Dentist Retirements Increase

Average Age of Active Dentists and Average Dentist Retirement Age (Years), 2001-2021

The number of dentists aged 55 and older who left the workforce increased sharply in 2021.

Dentists Entering, Exiting the Workforce Per Year

HPI’s dentist workforce model projects that dentists per capita will be stable through 2025 and then increase through 2040.

Average Dentist Career Span (Years), 2001-2021

Source: ADA Health Policy Institute analysis of ADA masterfile. ADA Health Policy Institute workforce projection analysis available here.

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