

Table 2 Percentage distribution of components of decayed, missing and filled surfaces index (DMFS) and caries prevalence (%) by age group

Age (years)	No. examined	DS teeth Mean	MS teeth Mean	FS teeth Mean	DMFS index Mean (SD)	Caries prevalence
18–19	153	4.44	4.08	1.58	10.10 (8.79)	85.0
20–24	309	3.69	7.31	3.36	14.36 (13.33)	78.3
25–29	331	4.34	12.82	6.75	23.91 (21.07)	77.3
30–34	265	3.84	23.51	9.80	37.15 (30.20)	74.3
35–44	595	2.48	37.40	13.26	53.14 (35.01)	58.2
45–54	337	1.81	62.99	12.59	77.39 (36.53)	41.5
55–64	127	0.98	78.42	10.06	89.46 (35.60)	25.2
65+	66	0.80	91.98	9.95	102.73 (27.97)	16.7
Total	2183	2.99	33.52	9.24	45.71 (39.18)	62.0

SD = standard deviation.