

## The impact of socioeconomic status on patients with oral and maxillofacial injuries

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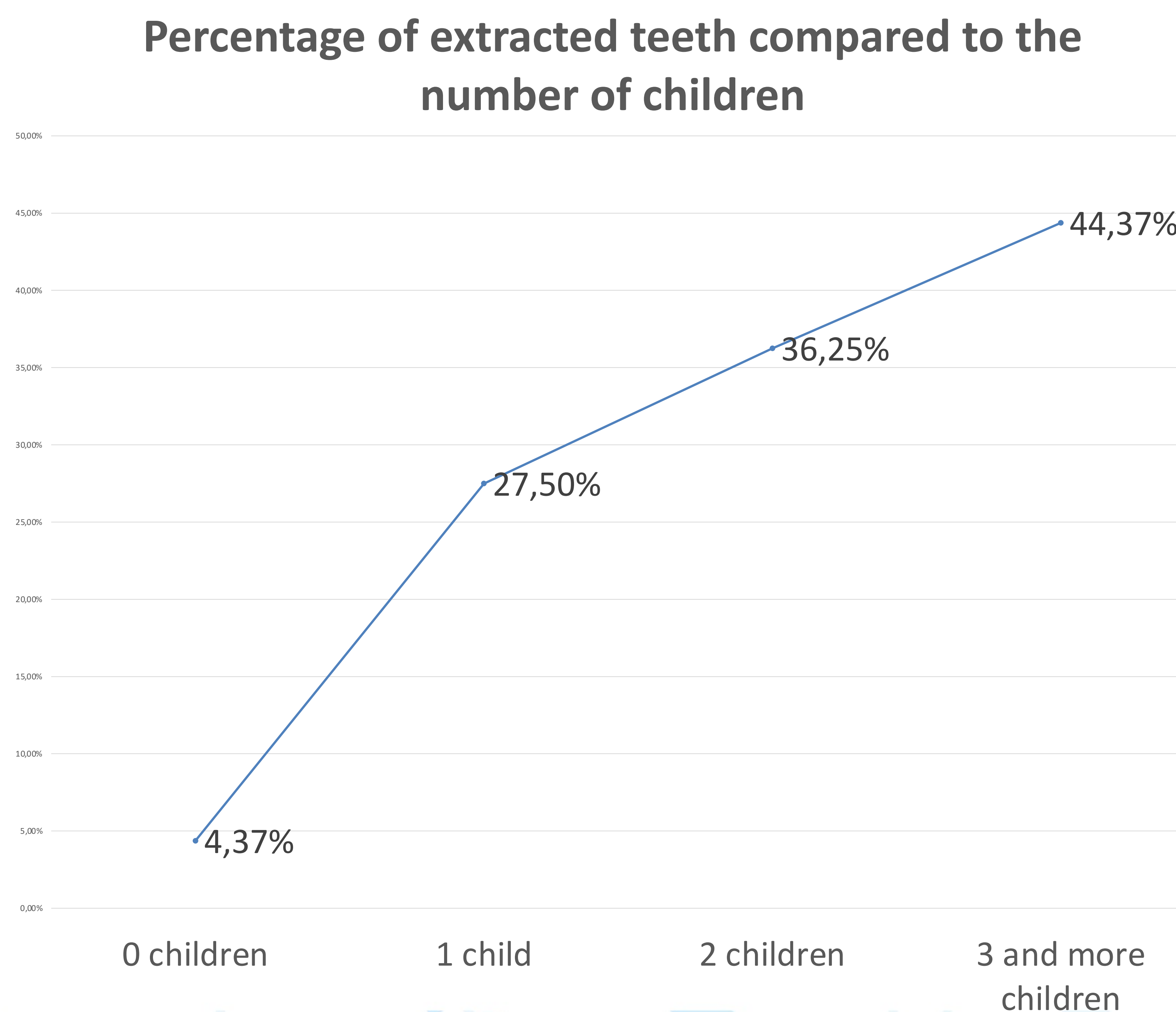
**Introduction:** Oral and maxillofacial injuries, despite their nature, are of substantial interest, because their connection with scar tissue formation, facial deformities, influence on body image and posttraumatic stress disorder.

**Keywords:** socioeconomic status, oral pathologies, education, number of children

**Purpose:** the goal of this study is to determine the presence or the absence of a connection between the socio-economic status of the patient and oral and maxillofacial injuries.

**Material and methods:** The study included 50 patients with various oral pathologies, who were treated in the Department of Dental Surgery at the Dental Municipal Center in Chișinău, throughout the year of 2020. Current literature was collected and reviewed using Google scholar and PubMed.

**Results:** In this study, we noticed that the more children a patient had, the worse would be the state of their oral health. As we can see in the infographic below. Although, in order to make such a reference for a future study would be correct to take into consideration the age of the patients and other social indicators.



**Conclusions:** The study has demonstrated a slight connection in between the socio-economic status of the patients and their oral health. But in order to obtain a clearer understanding of this relationship, more studies on the topic are required.