

Economic Outlook and Emerging Issues in Dentistry

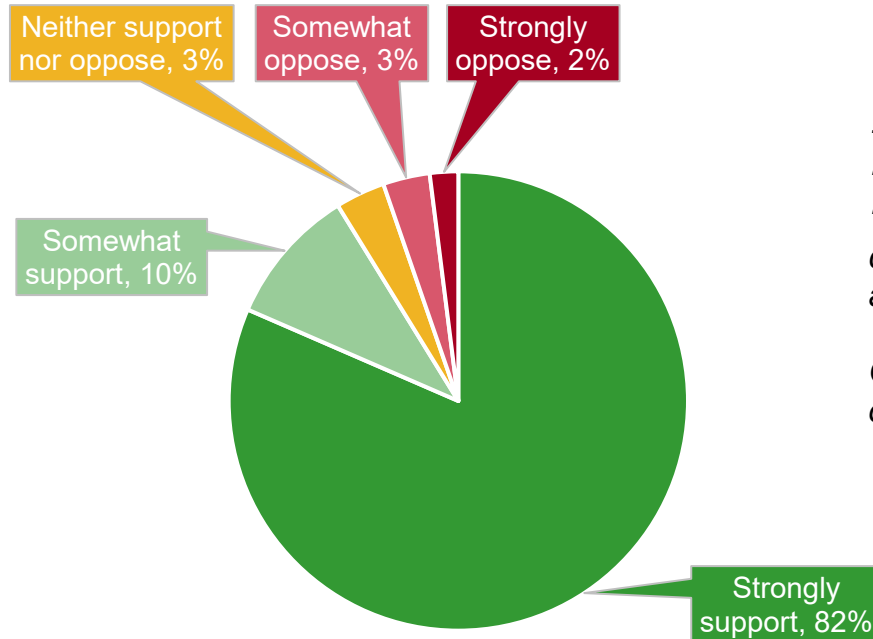
*Insights from Data from Q4 2024:
Dentists' Fluoride-related
Experiences and Attitudes*

About this Panel Polling

- Distributed to nearly 2,500 panel members; 901 dentists in private practice participated in Q4 2024.
- Data was collected December 9-15, 2024.
- Questions related to fluoride experiences and attitudes were included in the Q4 2024 issues of HPI's polling.
- Complete panel reports with breakdowns are available at [ADA.org/HPI](https://ada.org/HPI).

Dentists' Support for Community Water Fluoridation

Do you support community water fluoridation as a public health measure?

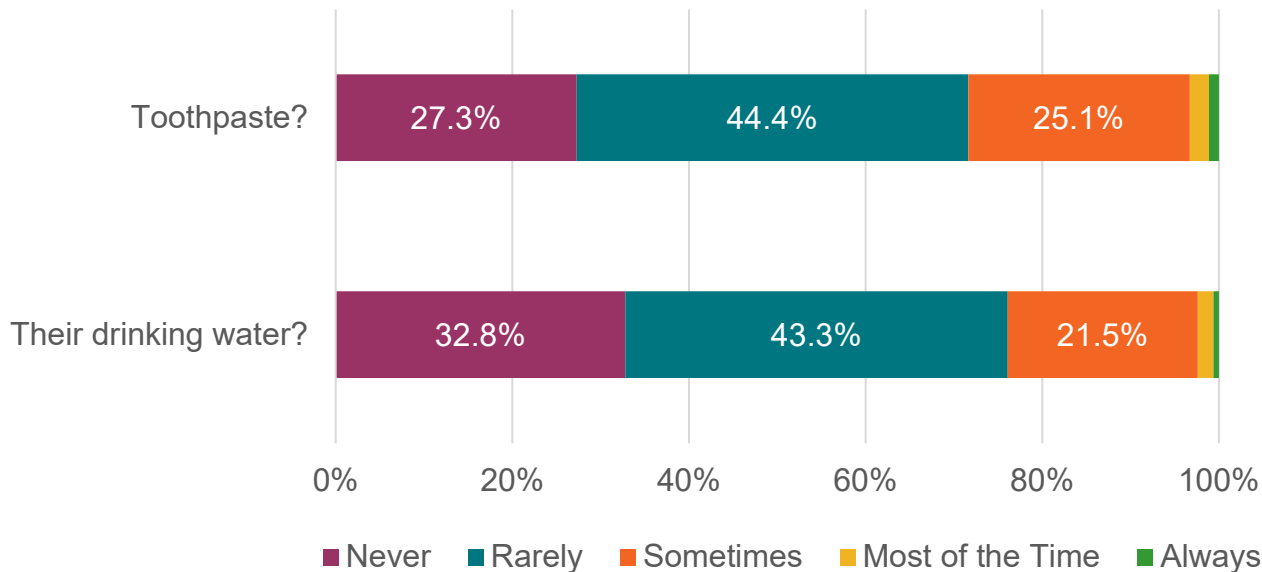


The majority of dentists either 'strongly support' (82%) or 'somewhat support' (10%) community water fluoridation as a public health measure.

Only 5% somewhat or strongly oppose.

Patients' Concerns About Fluoride

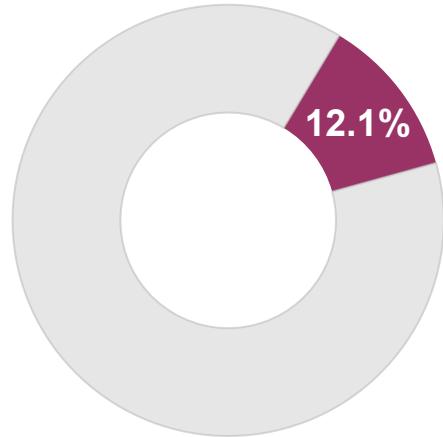
In the past month, how often have patients in your dental practice expressed concerns about fluoride in...



A majority of dentists (about 7 in 10) reported that patients in their dental practices 'never' or 'rarely' expressed concerns about fluoride in their drinking water or toothpaste in the past month.

Child Patients Opting Out of Topical Fluoride

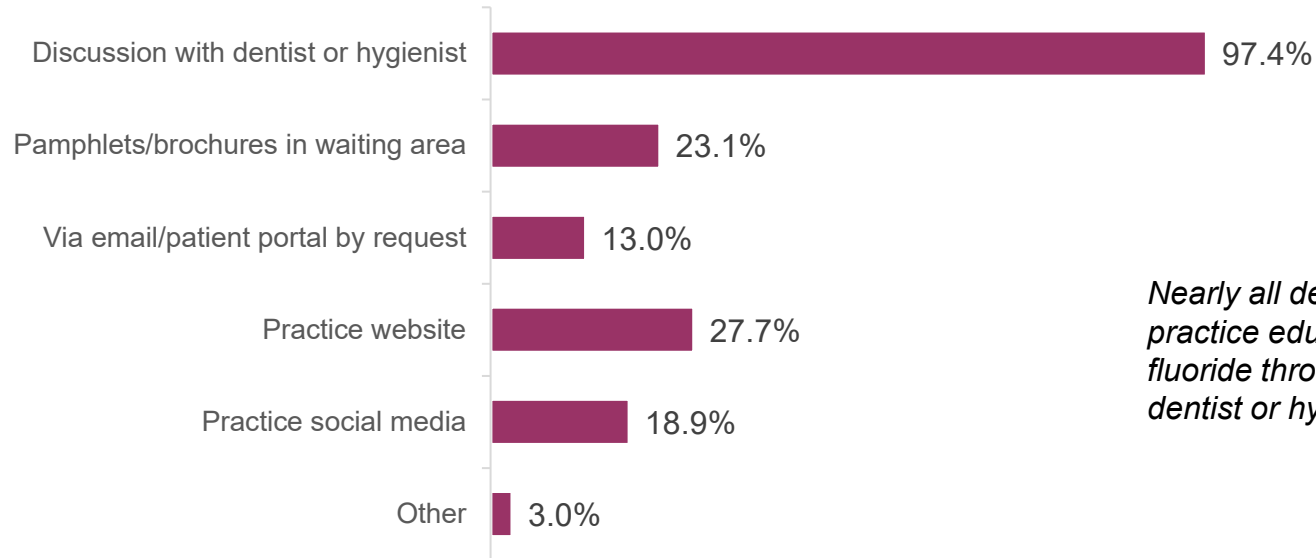
In the past month, about what percentage of child patients have had their parents/guardians opt them out of topical fluoride treatment?



Of responding dentists who treat child patients, 12.1% of parents/guardians have opted out of topical fluoride treatment for the child in the past month.

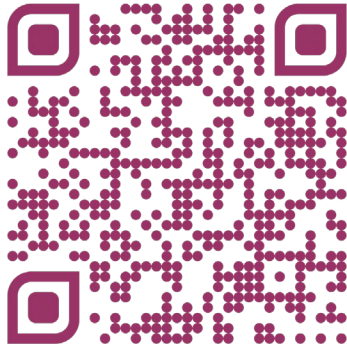
Patient Education about Fluoride

How does your dental practice educate patients about the impact of fluoride on oral health?



Nearly all dentists said that their practice educates patients about fluoride through discussion with a dentist or hygienist.

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