

## IOM Country profile:

# TANZANIA



WHO 2008: Population: 39459,000  
Number of dentistry personnel: 267  
Dentistry personnel per 10,000 population: <1

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