

A SMILE COSTS NOTHING... EXCEPT IN SANDYCOVE WHERE IT WILL SET YOU BACK €650!

- **The cheapest average price for dental consultations in the country is in Co. Westmeath (€28); the most expensive in Co. Cork (€64)**
- **Extractions will set you back just €50 in Co. Cavan but almost double that in Co. Carlow (€93)**
- **Teeth whitening in Co. Kerry costs an average of €388, more than double that of Co. Westmeath (€159)**
- **Most expensive consultation in the country is in Westport (€160); cheapest can be found in Limerick (€10)**

Tuesday 19 August 2014 – The county you live in greatly affects how much you will pay for dental care in Ireland, according to new research from private healthcare search engine, WhatClinic.com.

The average cost of a dental consultation in Ireland is €45, however, residents in Co. Meath will enjoy much more favourable rates, as an average check-up there costs just €28, whereas appointments in Co. Cork will set patients back €64. The most expensive check-up was found at a Westport clinic. At a staggering €160, a check-up there is 16 times the price of the cheapest, found in Limerick and costing just €10.

Across Ireland, the average cost of teeth whitening is €262, but for the best value for money people should head to Co. Westmeath where it costs just €159. Co. Kerry, at €388, is the most expensive county for pearly whites, at more than double that of Co. Westmeath. However, one clinic in Sandycove charges patients more than €650 for the treatment.

The average cost of teeth cleaning in Ireland is €55, but patients in Co. Donegal will pay just €38, while those in Co. Kerry will pay €64. Patients looking to snap up a bargain smile should head to Foxrock where the treatment costs as little as €17, but avoid Dublin's city centre where the same treatment can set you back up to €150. The country has seen a 68% rise in people enquiring about teeth cleaning appointments, although the biggest increase has been in Co. Kildare where they have more than tripled (229%).

Teeth extractions in Ireland cost €76 on average, but vary up to €180 between clinics. The best value extractions are in Co. Cavan at €50 and the most expensive in Co. Carlow (€93) on average.

The much-feared filling costs an average €72 across Ireland but can be much less painful in North Dublin, at €24, or an excruciatingly expensive €147 in Ballsbridge.

This table shows the average prices for the five top dental treatments in Irish counties:

County	Fillings (€)	Dentist Consultation (€)	Teeth Whitening (€)	Teeth Cleaning (€)	Extractions (€)
Co. Carlow	70	43	319	61	93
Co. Cavan	60	29	240	50	50
Co. Clare	77	41	337	64	77
Co. Cork	69	64	249	51	86
Co. Donegal	64	34	308	38	59
Co. Dublin	74	49	255	59	77
Co. Galway	80	46	254	52	72
Co. Kerry	86	45	388	64	81
Co. Kildare	76	64	333	53	79
Co. Kilkenny	66	40	205	53	90
Co. Laois	72	36	307	56	79
Co. Leitrim	65	35	300	50	63
Co. Limerick	69	44	308	49	73
Co. Longford	66	45	300	56	73
Co. Louth	61	34	257	41	66
Co. Mayo	88	56	249	53	88
Co. Meath	79	49	285	45	74
Co. Monaghan	58	34	180	44	73

Co. Offaly	72	30	283	48	73
Co. Roscommon	71	41	283	55	69
Co. Sligo	78	40	229	63	80
Co. Tipperary	71	41	268	54	72
Co. Waterford	70	41	210	56	74
Co. Westmeath	63	28	159	51	63
Co. Wexford	71	35	224	57	73
Co. Wicklow	70	48	350	59	89
Ireland	72	45	262	55	76

Caelen King, CEO of WhatClinic.com, comments: “Dental treatment in Ireland can be a complete lottery. Even something as straightforward as a dental check-up can fluctuate massively depending on where you live - and can also vary quite dramatically between dental clinics in the same city or town.

“Especially if the entire family has regular check-ups then the accumulated costs over time could be quite significant if people don’t shop around. Just spending a few minutes online comparing local prices could save you a considerable amount of money over the course of a year. Taking the time to read patient reviews may also help you pick a practitioner that you trust with your family’s teeth.”

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