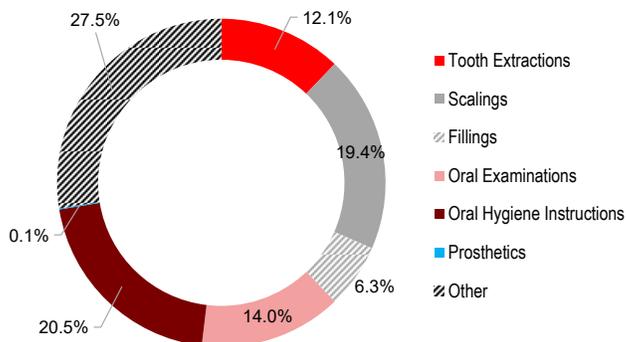


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ORAL HEALTH IN ANGUILLA

This article was created by the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD), in recognition of World Health Day, which is celebrated every year on the 7th day of April (Linked to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good health and well being). This day marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO), in 1948. This year, the WHO will observe its 75th Birthday. The WHO describes oral health as the state of the mouth, teeth and orofacial structures that enables individuals to perform essential functions such as eating, breathing and speaking. This article provides a statistical summary of oral health services in Anguilla. The data in this article were supplied by the Health Authority of Anguilla Dental Services.

FIG. 1 - PROPORTION OF DENTAL SERVICES RENDERED IN 2022



There was a total of 9,326 dental services rendered in 2022. Figure 1 shows the proportion of each type of service rendered. The services in the 'other' category include dental radiographs, treatment plans, topical fluoride applications and other treatments. The top three (3) types of services rendered in 2022 were oral hygiene instructions (20.5%), scalings (19.4%) and oral examinations (14.0%).

FIG. 2 - TOP THREE SERVICES RENDERED IN 2022, FROM 2005 TO 2022

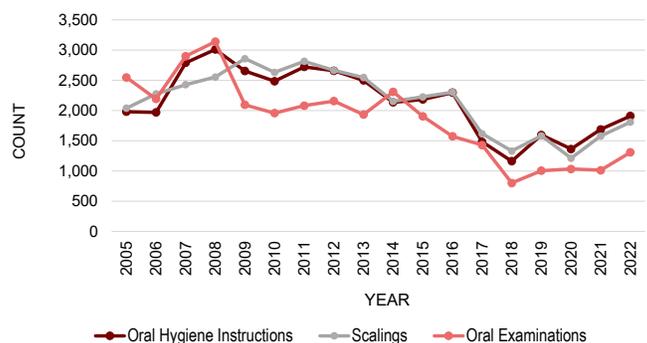
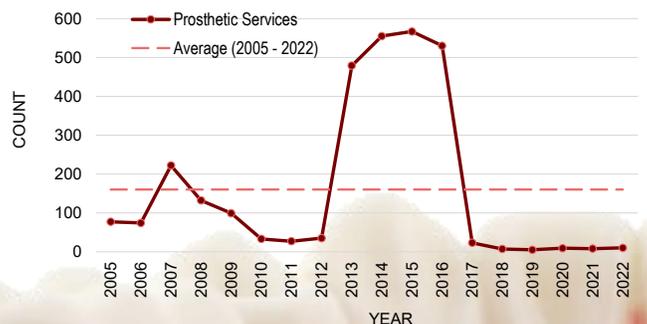


Figure 2 shows the top three services rendered in 2022, from 2005 to 2022. For the period 2005 to 2022, the average number of oral hygiene instructions rendered was 2,145. The highest number of oral hygiene instructions rendered was in 2008 (3,012), and the lowest number of oral hygiene instructions rendered was in 2018 (1,163). The average number of scalings rendered was 2,146. The highest number of scalings rendered was in 2009 (2,858), and the lowest number of scalings rendered was in 2020 (1,213). The average number of oral examinations rendered was 1,855. The highest number of oral examinations rendered was in 2008 (3,140). The lowest number of oral examinations rendered was in 2018 (801).

FIG. 3 - PROSTHETIC SERVICES RENDERED FROM 2005 TO 2022



In addition, there were relatively few prosthetic services rendered in 2022. Prosthetic services accounted for 0.1% of the total number of services rendered in 2022. Figure 3 shows the number of prosthetic services rendered from 2005 to 2022. There was an 87.0% decrease in the number of prosthetic services rendered from 2005 to 2022. For the period 2005 to 2022, the average the number of prosthetic services rendered was 161. The number of prosthetic services rendered was above the average in 2007, and there was a significant peak above the average from 2013 to 2016. The number of prosthetic services rendered fell below the average for all other years. Within the period 2005 to 2022, the highest number of prosthetic services rendered was in 2015 (567), and the lowest number of prosthetic services rendered was in 2019 (5).

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