



# Dental health and children: quick facts



**57.5%** of eligible Australian children are not using the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



Each year in SA, more than **2,000** children aged 0-8 years are hospitalised for dental treatment.



Children are **3 times** less likely to attend school if they have dental pain.



SA Dental has **39 clinics** across South Australia.



**80,000** children come to SA Dental for dental care each year.



More than **40%** of Australian children have untreated tooth decay when starting school.



Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease - over **4 times** more common than asthma.



**1/5** of Australian children drink four or more glasses of sugar sweetened beverages in a usual day.



**33%** of Australian children do not brush their teeth twice a day.



More than **1/4** of Australian children aged 5-10 years have untreated tooth decay.