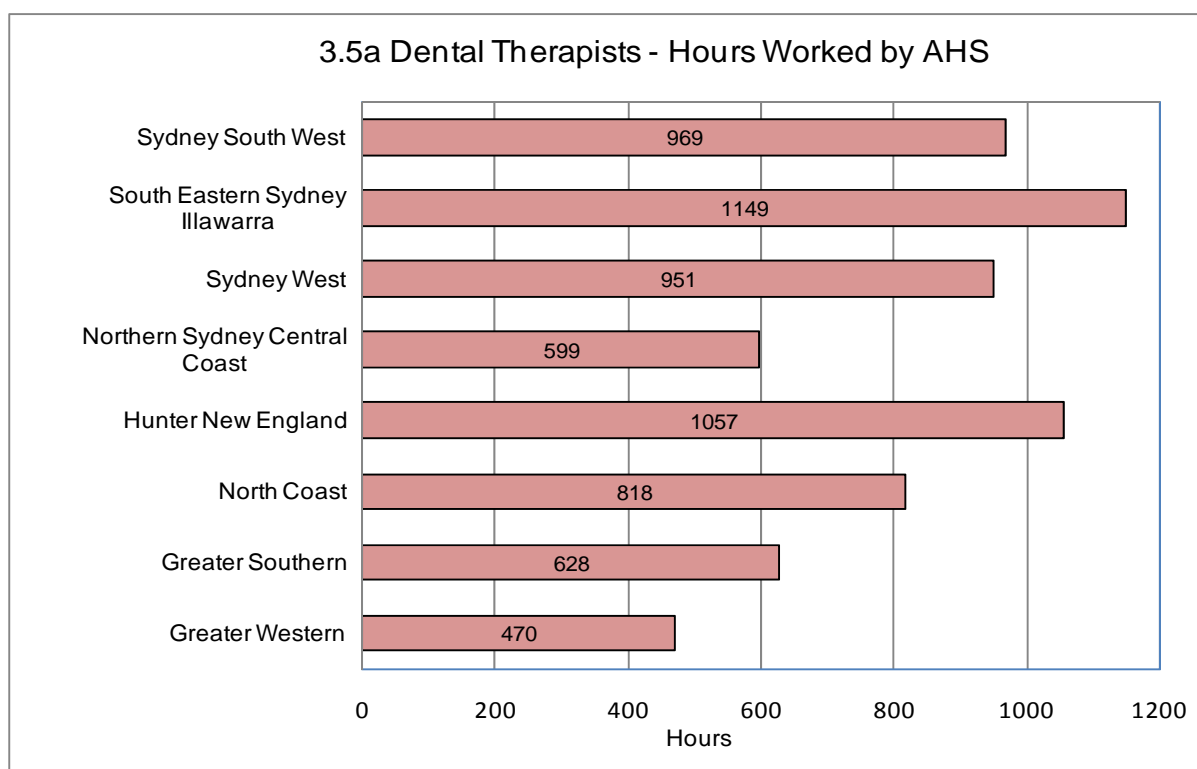
Nineteen therapists who are currently not working indicated they expected to be employed as dental therapists in twelve months time. There were only three therapists who are currently working who did not expect to remain in employment over the next twelve months. Persons intending to become a dental assistants or undertake further study are excluded from that number.

**Table 3.4a Selected Characteristics of Survey Respondents**

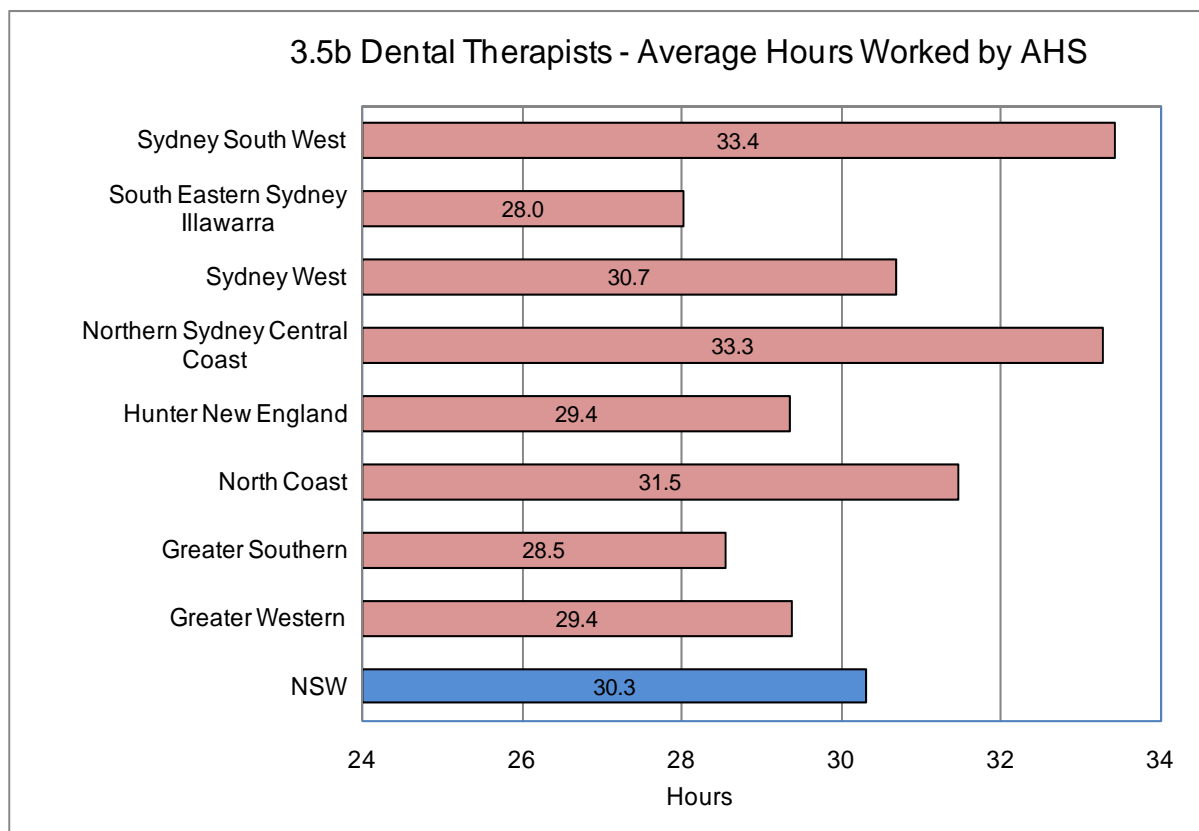
	Working as NSW Dental Therapist	Not Working as NSW Dental Therapist
Aged 60 or over	1	0
Aboriginal	4	3
Not permanent resident	2	0
Seeking Work	18	11
Registered Interstate	28	10
Maintaining Profession	221	19
Leaving Profession	3	10

### 3.5 Working Hours

The number of hours of work delivered by AHS is shown in Chart 3.5a. In this chart, the hours are divided according to location of workplace for those therapists who work in two or more different AHS. Working hours are more evenly divided across the AHS than the equivalent charts showing other health professions reflecting the largely public role of therapists' working environment.

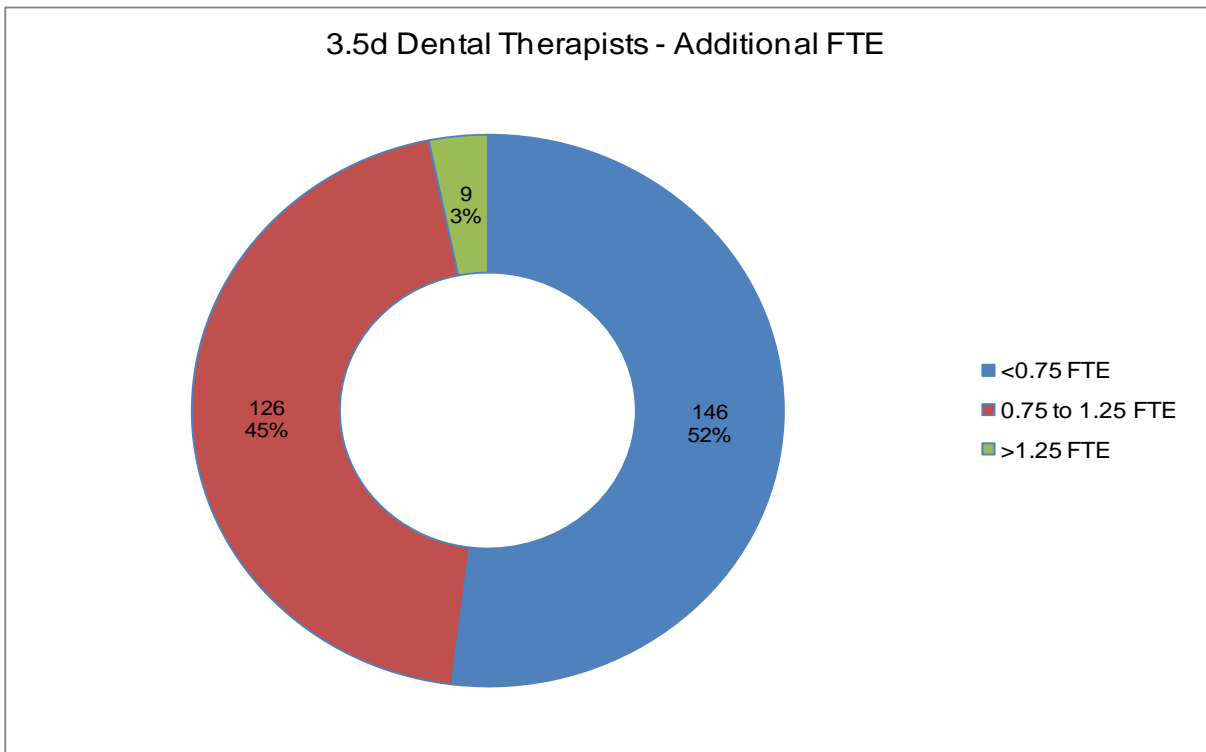
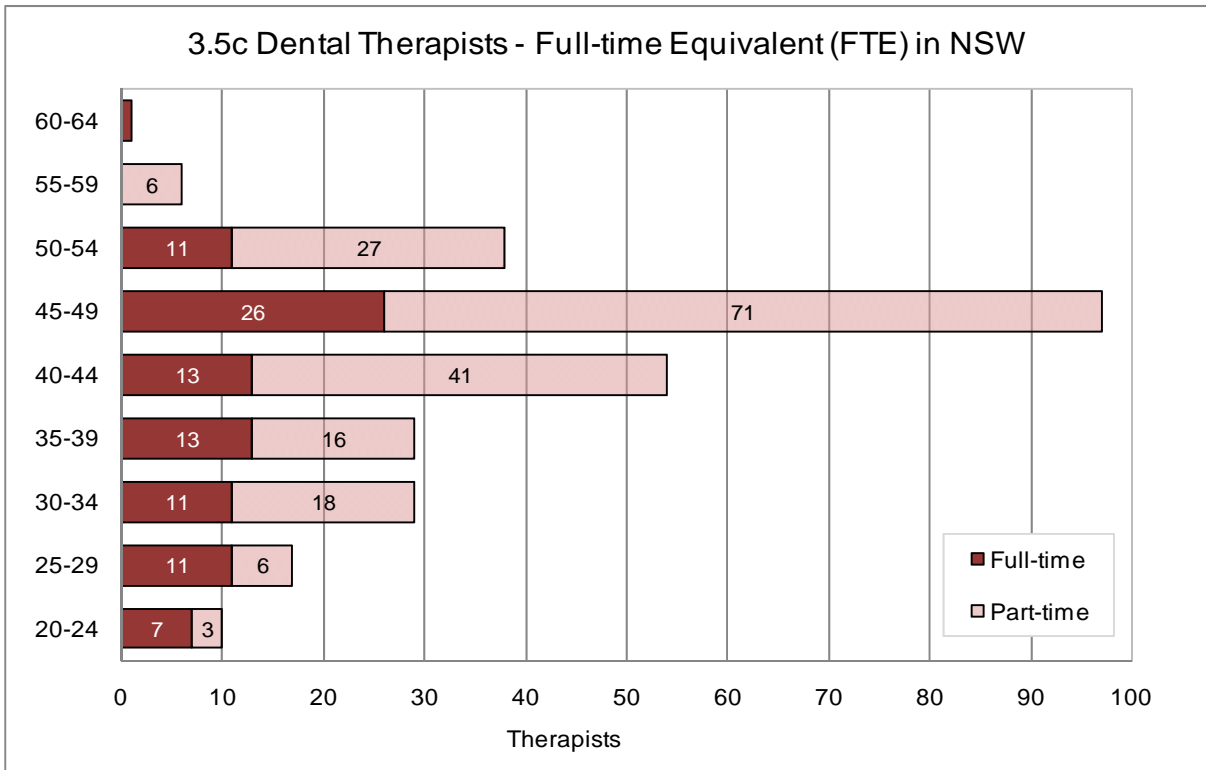


The average hours worked appears in chart 3.5b. It ranges from 28 hours in South Eastern Sydney Illawarra to 33 hours in Sydney South West and Northern Sydney Central Coast with a State average of 30 hours.



Working conditions are sometimes expressed in units of hours or full time equivalents (FTE). Award regulations in the public sector determine 35 hours as the standard working week. The total FTE for persons working in NSW was 177.9 which can be regarded as the workforce within regular hours. An additional 13.5 FTE is worked in excess of 35 hours up to a total of 70 hours. Respondents reporting more than 70 hours or the equivalent of 2 FTE are limited to 2 FTE. Working hours outside of NSW have been disregarded.

Chart 3.5c shows the number of FTE by age. It will be noted that after age 30 more therapists work part time than full time. In the peak working age band of 45-49, there are almost three times the number of part time therapists than full time. On the other hand, very few therapists contribute more than 1.25 FTE (44 hours). Again this largely reflects the public award working environment.

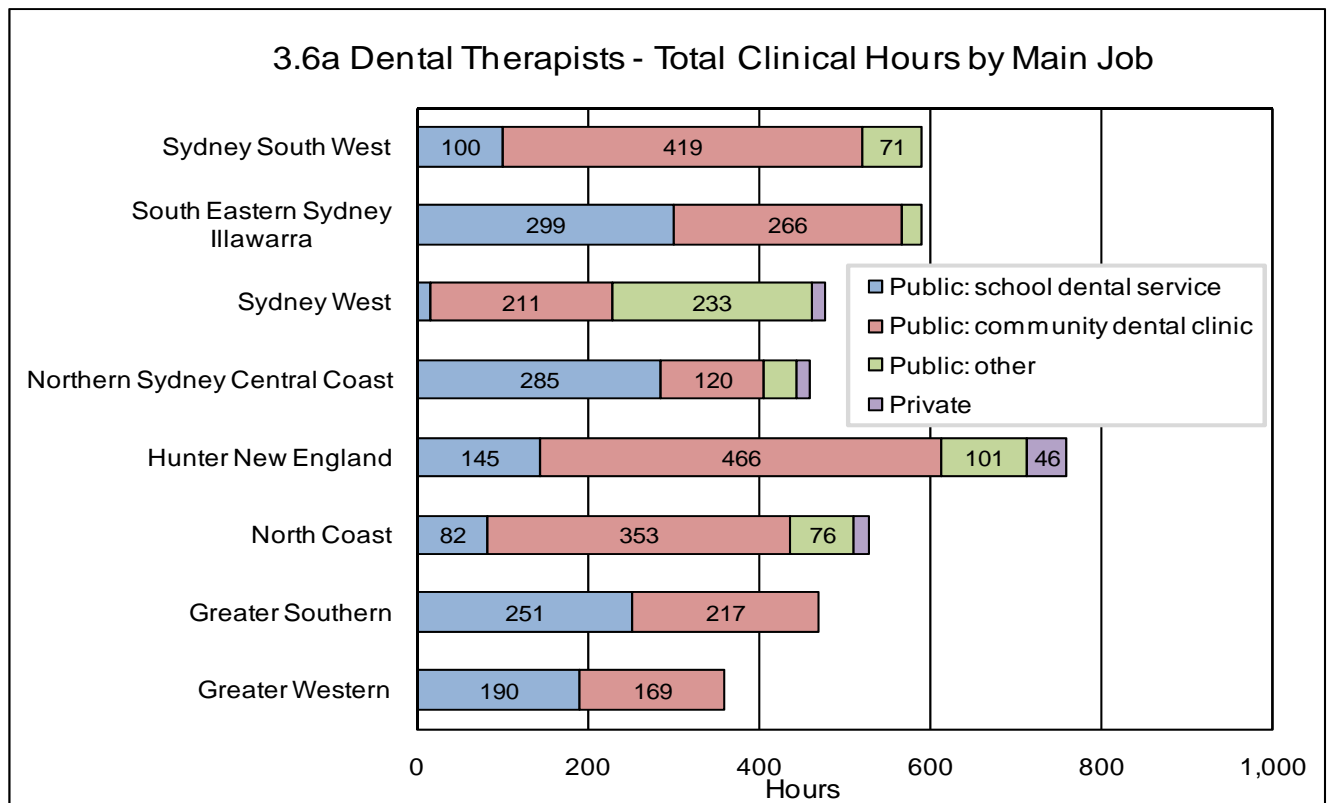


### 3.6 Clinical Dental Therapy

The total hours delivered by therapists reported in Section 3.5 includes administration, health promotion and some dental hygiene by registrants with dual qualifications. The total hours given to clinical dental therapy was 4372 hours, 61% of the total time worked.

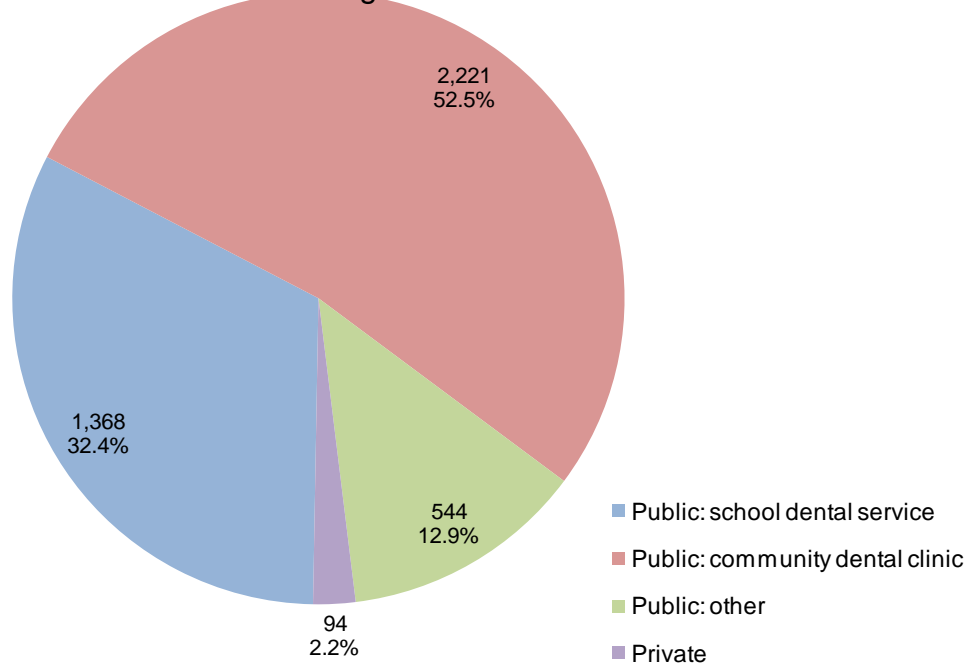
Hours worked in the practice of clinical therapy only are displayed in Chart 3.6a by main employment setting and Area Health Service. Almost all the hours provided are for public sector services. In Sydney West AHS, the low number of hours for the school service is balanced by more hours for other public sector activity, especially the dental hospital at Westmead. Private dental therapy is uncommon. There are no private hours in the entire Greater Western AHS and very few in Northern Sydney Central Coast or the North Coast.

Chart 3.6b shows the percentage of the workload in each employment setting. On a per capita basis, clinical dental therapy is more concentrated in the rural parts of the State as indicated by Chart 3.6c. The four primarily metropolitan AHS are all below the State average of 0.98 hours per thousand residents while the rural and mixed AHS are above the average.

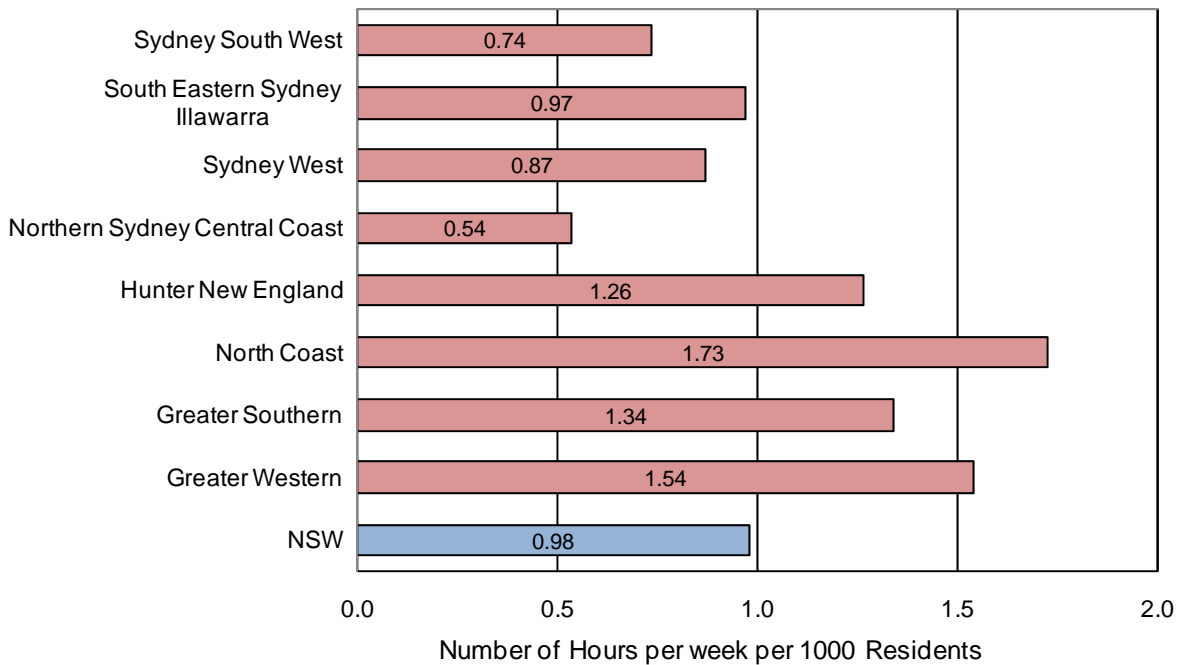


The mix between public and private employment is set out in Chart 3.6b. It will be observed that there are no private hours in the entire Greater Western AHS and very few in Northern Sydney Central Coast or the North Coast.

3.6b Dental Therapists - Clinical Hours Worked in Employment Settings in NSW



3.6c. Dental Therapists - Hours Delivered per 1,000 Residents of Area Health Service Population



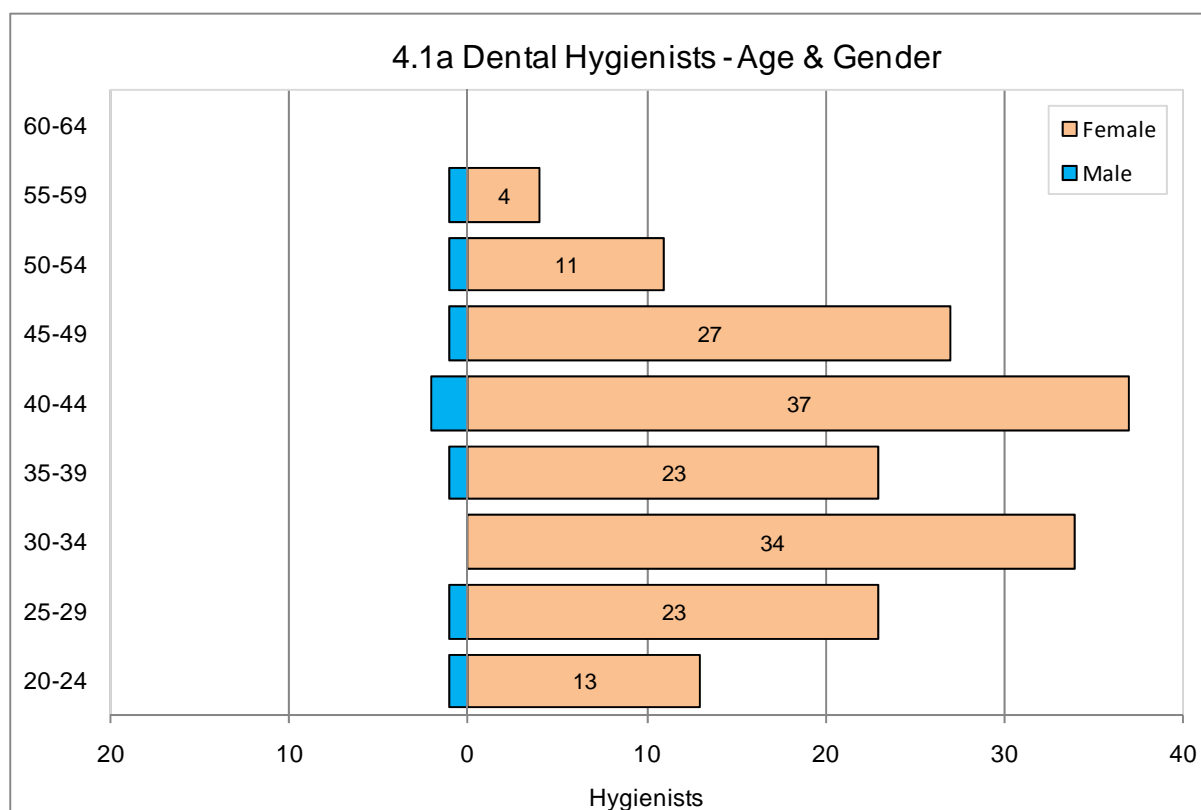
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## DENTAL HYGIENISTS

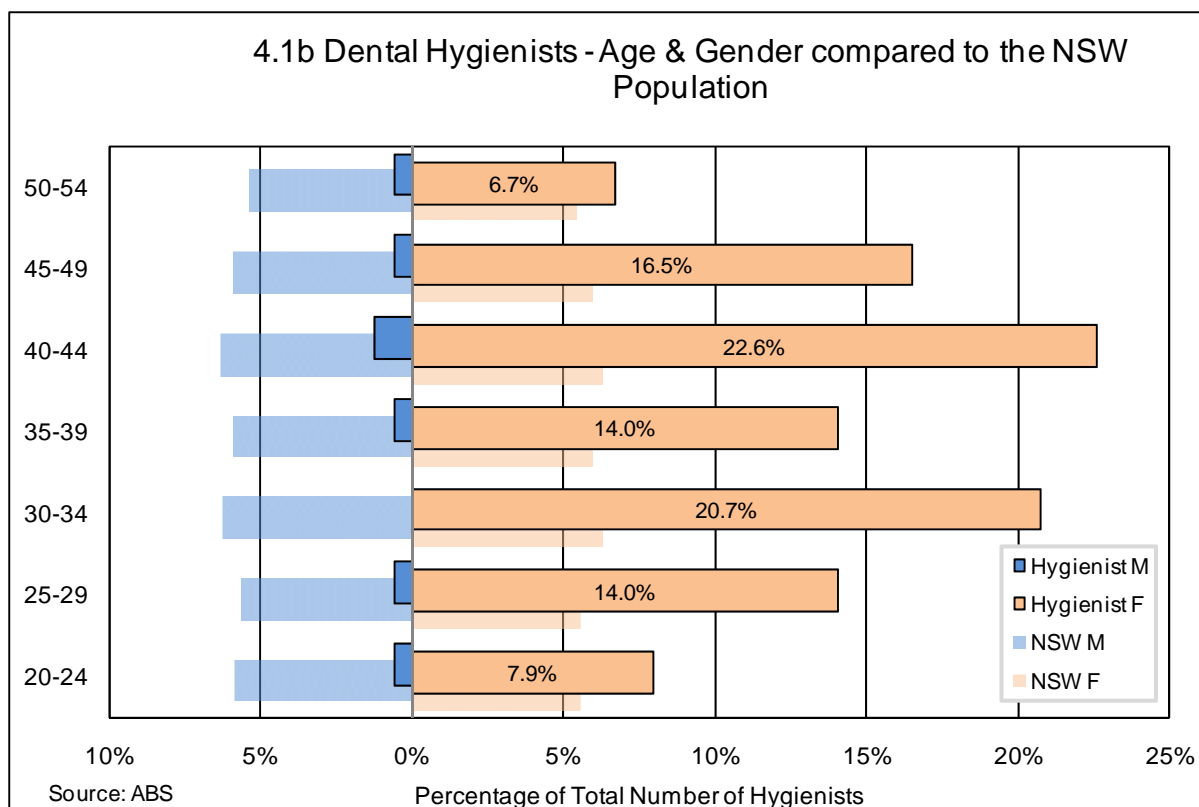
## 4.1 Age and Gender of Current Registrants

Like therapists, dental hygienists are overwhelmingly female as shown in Chart 4.1a. The average age is 39. Chart 4.1b compares this percentage distribution with the NSW population at working ages in 2005<sup>2</sup> over the 25-59 year age bands. Because this is a female dominated profession, it will be observed that males at all ages are more highly concentrated in the general workforce while females at all ages are more concentrated among dental hygienists. In the female 30-44 and 40-44 year age groups, there are five times more dental hygienists than women of the same age in the general workforce.

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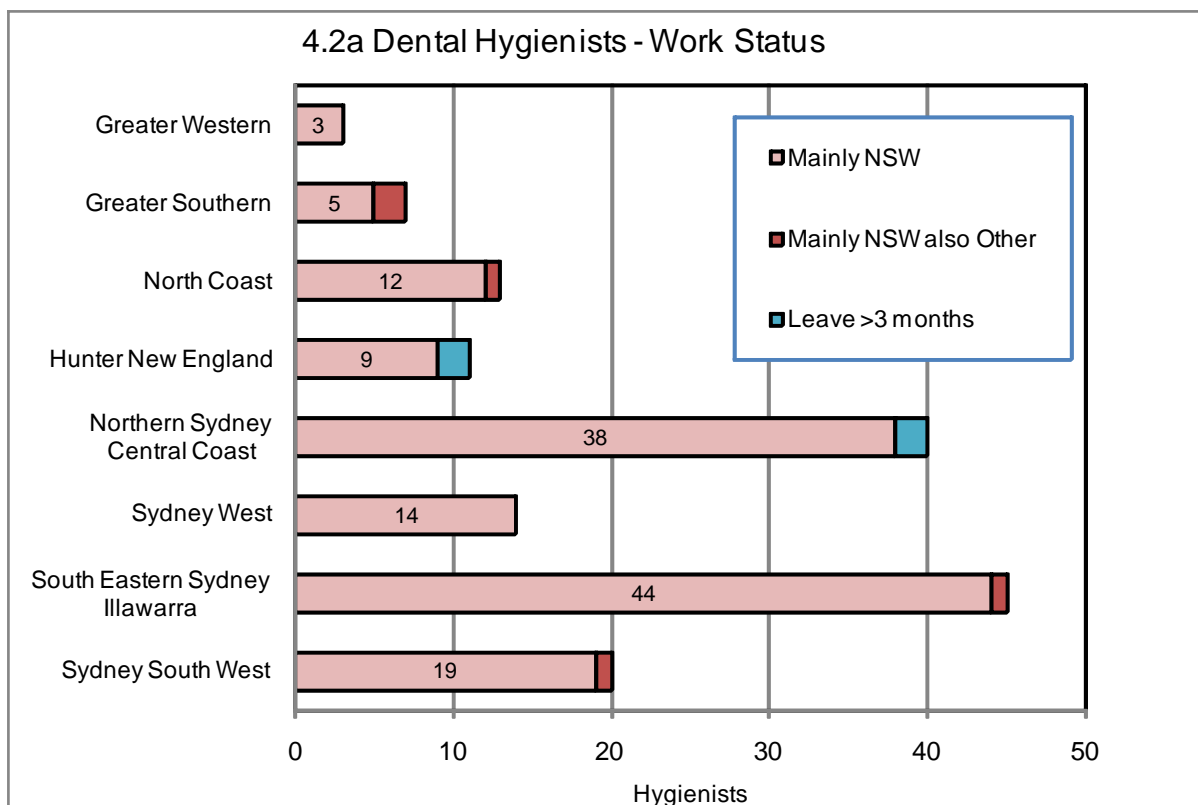


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A comparison with the companion table for dental therapists (Chart 3.2a) illustrates the great differences in workplace between the professions. Hygienists work almost entirely in the private sector. Services are strongly concentrated in the Northern Sydney Central Coast and South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Areas. By contrast, therapists work largely in the public sector and are distributed more evenly with population.



### 4.3 Employment Setting

In addition to the geographical location of their main employment, hygienists also indicated their employment setting for up to four jobs. The results are shown in Chart 4.3a.

**Table 4.3a Employment Setting for Dental Hygienists – All jobs worked**

	First Job	Subsequent Jobs
School	7	3
Community clinic	0	1
Dental Hospital	0	2
Other public	6	2
General practice	123	51
Specialist practice	35	28

There are about three times as many hygienist positions in general private dental practices as in specialist practice. However, this proportion is less than the ratio of dentists in general practice to private practice (about 8:1) indicating that it is somewhat more common for a specialist dentist to employ a hygienist compared to a general practice dentist.

## 4.4 Selected Characteristics

Table 4.4a indicates certain characteristics of the whole dental hygiene labour force regardless of work status. No dental hygienist has reached the age of 60. There are 4 Aboriginal dental hygienists and while the number is few, the ATSI proportion of the workforce is higher than in other health professions. There are no registered dental hygienists who are neither citizens nor permanent residents. Forty two hygienists are registered interstate as well as in NSW with three registered in more than one State or Territory other than NSW.

The number of dental hygienists stating that they were seeking work was 23, almost 15% of the labour force. About half (12) were looking for part time work only. Hygienists working less than 35 hours were asked why they wanted only part time hours. There were 106 respondents and more than half cited child rearing duties as one of the reasons. Only 9 respondents said that relevant work was not available at their location.

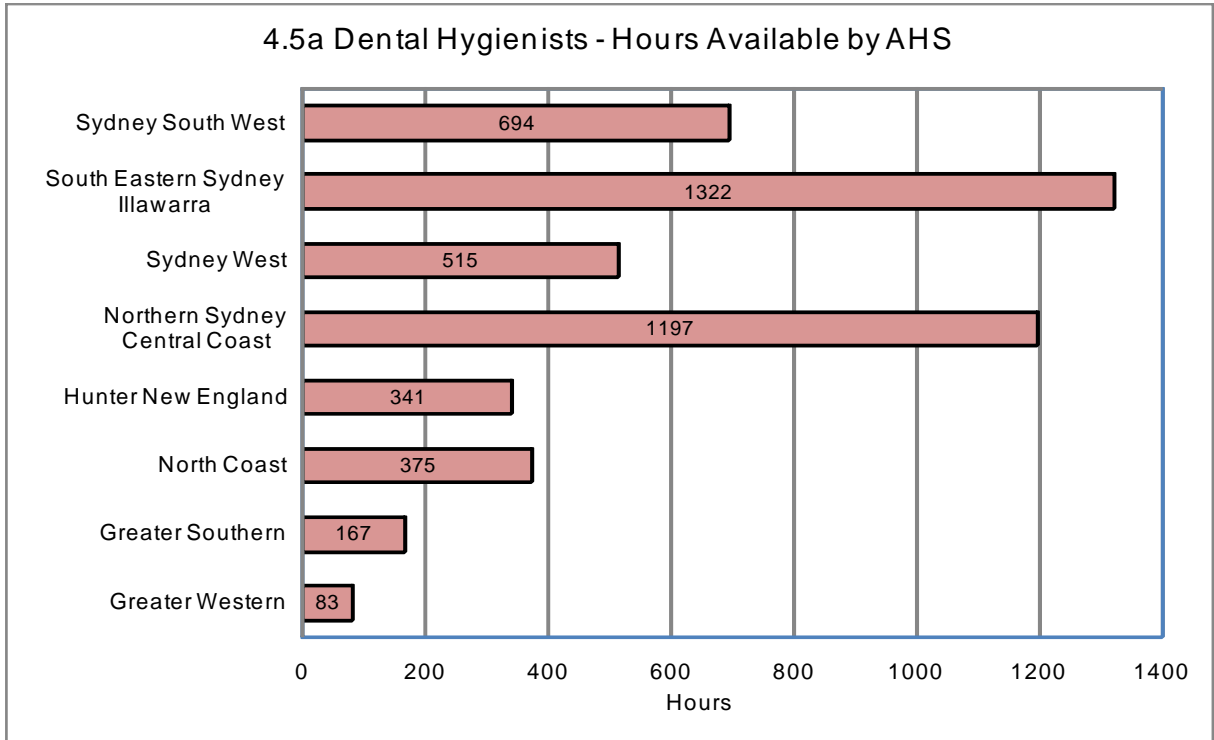
Five hygienists who are currently not working indicated they expected to be employed as dental hygienists in twelve months time. There were only two therapists who are currently working who did not expect to remain in employment over the next twelve months. Persons intending to become a dental assistants or undertake further study are excluded from that number.

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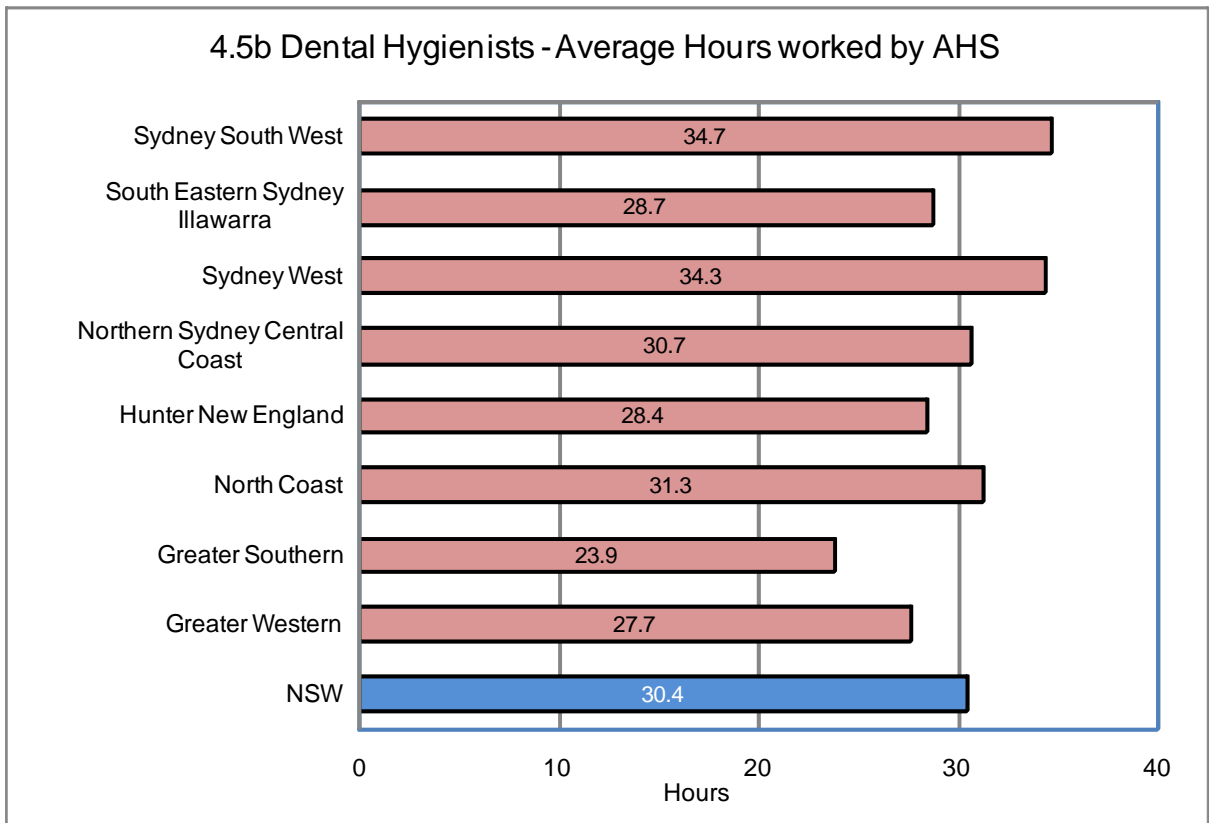
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Aged 60 or over	0	0
Aboriginal	4	0
Not permanent resident	0	0
Seeking Work	19	4
Registered Interstate	28	10
Maintaining Profession	161	5
Leaving Profession	2	2

## 4.5 Working Hours

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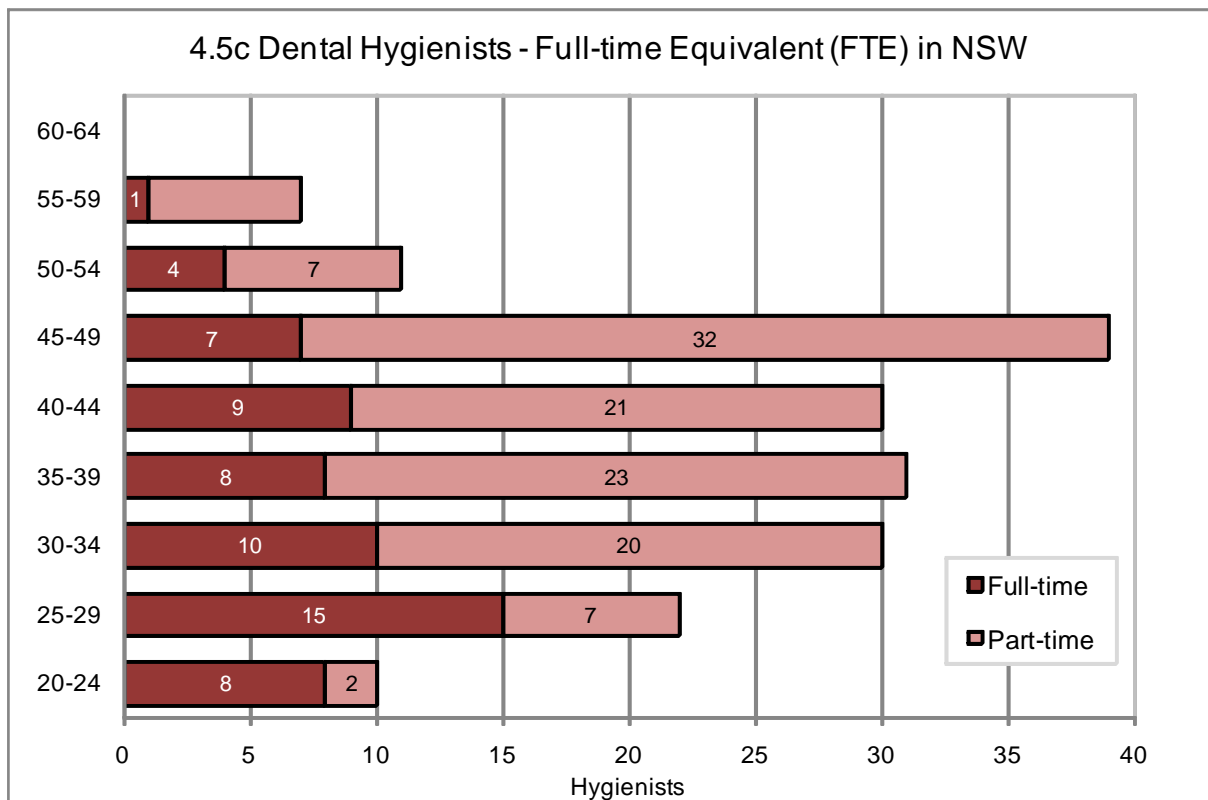


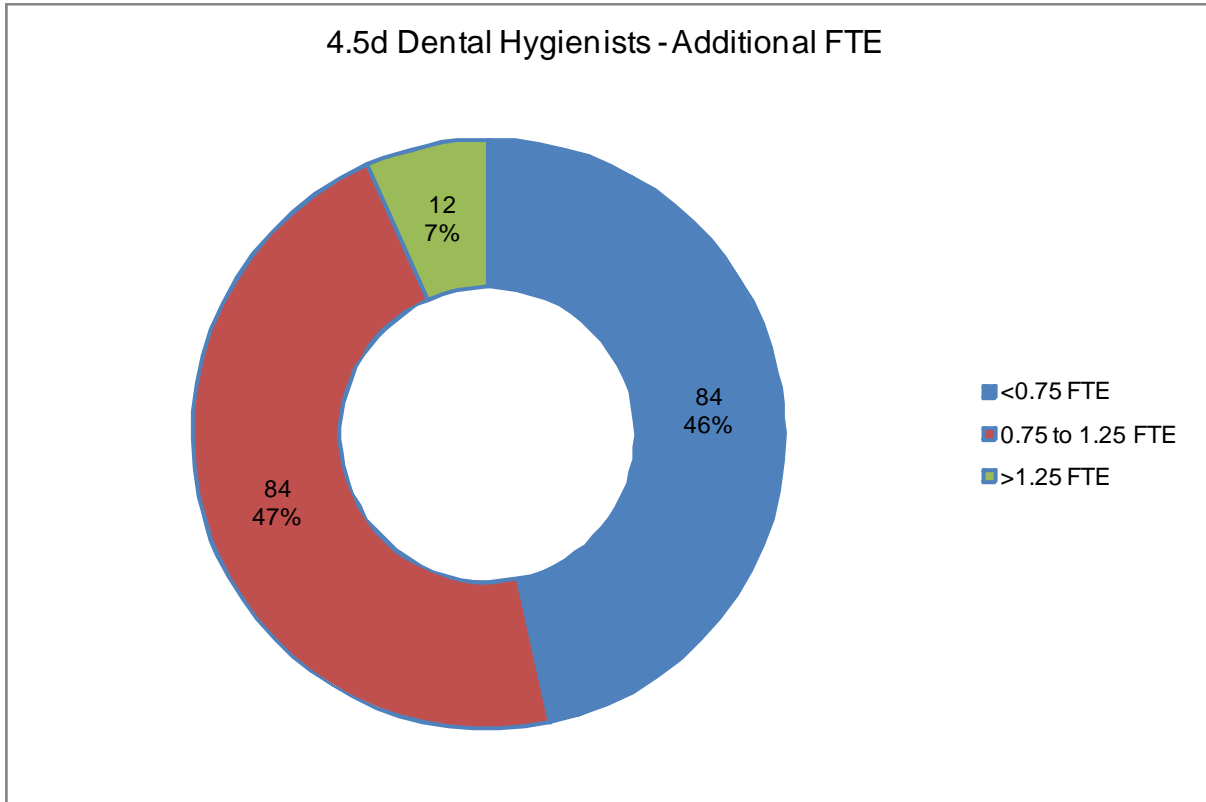
The average hours worked appears in chart 4.5b. It ranges from 24 hours in Greater Southern to 35 hours in Sydney South West with a State average of 30 hours. Clearly, average hours will be a reflection of the mix between full time and part time work.



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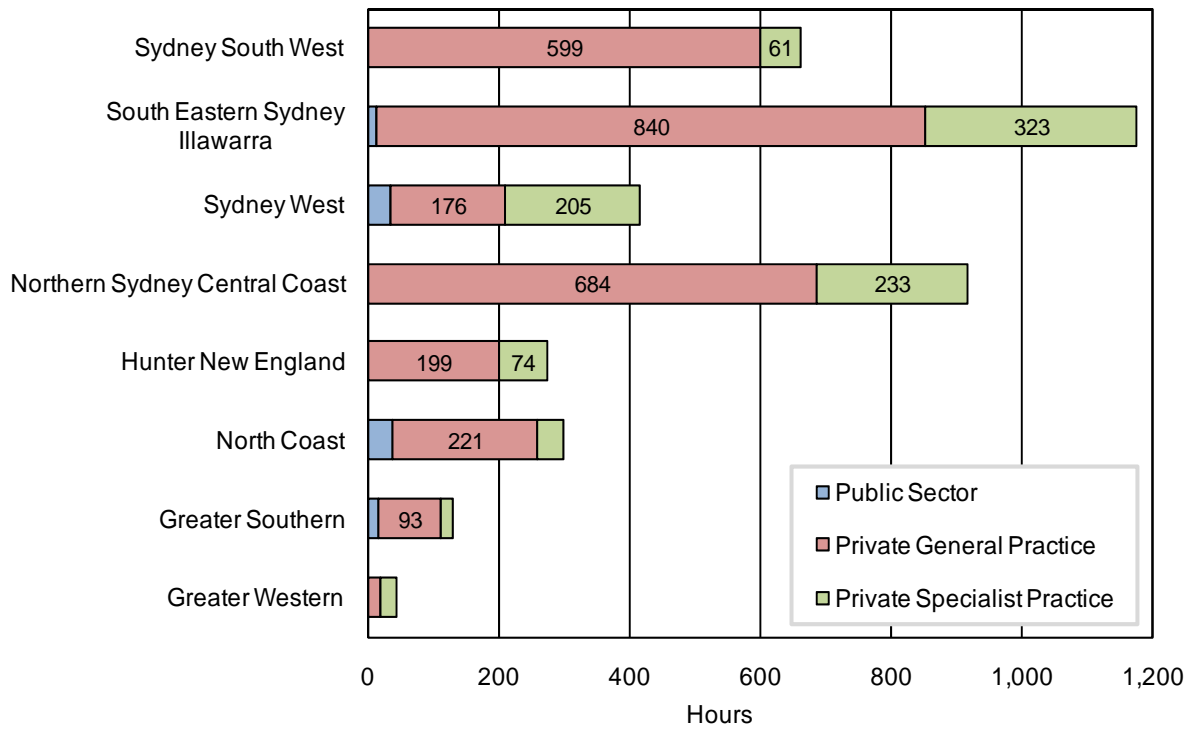
## 4.6 Clinical Dental Hygiene

The total hours delivered by hygienists reported in Section 4.5 includes administration, health promotion and some dental therapy by registrants with dual qualifications. The total hours given to clinical dental hygiene was 3964 hours, 86% of the total time worked.

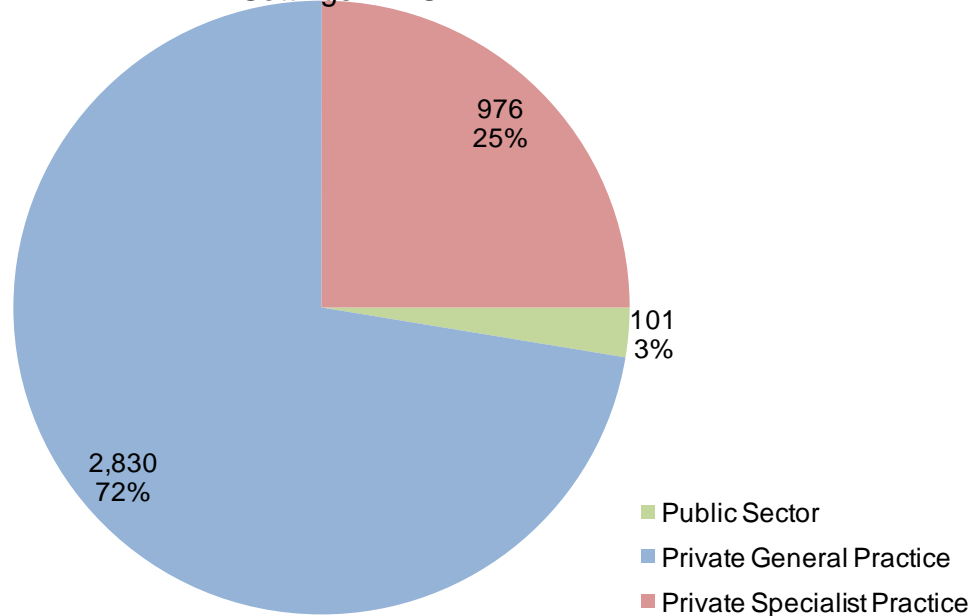
Hours worked in the practice of clinical hygiene only are displayed in Chart 4.6a by main employment setting and Area Health Service, in Chart 4.6b as the State percentage and in Chart 4.6c in terms of hours per thousand residents. By contrast with dental therapy, almost the entire service (97%) is provided in the private sector.

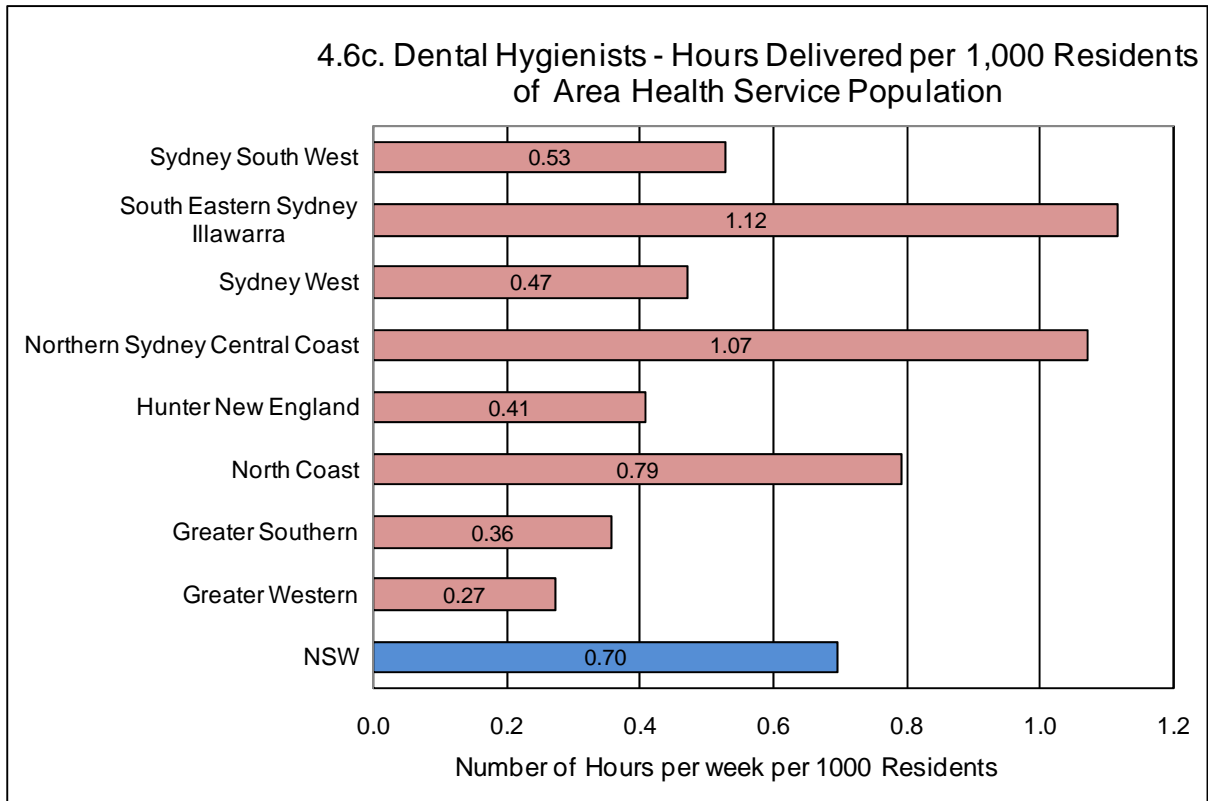
South Eastern Sydney Illawarra and Northern Sydney Central Coast are the locations with the highest rates of service. The only other AHS with service provision above the State average is the North Coast. The two purely rural AHS of Greater Southern and Greater Western have less than half the State average rates.

4.6a Dental Hygienists - Total Clinical Hours by Main Job



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**Table DA1****Current Registration Type**  
Response to the Survey

<i>Recorded on the Register</i>	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Not Stated</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Therapists	240	4	7	34	285	57.34
Hygienists	0	110	0	24	134	26.96
Both	4	29	30	9	72	14.49
Total Responses	244	143	37	67	491	98.79
No response	0	0	0	6	6	1.21
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA2****Aboriginality & Citizenship**

Working NSW

All Respondents

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Australian Aboriginal	6	4	0	10	2.60	11	2.44
Torres Strait Islander	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Not Indigenous	201	133	40	374	97.40	439	97.34
Total Responses	207	137	40	384	100.00	450	99.78
No response	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0.22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Australian Citizen	192	108	40	340	88.54	353	78.27
Permanent Resident	8	25	0	33	8.59	36	7.98
Temporary Resident	2	0	0	2	0.52	2	0.44
Total Responses	202	133	40	375	97.66	391	86.70
No response	5	4	0	9	2.34	60	13.30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA3****Current Employment Status**

Working NSW

All Respondents

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Working only in NSW	202	126	37	365	92.50	365	80.93
Working mainly in NSW	1	4	1	6	2.50	6	1.33
Working mainly in other States	0	2	1	3	2.50	3	0.67
Working only in other States	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	2.22
On leave 3 months or more	4	5	1	10	2.50	10	2.22
Working overseas	0	0	0	0	0.00	5	1.11
Not in paid work	0	0	0	0	0.00	17	3.77
Working in Dentistry but not auxiliary	0	0	0	0	0.00	22	4.88
Working in another profession	0	0	0	0	0.00	9	2.00
Total Responses	207	137	40	384	100.00	447	99.11
No response	0	0	0	0	0.00	4	0.89
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA4**

**Initial Qualifications**  
Working NSW

All Respondents

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dental Nurse Certificate	14	28	7	49	12.76	56	12.42
Dental Hygiene Certificate	0	17	0	17	4.43	19	4.21
Dental Hygiene Associate Diploma	0	44	2	46	11.98	49	10.86
Dental Hygiene Associate Degree	0	12	0	12	3.13	12	2.66
Dental Therapy Certificate	147	13	12	172	44.79	209	46.34
Dental Therapy Diploma	39	5	6	50	13.02	60	13.30
Dental Therapy Associate Diploma	1	1	8	10	2.60	10	2.22
Bachelor of Oral Health	0	4	3	7	1.82	7	1.55
BOH Academic Upgrade	0	1	0	1	0.26	1	0.22
Other	3	8	1	12	3.13	14	3.10
Total Responses	204	133	39	376	97.92	437	96.90
No response	3	4	1	8	2.08	14	3.10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA5****Second Qualifications**

Working NSW

All Respondents

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dental Nurse Certificate	6	12	0	18	4.69	21	4.66
Dental Hygiene Certificate	0	14	0	14	3.65	15	3.33
Dental Hygiene Associate Diploma	0	22	19	41	10.68	45	9.98
Dental Hygiene Associate Degree	0	1	0	1	0.26	1	0.22
Dental Therapy Certificate	7	0	2	9	2.34	9	2.00
Dental Therapy Diploma	18	4	7	29	7.55	31	6.87
Dental Therapy Associate Diploma	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bachelor of Oral Health	0	1	1	2	0.52	3	0.67
BOH Academic Upgrade	0	1	0	1	0.26	4	0.89
Other	11	19	5	35	9.11	44	9.76
Total Responses	42	74	34	150	39.06	173	38.36
No response	165	63	6	234	60.94	278	61.64
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA6****Additional State of Registration**

Working NSW

All Respondents

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
NSW only	188	112	30	330	85.94	382	84.70
Victoria	5	2	2	9	2.34	10	2.22
Queensland	2	6	1	9	2.34	17	3.77
Western Australia	3	8	1	12	3.13	13	2.88
South Australia	0	4	4	8	2.08	9	2.00
Tasmania	1	0	1	2	0.52	2	0.44
NT	2	1	0	3	0.78	4	0.89
ACT	0	2	0	2	0.52	3	0.67
Multiple States	5	2	1	8	2.08	9	2.00
Total Responses	206	137	40	383	99.74	449	99.56
No response	1	0	0	1	0.26	2	0.44
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA7****Looking for Work as a Dental Auxiliary**

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Looking for work full time	5	2	1	8	1.77
Looking for work part time	12	8	4	24	5.32
Looking for work either full or part time	5	6	2	13	2.88
Not looking for work	190	126	38	354	78.49
Total Responses	212	142	45	399	88.47
No response	44	7	0	52	11.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# TABLES FOR DENTAL AUXILIARY 2006

## SECTION B - WORK IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Tables DA8 to DA16 show statistics for dental auxiliary professions working in NSW

Both' indicates that the respondent is registered as a dental therapist and a dental hygienist

A second job is defined by work of one hour or more at the second location  
Average hours are calculated for persons working one hour or more

Full Time Equivalents are based on a 35 hour week

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**Table DA8**

**Position Title**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dental Therapist	172	83.09	2	1.46	5	12.50	179	46.61
Oral Health Therapist	3	1.45	1	0.73	0	0.00	4	1.04
Dental Hygienist	0	0.00	119	86.86	33	82.50	152	39.58
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Responses	175	84.54	122	89.05	38	95.00	335	87.24
No response	32	15.46	15	10.95	2	5.00	49	12.76
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<i>Second Job (if applicable)</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dental Therapist	32	86.49	0	0.00	2	11.11	34	8.85
Oral Health Therapist	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	5.56	1	0.26
Dental Hygienist	0	0.00	31	88.57	13	72.22	44	11.46
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Responses	32	86.49	31	88.57	16	88.89	79	20.57
No response	5	13.51	4	11.43	2	11.11	11	2.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100.00</b>
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**Table DA9**

**Setting of Work**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
General Practice	0	0.00	90	65.69	25	62.50	115	29.95
Specialist Orthodontic Practice	8	3.86	17	12.41	7	17.50	32	8.33
Specialist Periodontal Practice	0	0.00	4	2.92	1	2.50	5	1.30
Other Private	1	0.48	9	6.57	1	2.50	11	2.86
<b>Subtotal Private</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>87.59</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>42.45</b>
Dental Hospital	18	8.70	0	0.00	0	0.00	18	4.69
Community Dental Clinic	89	43.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	89	23.18
School	60	28.99	1	0.73	5	12.50	66	17.19
Teaching Institution	6	2.90	3	2.19	0	0.00	9	2.34
Other Public	11	5.31	2	1.46	0	0.00	13	3.39
<b>Subtotal Public</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>88.89</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12.50</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>50.78</b>
Total Responses	193	93.24	126	91.97	39	97.50	358	93.23
No response	14	6.76	11	8.03	1	2.50	26	6.77
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<i>Second Job (if applicable)</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
General Practice	1	2.70	25	71.43	7	38.89	33	36.67
Specialist Orthodontic Practice	1	2.70	4	11.43	8	44.44	13	14.44
Specialist Periodontal Practice	0	0.00	1	2.86	0	0.00	1	1.11
Other Private	1	2.70	1	2.86	0	0.00	2	2.22
<b>Subtotal Private</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>88.57</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>83.33</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54.44</b>
Dental Hospital	3	8.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	3.33
Community Dental Clinic	15	40.54	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	16.67
School	13	35.14	0	0.00	3	16.67	16	17.78
Teaching Institution	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Other Public	2	5.41	2	5.71	0	0.00	4	4.44
<b>Subtotal Public</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>89.19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.71</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16.67</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42.22</b>
Total Responses	36	97.30	33	94.29	18	100.00	87	96.67
No response	1	2.70	2	5.71	0	0.00	3	3.33
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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**Table DA10**

**Area Health Service of Work**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sydney South West	24	11.59	13	9.49	7	17.50	44	11.46
South Eastern Sydney Illawarra	33	15.94	37	27.01	11	27.50	81	21.09
Sydney West	28	13.53	10	7.30	6	15.00	44	11.46
Northern Sydney Central Coast	17	8.21	40	29.20	2	5.00	59	15.36
Hunter New England	31	14.98	9	6.57	5	12.50	45	11.72
North Coast	21	10.14	9	6.57	5	12.50	35	9.11
Greater Southern	21	10.14	6	4.38	1	2.50	28	7.29
Greater Western	16	7.73	3	2.19	0	0.00	19	4.95
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>92.27</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>92.70</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>92.50</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>92.45</b>
Main job outside NSW	0	0.00	1	0.73	1	2.50	2	0.52
No response	16	7.73	9	6.57	2	5.00	27	7.03
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<i>Second Job (if applicable)</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sydney South West	4	10.81	3	8.57	3	16.67	10	11.11
South Eastern Sydney Illawarra	5	13.51	11	31.43	2	11.11	18	20.00
Sydney West	3	8.11	4	11.43	6	33.33	13	14.44
Northern Sydney Central Coast	2	5.41	12	34.29	2	11.11	16	17.78
Hunter New England	7	18.92	1	2.86	1	5.56	9	10.00
North Coast	5	13.51	1	2.86	4	22.22	10	11.11
Greater Southern	7	18.92	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	7.78
Greater Western	4	10.81	1	2.86	0	0.00	5	5.56
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94.29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>97.78</b>
Second job outside NSW	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
No response	0	0.00	2	5.71	0	0.00	2	2.22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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**Table DA11**

**Usual Number of Hours Worked**

<i>All Jobs</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1-9	5	2.42	8	5.84	0	0.00	13	3.39
10-19	28	13.53	18	13.14	3	7.50	49	12.76
20-29	52	25.12	29	21.17	15	37.50	96	25.00
30-39	60	28.99	45	32.85	10	25.00	115	29.95
40-49	38	18.36	21	15.33	5	12.50	64	16.67
50+	2	0.97	2	1.46	3	7.50	7	1.82
Total Responses	185	89.37	123	89.78	36	90.00	344	89.58
No response/part interstate	22	10.63	14	10.22	4	10.00	40	10.42
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Total Hours	5,515	3,653	1,186	10,354
Average Hours	30	30	33	30

**Table DA12****Full Time Equivalents**

	<i>Therapists</i>	<i>Hygienists</i>	<i>Both</i>	<i>All</i>
Total Responses	185	123	36	344
Hours Worked	5,515	3,653	1,186	10,354
Average Hours	30	30	33	30
Normal FTE (up to 35 hours)	147.5	96.7	30.4	274.6
Additional FTE (over 35 hours)	10.0	7.7	3.5	21.2
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>157.5</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>295.8</b>

**Table DA13****Likely Career Position in 12 Months**

	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Working dental auxiliary full time	78	37.68	61	44.53	22	55.00	161	41.93
Working dental auxiliary part time	107	51.69	63	45.99	14	35.00	184	47.92
Working in another profession	1	0.48	1	0.73	0	0.00	2	0.52
On 3 months leave or longer	6	2.90	4	2.92	3	7.50	13	3.39
Not working/retired	1	0.48	1	0.73	0	0.00	2	0.52
Other	2	0.97	2	1.46	0	0.00	4	1.04
Total Responses	195	94.20	132	96.35	39	97.50	366	95.31
No response	12	5.80	5	3.65	1	2.50	18	4.69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA14****Reason to Work less than 35 Hours**

	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Household Duties	43	14.98	17	10.18	3	6.52	62	12.40
Child Rearing	67	23.34	39	23.35	9	19.57	115	23.00
Other Employment	8	2.79	5	2.99	1	2.17	14	2.80
Dental auxiliary work unavailable	14	4.88	5	2.99	4	8.70	23	4.60
Personal Preference	52	18.12	37	22.16	9	19.57	98	19.60
Other	12	4.18	6	3.59	3	6.52	21	4.20
Total Responses	196	68.29	109	65.27	29	63.04	334	66.80
No response	91	31.71	58	34.73	17	36.96	166	33.20
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA15 Preferred Number of Working Hours**

	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Less than 20	23	11.11	13	9.49	1	2.50	62	16.15
20-29	38	18.36	30	21.90	7	17.50	75	19.53
30-34	29	14.01	16	11.68	2	5.00	47	12.24
35	17	8.21	17	12.41	5	12.50	39	10.16
36-40	39	18.84	12	8.76	11	27.50	62	16.15
More than 40	2	0.97	2	1.46	2	5.00	6	1.56
Total Responses	148	71.50	90	65.69	28	70.00	266	69.27
No response	59	28.50	47	34.31	12	30.00	118	30.73
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA16M****Age Distribution - Males**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
20-24	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25-29	0	0.00	1	16.67	1	100.00	2	25.00
30-34	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	12.50
35-39	0	0.00	1	16.67	0	0.00	1	12.50
40-44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
45-49	0	0.00	3	50.00	0	0.00	3	37.50
50-54	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
55-59	0	0.00	1	16.67	0	0.00	1	12.50
60+	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Responses	1	100.00	6	100.00	1	100.00	8	100.00
No response	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table DA16F****Age Distribution - Females**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists		Hygienists		Both		Total	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
20-24	3	1.55	4	3.17	6	18.75	13	3.69
25-29	10	5.15	15	11.90	4	12.50	29	8.24
30-34	18	9.28	23	18.25	3	9.38	44	12.50
35-39	18	9.28	27	21.43	1	3.13	46	13.07
40-44	40	20.62	22	17.46	6	18.75	68	19.32
45-49	69	35.57	21	16.67	11	34.38	101	28.69
50-54	32	16.49	9	7.14	1	3.13	42	11.93
55-59	3	1.55	5	3.97	0	0.00	8	2.27
60+	1	0.52	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.28
		0.00		0.00		0.00	0	
Total Responses	194	100.00	126	100.00	32	100.00	352	100.00
No response	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Gender is not known for 24 respondents

# TABLES FOR DENTAL AUXILIARY 2006

## SECTION C - HOURS OF WORK

Tables DA17 to DA20 show the number of hours of work reported by survey respondents

Hours of work refer only to work stated to occur within New South Wales

Average hours for all jobs are calculated for persons who work one hour or more in NSW

A' Tables show separate statistics for therapists, hygienists and 'both'

Both' indicates that the respondent is registered as a dental therapist and a dental hygienist

B' Tables show statistics for all dental auxiliary professions combined

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**Table DA17A****Total Hours****Area of Practice (Duties)**

	Therapists			Hygienists			Both		
	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
	Clinical Practice - Dental Hygiene	8	0.15	0.04	3,175	86.91	25.81	962	81.11
Clinical Practice - Dental Therapy	4172	75.65	22.55	57	1.56	0.46	124	10.46	3.44
Oral Health Promotion	282	5.11	1.52	153	4.19	1.24	45	3.79	1.25
Chairside Assistance	126	2.28	0.68	26	0.71	0.21	4	0.34	0.11
Administration	630	11.42	3.41	89	2.44	0.72	31	2.61	0.86
Teaching/Education	201	3.64	1.09	70	1.92	0.57	8	0.67	0.22
Research	40	0.73	0.22	21	0.57	0.17	12	1.01	0.33
Other	56	1.02	0.30	62	1.70	0.50	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>5515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.81</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32.94</b>
No response	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.81</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32.94</b>

**Table DA17B****Total Hours  
Area of Practice**

<i>All Dental Auxiliary</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
Clinical Practice - Dental Hygiene	4,145	40.03	12.05
Clinical Practice - Dental Therapy	4,353	42.04	12.65
Oral Health Promotion	480	4.64	1.40
Chairside Assistance	156	1.51	0.45
Administration	750	7.24	2.18
Teaching/Education	279	2.69	0.81
Research	73	0.71	0.21
Other	118	1.14	0.34
Total Responses	10,354	100.00	30.10
No response	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.10</b>

**Table DA18A**

**Settings of Work**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists			Hygienists			Both		
	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
General Practice	0	0.00	0.00	2,348	73.24	28.63	862	81.09	35.92
Specialist Orthodontic Practice	226	94.17	32.29	536	16.72	31.53	165	15.52	23.57
Specialist Periodontal Practice	0	0.00	0.00	122	3.81	30.50	0	0.00	0.00
Other Private	14	5.83	14.00	200	6.24	33.33	36	3.39	36.00
<b>Subtotal Private</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>3,206</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.41</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>33.22</b>
Dental Hospital	530	9.69	31.18	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Community Dental Clinic	2,661	48.65	30.59	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
School	1,545	28.24	27.11	31	13.36	31.00	123	10.37	30.75
Teaching Institution	127	2.32	31.75	18	7.76	9.00	0	0.00	0.00
Other Public	367	6.71	33.36	183	78.88	36.60	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Public</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>95.61</b>	<b>29.72</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>10.37</b>	<b>30.75</b>
Total Responses	5,470	99.18	29.73	3,438	94.11	29.38	1,186	100.00	32.94
No response	45	0.82	45.00	215	5.89	35.83	0	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.81</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32.94</b>

**Table DA18B****Total Hours  
Setting of Work**

<i>All Dental Auxiliary</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
General Practice	3,210	71.19	30.28
Specialist Orthodontic Practice	927	20.56	29.90
Specialist Periodontal Practice	122	2.71	30.50
Other Private	250	5.54	31.25
<b>Subtotal Private</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.26</b>
Dental Hospital	530	9.49	31.18
Community Dental Clinic	2,661	47.65	30.59
School	1,699	30.42	27.40
Teaching Institution	145	2.60	24.17
Other Public	550	9.85	34.38
<b>Subtotal Public</b>	<b>5,585</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.71</b>
Total Responses	10,094	97.49	29.95
No response	260	2.51	37.14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.10</b>

**Table DA19A****Total Hours****Area Health Service of Main Job**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists			Hygienists			Both		
	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
Sydney South West	734	13.31	33.36	459	12.57	35.31	235	19.81	33.57
South Eastern Sydney Illawarra	864	15.67	27.87	1,037	28.39	28.81	285	24.03	28.50
Sydney West	697	12.64	27.88	261	7.14	29.00	254	21.42	42.33
Northern Sydney Central Coast	549	9.95	32.29	1,147	31.40	30.18	50	4.22	50.00
Hunter New England	945	17.14	30.48	229	6.27	32.71	112	9.44	22.40
North Coast	641	11.62	30.52	198	5.42	28.29	177	14.92	35.40
Greater Southern	591	10.72	28.14	130	3.56	21.67	37	3.12	37.00
Greater Western	470	8.52	29.38	83	2.27	27.67	0	0.00	0.00
Total Responses	5,491	99.56	29.84	3,544	97.02	29.78	1,150	96.96	32.86
No response/Interstate	24	0.44	24.00	109	2.98	27.25	36	3.04	36.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.81</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32.94</b>

**Table DA19B****Total Hours  
Area Health Service**

<i>All Dental Auxiliary</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
Sydney South West	1,428	13.79	34.00
South Eastern Sydney Illawarra	2,186	21.11	28.39
Sydney West	1,212	11.71	30.30
Northern Sydney Central Coast	1,746	16.86	31.18
Hunter New England	1,286	12.42	29.91
North Coast	1,016	9.81	30.79
Greater Southern	758	7.32	27.07
Greater Western	553	5.34	29.11
Total Responses	10,185	98.37	30.13
No response/Interstate	169	1.63	28.17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.10</b>

**Table DA20/**

**Total Hours**

**Age Group**

<i>Main Job</i>	Therapists			Hygienists			Both		
	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
20-24	85	1.54	28.33	139	3.81	34.75	249	20.99	49.80
25-29	352	6.38	39.11	521	14.26	37.21	168	14.17	33.60
30-34	479	8.69	31.93	579	15.85	28.95	99	8.35	33.00
35-39	536	9.72	33.50	686	18.78	26.38	42	3.54	42.00
40-44	1,029	18.66	27.81	633	17.33	30.14	147	12.39	24.50
45-49	1,832	33.22	29.55	617	16.89	28.05	248	20.91	27.56
50-54	816	14.80	28.14	153	4.19	30.60	0	0.00	0.00
55-59	46	0.83	15.33	107	2.93	17.83	0	0.00	0.00
60-64	35	0.63	35.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
65-69	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
70+	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total Responses	5,210	94.47	29.77	3,435	94.03	29.11	953	80.35	32.86
No response	305	5.53	30.50	218	5.97	43.60	233	19.65	33.29
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,515</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.81</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>29.70</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>32.94</b>

**Table DA20B****Total Hours  
Age Group**

<i>All Dental Auxiliary</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average</i>
20-24	473	4.57	39.42
25-29	1,041	10.05	37.18
30-34	1,157	11.17	30.45
35-39	1,264	12.21	29.40
40-44	1,809	17.47	28.27
45-49	2,697	26.05	29.00
50-54	969	9.36	28.50
55-59	153	1.48	17.00
60-64	35	0.34	35.00
65-69	0	0.00	0.00
70+	0	0.00	0.00
Total Responses	9,598	92.70	29.81
No response	756	7.30	34.36
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>30.10</b>