

About this Study

To better understand the economic and operational conditions in dental practices and public health clinics over time, and to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging issues in dentistry, the ADA Health Policy Institute launched a tracking poll in January 2022. For this initial wave over the week of January 17, 2022, we invited nearly 80,000 dentists from across the U.S. to join a panel in which they will complete a survey once a month; nearly 2,000 have opted to participate.

This report features results from the latest wave of this study broken out by the following practice areas/specialties:

- General practice (GP)
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS)
- Endodontics (ENDO)
- Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics (ORTHO)
- Pediatric dentistry (PED)
- Periodontics (PERIO)
- Prosthodontics (PROS)

Additionally, results are reported for dentists that practice in public health settings (DiPHS), regardless of specialty. (Please note that this group should not be confused with dental public health specialists.) The number of respondents in each practice area/specialty can be found at the end of this report.

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Appointment Schedule

How full was your dental practice's appointment schedule last week?

Mean % of schedule filled

Dentists in private practice

1867 Responses



Dentists in public health settings

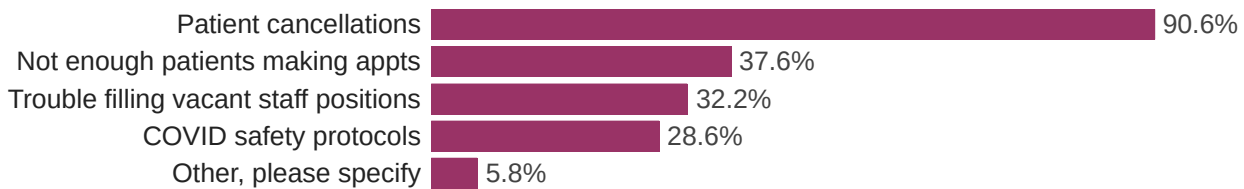


Factors Preventing a Full Schedule

Which of the following factors prevented your dental practice’s appointment schedule from reaching 100% last week? (Select all that apply.)

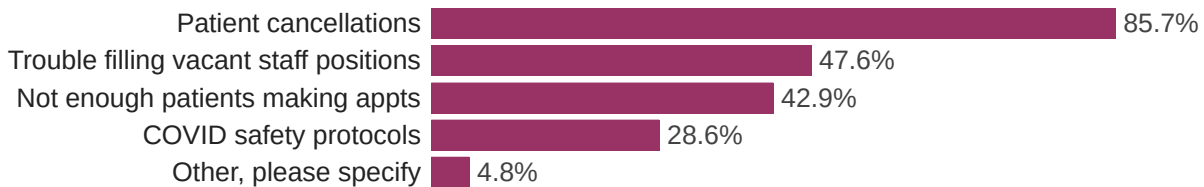
General Practice

1499 Responses



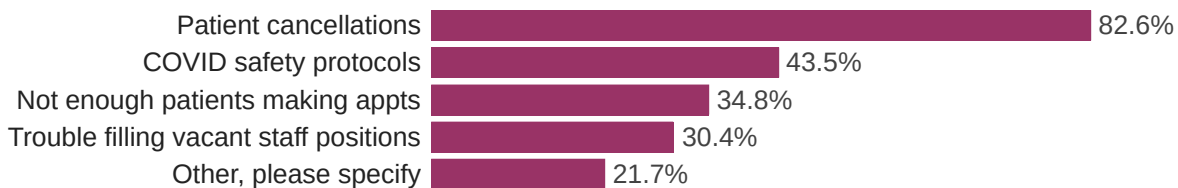
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

21 Responses



Endodontics

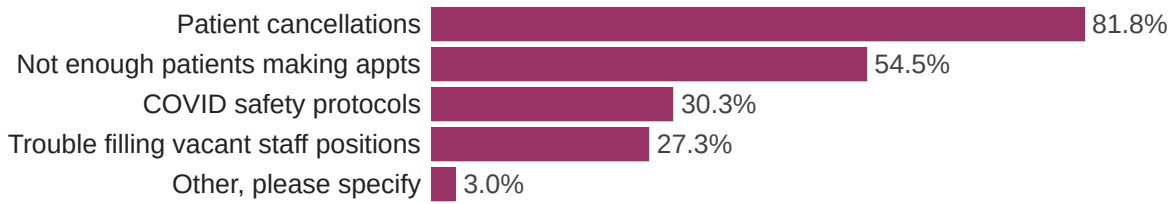
23 Responses



Which of the following factors prevented your dental practice’s appointment schedule from reaching 100% last week? (Select all that apply.) (continued)

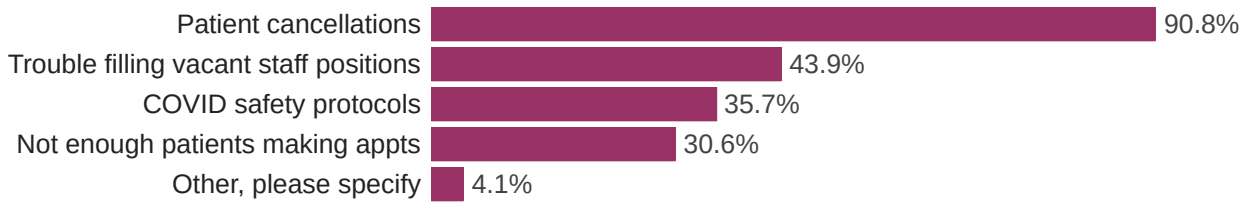
Orthodontics

33 Responses



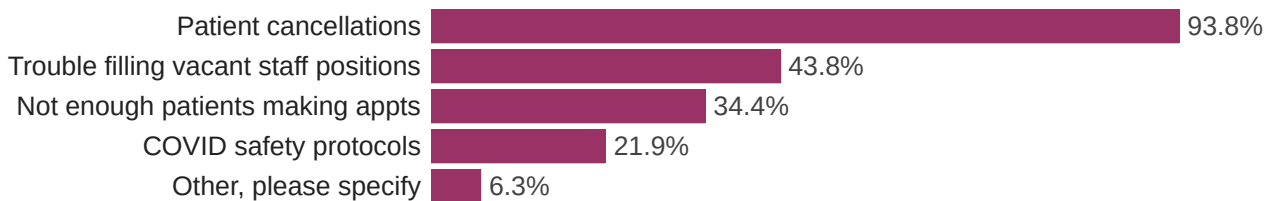
Pediatric Dentistry

99 Responses



Periodontics

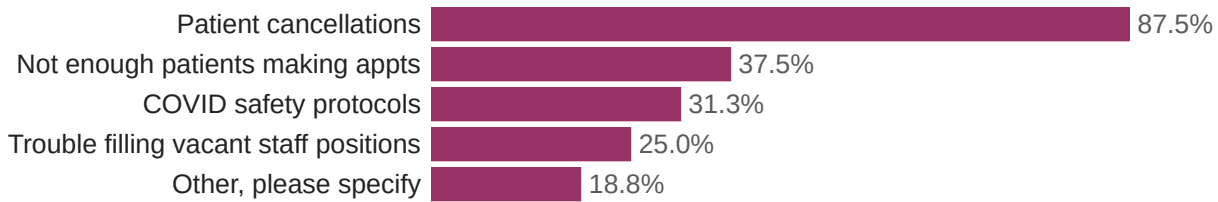
32 Responses



Which of the following factors prevented your dental practice’s appointment schedule from reaching 100% last week? (Select all that apply.)

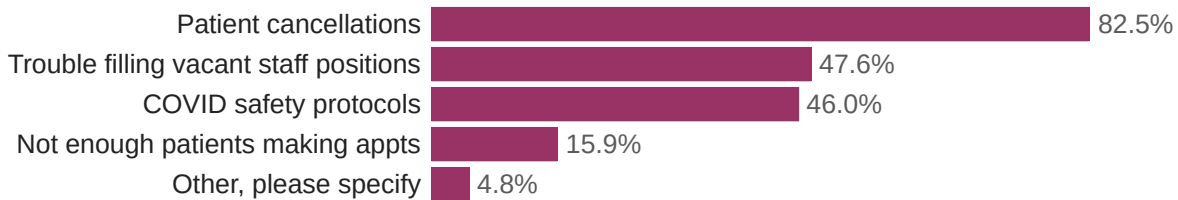
Prosthodontics

16 Responses



Dentists in Public Health Settings

63 Responses



Staff Recruitment

General Practice

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

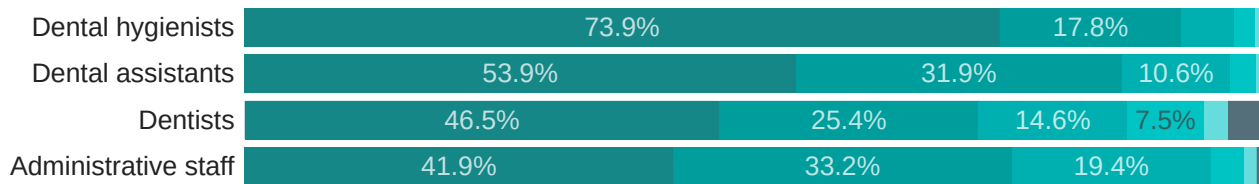
1699 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

1040 Responses

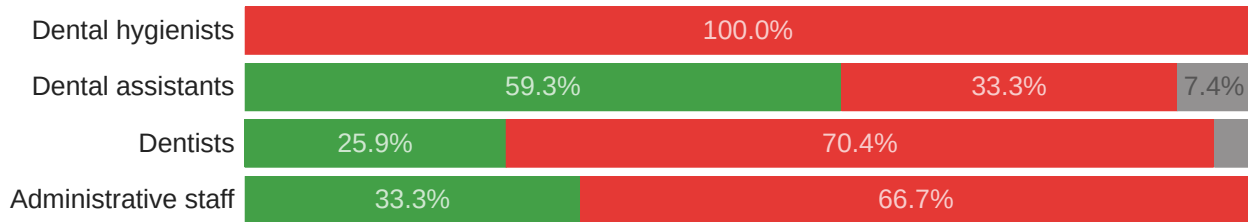


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

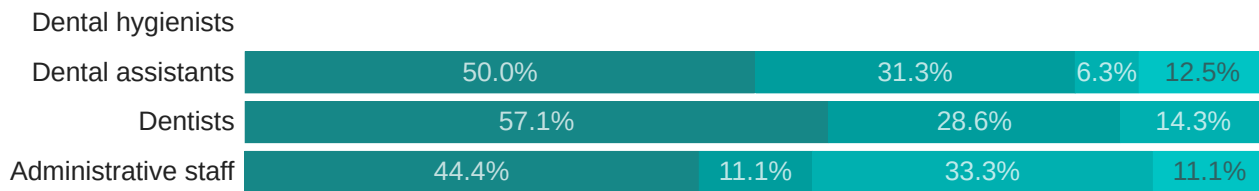
29 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

18 Responses



● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Endodontics

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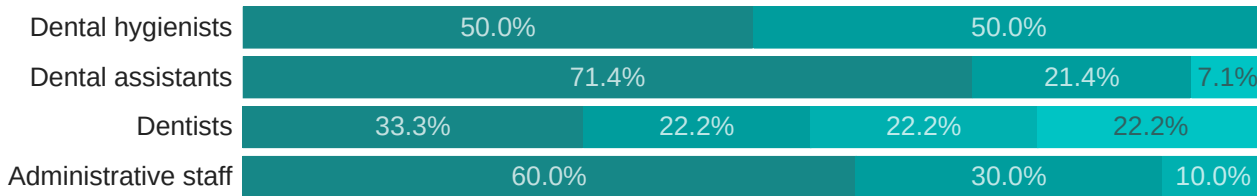
33 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

20 Responses

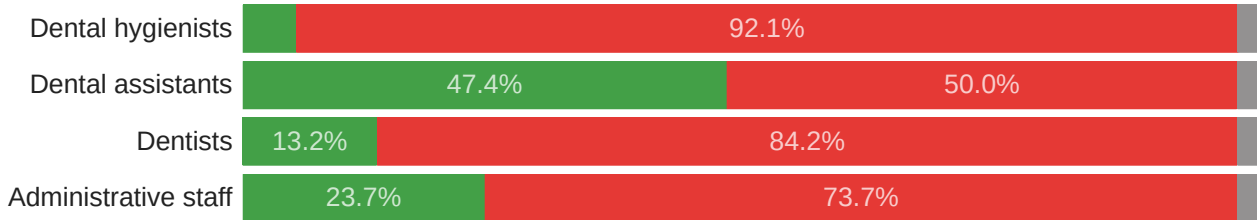


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Orthodontics

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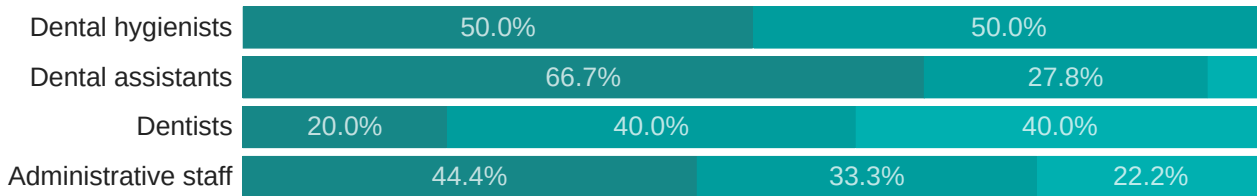
38 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

20 Responses

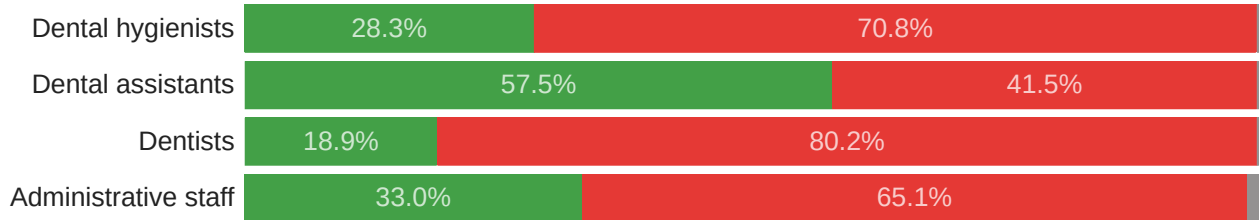


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Pediatric Dentistry

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

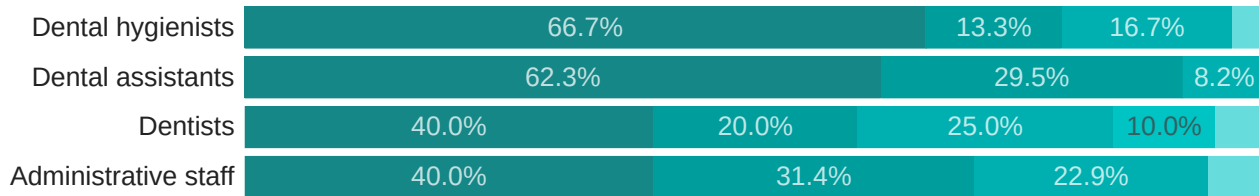
109 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

80 Responses



● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Periodontics

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

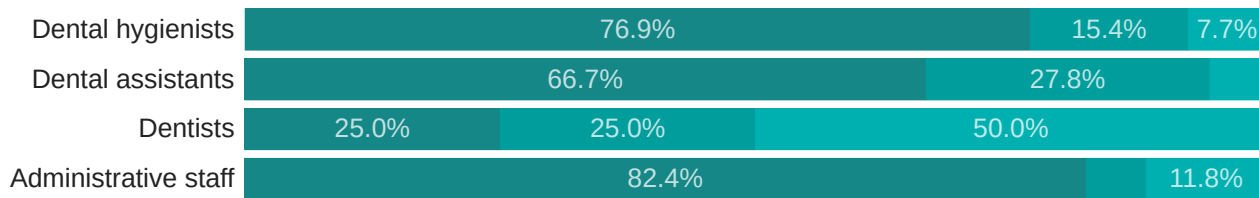
42 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

26 Responses



● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Prosthodontics

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

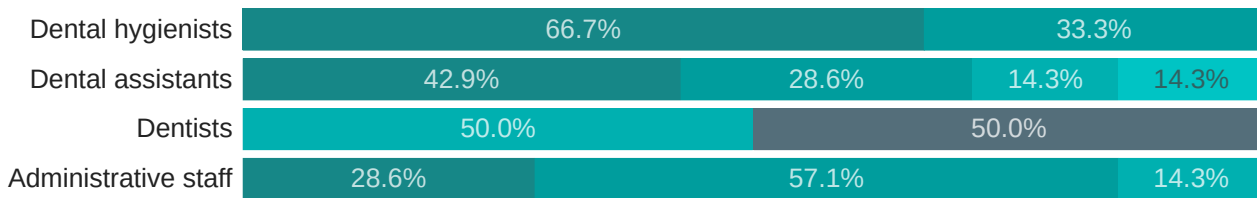
20 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

11 Responses

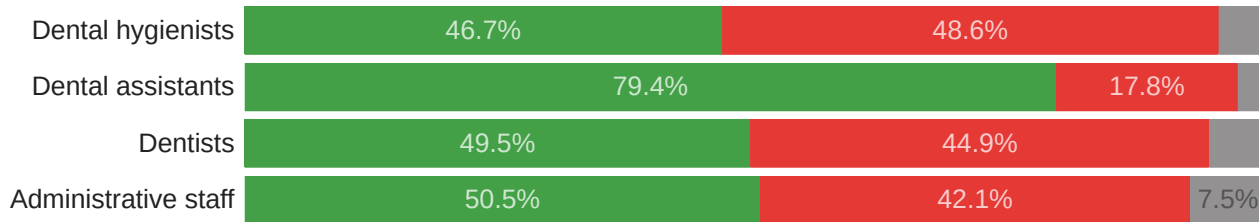


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Dentists in Public Health Settings

Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

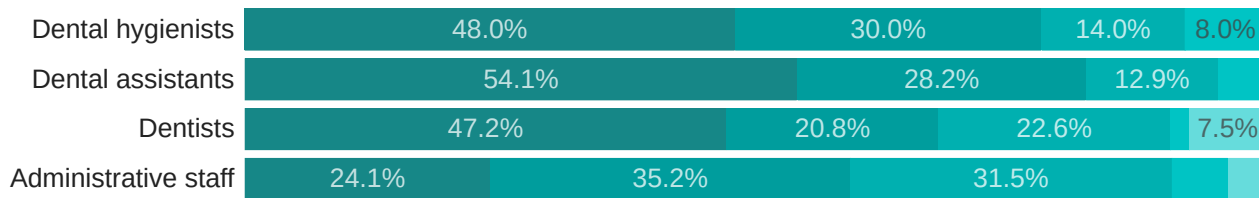
107 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

96 Responses



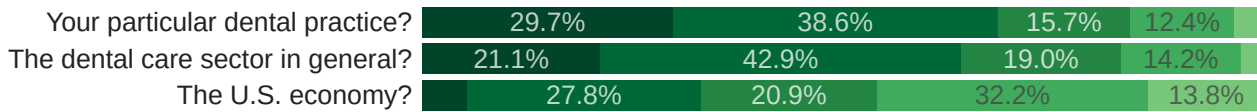
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● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

Economic Confidence

Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:

General Practice

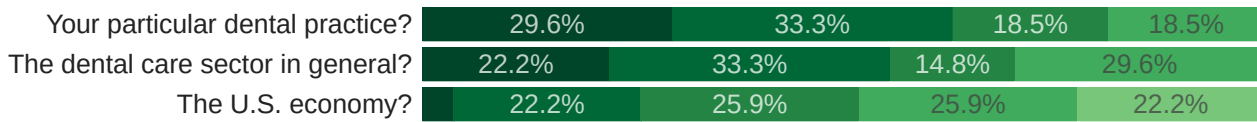
1699 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

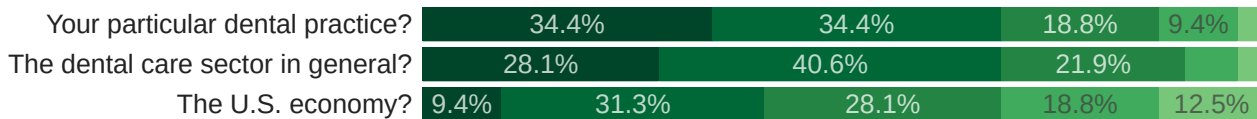
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

29 Responses



Endodontics

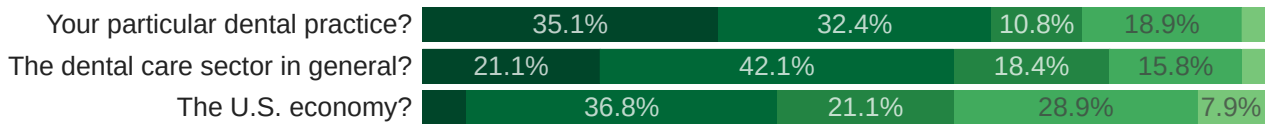
33 Responses



Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:
(continued)

Orthodontics

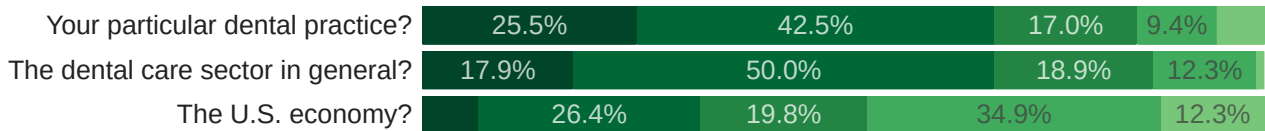
38 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

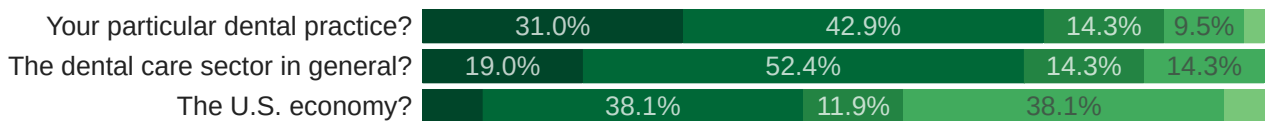
Pediatric Dentistry

109 Responses



Periodontics

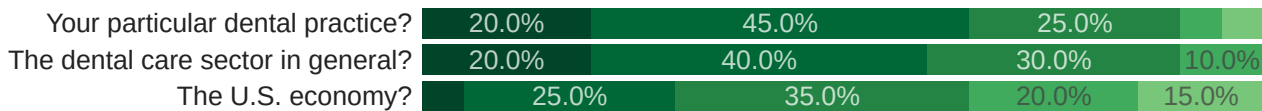
42 Responses



Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:
(continued)

Prosthodontics

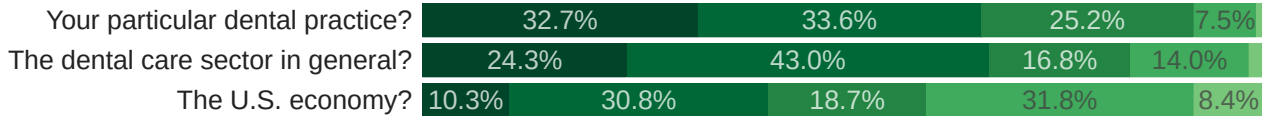
20 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

Dentists in Public Health Settings

107 Responses



Number of Responses by Specialty

Dentists In Private Practice	Choice Count
General Practice (GP)	1,608
Pediatric Dentistry (PED)	106
Periodontics (PERIO)	42
Orthodontics (ORTHO)	38
Endodontics (ENDO)	32
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS)	27
Prosthodontics (PROS)	20

Practice Setting	Choice Count
Dentists in public health settings	107