Table 3 Mean decayed/missing/filled permanent teeth (DMFT) index of children aged 3, 6, 9 and 12 years by sex and area of residence in Islamic Republic of Iran

Age group (years)	No. sampled	Mean (SD) DMFT						
		Total	Boys	Girls	Significance	Rural	Urban	Significance
3	750	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
6	8725	0.2 (0.0)	0.4 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	NS	0.2 (0.0)	0.3 (0.0)	NS
9	8723	0.9 (0.0)	0.9 (0.0)	0.9 (0.0)	NS	0.8 (0.0)	1.0 (0.0)	NS
12	748	1.9 (0.2)	1.7 (0.2)	2.0 (0.2)	$P < 0.05$	1.7 (0.2)	1.9 (0.2)	$P < 0.05$

SD = standard deviation; NS = not significant.