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Introduction

Present statistics and future perspectives

The purpose of this publication is to provide statistical information on Dentistry practice in Portugal, to the general population, public health providers and professionals.

We consider this analysis performed by the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology of the University of Porto Medical School, of great relevance to each and everyone that are initiating their professional activity or to those that for some reason intend to change their clinical practice. We expect that this publication will be helpful, especially to young graduates, by providing insights on the socioeconomic realty of dentistry practice in Portugal.

Currently, the Portuguese Dental Association (OMD) has 6595 members of 29 nationalities, dispersed around the country.

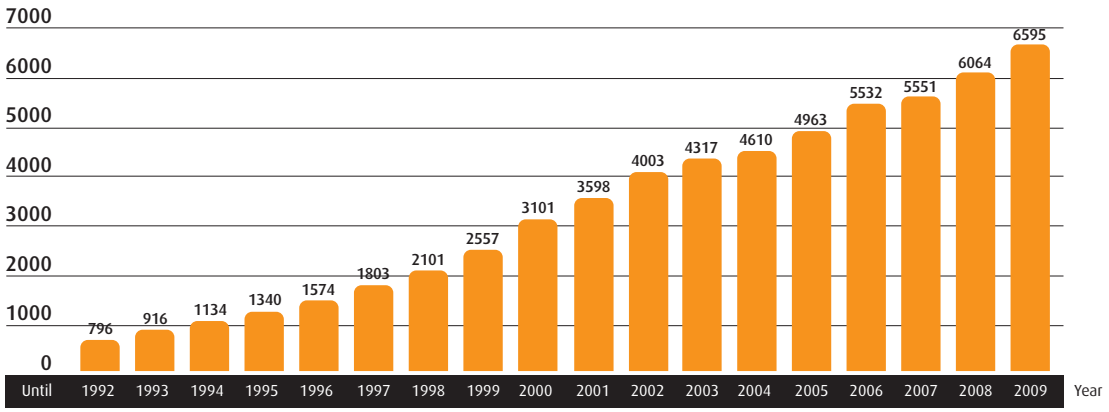
Nevertheless, socioeconomic factors and the lack of information and accessibility to dentistry practice, keep a substantial fraction of our population, especially older people, infectious diseases patients, people with disabilities, from a fundamental constitutional right – the Right to Health.

The president of OMD

Orlando Monteiro da Silva

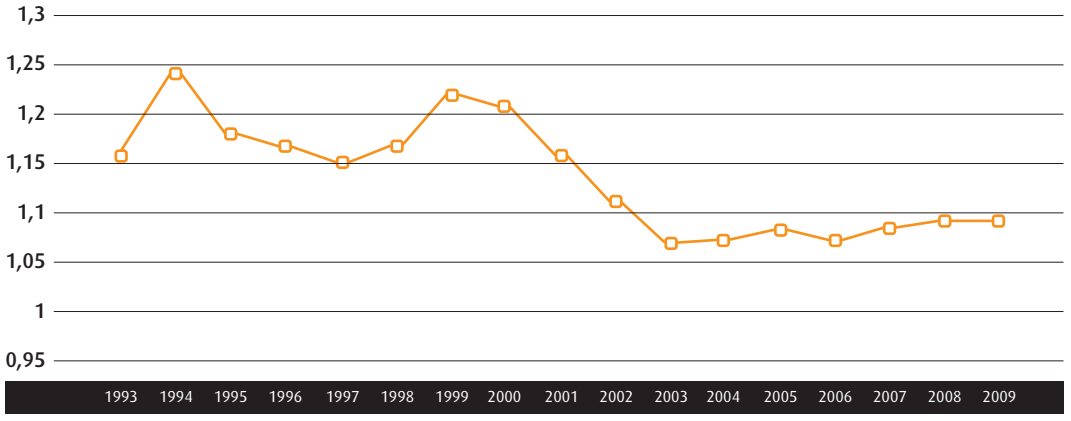
The Numbers of the Portuguese Dental Association

Evolution of active members



The number of OMD members has been growing since 1993, reaching a total of 6595 dentists in 2009. Regarding the number of dentists specialized, OMD has 40 active members specialized in Orthodontics and 4 in Oral Surgery.

Active member's annual growth rate



Since 2001, there has been a decrease in the active member's annual growth rate. Between 1993 and 2001 the number of members raised by a mean of 18.4% a year (95% CI: 16.6-20.2), however this increase was around 8.2% a year (95% CI: 7.0-11.8) between 2002 and 2009.

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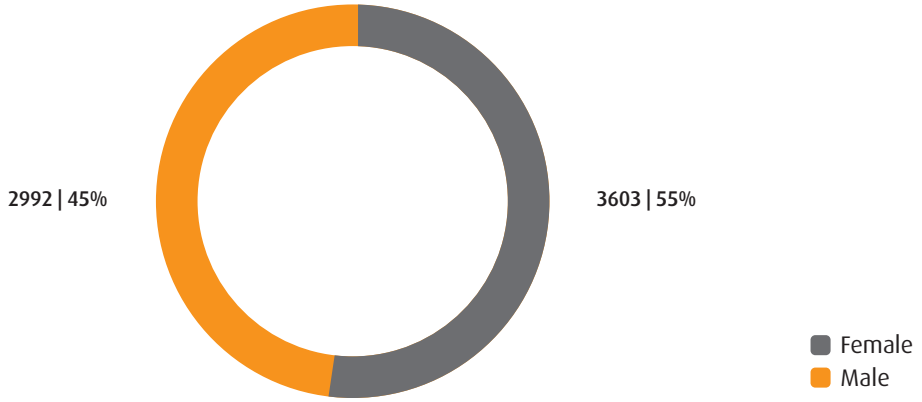
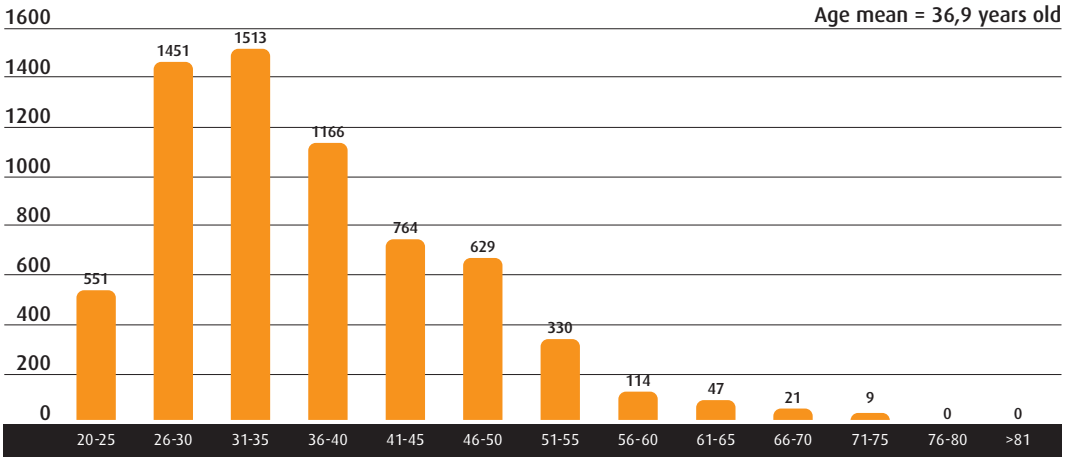
Gender distribution



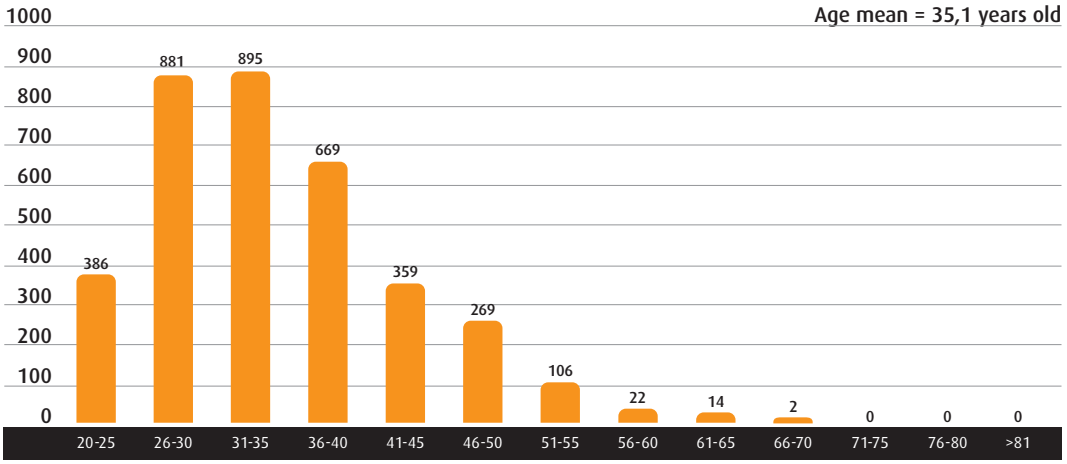
A significantly higher proportion of female dentists was observed (p<0.001). This proportion increased comparing with 2007, in which 52% of the dentists were women.

Total age distribution

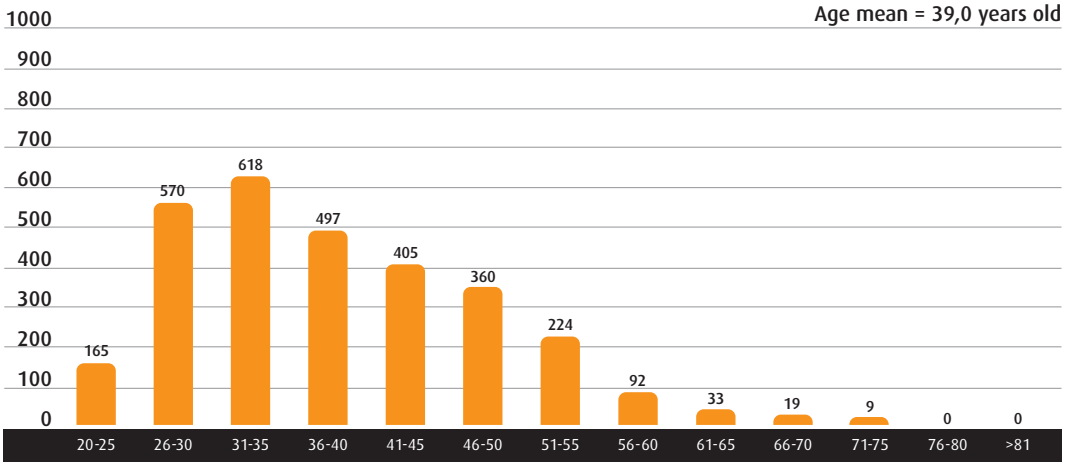


More than half of dentists (n=4130) have between 26 and 40 years old

Age distrbution - females

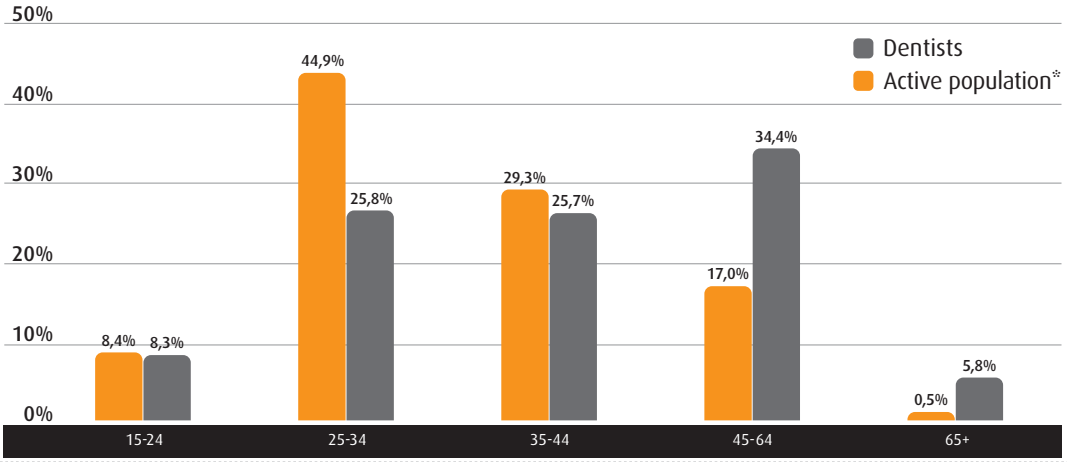


Age distrbution - males



The age distribution varies according to gender. Until 40 years old, a higher proportion of females was observed; on the other hand, after 41 years old, there was a significant higher proportion of males ($p<0.001$). This result illustrates the current trend of an increase in the relative number of females.

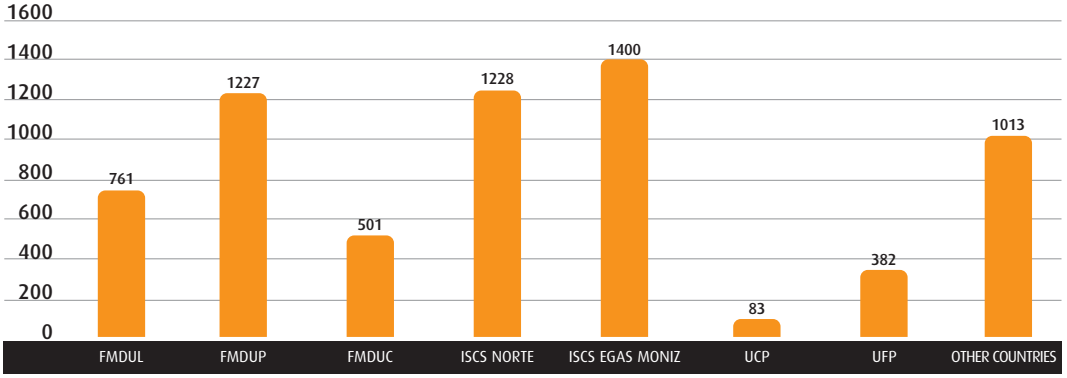
Comparison between distribution of dentist's age and the Portuguese active population



*Expected distribution considering the active population in 2009 (Source: INE)

The proportion of dentists in the age class of 15-24 years old is very similar to the propotion of the Portuguese active population.From 25 to 44 years old there is a higher proportion of dentists, comparing to the active population, and after 45 years old, the opposite is observed (p<0.001).

Distribution of dentistry schools



Significant differences were found between the distribution of dentists members of the place of graduation (p<0.001). The school where most of the dentists graduated was ISCS Egas Moniz (21.2%), followed by ISCS Norte and FMDUP (both with 18.6%). The lower number of graduates came from the UCP (5.8%). Dentists graduated in countries other than Portugal represented 15.4% of the graduates, placing them in the fourth place, as in the previous edition of Números da Ordem.

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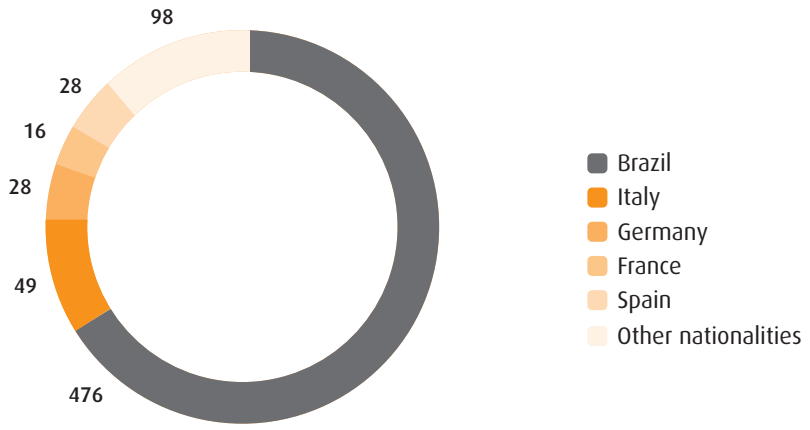
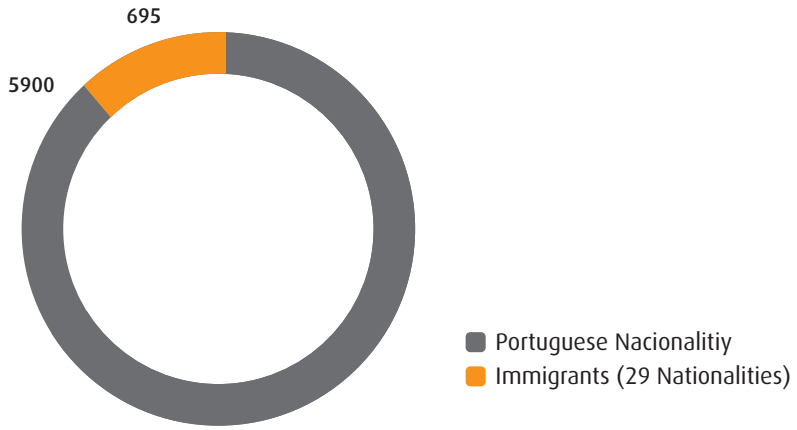
Foreigner's nationality analysis



Of the 695 members of other nacionalities, 68% are Brazilian

Portuguese dentists | other nationalities analysis



Immigrants correspond to approximately 11% of the dentists, belonging to a total of 29 nationalities.

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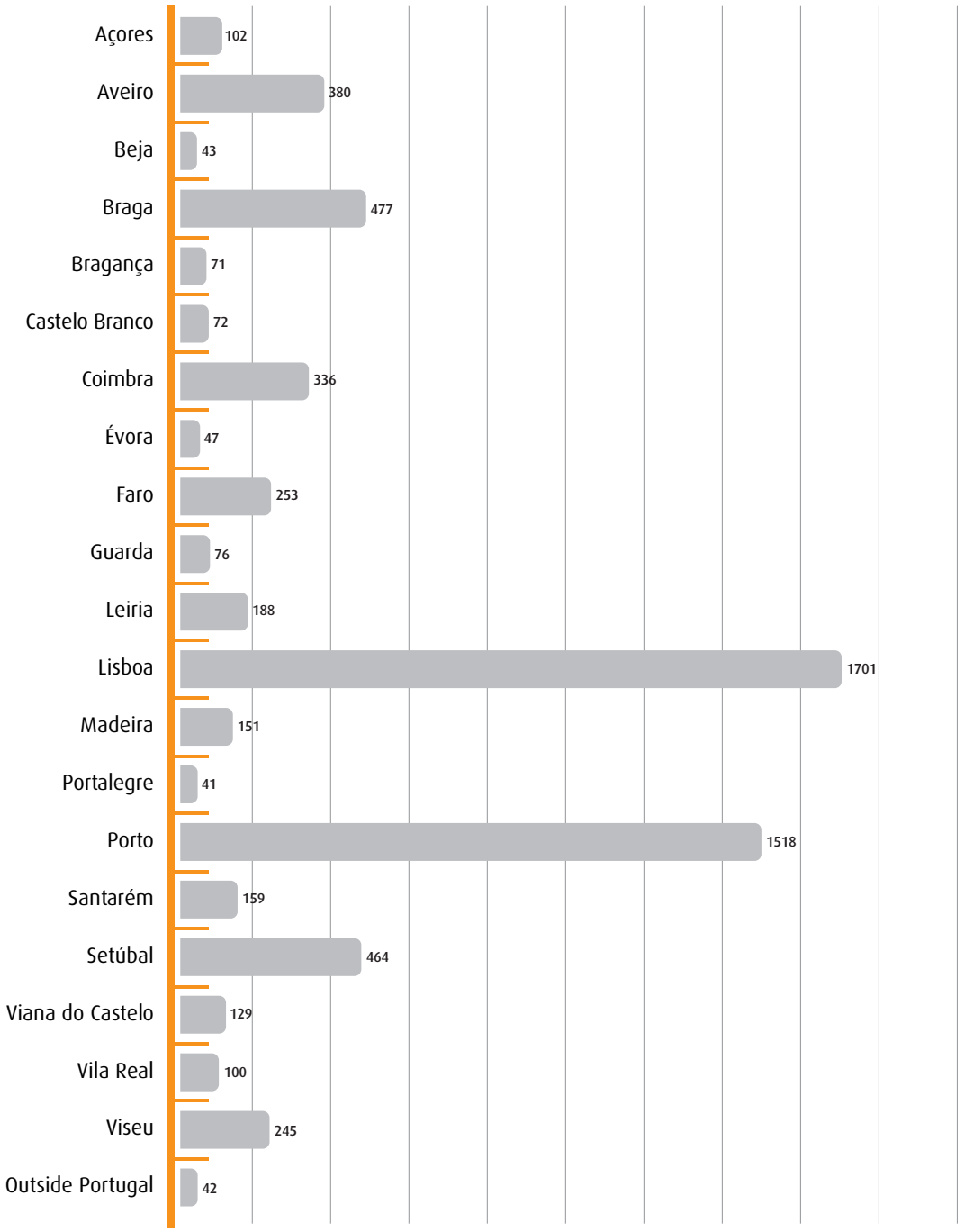
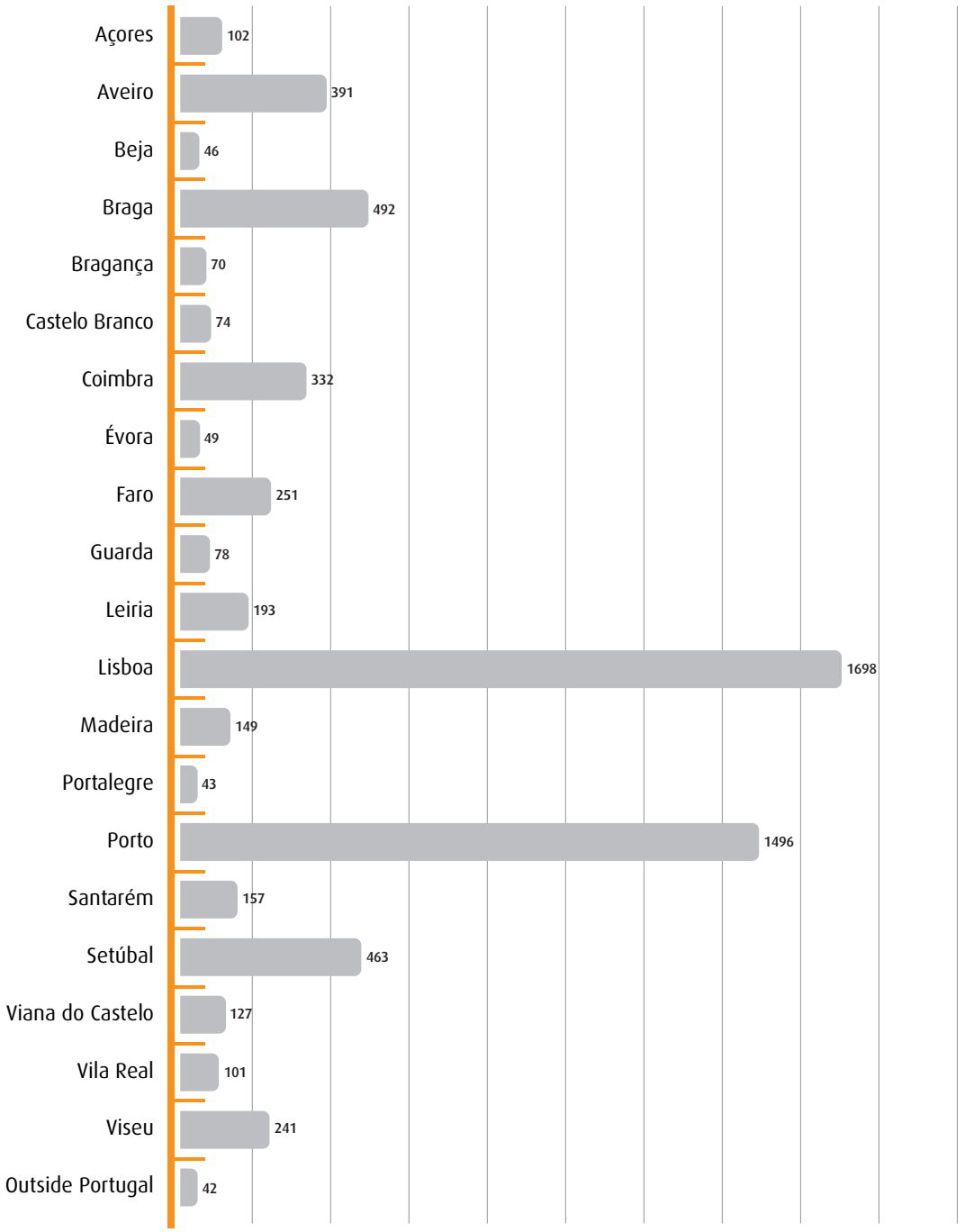
Distribution by district of residence

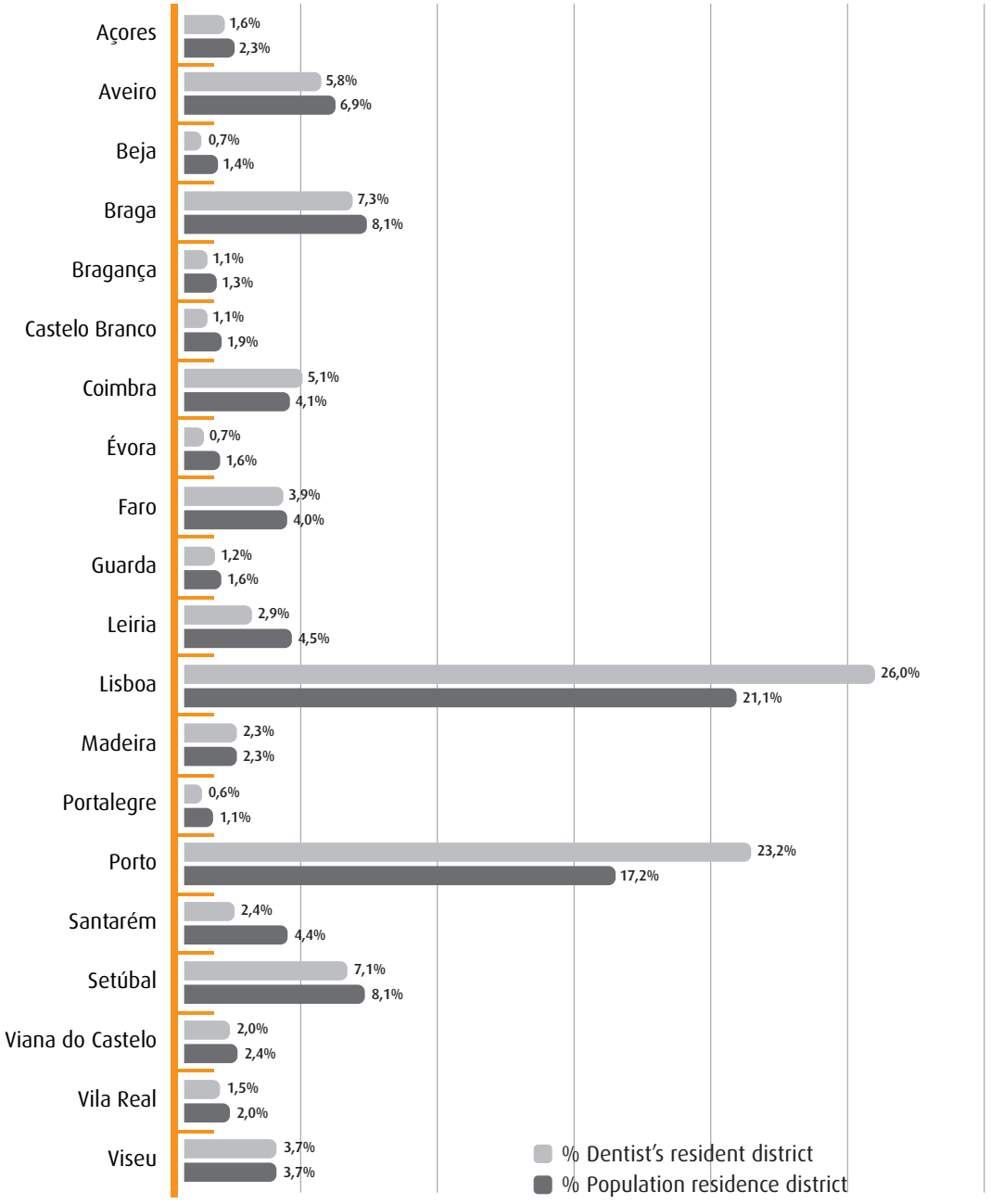


Distribution by working district



As occurred in the districts of residence, also in the districts of clinical practice, there was a clear domain of Lisbon and Porto. Similar results were found in previous years.

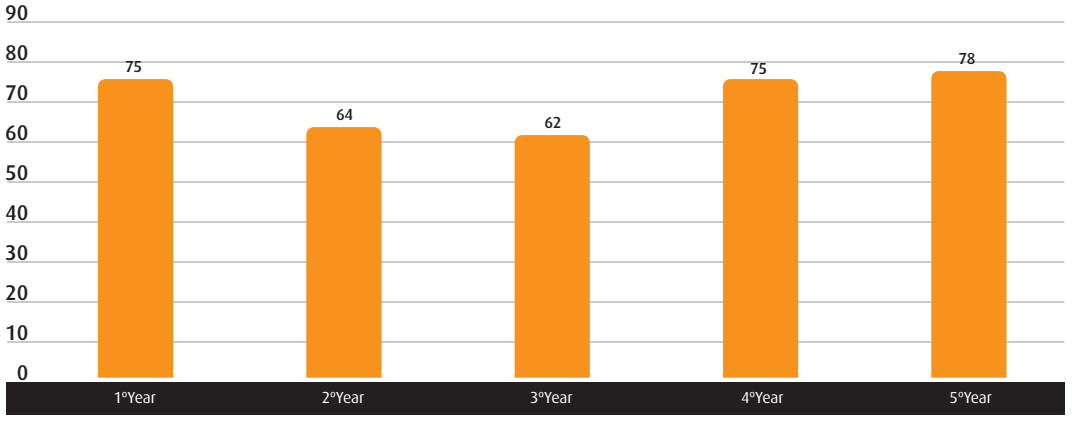
Comparison between the resident Portuguese population in 2008 and the distribution of dentists by district of residence



Most of the districts present a significant lower number of dentists when comparing with the proportion of the general population. The exceptions are Oporto, Lisbon and Coimbra, in which the proportion of resident dentists was significantly higher than it would be expected by chance ($p<0.001$)

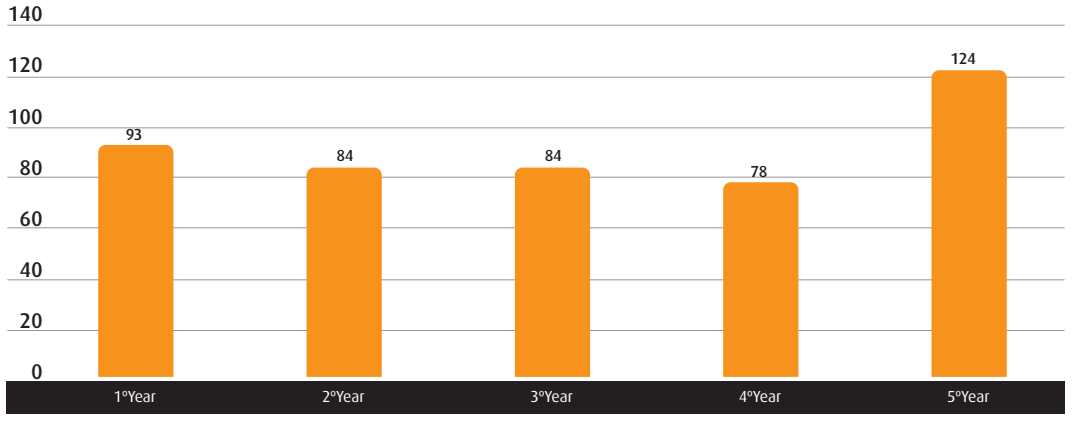
Numbers of the portuguese dentistry schools

FMDUL | Number of students in 2009/2010



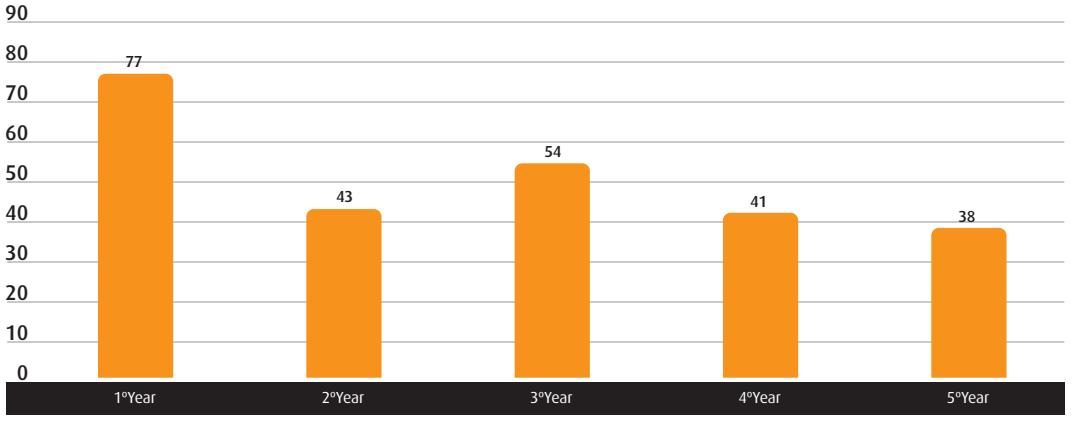
FMDUL | Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Lisbon

FMDUP | Number of students in 2009/2010



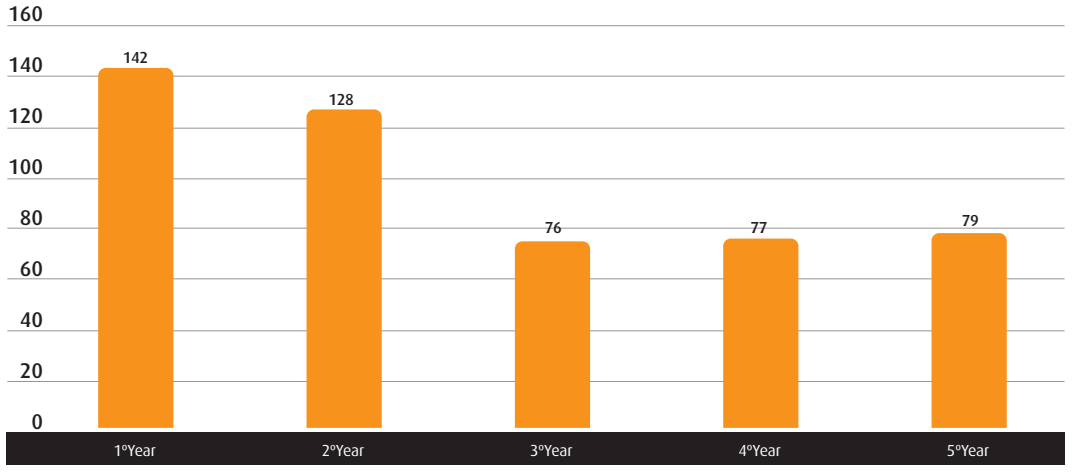
FMDUP | Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Porto

FMUC (Graduation in Dentistry) | Number of students in 2009/2010



FMUC | Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra. Department of Dentistry, Stomatology and Maxilofacial Surgery

ISCS-N | Number of students in 2009/2010



ISCS-N | North Health Institute

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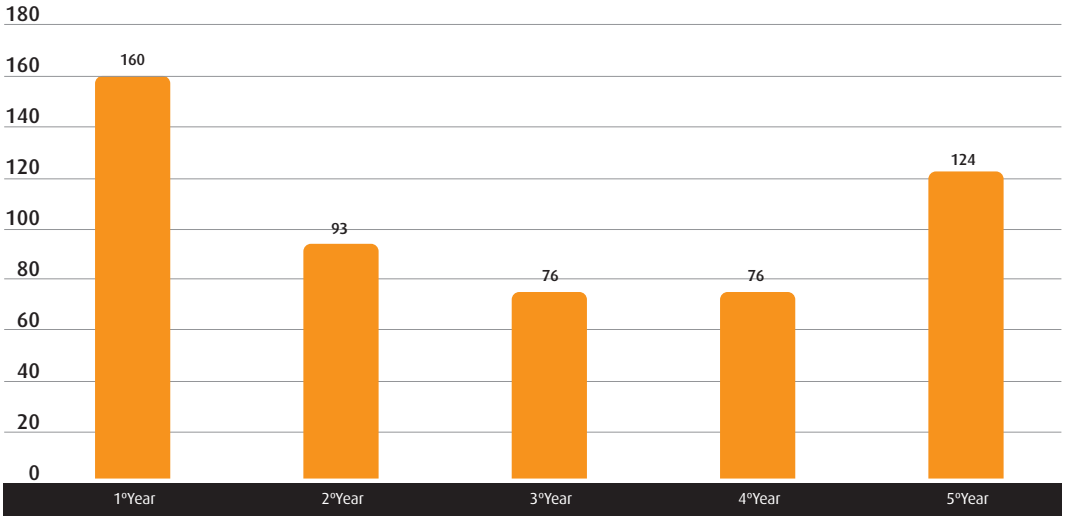
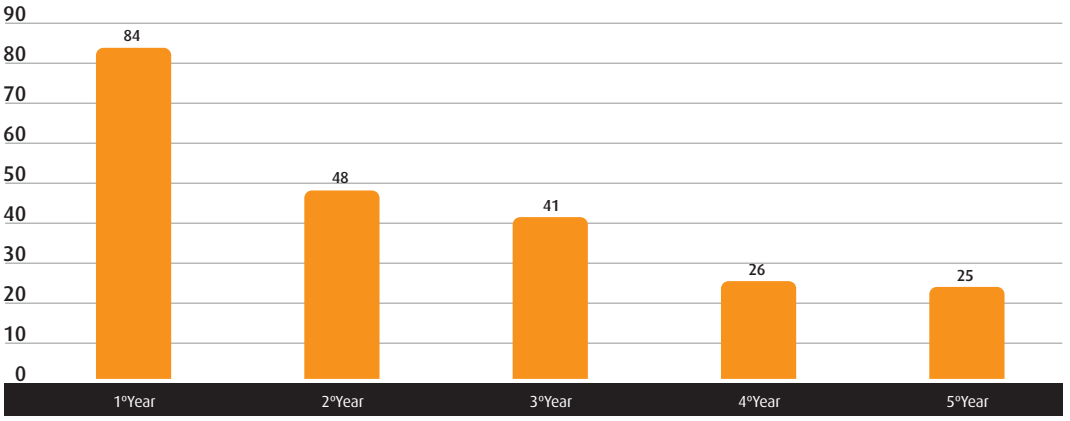
ISCS EGAS MONIZ | Number of students in 2009/2010



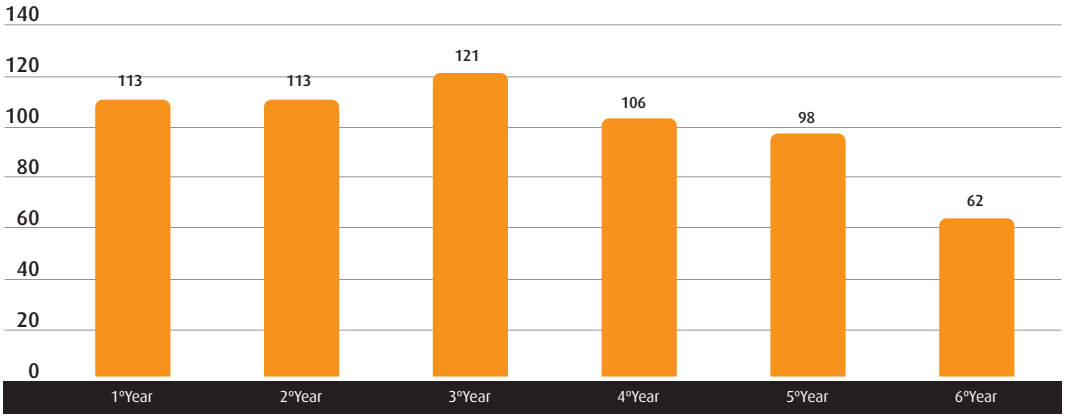
ISCS EGAS MONIZ | Health Institute Egas Moniz

UCP | Number of students in 2009/2010



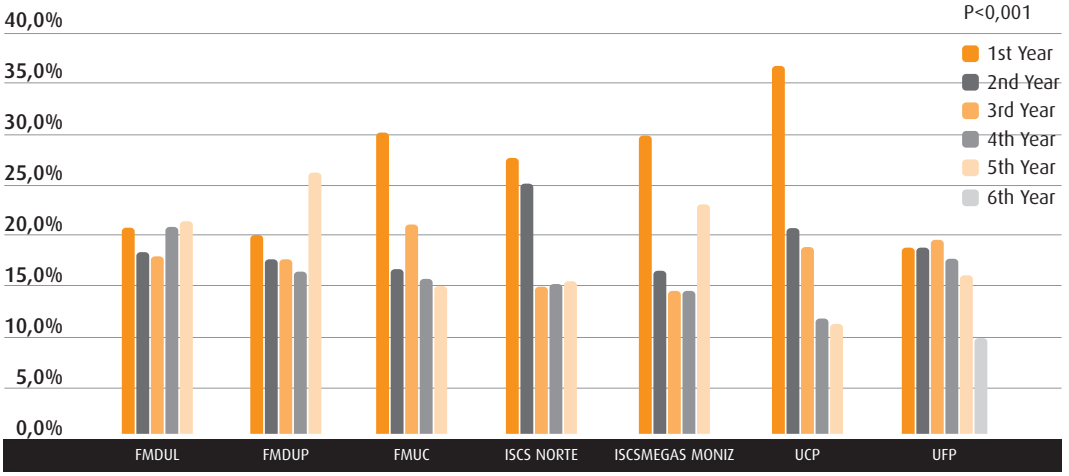
UCP | Portuguese Catholic University

UFP | Number of students in 2009/2010



UFP | Fernando Pessoa University

Distribution of the number of students in 2009/2010 by years and dentistry school

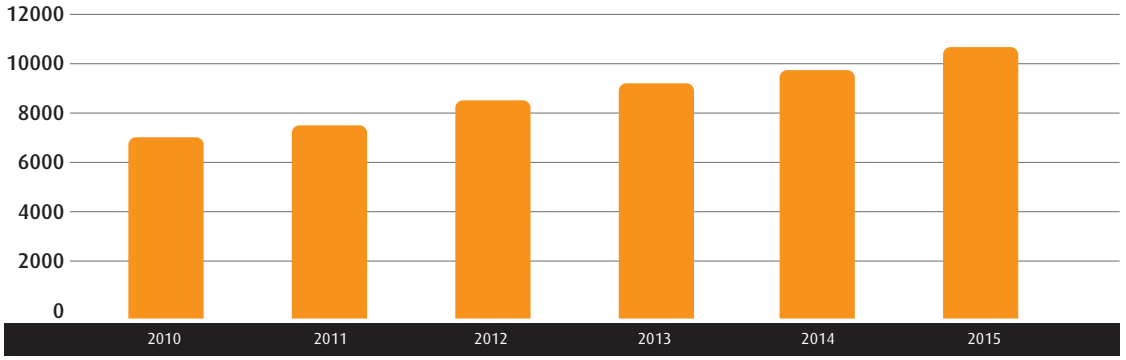


The student distribution by the graduation years was not even, the first year presenting a significant larger number of students when comparing to the other years, in most of the schools. However, FMDUL and FMDUP are exceptions, being the fifth year the one with more students.

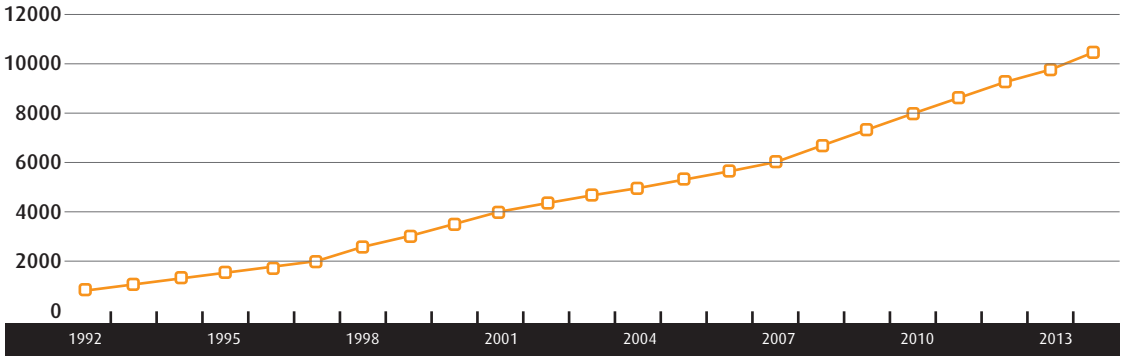
In FMDUL, the number of students in each year is relatively homogeneous. In FMDUP, the same thing happens, however the 5th year presented a higher propotion of students. UCP was the only school where the propotion of students decreased since the 1st year to the last one (5th year), being the school with more students in the first year (37,5%) and less in the 5th year (11.2%). In UFP, the number of students was similar in every year, except the 6th, where the propotion decreased.

Present ratios and future perspectives

Number of dentists | projection



Number of dentist's projection



The number of dentists until 2015 was estimated using the projection of the annual growth rate of the OMD members. Thus, the annual growth rates of the OMD members between 1993 and 2009 were used to estimate the 2010-2015 growth.

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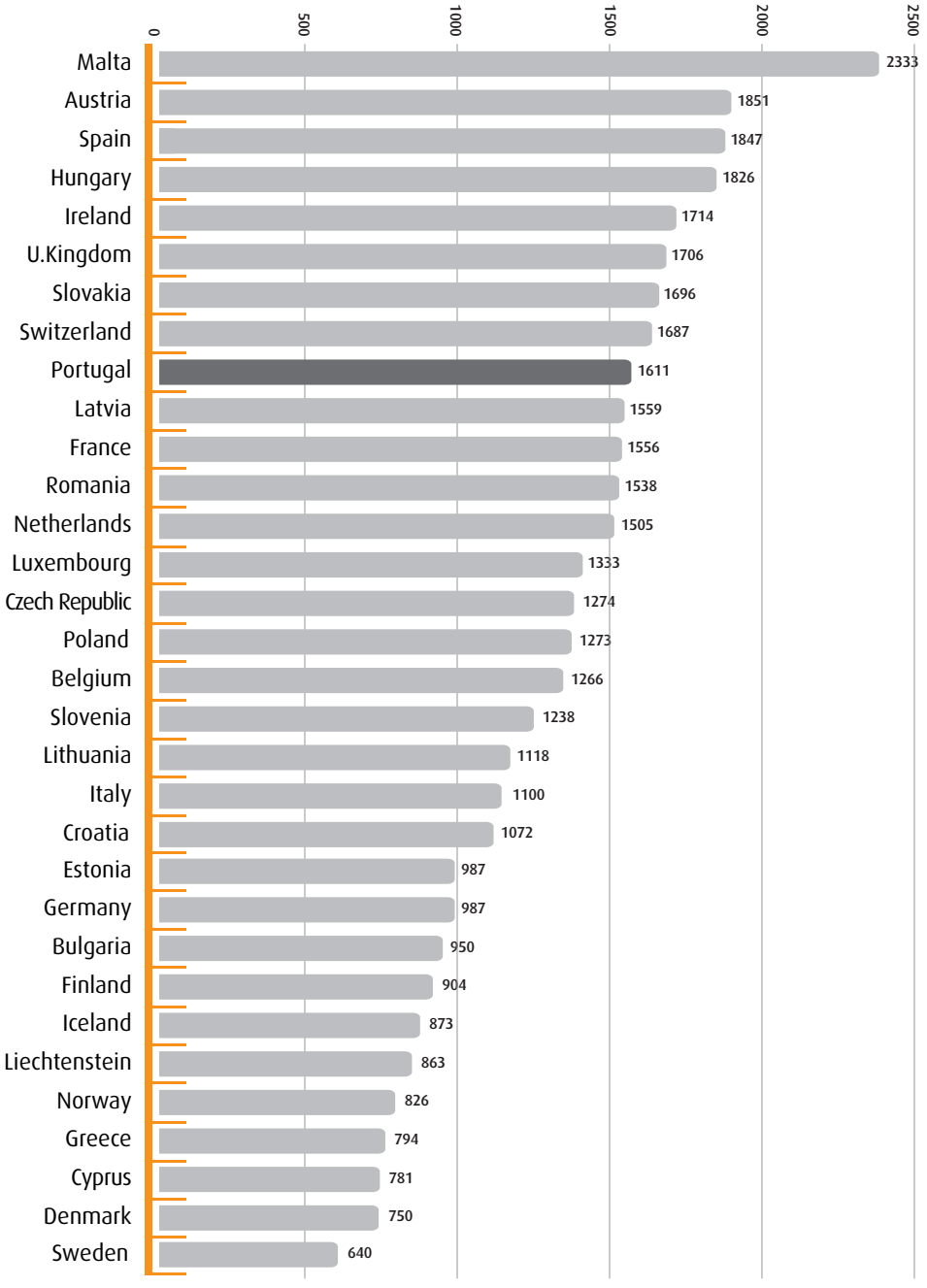
Relation between European population/dentists



Note: Analysis by dentists (number of dentists = 6595)

The current population / dentist ratio in Portugal is one dentist for 1611 inhabitants.

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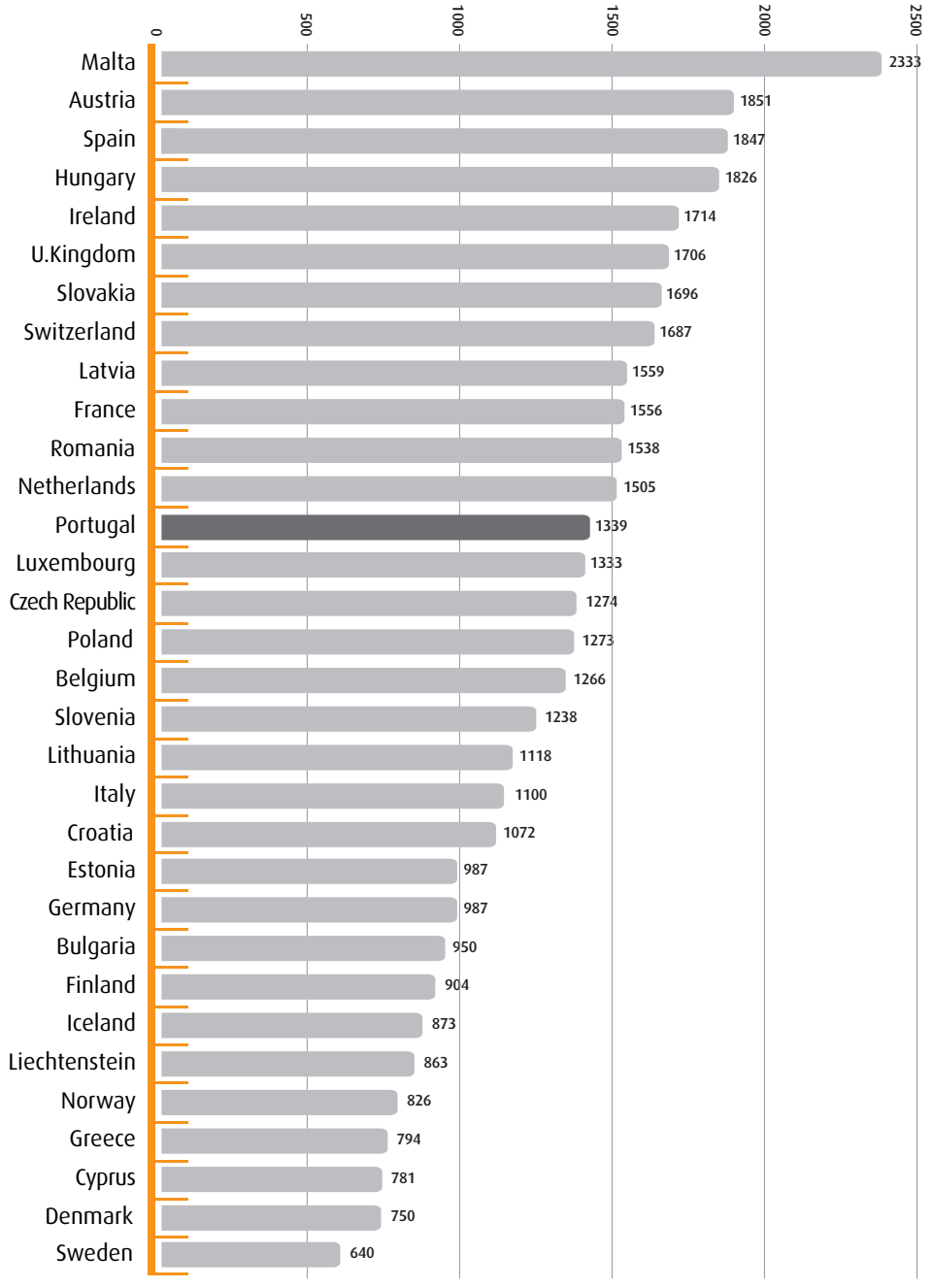
Relation between European population / dentists, stomatologists, odontologists



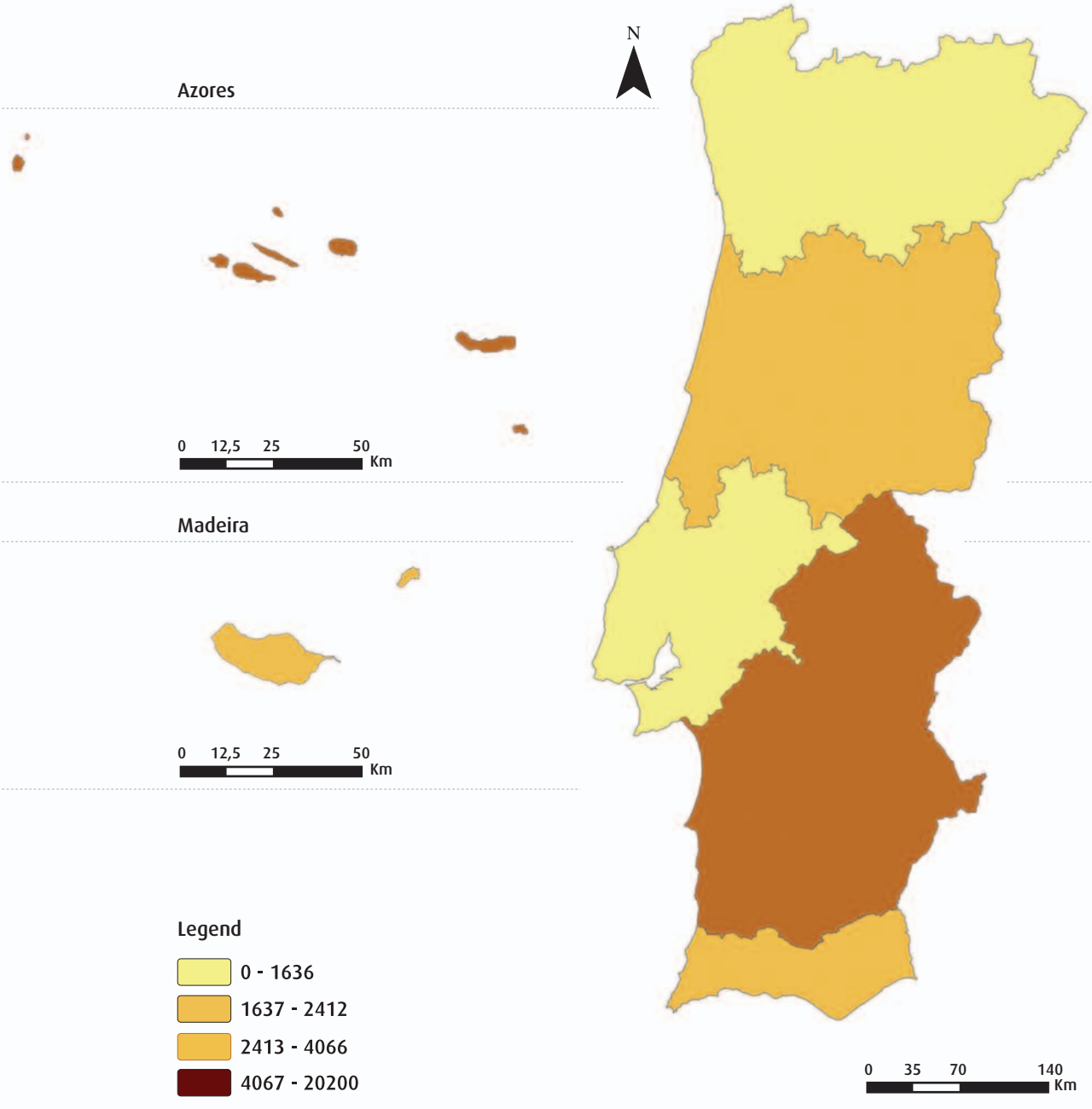
Note: 6595 dentists + 677 stomatologists + 666 odontologists.

In Portugal, the current ratio population/dentists, stomatologists, odontologists, is of one professional by 1339 inhabitants. It was included in this graph the number of dentists, of stomatologists and the number of odontologists, these last without academic graduation, but administratively legalized for restrictive actions in the oral health sector. It is noteworthy, that World Health Organization established as a guideline one dentist for 2000 inhabitants. According to the Portuguese Health Ministry, currently in Portugal there are 1046 diagnostic and therapeutic technicians, 500 oral hygienists and 546 dental prosthetics.

Socioeconomics indicators

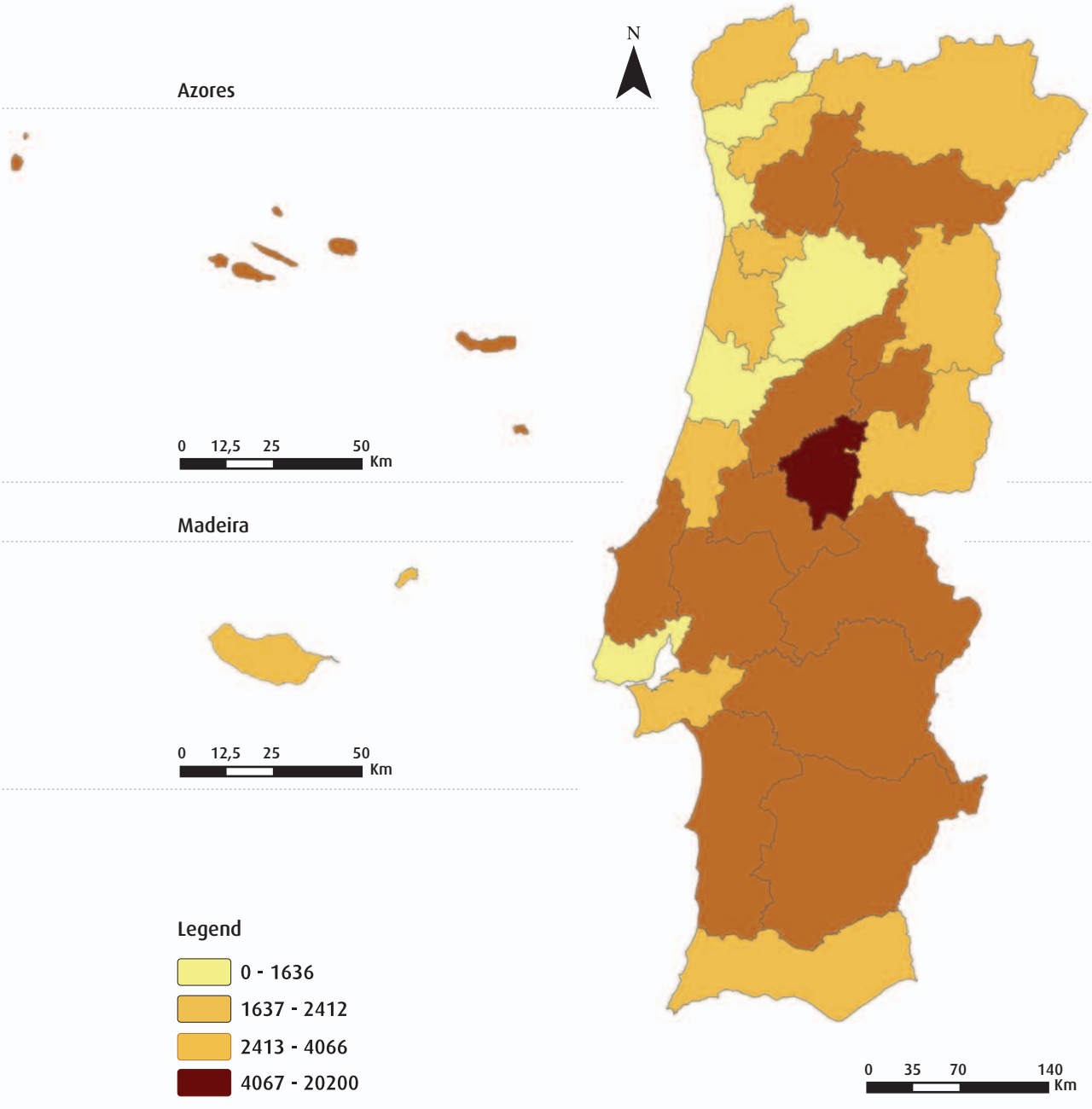
Ratio population / dentists by regions

Ratio population per dentists per NUT II



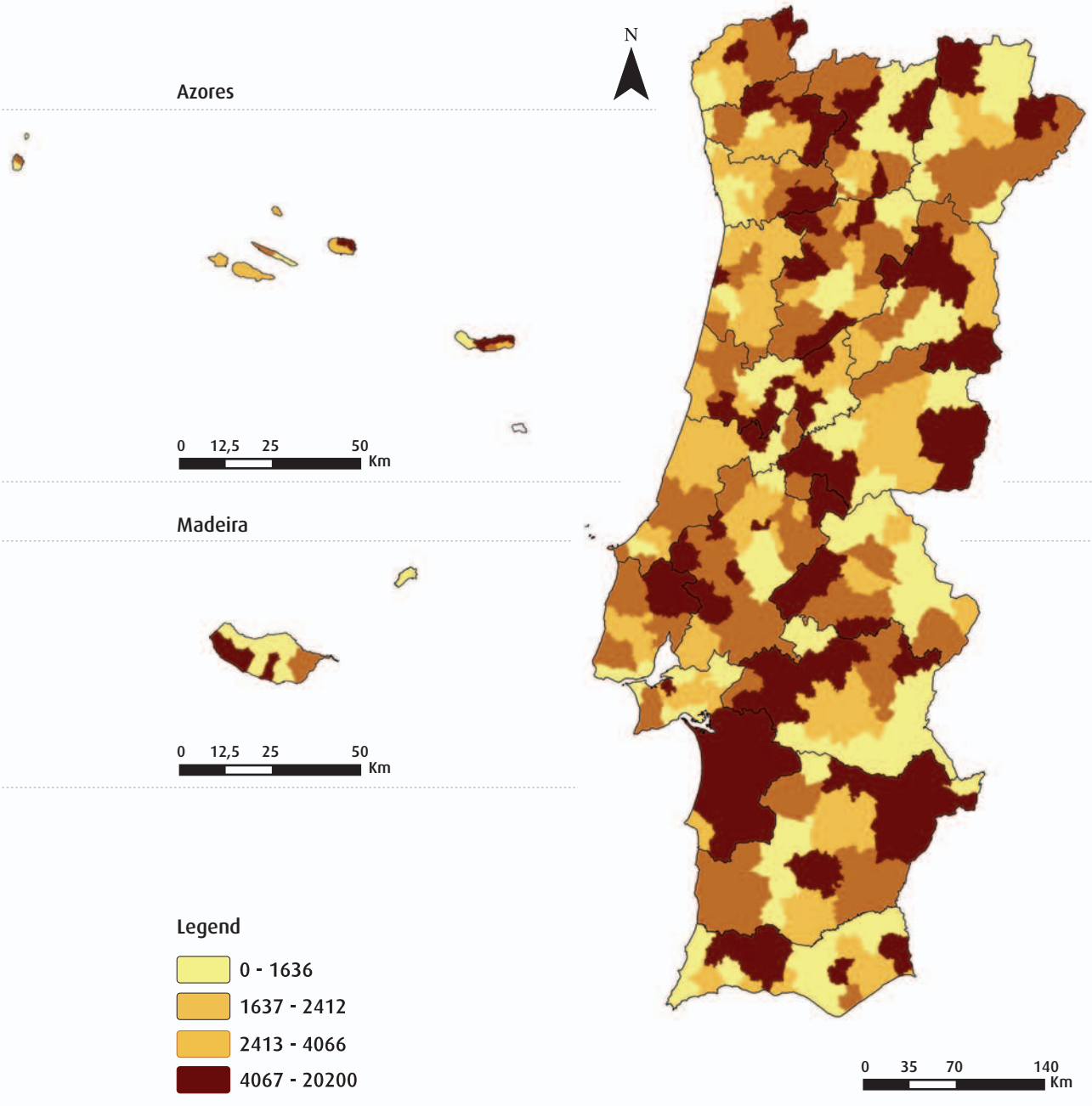
Ratio population / dentists by regions

Ratio population per dentists per NUT III

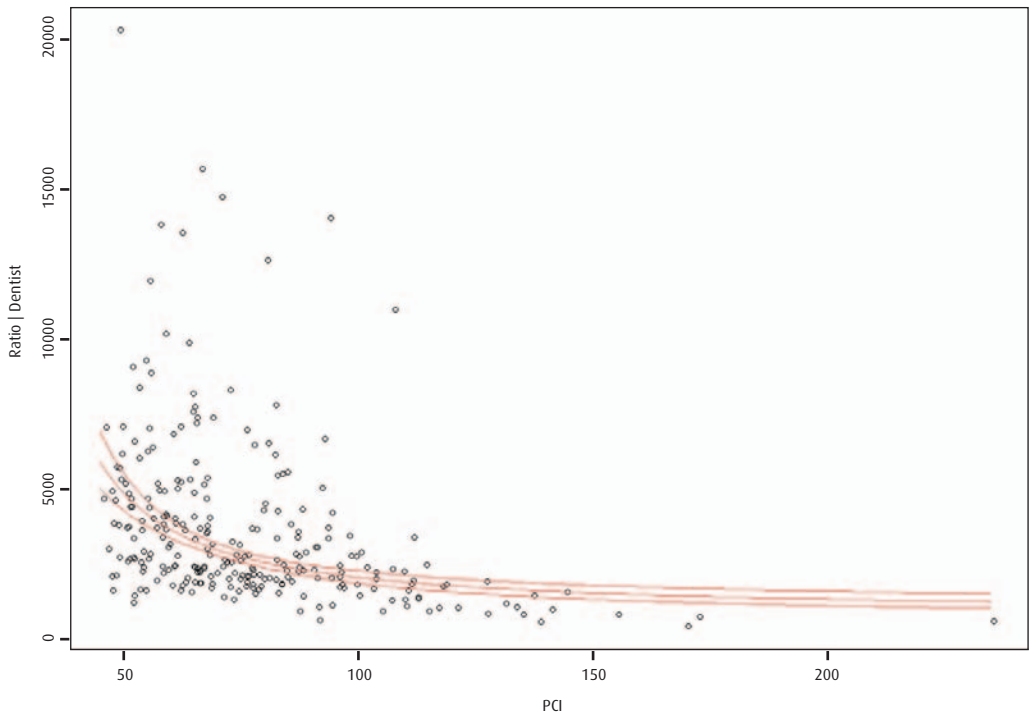


Has it can be observed, Alentejo and inner Center regions were those that presented higher ratio population / dentist. On the other hand, Lisbon, Porto, Ave, Dão-Lafões and Lower Mondego were the regions that presented lower values of that ratio

Ratio population / dentists by municipalities



Per capita indicator and ratio population / dentist:

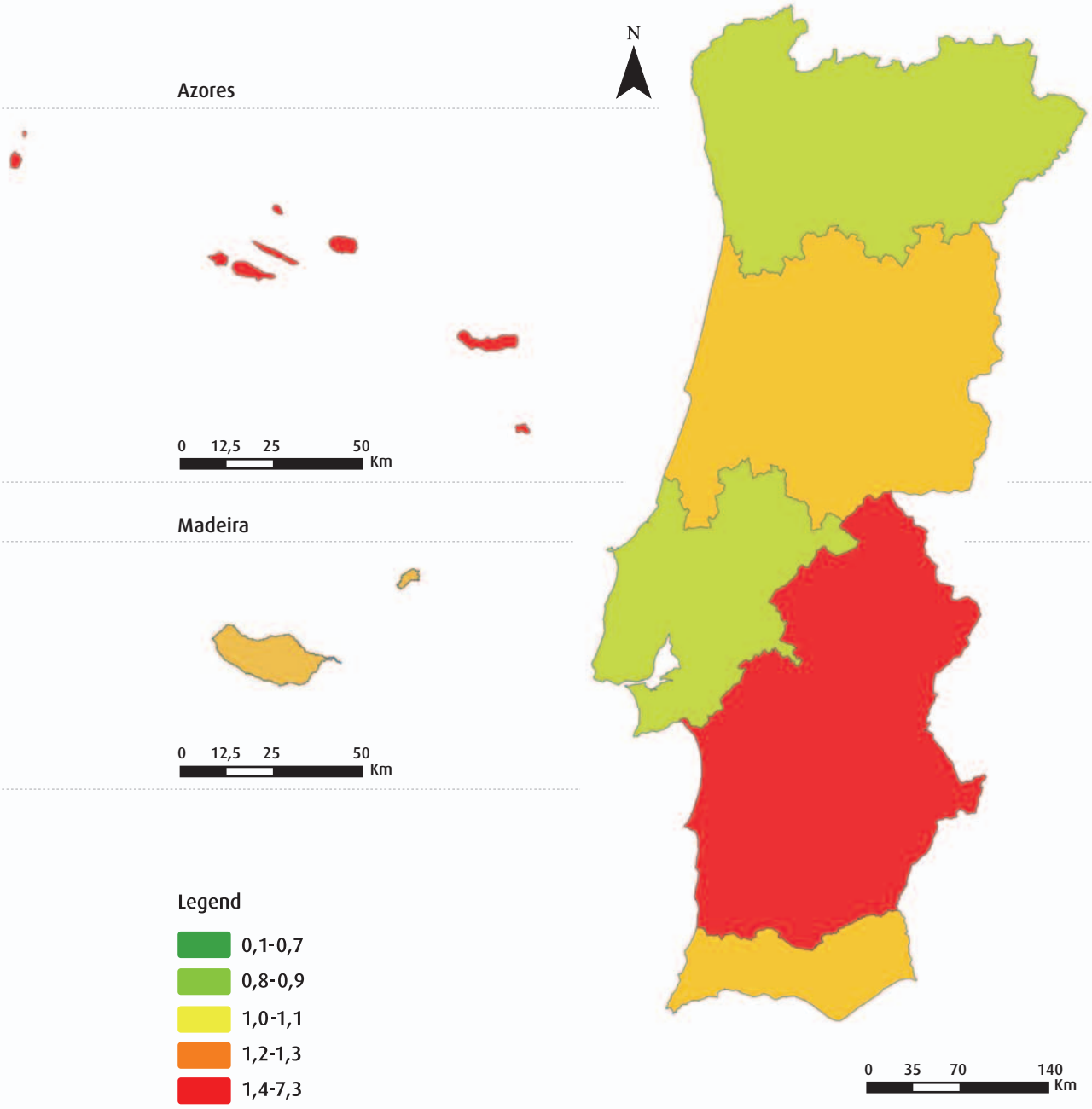


Per capita indicator (PCI) is an index that compares the purchasing power per capita by municipalities and regions by the mean purchasing power of the country, which was classified as100.

A strong negative linear association was found between the PCI and the ratio population / dentist (Pop/D) (rho=-0.49, p<0.001), the wealthier is the municipality the lower is its ratio Pop/D.

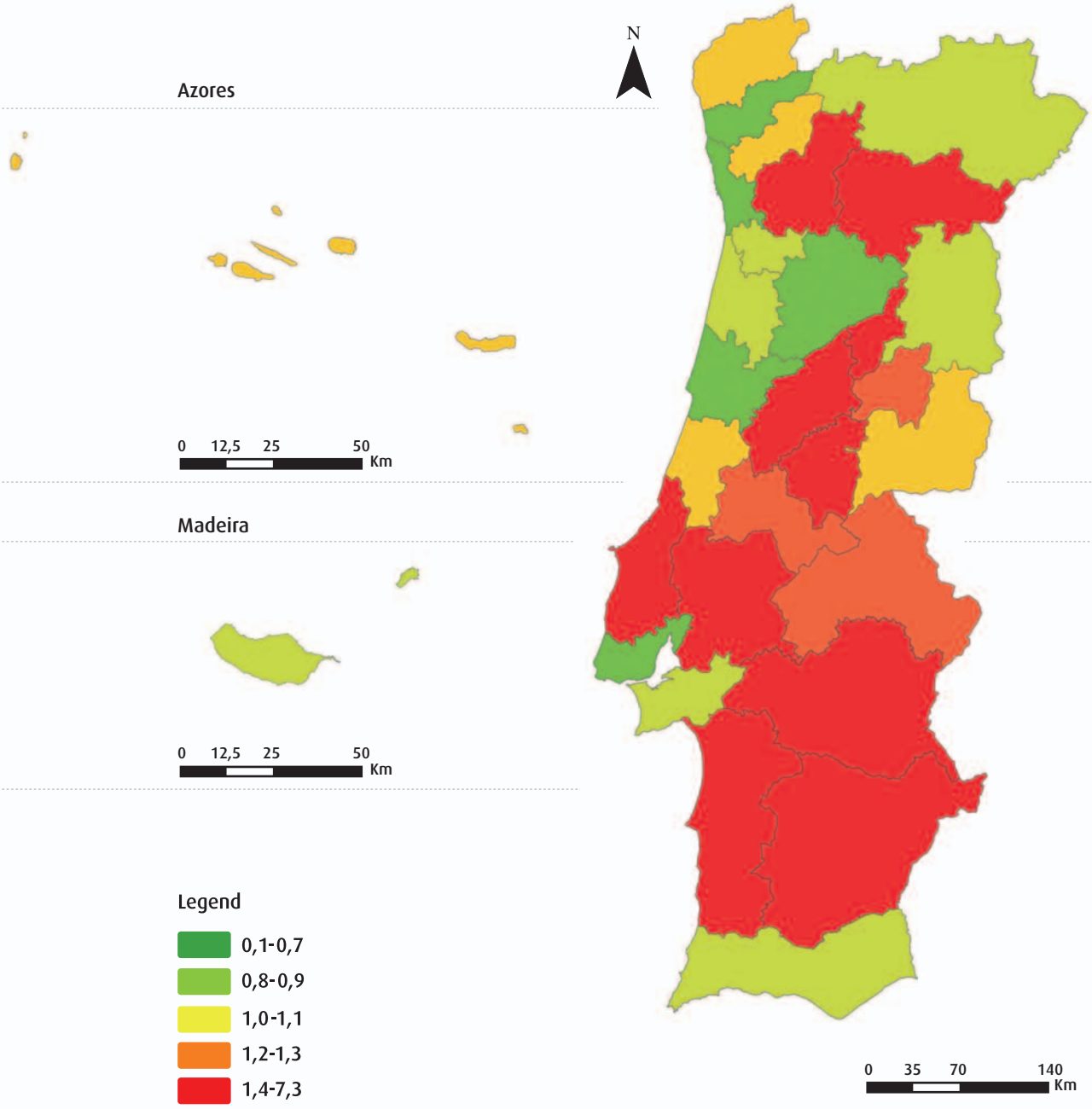
Dentist necessity indicator by regions:

Dentists necessity indicator per NUT II

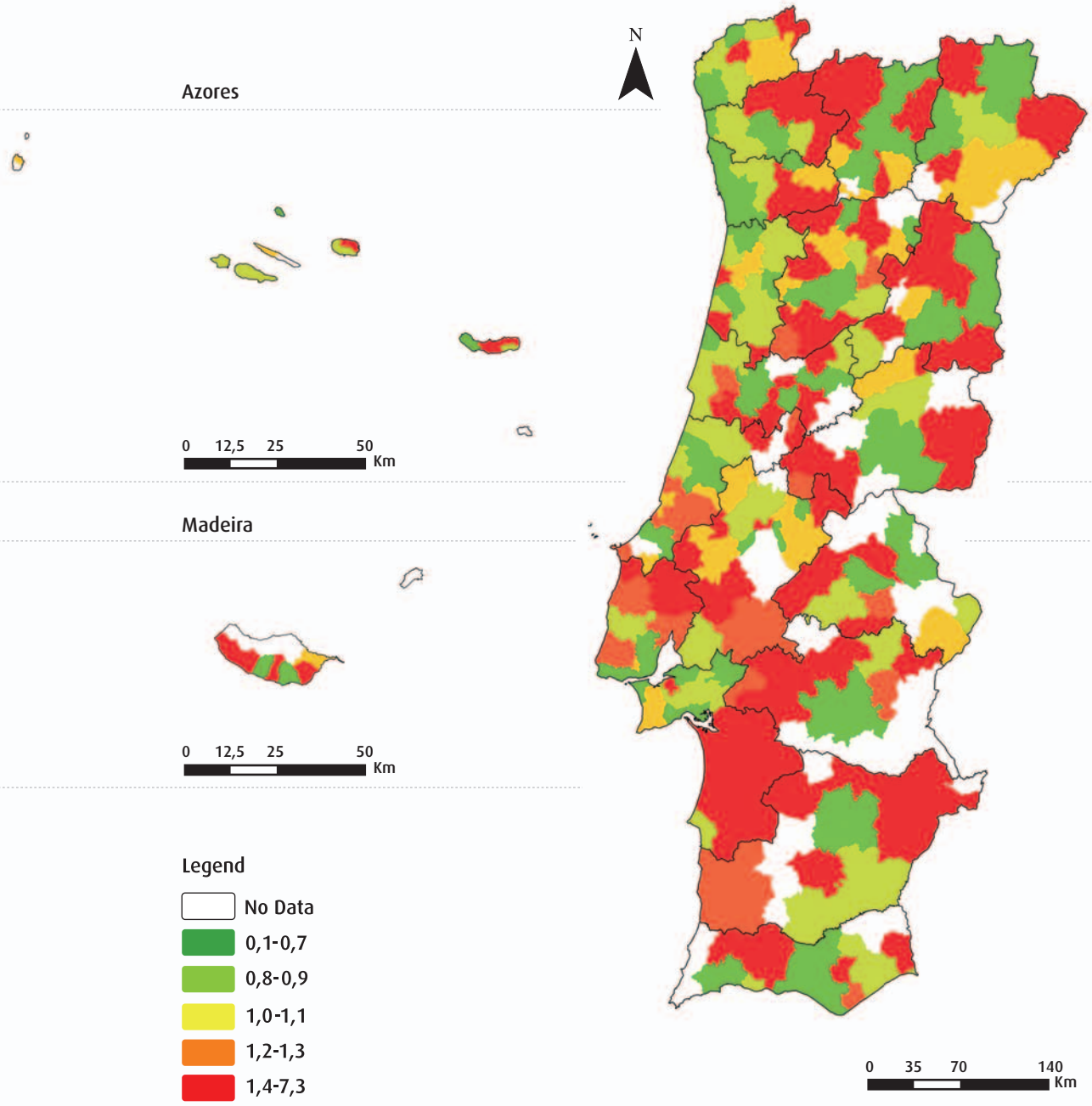


Dentist necessity indicator by regions:

Dentists necessity indicator per NUT III



Dentist necessity indicator by municipalities:



This indicator was estimated by dividing the ratio population/dentist by the national median of that ratio. This indicator was categorized and the 0.1-1.1 class indicates that the dentist necessity in that region or municipality is around 10% the national median. The 1.2-1.3 class refers to necessities up to 30% of the national median and 1.4-7.3 class to necessities of 40% or more of the national median. Likewise, the lower classes classified the municipalities were the dentist necessities were fulfil up to 20% (0.8-0.9) or were above 30% (0.01-0.7) the national median, respectively.

Municipalities summary table

Municipality list	Dentists		Resident population	Pop./Dent.	Necessity
	Residence	Office	in 2008	Ratio	Ratio*
Abrantes	15	14	39987	2856,21	1,06
Águeda	23	23	49857	2167,70	0,80
Aguiar da Beira	1	1	6161	6161,00	2,29
Alandroal	0	0	6039		
Albergaria-a-Velha	14	13	26279	2021,46	0,75
Albufeira	21	22	38966	1771,18	0,66
Alcácer do Sal	2	2	13017	6508,50	2,42
Alcanena	1	1	14657	14657,00	5,44
Alcobaça	15	17	57244	3367,29	1,25
Alcochete	12	11	17464	1587,64	0,59
Alcoutim	0	0	3104		
Alenquer	7	7	46536	6648,00	2,47
Alfandega da Fé	2	2	5368	2684,00	1,00
Alijó	5	5	13453	2690,60	1,00
Aljezur	0	0	5323		
Aljustrel	0	0	9460		
Almada	157	155	166103	1071,63	0,40
Almeida	6	4	7015	1753,75	0,65
Almeirim	5	6	22937	3822,83	1,42
Almodôvar	2	3	7163	2387,67	0,89
Alpiarça	2	1	8266	8266,00	3,07
Alter do Chão	2	2	3442	1721,00	0,64
Alvaiázere	0	0	7716		
Alvito	0	0	2720		
Amadora	63	69	172110	2494,35	0,93
Amarante	22	22	61582	2799,18	1,04
Amares	4	4	19853	4963,25	1,84
Anadia	13	15	31422	2094,80	0,78
Angra do Heroísmo	16	15	35065	2337,67	0,87
Ansião	1	1	13495	13495,00	5,01
Arcos de Valdevez	10	9	24251	2694,56	1,00
Arganil	6	7	12667	1809,57	0,67
Armamar	1	1	7071	7071,00	2,62
Arouca	13	12	23663	1971,92	0,73
Arraiolos	0	1	7182	7182,00	2,67
Arronches	0	0	3211		
Arruda dos Vinhos	2	4	12314	3078,50	1,14
Aveiro	68	66	73100	1107,58	0,41
Avis	2	2	4931	2465,50	0,91
Azambuja	2	2	21841	10920,50	4,05
Baião	4	4	20686	5171,50	1,92
Barcelos	47	51	124555	2442,25	0,91
Barrancos	0	0	1697		
Barreiro	35	33	77893	2360,39	0,88
Batalha	6	6	15993	2665,50	0,99
Beja	21	21	34387	1637,48	0,61
Belmonte	0	2	7733	3866,50	1,43
Benavente	13	14	28312	2022,29	0,75
Bombarral	2	5	13809	2761,80	1,02
Borba	1	1	7380	7380,00	2,74
Boticas	1	1	5736	5736,00	2,13
Braga	185	185	176154	952,18	0,35
Bragança	30	30	34375	1145,83	0,43
Cabeceiras de Basto	4	4	17635	4408,75	1,64
Cadaval	3	3	14638	4879,33	1,81
Caldas da Rainha	32	29	52823	1821,48	0,68
Calheta (Madeira)	1	1	11907	11907,00	4,42
Calheta (São Jorge)	0	0	3857		
Câmara de Lobos	3	4	36119	9029,75	3,35
Caminha	6	7	16630	2375,71	0,88
Campo Maior	3	4	8295	2073,75	0,77
Cantanhede	16	16	38920	2432,50	0,90
Carrazeda de Ansiães	0	0	6744		
Carregal do Sal	2	2	10599	5299,50	1,97
Cartaxo	5	5	25156	5031,20	1,87
Cascais	238	225	188244	836,64	0,31
Castanheira de Pêra	1	1	3176	3176,00	1,18
Castelo Branco	30	31	53909	1739,00	0,65

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Castelo de Paiva	7	7	16785	2397,86	0,89
Castelo de Vide	1	2	3701	1850,50	0,69
Castro Daire	5	6	16503	2750,50	1,02
Castro Marim	1	1	6472	6472,00	2,40
Castro Verde	1	1	7782	7782,00	2,89
Celorico da Beira	2	3	8572	2857,33	1,06
Celorico de Basto	4	4	19767	4941,75	1,83
Chamusca	0	0	10976		
Chaves	32	33	44039	1334,52	0,50
Cinfães	1	1	20198	20198,00	7,50
Coimbra	237	227	135314	596,10	0,22
Condeixa-a-Nova	10	10	17737	1773,70	0,66
Constância	2	2	3751	1875,50	0,70
Coruche	6	6	19624	3270,67	1,21
Corvo	0	0	488		
Covilhã	21	21	52101	2481,00	0,92
Crato	1	1	3707	3707,00	1,38
Cuba	1	1	4674	4674,00	1,73
Elvas	7	8	22118	2764,75	1,03
Entroncamento	11	11	21751	1977,36	0,73
Espinho	22	26	29481	1133,88	0,42
Esposende	22	23	35552	1545,74	0,57
Estarreja	11	11	28195	2563,18	0,95
Estremoz	6	6	14500	2416,67	0,90
Évora	31	30	54780	1826,00	0,68
Fafe	24	26	53600	2061,54	0,77
Faro	61	58	58698	1012,03	0,38
Felgueiras	30	31	58976	1902,45	0,71
Ferreira do Alentejo	1	2	8132	4066,00	1,51
Ferreira do Zêzere	0	0	9126		
Figueira da Foz	28	28	63135	2254,82	0,84
Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo	2	4	6542	1635,50	0,61
Figueiró dos Vinhos	0	0	6824		
Fornos de Algodres	0	0	5237		
Freixo Espada à Cinta	0	0	3834		
Fronteira	1	1	3160	3160,00	1,17
Funchal	116	116	98583	849,85	0,32
Fundão	15	14	30867	2204,79	0,82
Gavião	0	0	4027		
Góis	1	1	4380	4380,00	1,63
Golegã	3	3	5533	1844,33	0,68
Gondomar	100	95	173910	1830,63	0,68
Gouveia	3	4	15334	3833,50	1,42
Grândola	1	1	13979	13979,00	5,19
Guarda	39	40	44121	1103,03	0,41
Guimarães	94	98	162636	1659,55	0,62
Horta	8	8	15629	1953,63	0,73
Idanha-a-Nova	1	1	10147	10147,00	3,77
Ílhavo	17	18	41271	2292,83	0,85
Lagoa (Algarve)	11	11	24875	2261,36	0,84
Lagoa (São Miguel)	1	1	15583	15583,00	5,78
Lagos	17	17	28890	1699,41	0,63
Lajes das Flores	0	0	1534		
Lajes do Pico	2	2	4681	2340,50	0,87
Lamego	17	15	25863	1724,20	0,64
Leiria	72	70	128537	1836,24	0,68
Lisboa	755	766	489562	638,28	0,24
Loulé	51	49	65444	1335,59	0,50
Loures	107	104	195035	1875,34	0,70
Lourinhã	5	7	25616	3659,43	1,36
Lousã	10	12	19245	1603,75	0,60
Lousada	13	13	47723	3671,00	1,36
Mação	1	1	7061	7061,00	2,62
Macedo de Cavaleiros	6	7	16766	2395,14	0,89
Machico	7	7	21032	3004,57	1,12
Madalena	3	3	6316	2105,33	0,78
Mafra	33	31	70867	2286,03	0,85
Maia	153	149	140859	945,36	0,35

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Mangualde	10	11	21155	1923,18	0,71
Manteigas	0	0	3650		
Marco de Canaveses	10	11	55275	5025,00	1,86
Marinha Grande	15	16	38599	2412,44	0,90
Marvão	0	0	3489		
Matosinhos	203	196	169261	863,58	0,32
Mealhada	6	6	22215	3702,50	1,37
Meda	2	1	5712	5712,00	2,12
Melgaço	2	2	9396	4698,00	1,74
Mértola	3	3	7332	2444,00	0,91
Mesão Frio	0	0	4357		
Mira	7	7	13295	1899,29	0,70
Miranda do Corvo	1	1	13755	13755,00	5,10
Miranda do Douro	1	2	7295	3647,50	1,35
Mirandela	20	18	25458	1414,33	0,52
Mogadouro	4	4	10289	2572,25	0,95
Moimenta da Beira	3	3	10941	3647,00	1,35
Moita	11	13	71596	5507,38	2,04
Monção	8	8	19530	2441,25	0,91
Monchique	1	1	6024	6024,00	2,24
Mondim de Basto	3	3	8229	2743,00	1,02
Monforte	0	0	3087		
Montalegre	3	3	11402	3800,67	1,41
Montemor-o-Novo	4	3	18407	6135,67	2,28
Montemor-o-Velho	4	7	24766	3538,00	1,31
Montijo	28	28	41432	1479,71	0,55
Mora	0	1	5231		
Mortágua	3	3	10153	3384,33	1,26
Moura	3	3	16120	5373,33	1,99
Mourão	0	0	3387		
Murça	5	5	6109	1221,80	0,45
Murtosa	1	1	9847	9847,00	3,65
Nazaré	6	5	14480	2896,00	1,07
Nelas	2	2	14740	7370,00	2,74
Nisa	0	0	7536		
Nordeste	2	1	5307	5307,00	1,97
Óbidos	0	0	11377		
Odemira	7	8	25365	3170,63	1,18
Odivelas	51	55	153584	2792,44	1,04
Oeiras	230	221	172021	778,38	0,29
Oleiros	0	0	5754		
Olhão	11	13	44319	3409,15	1,27
Oliveira de Azemeis	27	27	71210	2637,41	0,98
Oliveira de Frades	4	4	10640	2660,00	0,99
Oliveira do Bairro	11	11	23504	2136,73	0,79
Oliveira do Hospital	9	9	21627	2403,00	0,89
Ourém	17	18	50890	2827,22	1,05
Ourique	0	0	5426		
Ovar	28	28	57983	2070,82	0,77
Paços de Ferreira	25	25	56333	2253,32	0,84
Palmela	28	28	62820	2243,57	0,83
Pampilhosa da Serra	0	0	4283		
Paredes	35	38	87142	2293,21	0,85
Paredes de Coura	1	1	9257	9257,00	3,44
Pedrógão Grande	1	1	4069	4069,00	1,51
Penacova	1	0	16857		
Penafiel	17	19	71841	3781,11	1,40
Penalva do Castelo	3	4	8482	2120,50	0,79
Penamacor	0	0	5632		
Penedono	2	2	3286	1643,00	0,61
Penela	1	1	6235	6235,00	2,31
Peniche	6	8	28615	3576,88	1,33
Peso da Régua	4	6	16992	2832,00	1,05
Pinhel	4	2	9840	4920,00	1,83
Pombal	24	27	59858	2216,96	0,82
Ponta Delgada	47	47	64092	1363,66	0,51
Ponta do Sol	1	1	8359	8359,00	3,10
Ponte da Barca	4	5	13004	2600,80	0,97

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Ponte de Lima	20	20	44527	2226,35	0,83
Ponte de Sor	4	4	17078	4269,50	1,58
Portalegre	19	18	23731	1318,39	0,49
Portel	0	0	7108		
Portimão	46	47	49881	1061,30	0,39
Porto	463	460	216080	469,74	0,17
Porto de Mós	7	7	25153	3593,29	1,33
Porto Moniz	0	0	2645		
Porto Santo	1	0	4401		
Póvoa de Lanhoso	6	6	24230	4038,33	1,50
Póvoa de Varzim	72	69	66655	966,01	0,36
Povoação	2	3	6818	2272,67	0,84
Praia da Vitória	2	3	20858	6952,67	2,58
Proença-a-Nova	1	1	8849	8849,00	3,28
Redondo	1	2	6676	3338,00	1,24
Reguengos de Monsaraz	0	0	11557		
Resende	3	3	11561	3853,67	1,43
Ribeira Brava	5	8	12600	1575,00	0,58
Ribeira de Pena	1	1	7049	7049,00	2,62
Ribeira Grande	6	6	30852	5142,00	1,91
Rio Maior	4	4	21822	5455,50	2,02
Sabrosa	1	1	6571	6571,00	2,44
Sabugal	2	3	13261	4420,33	1,64
Salvaterra de Magos	6	5	21491	4298,20	1,60
Santa Comba Dão	2	3	12263	4087,67	1,52
Santa Cruz	15	10	37121	3712,10	1,38
Santa Cruz da Graciosa	3	3	4910	1636,67	0,61
Santa Cruz das Flores	1	1	2583	2583,00	0,96
Santa Maria da Feira	80	83	147406	1775,98	0,66
Santa Marta de Penaguião	1	0	8075		
Santana	0	0	8277		
Santarém	24	23	63630	2766,52	1,03
Santiago do Cacém	6	7	29482	4211,71	1,56
Santo Tirso	31	30	69920	2330,67	0,86
São Brás de Alportel	1	1	12569	12569,00	4,66
São João da Madeira	14	18	21762	1209,00	0,45
São João da Pesqueira	1	0	7997		
São Pedro do Sul	2	3	19188	6396,00	2,37
São Roque do Pico	2	2	3853	1926,50	0,71
São Vicente	0	0	6117		
Sardoal	2	2	3808	1904,00	0,71
Sátão	3	4	13528	3382,00	1,26
Seia	12	12	26844	2237,00	0,83
Seixal	71	71	175837	2476,58	0,92
Sernancelhe	2	2	6011	3005,50	1,12
Serpa	2	2	15455	7727,50	2,87
Sertã	3	3	15663	5221,00	1,94
Sesimbra	15	18	52371	2909,50	1,08
Setúbal	90	87	124459	1430,56	0,53
Sever do Vouga	7	7	12643	1806,14	0,67
Silves	8	8	36165	4520,63	1,68
Sines	7	7	13681	1954,43	0,73
Sintra	135	129	445872	3456,37	1,28
Sobral Monte Agraço	5	5	10525	2105,00	0,78
Soure	2	3	20470	6823,33	2,53
Sousel	1	1	5317	5317,00	1,97
Tábua	3	3	12307	4102,33	1,52
Tabuaço	0	0	6204		
Tarouca	2	2	8323	4161,50	1,54
Tavira	11	11	25394	2308,55	0,86
Terras de Bouro	2	2	7506	3753,00	1,39
Tomar	21	21	41951	1997,67	0,74
Tondela	7	8	30698	3837,25	1,42
Torre de Moncorvo	3	3	8829	2943,00	1,09
Torres Novas	19	18	36968	2053,78	0,76
Torres Vedras	20	23	77556	3372,00	1,25
Trancoso	1	2	10338	5169,00	1,92
Trofa	12	20	40680	2034,00	0,75

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Vagos	6	6	24107	4017,83	1,49
Vale de Cambra	11	12	24360	2030,00	0,75
Valença	8	8	14308	1788,50	0,66
Valongo	64	62	97138	1566,74	0,58
Valpaços	4	4	18541	4635,25	1,72
Velas	2	2	5616	2808,00	1,04
Vendas Novas	2	4	12288	3072,00	1,14
Viana do Alentejo	0	0	5702		
Viana do Castelo	67	63	91362	1450,19	0,54
Vidigueira	1	1	5886	5886,00	2,18
Vieira do Minho	3	3	14077	4692,33	1,74
Vila de Rei	1	1	3080	3080,00	1,14
Vila do Bispo	0	0	5421		
Vila do Conde	45	42	77320	1840,95	0,68
Vila do Porto	1	1	5574	5574,00	2,07
Vila Flor	2	2	7432	3716,00	1,38
Vila Franca de Xira	42	42	142163	3384,83	1,26
Vila Franca do Campo	3	3	11164	3721,33	1,38
Vila Nova da Barquinha	1	1	8170	8170,00	3,03
Vila Nova de Cerveira	3	4	8686	2171,50	0,81
Vila Nova de Famalicão	63	66	134969	2044,98	0,76
Vila Nova de Foz Coa	2	2	7905	3952,50	1,47
Vila Nova de Gaia	222	211	312742	1482,19	0,55
Vila Nova de Paiva	2	3	6399	2133,00	0,79
Vila Nova de Poiares	1	1	7562	7562,00	2,81
Vila Pouca de Aguiar	10	10	14837	1483,70	0,55
Vila Real	30	29	50131	1728,66	0,64
Vila Real de Santo António	11	9	18539	2059,89	0,76
Vila Velha de Rodão	0	0	3450		
Vila Verde	5	7	49171	7024,43	2,61
Vila Viçosa	2	2	8656	4328,00	1,61
Vimioso	1	1	4857	4857,00	1,80
Vinhais	2	2	9388	4694,00	1,74
Viseu	155	150	99016	660,11	0,24
Vizela	10	10	24477	2447,70	0,91
Vouzela	7	7	11660	1665,71	0,62

* Ratio (Pop./ D) / national median (Pop/ D), the national median was 2695 people by dentist.

Conclusions

- OMD has currently 6595 members of 29 different nationalities.

- The number of OMD members has been increasing at an annual rate of 8.2% since 2002, and is expected to rise till 2015; the estimated projection for the number of dentists in 2015 indicates that there will be about 10607 dentists in Portugal.

- Most of the dentists are women, and more than half of the dentists are under 40 years old, which means that dentists can be considered a young professional class.

- The dentistry school where most of the dentists graduated was ISCS Egas Moniz, followed by ISCS Norte and FMDUP, and the lower number of graduates came from the UCP.

- Portuguese dentists live and have their clinical practice mainly in the districts of Lisbon and Porto.

- Currently, there is one dentist for 1611 inhabitants.

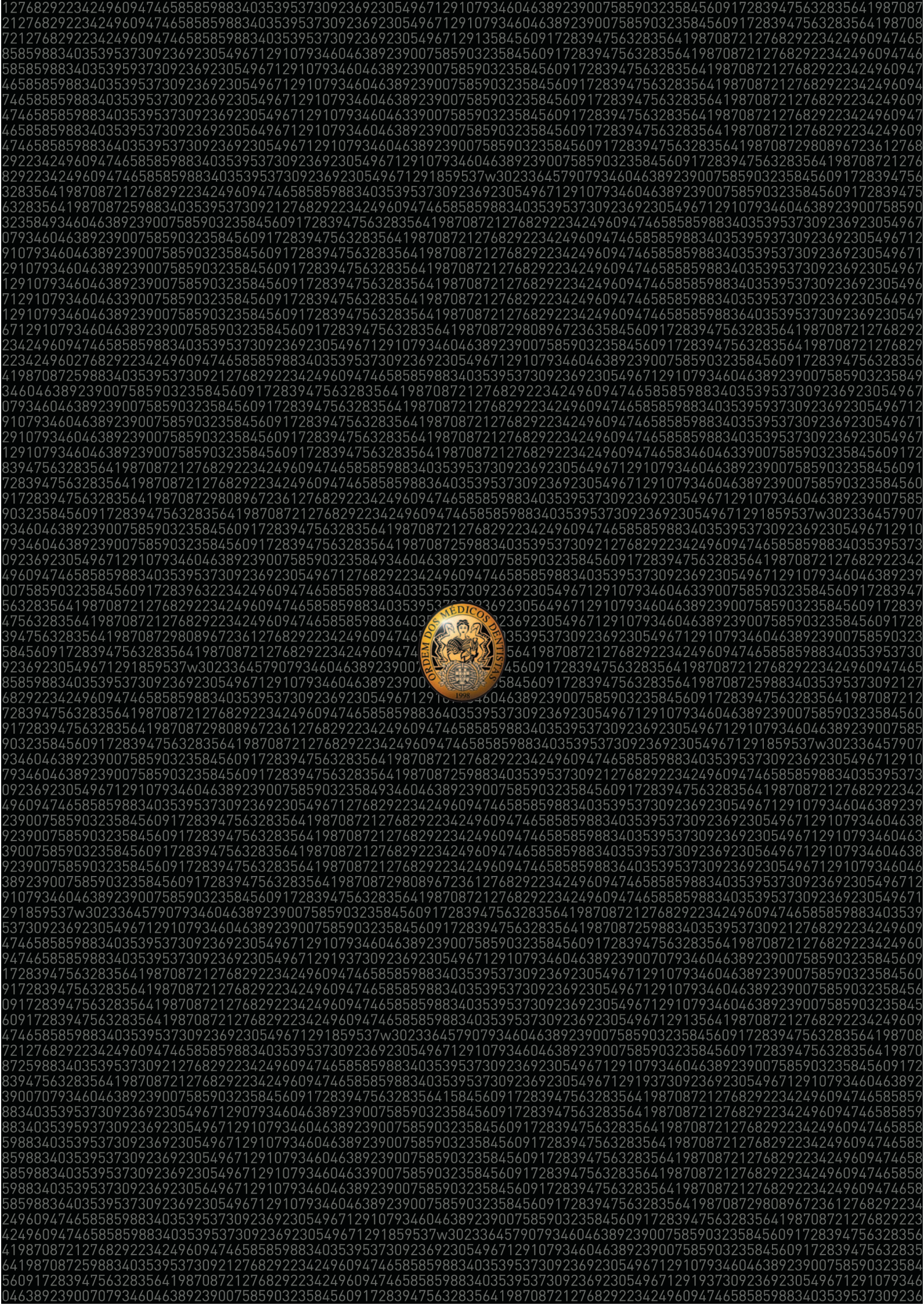
- Center and Alentejo regions are those that present higher necessities of dentists.

- Lisbon, Porto, Ave, Dão-Lafões and Lower Mondego regions are those that present lower necessities of dentists.

- When compared to the national median, it was observed higher saturation of dentists in the municipalities of Porto, Coimbra, Lisbon and Viseu.

- When compared to the national median, it was observed lower saturation of dentists in the municipalities of Cinfães, Lagoa (São Miguel), Alcanena, Grândola, Miranda do Corvo and Ansião.

- Currently, there are 43 municipalities without any dentist clinical, which represents 14% of the Portuguese municipalities. In these municipalities, the mean of the resident population is 5789.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