DATA FROM THE 2021-22 SURVEY OF DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS were examined to compare student characteristics by type of sponsoring institution and setting. Five different types of programs are compared in this infographic: three public (those at a college/university, technical college/vocational school, or community college), and two private (for-profit technical college/vocational schools and non-profit colleges and universities).

THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS UNDER 24 YEARS OF AGE is highest at public universities, and lowest at private non-profit institutions.

PART-TIME STUDENTS are a higher percentage of enrollment at private non-profit and public community colleges than other institutions.

THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED as their highest degree is highest by far at private, for-profit institutions.

FINANCIAL AID is used by the majority of students at each type of program, with students at private for-profit schools most likely to have it.

PARTICIPATION IN A DENTAL-RELATED ACTIVITY is high for 2020 graduates from all types of programs.

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