

# COVID-19: Impact on Dental Hygienists



## Economic Questions - Wave 9 (Week of May 24)

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?



- Full-time as a dental hygienist
- Part-time as a dental hygienist
- Semi-retired as a dental hygienist
- Not employed as a dental hygienist

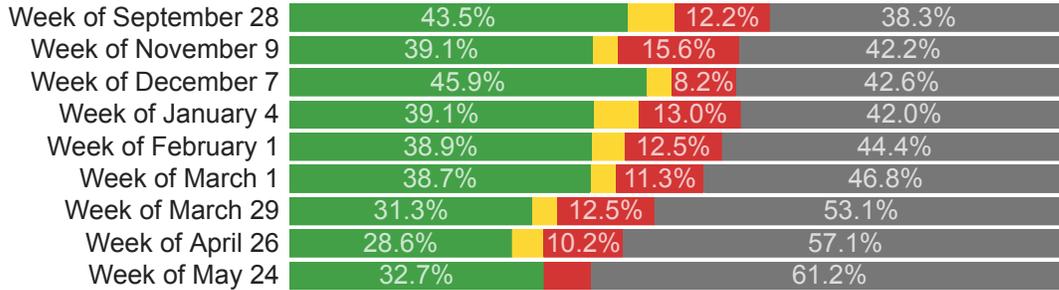
### Data table: Employment status by wave

Employment status:	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5	Wave 6	Wave 7	Wave 8	Wave 9
	Week of Sept 28	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1	Week of March 1	Week of March 29	Week of April 26	Week of May 24
Full-time	59.0%	60.7%	61.8%	62.1%	62.1%	58.7%	60.7%	60.1%	59.8%
Part-time	31.1%	31.8%	31.6%	31.6%	30.1%	32.3%	31.2%	32.4%	32.1%
Semi-retired	2.0%	2.7%	2.6%	2.0%	2.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%
Not employed	7.9%	4.8%	4.0%	4.4%	5.2%	5.8%	4.7%	3.8%	4.4%
Number	4,543	1,439	1,549	1,629	1,397	1,146	1,446	1,303	1,115

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## *[If not employed]* Are you currently receiving unemployment benefits?



- Yes    ● I've applied, but have not received any benefits yet
- No, my application was not approved    ● No, I have not applied

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***[If not employed]* If you are not currently working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the primary reason why.**



- Voluntarily left my position
- Employer laid off/furloughed me
- Employer permanently let me go from my position

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**[If not employed] If you voluntarily stopped working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the reason(s) why. (Choose all that apply.)**

<b>Voluntary reasons</b>	<b>Week of Nov 9</b>	<b>Week of Dec 7</b>	<b>Week of Jan 4</b>	<b>Week of Feb 1</b>	<b>Week of March 1</b>	<b>Week of March 29</b>	<b>Week of April 26</b>	<b>Week of May 24</b>
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	61.0%	71.4%	64.4%	57.8%	47.5%	47.5%	38.1%	46.7%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until I receive the COVID-19 vaccine	-	-	-	28.9%	32.5%	19.0%	19.0%	20.0%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	31.7%	62.9%	48.9%	40.0%	27.5%	38.1%	42.9%	33.3%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	24.4%	22.9%	17.8%	24.4%	25.0%	26.2%	14.3%	13.3%
I have an underlying health condition	24.4%	22.9%	20.0%	20.0%	12.5%	14.3%	11.9%	10.0%
Someone in my household has an underlying health condition	17.1%	20.0%	22.2%	24.4%	20.0%	21.4%	21.4%	13.3%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.8%	11.4%	13.3%	8.9%	12.5%	9.5%	7.1%	16.7%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	9.8%	14.3%	8.9%	17.8%	25.0%	23.8%	16.7%	23.3%
I am unable to tolerate wearing a mask or other PPE	9.8%	17.1%	13.3%	8.9%	5.0%	4.8%	7.1%	10.0%
I have accepted a non-dental hygienist position	7.3%	8.6%	15.6%	20.0%	12.5%	14.3%	7.1%	10.0%
My employer reduced my salary too much	7.3%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%	2.5%	7.1%	4.8%	0.0%
I have moved to another state and am not licensed as a dental hygienist yet	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	6.7%
I prefer not to say	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other reason	2.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.4%	7.5%	9.5%	0.0%	6.7%
<b>Number of Respondents:</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>

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***[If not employed]*** If your employer let you go from your position, please indicate the reason(s) why you are not currently practicing. (Choose all that apply.)

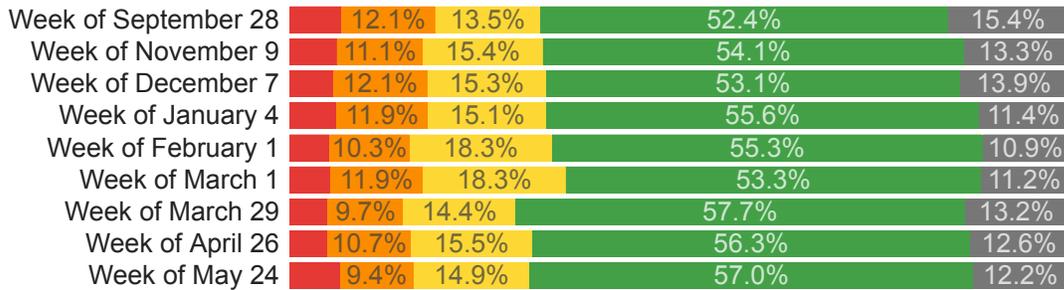
<b>Let go reasons</b>	<b>Week of Nov 9</b>	<b>Week of Dec 7</b>	<b>Week of Jan 4</b>	<b>Week of Feb 1</b>	<b>Week of March 1</b>	<b>Week of March 29</b>	<b>Week of April 26</b>	<b>Week of May 24</b>
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	42.9%	47.8%	36.4%	41.7%	31.8%	40.0%	25.0%	26.7%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until I receive the COVID-19 vaccine	-	-	-	20.8%	9.1%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	38.1%	39.1%	36.4%	37.5%	40.9%	30.0%	12.5%	13.3%
I have an underlying health condition	33.3%	43.5%	27.3%	41.7%	36.4%	35.0%	31.3%	26.7%
I have not yet found a new position	23.8%	17.4%	36.4%	12.5%	22.7%	15.0%	18.8%	33.3%
My employer has low patient volume	23.8%	30.4%	22.7%	20.8%	13.6%	15.0%	12.5%	0.0%
My employer has PPE on backorder/insufficient supply	23.8%	13.0%	18.2%	8.3%	9.1%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
I am waiting to be rehired by my dental practice	19.0%	17.4%	22.7%	12.5%	18.2%	10.0%	6.3%	13.3%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	14.3%	4.3%	18.2%	8.3%	22.7%	10.0%	18.8%	0.0%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.5%	4.3%	9.1%	16.7%	0.0%	15.0%	6.3%	6.7%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	4.8%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	12.5%	13.3%
I am employed in another type of dental-related position	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	4.2%	4.5%	0.0%	6.3%	6.7%
I prefer not to say	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%
Other reason	4.8%	8.7%	4.5%	8.3%	13.6%	15.0%	6.3%	13.3%
<b>Number of respondents:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

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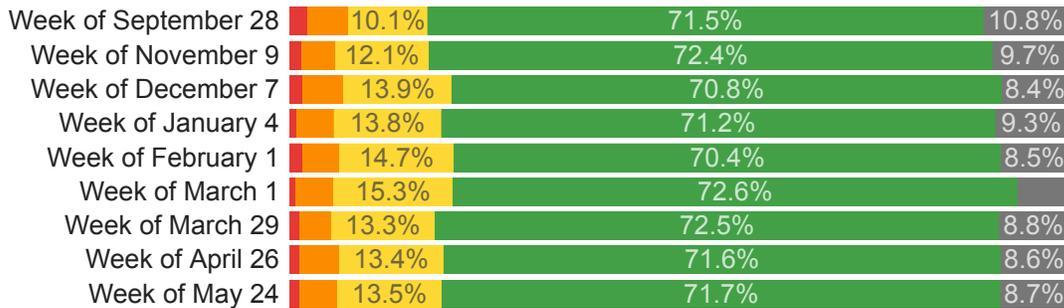
**How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?**

## N95/KN95 masks



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Surgical masks



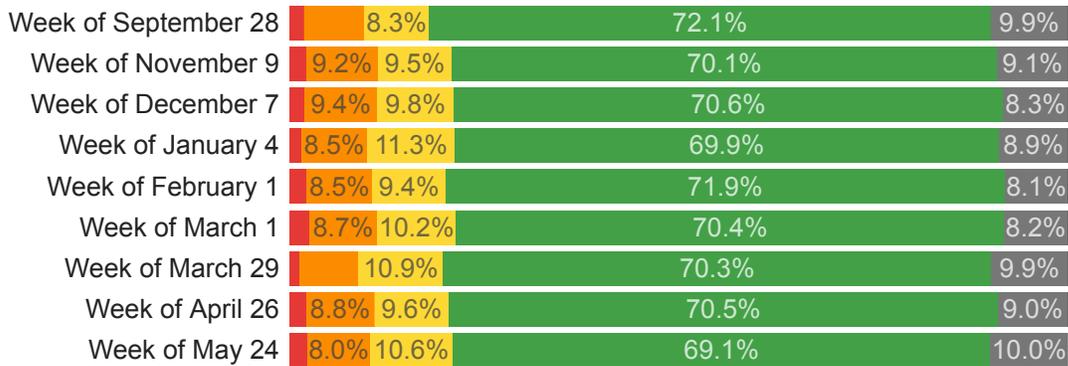
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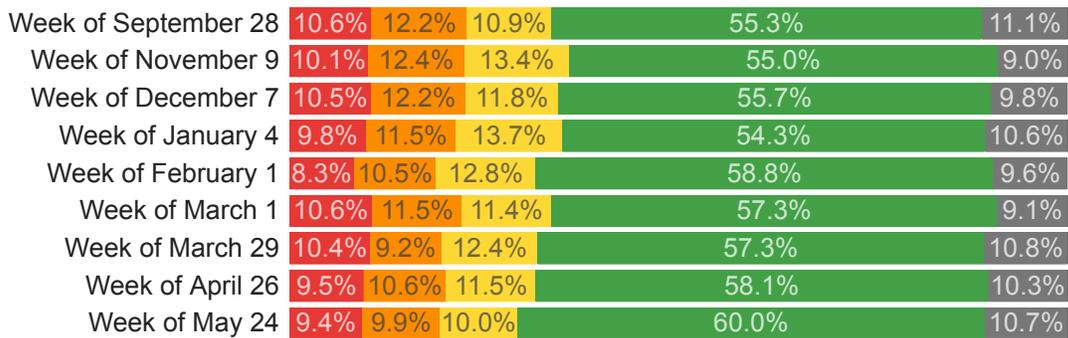
*(continued)* How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

## Face shields



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Gowns



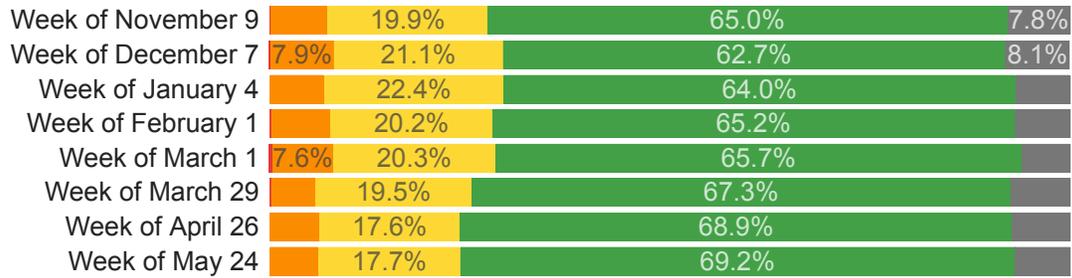
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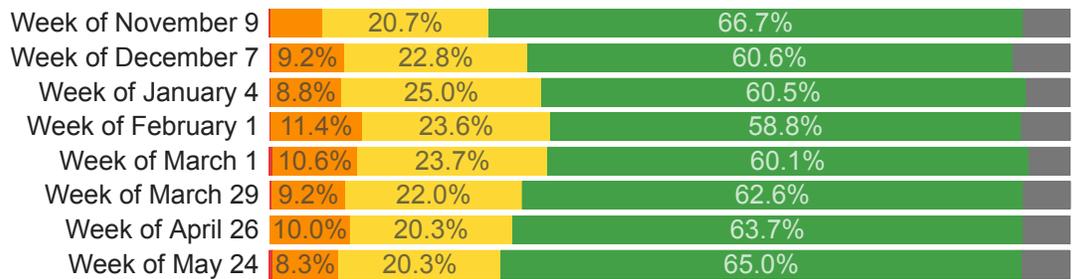
*(continued)* How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

## Disinfecting supplies *(not included Week of Sept 28)*



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

## Gloves *(not included Week of Sept 28)*



● 0 days ● 1 to 7 days ● 8 to 14 days ● More than 14 days ● Not sure

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## Number of responses:

Field	Responses
Wave 1 - Week of September 28	4,804
Wave 2 - Week of November 9	1,439
Wave 3 - Week of December 7	1,549
Wave 4 - Week of January 4	1,629
Wave 5 - Week of February 1	1,397
Wave 6 - Week of March 1	1,146
Wave 7 - Week of March 29	1,446
Wave 8 - Week of April 26	1,303
Wave 9 - Week of May 24	1,115