Table 2 Mean decayed/missing/filled deciduous 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	1.9 (0.2)	2.2 (0.3)	1.6 (0.3)	$P < 0.05$	1.5 (0.3)	2.1 (0.3)	$P < 0.05$
6	8725	5.0 (0.0)	5.3 (0.0)	4.6 (0.0)	$P < 0.05$	4.8 (0.0)	5.1 (0.0)	$P < 0.05$
9	8723	3.6 (0.0)	3.9 (0.0)	3.3 (0.0)	$P < 0.05$	3.5 (0.0)	3.7 (0.0)	$P < 0.05$
12	748	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

SD = standard deviation.