

Oral Health, Waterloo Region, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014

Table 1. Number of students screened, Waterloo Region, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014

Year	Number
2011-2012	16,693
2012-2013	23,775
2013-2014	22,317

Table 2. Number and proportion of screened students with unmet urgent and non-urgent treatment needs, Waterloo Region, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014

Year	Unmet Treatment Needs			
	Urgent		Non-urgent	
	Number	Proportion	Number	Proportion
2011-2012	1,231	7.4	1,041	6.2
2012-2013	1,743	7.3	1,368	5.8
2013-2014	1,699	7.6	1,318	5.9

Definitions:

'**Students**' include junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten, grade 2 and select grade 4, grade 6 and grade 8 students in publicly funded elementary schools who received dental screening by a public health hygienist, unless otherwise stated.

An **urgent treatment need** may include one or more large open cavities in permanent teeth or in the crucial primary teeth, dental pain, infection and trauma.

A **non-urgent treatment need** includes conditions which do not require immediate treatment, such as, chipped fillings, signs of early tooth decay and mild-moderate levels of gingival bleeding.

Years presented correspond to the school year from September through June.

Table 3. Proportion of grade 2 students with two or more decayed teeth, Waterloo Region, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014

	Year	Per cent
Tooth Decay	2011-2012	6.1
	2012-2013	5.5
	2013-2014	6.6

Limitations and Notes:

Excludes students who were absent from school the day of screening and whose parent(s) or guardian(s) refused screening.

Provincial comparator data is not currently available.

Source:

Region of Waterloo Public Health Dental Program Statistics, 2011-2014

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