

# School of Dentistry & Dental Service Group

## Our Local and National Challenges

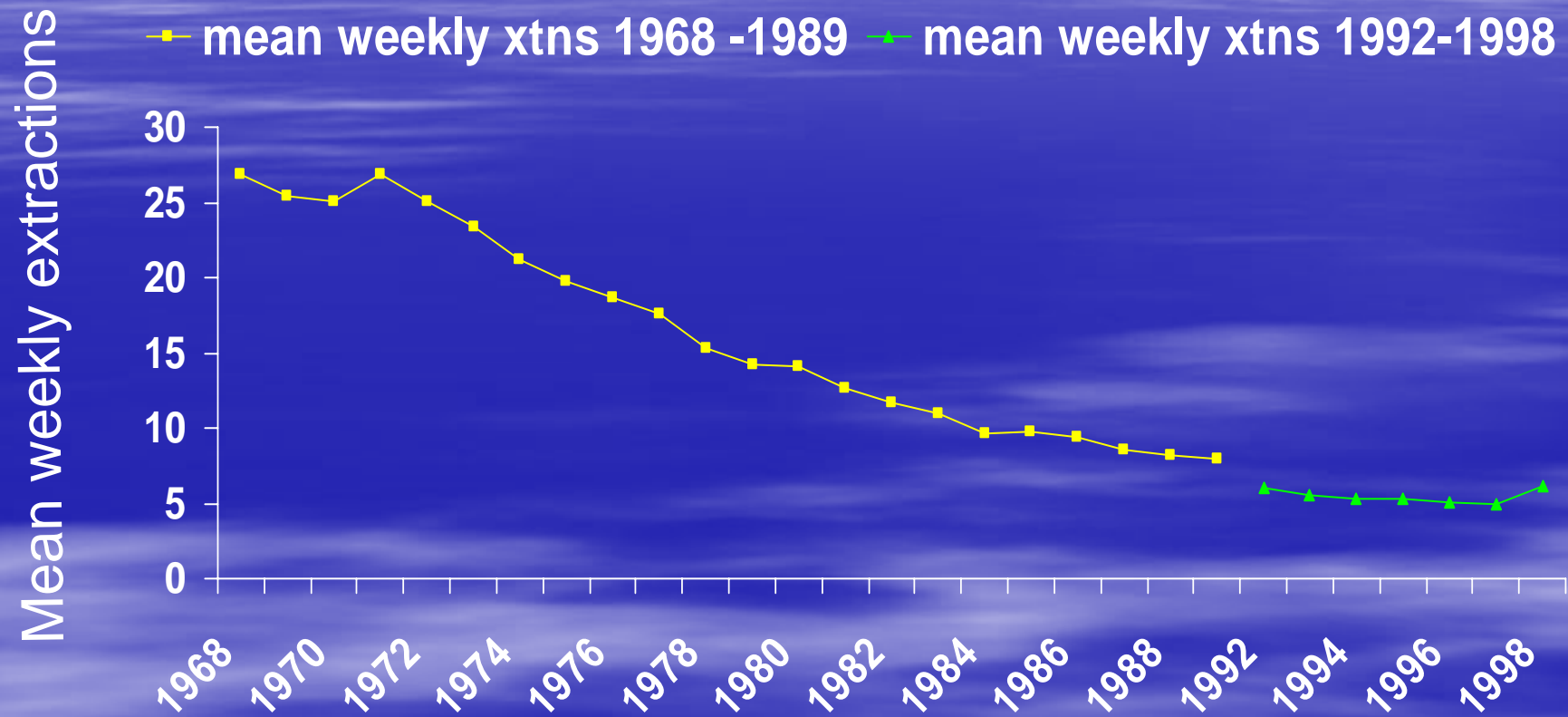
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# The State of Play

Prof Treasure's Analysis

March 2006

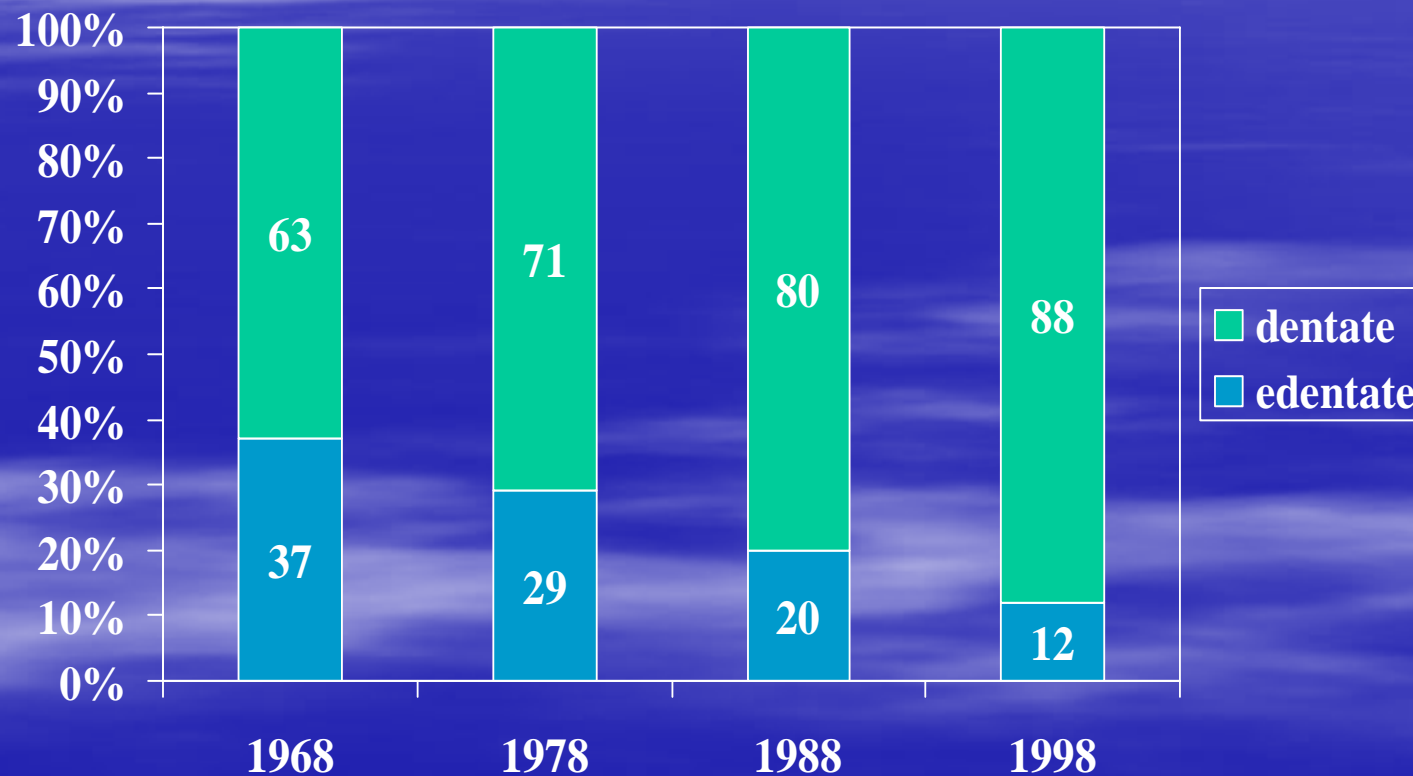
# Mean weekly extractions per practitioner 1968-1998

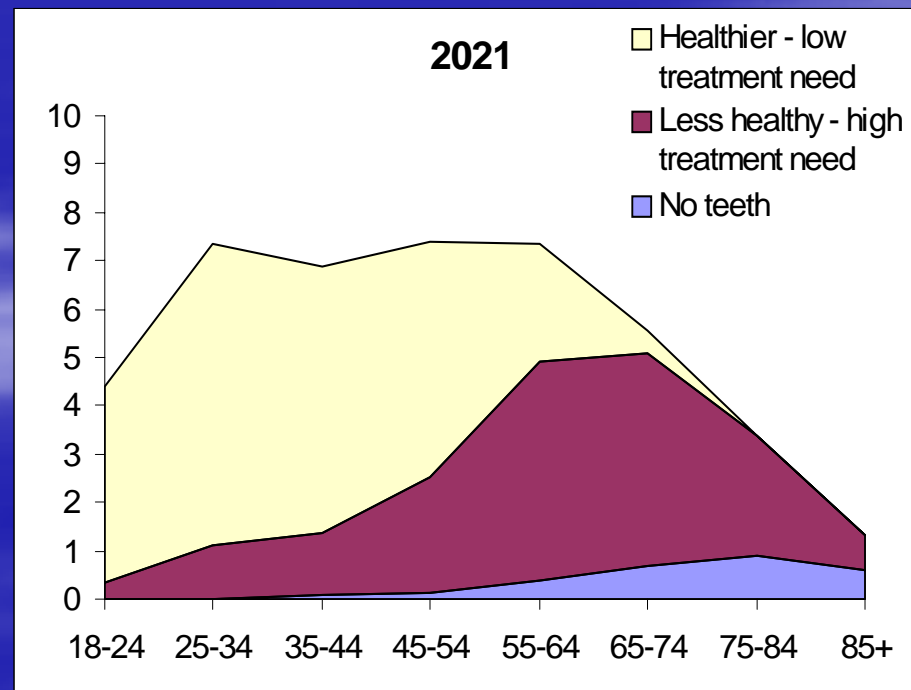
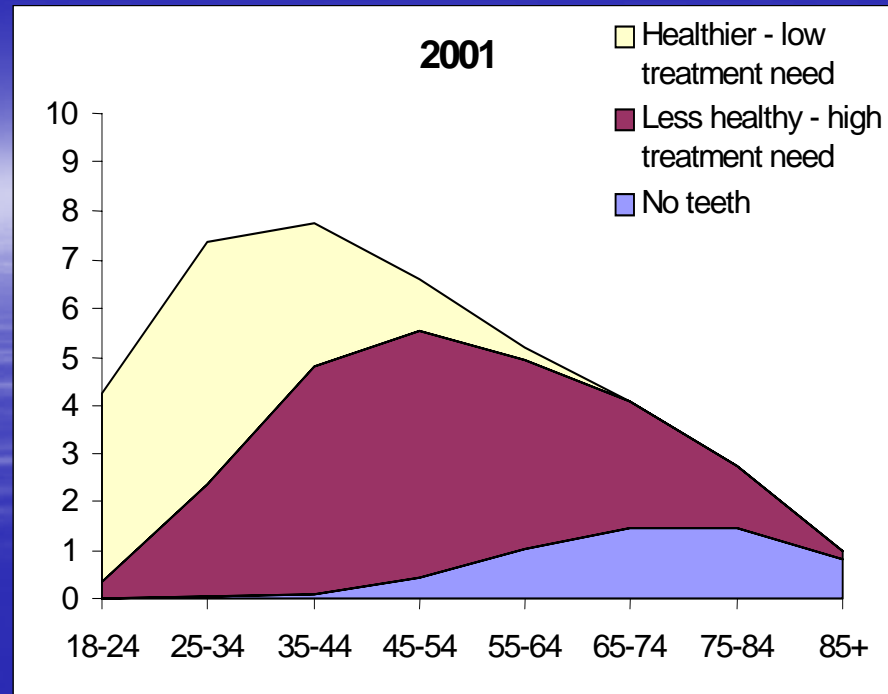


Year

(Source: SDBP)

# Changes in % dentate 1968 - 1998, England and Wales

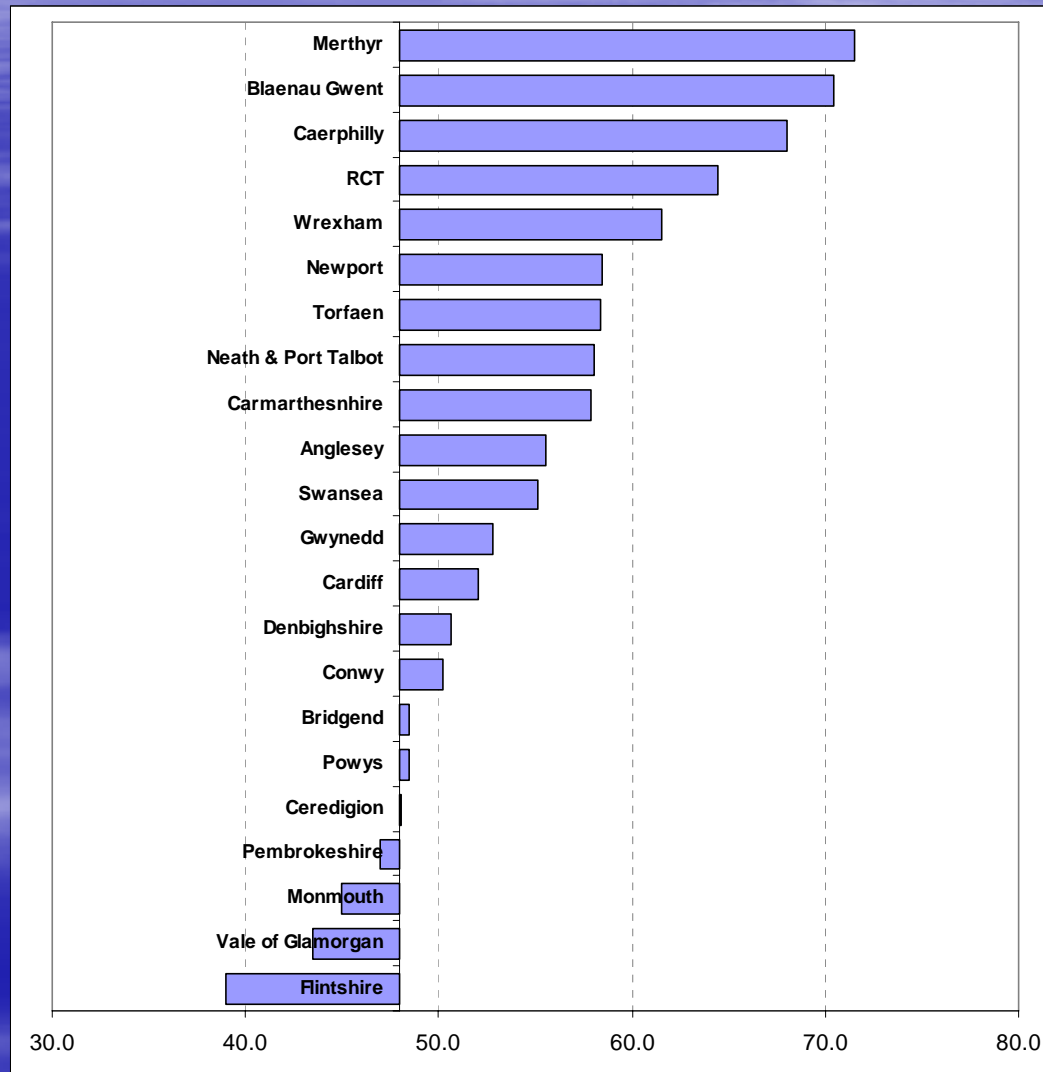




# Changes in Adults in Wales

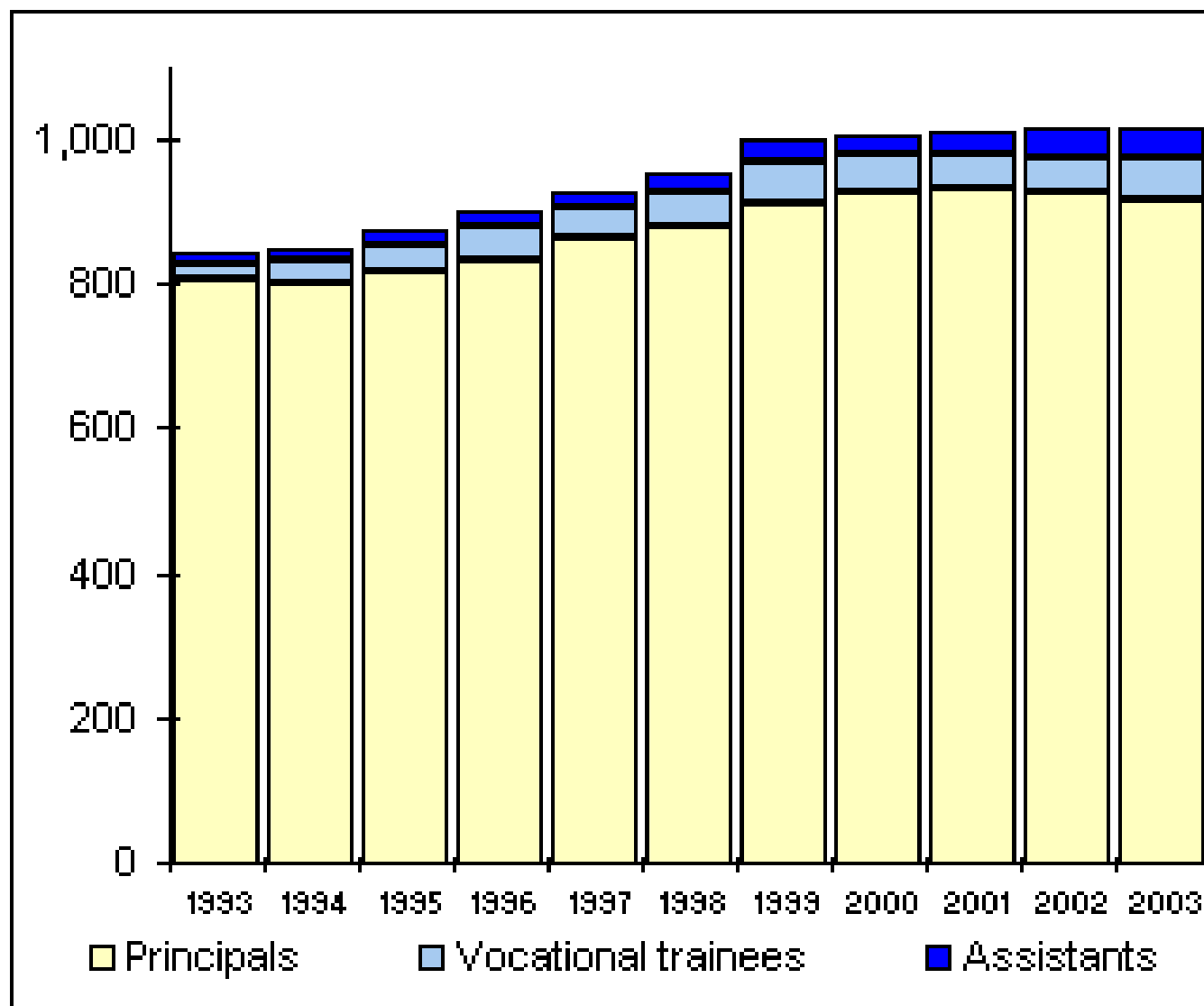
- 630,000 more people with teeth
- Of those aged 75%
  - 23% have more than 21 teeth
  - Up from zero in 1978

## 5 year old levels of decay 2003/04 compared with WAG target level of 48%



Source WOHIU

**Chart 1 NHS dentists**

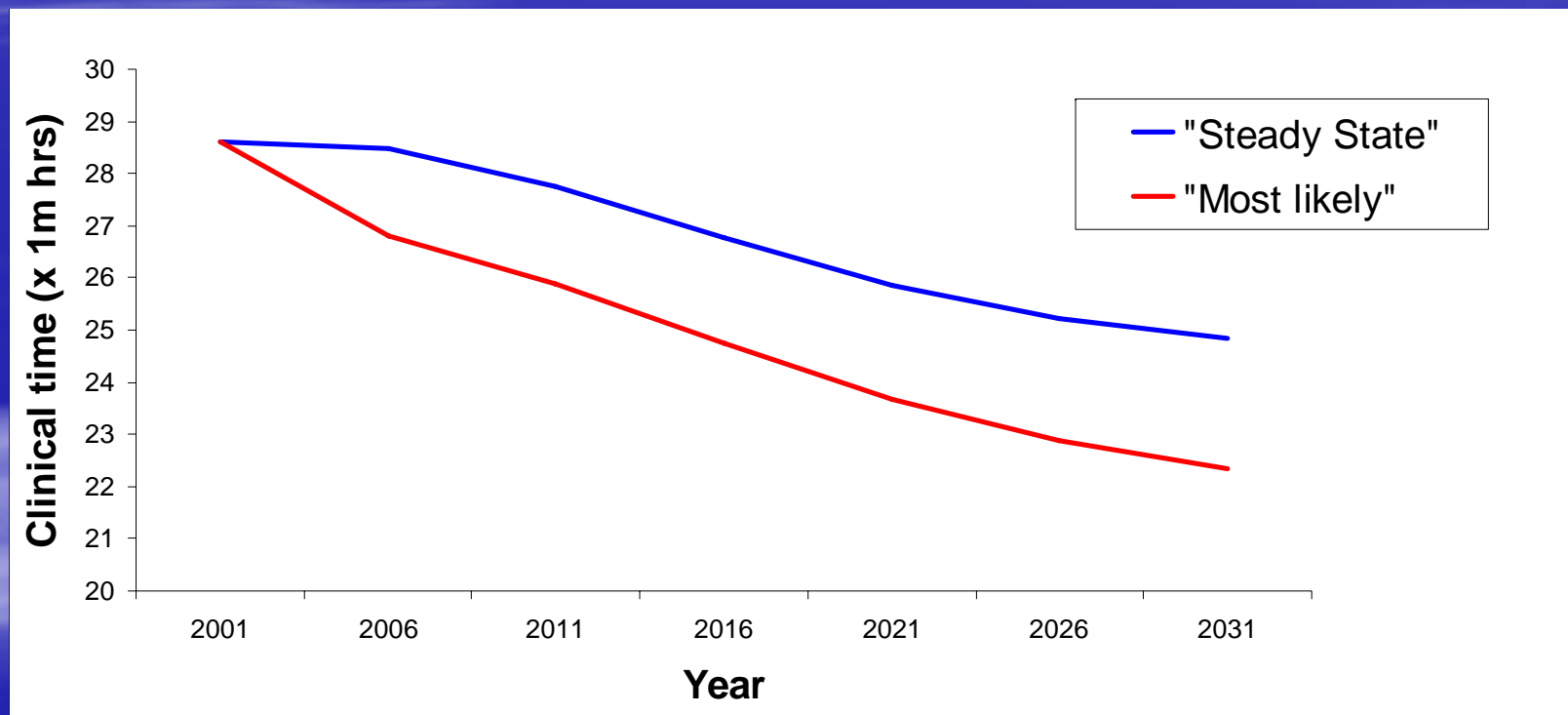


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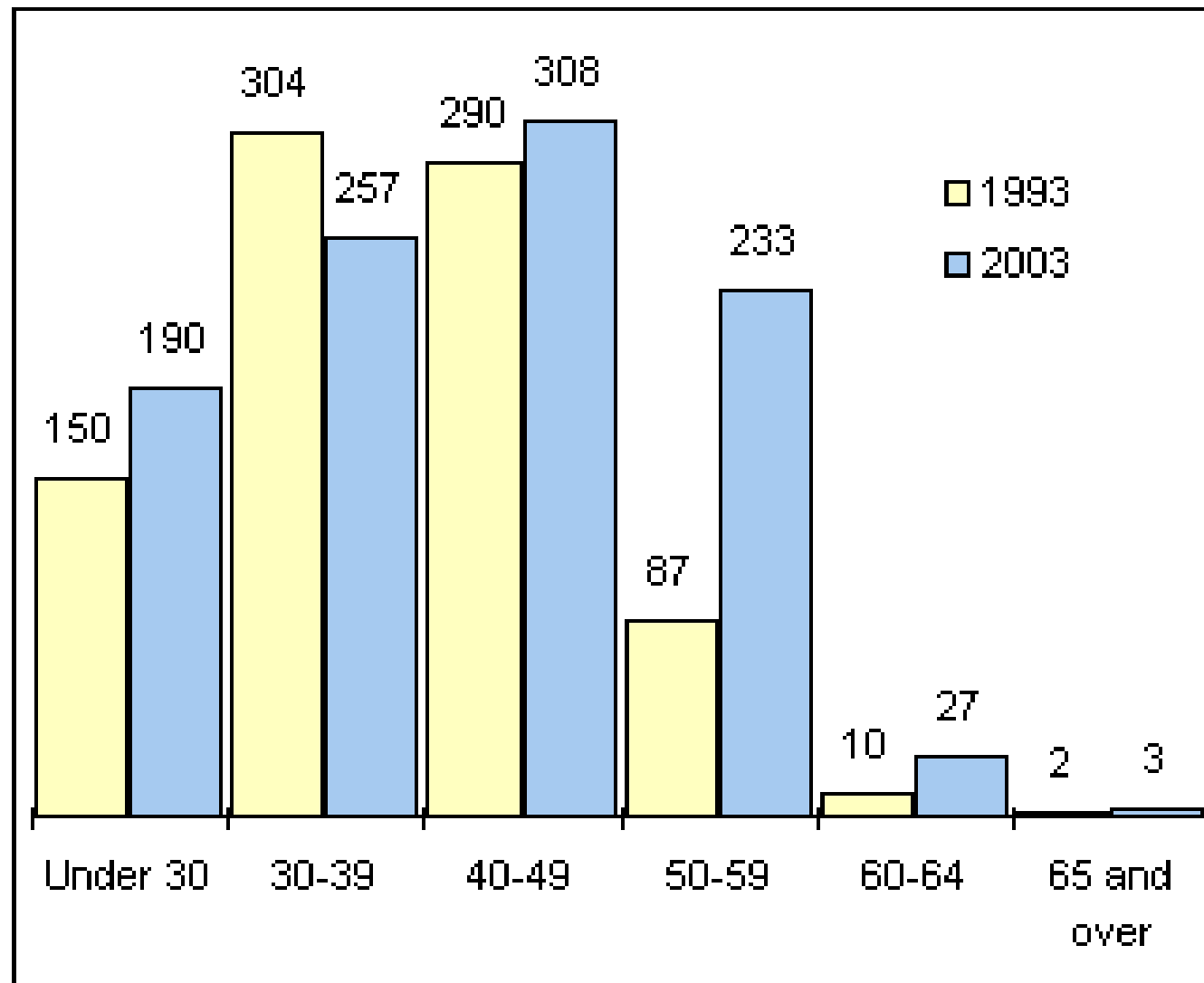
# Change in Workforce

- 1993 – 25% female
- 2003 – 31% female

# Projected annual supply of clinical time by dentists



**Chart 2 NHS dentists by age group**



Source : WAG statistical analysis

# Challenges

1. Availability of sufficient dental workforce in the right places. Balance of Workforce. Significant Retirement issue.
2. Uncertainty of NHS Dental Provision. Equality of Access to care. (Impact of Changing Contractual Arrangements – Survey of LHB areas)
3. Safety Net Provision / Local Access to Emergency & Out of Hours Care (many arrangements with CDS finish on March 31<sup>st</sup>)
4. Potential for Education/Service Mission Conflict
5. NHS Academic Research & Training support

# Strengths

## Top quality School

- Excellent TQA
- Steadily increasing RAE scores
- Research shows proven impact on health (Translational Research Unit)
- One of best GDC reports in UK in 2005
- Demonstrating leadership in Wales, UK & Europe
- Recognises wider international mission/ public service role

## Well Performing Service

- UDH meeting all NHS targets
- Seamless partnership with school recognised as innovation in EU
- Involvement of large CDS great strength
- Joint PDCU still the only one in UK (impact on local service and training)

# Solutions

1. Fund step 2 of FBC to 74 student intake – helps meet requirements in dental provision – brings Dental School/Hospital to UK minimum for viability. (All Wales Graduate Entry Programme in partnership & with local clinical facilities)
2. Above leads to more NHS Dentists (market forces) – Support PDCU at Mountain Ash (train in areas of local need) - CDS Cadetships – (Corporate Bodies Influx & Overseas recruitment might be only short-term measures to buy time)

# Solutions

3. Need to be clear plans with confirmed resource – not currently the case – limited capacity in Hospital (Out of Hours Plan /Emergency Care). *There needs to be more than just Plan A. Invest in salaried services with Personal Dental Service provision*

# Solutions

5. UDH delivering Waiting List targets but must remember primary mission is to train. Need exclusion from targets for patients being used for training, e.g. Undergraduates. (Otherwise they would be treated in the 'High Street')
6. All Health Schools being disadvantaged in Wales vs. other UK Schools. Need to match academic training & research initiatives in England or we will lose staff in a very competitive environment.

# Discussion

*The Dental School, Hospital & Service Group will play its part in meeting these challenges...*