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Number of Responses by Wave/by Group	54		

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 the 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; over 3,000 have opted to participate. The number of respondents in each wave, along with the number of responses in each reporting category in the current wave, can be found at the end of this report.

Below are the results from the latest wave of this study, the week of November 14, for dentists working in private dental practices. The report includes breakouts by ownership status, DSO affiliation, practice size, geographic location, sex, age group, and race/ethnicity. Unless noted otherwise, charts reflect the results from the latest wave of data collection. **Please note that we only include graphics representing at least 30 responses.** Because of this, we were not able to include results for respondents in the following categories: large group (10+ dentists) and Black. The number of respondents by demographics can be found at the end of this report.

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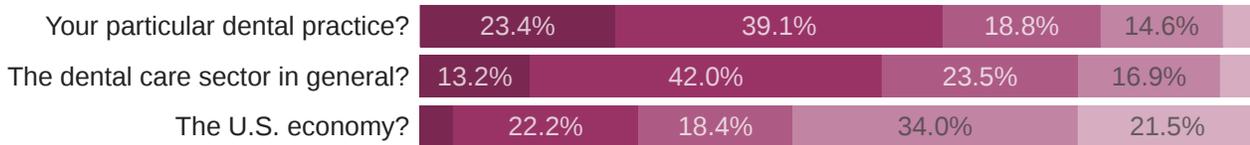
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All Respondents

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

1137 Responses



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

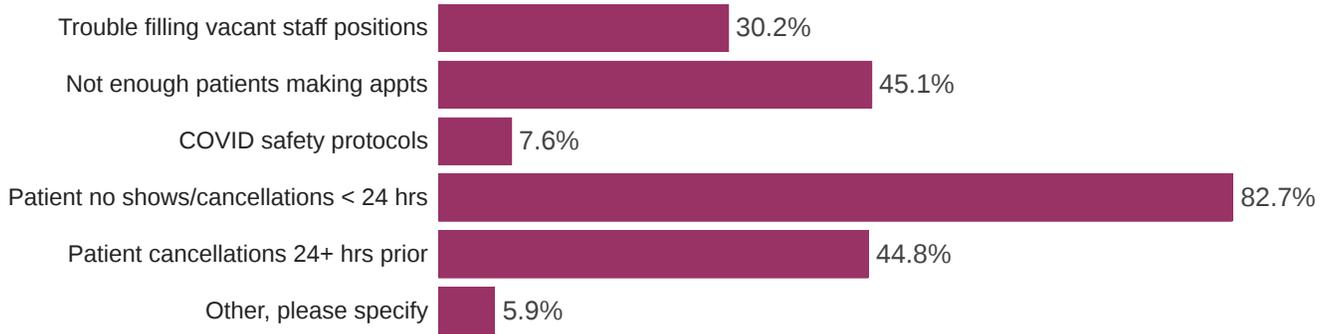
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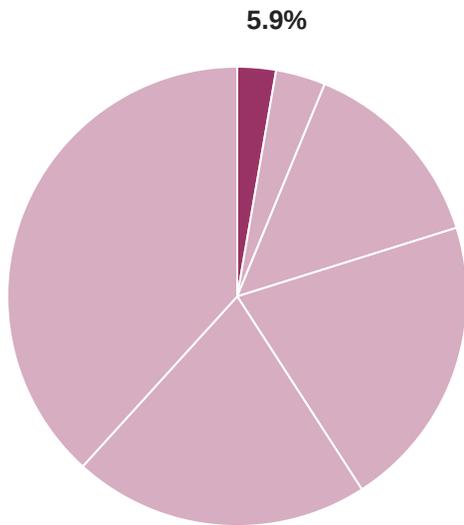
- Mean % of appointment schedule filled

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

938 Responses



55 respondents (5.9%) selected "other, please specify." Their responses are categorized below.



Other, please specify:	Percentage of Responses
STAFF OUT WITH COVID/QUARANTINE/OTHER ILLNESS	21.8%
STAFF OUT ON VACATION / LEAVE	14.5%
PATIENTS POSTPONING TREATMENT DUE TO COST	14.5%
BAD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS	14.5%
INCLEMENT WEATHER	7.3%
INEXPERIENCED / INEFFICIENT STAFF	3.6%
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / ATTENDING DENTAL MEETINGS	1.8%
DROPPED DENTAL PLAN / LOW REIMBURSEMENT / INSURANCE ISSUES	1.8%
CANNOT AFFORD HIGH SALARY / WAGES FOR NEW STAFF	1.8%
MISCELLANEOUS	21.8%

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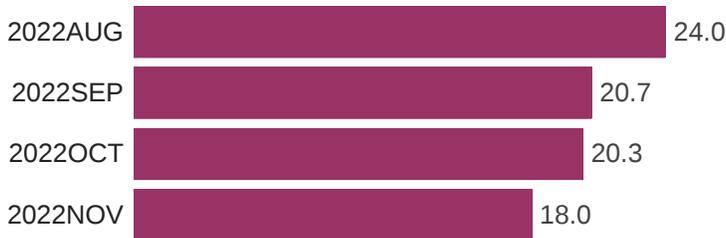
3155 Responses



● Mean number of days

[Owners only] Currently, how many business days does the average *new patient* have to wait for an initial appointment (excluding emergencies)?

4283 Responses



● Mean number of days

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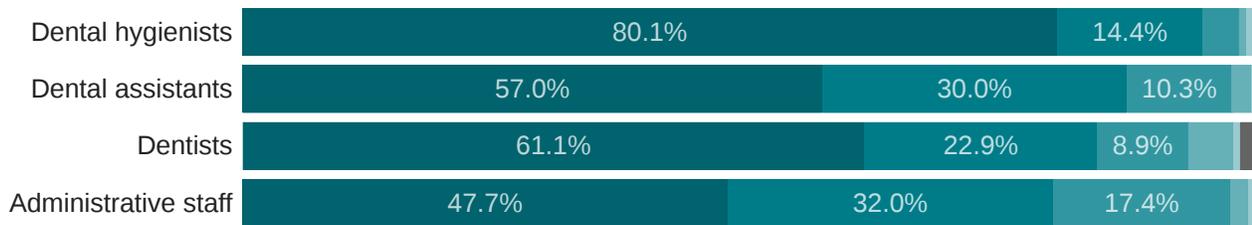
1137 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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

675 Responses



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

Do you believe requiring dental plans to spend a set percentage of the premiums they collect on dental care for their subscribers is a necessary reform in your state?

1111 Responses



● Yes [927] ● No [48] ● Not sure/No opinion [136]

How likely or unlikely are you to participate in a grassroots effort with other dentists to establish a law setting a medical loss ratio percentage for dental plans in your state?

1107 Responses



● Very likely or already participating ● Somewhat likely ● Somewhat unlikely ● Very unlikely

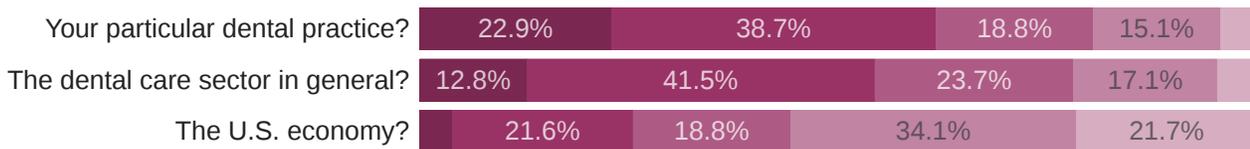
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Economic Confidence

BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

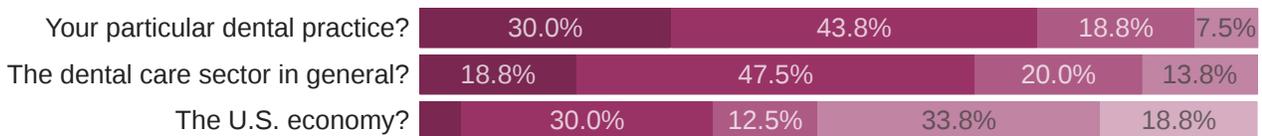
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Owner



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- Very skeptical

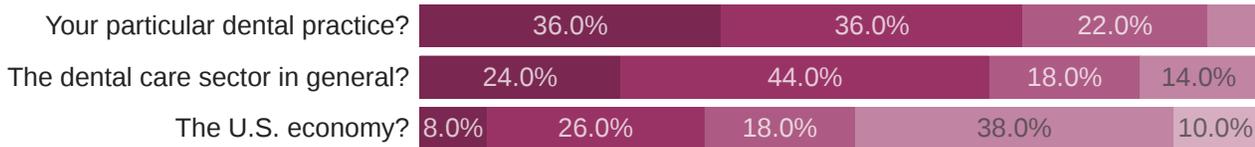
Non-owner



BY DSO AFFILIATION

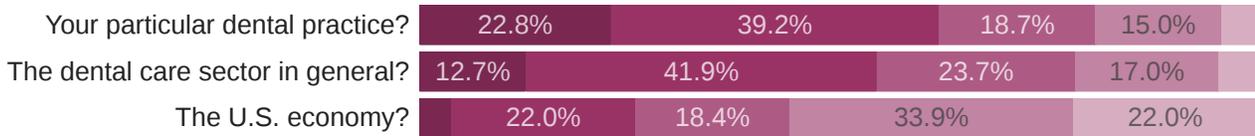
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DSO



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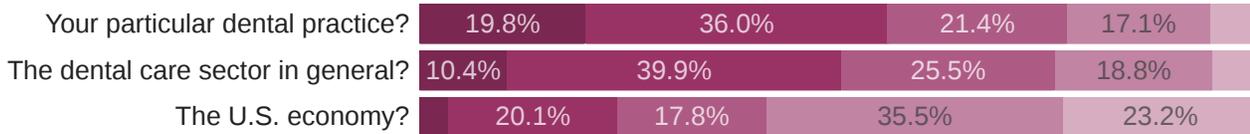
Non-DSO



BY PRACTICE SIZE

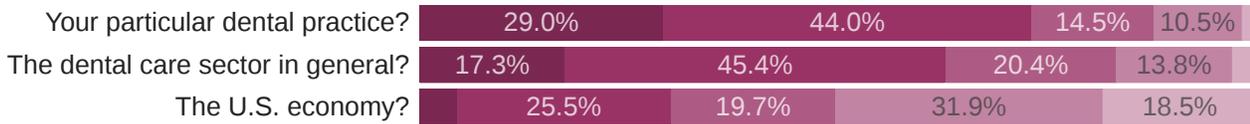
Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:

Solo dentists



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

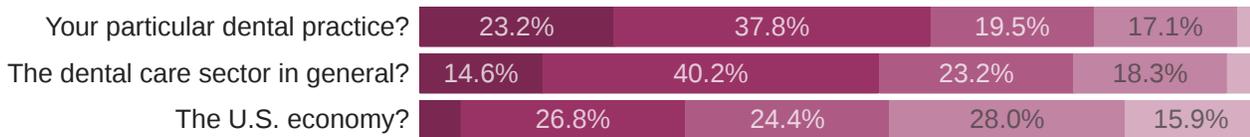
2 to 9 dentists



BY GEOGRAPHY

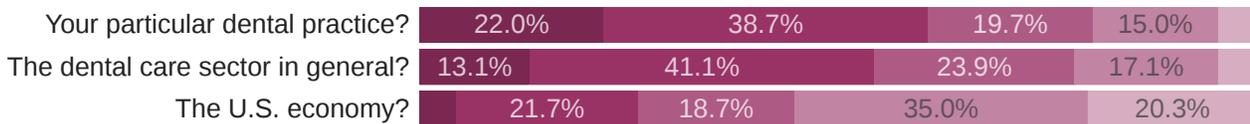
Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:

Top 20 cities

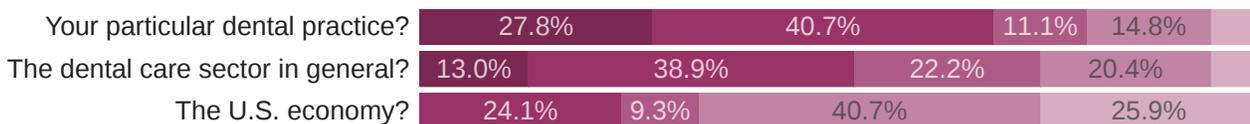


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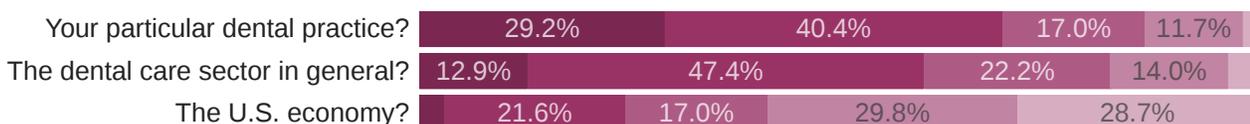
Other urban



Suburban



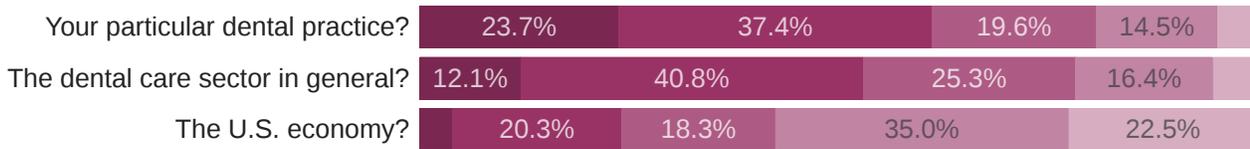
Rural



BY SEX

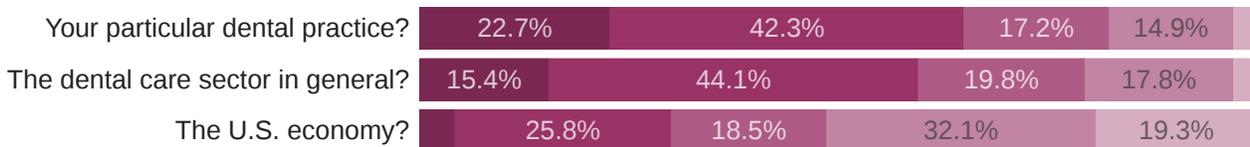
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Male



- Very confident
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- Very skeptical

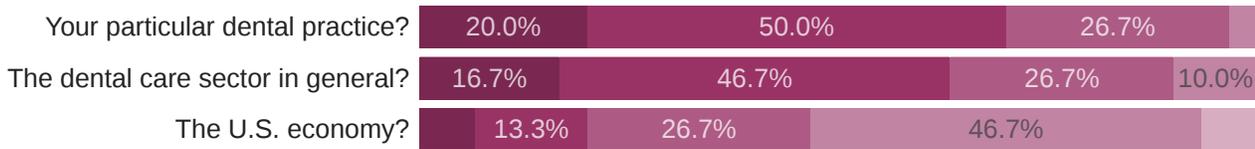
Female



BY AGE GROUP

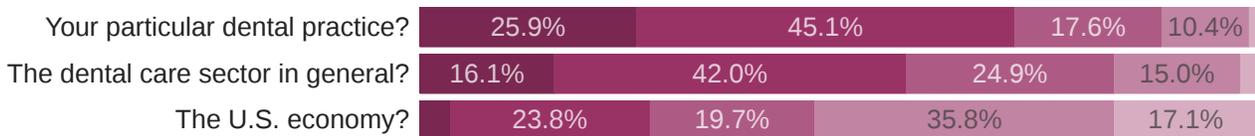
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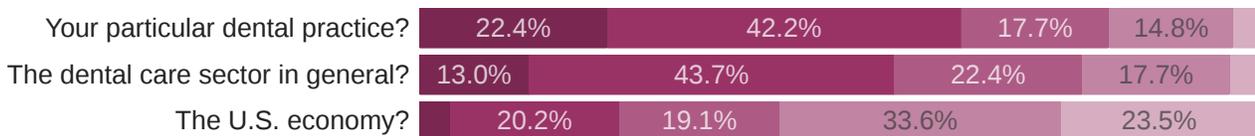


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35 to 44



45 to 54



BY AGE GROUP (continued)

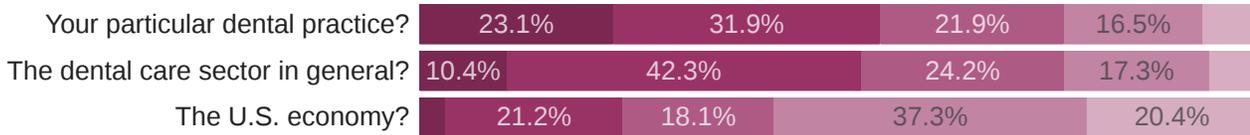
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55 to 64



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- Somewhat skeptical
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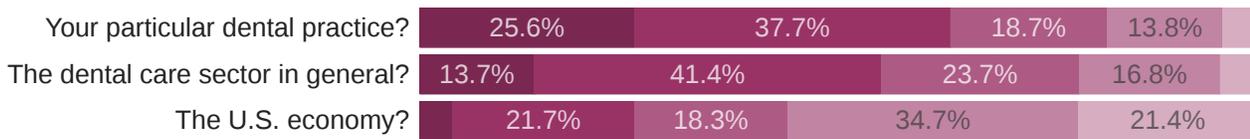
65 or older



BY RACE/ETHNICITY

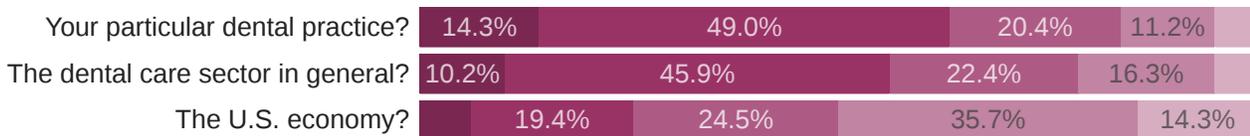
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White

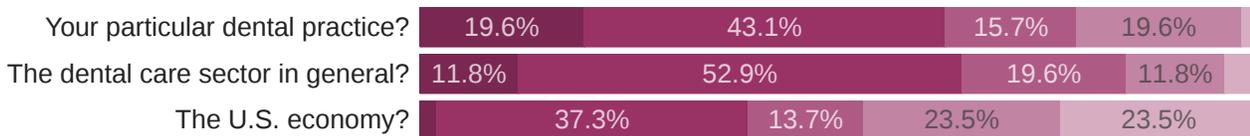


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Asian



Hispanic



Appointment Schedule

BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

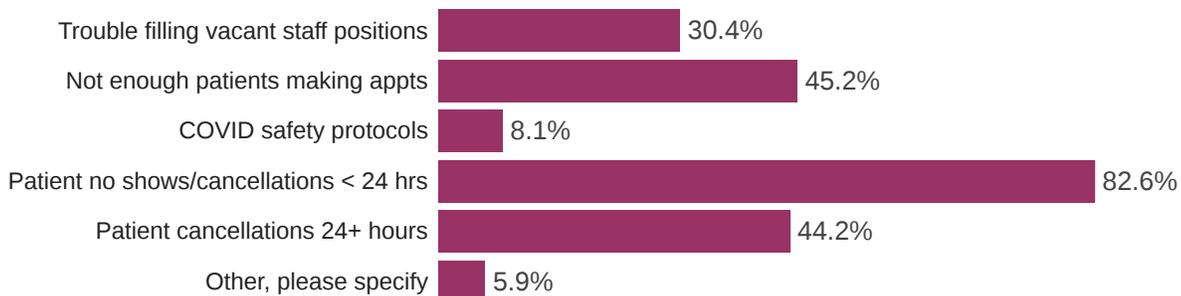
Owner

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



● Mean % of schedule filled

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BY OWNERSHIP STATUS (continued)

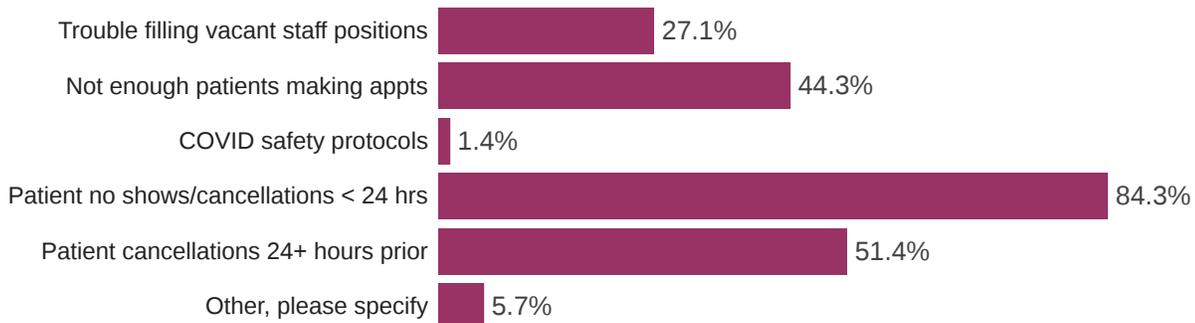
Non-owner

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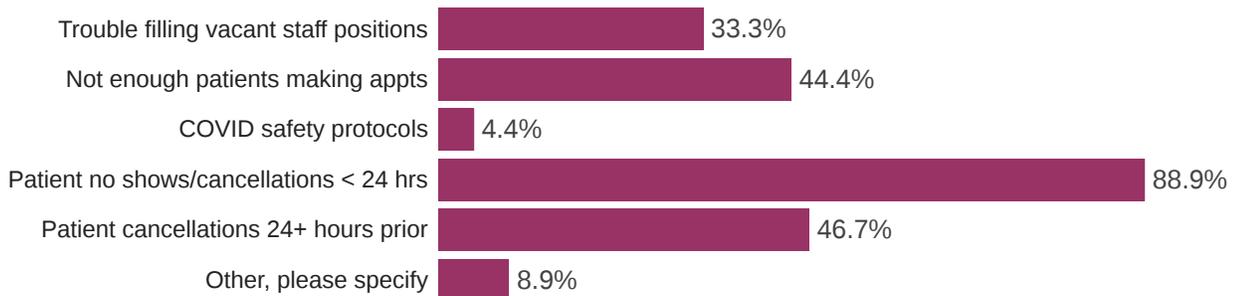
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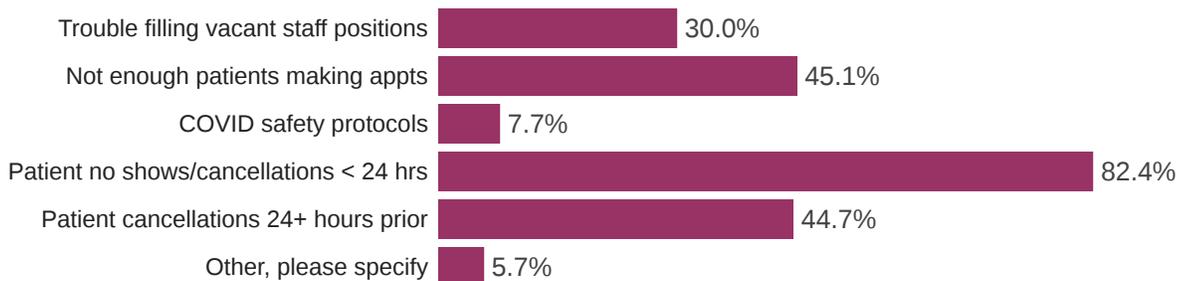
Non-DSO

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BY PRACTICE SIZE

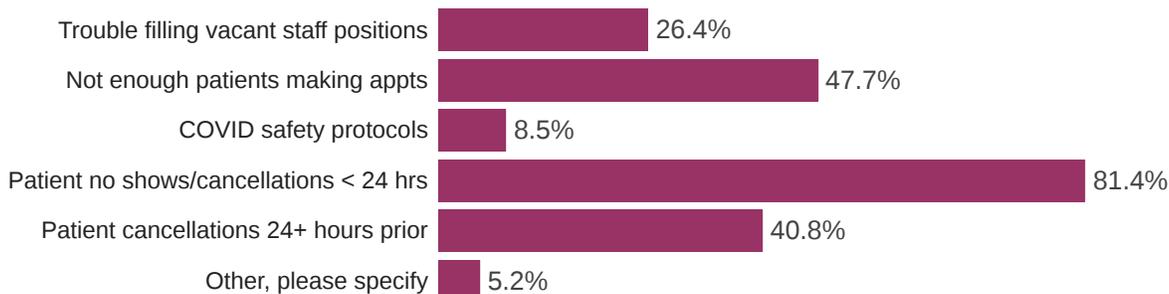
Solo dentists

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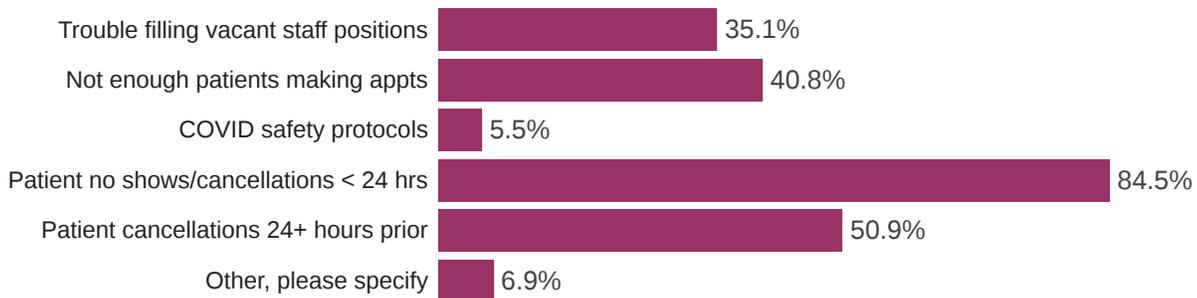
2 to 9 dentists

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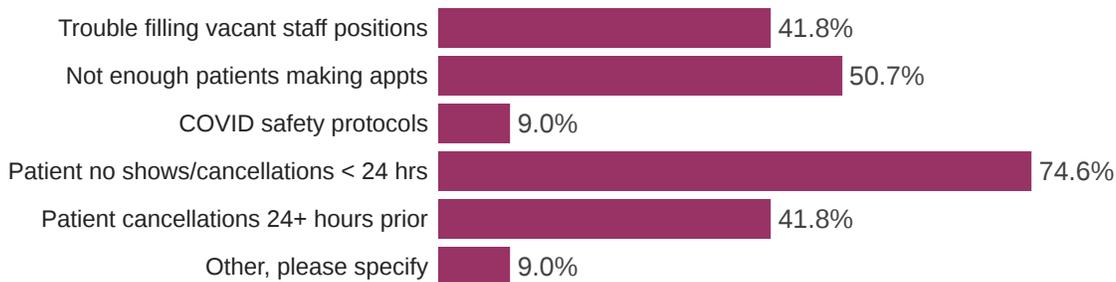
Top 20 cities

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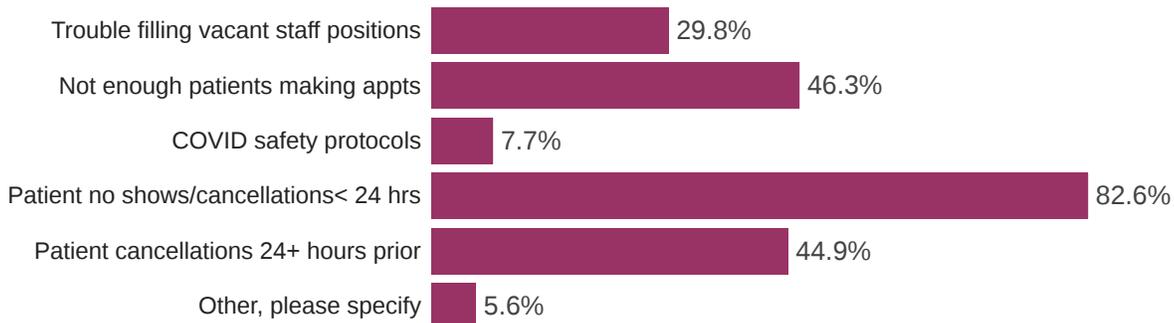
Other Urban

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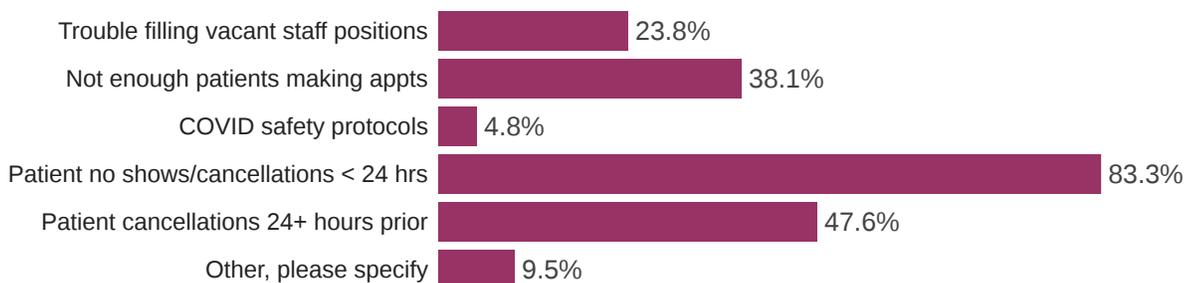
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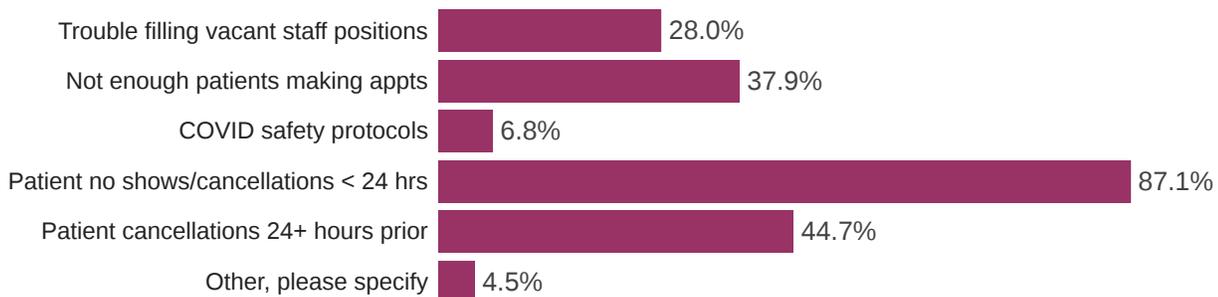
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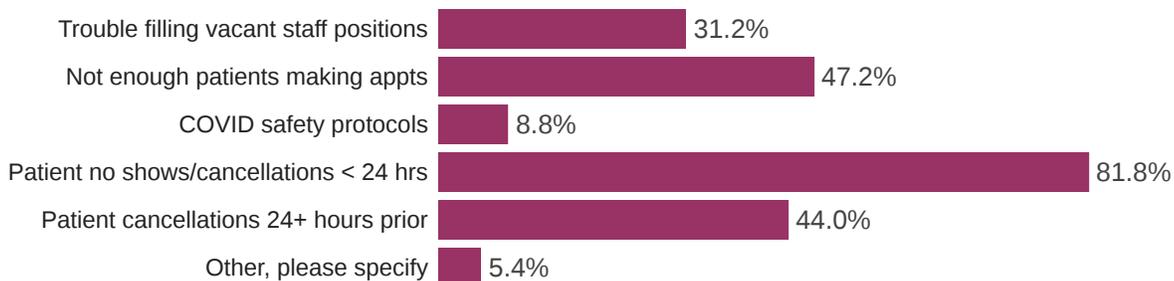
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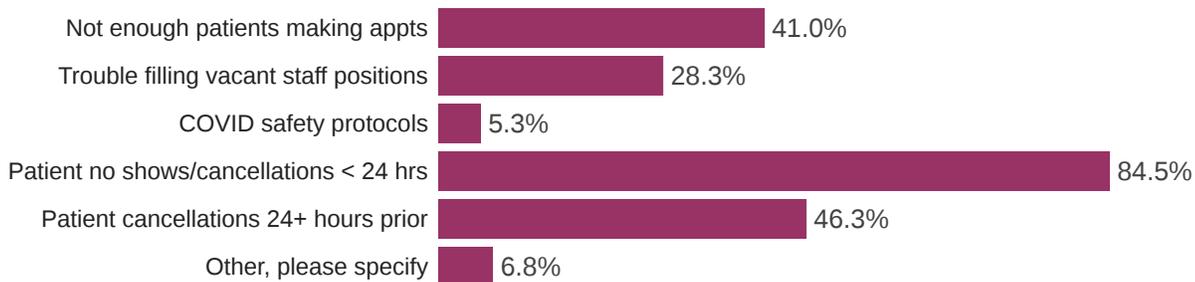
Female

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BY AGE

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

1131 Responses



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Field	Trouble filling vacant staff positions	Not enough patients trying to make appointments	COVID safety protocols are limiting the capacity	Patient no shows/cancellations < 24 hrs	Patient cancellations 24+ hours prior	Other, please specify
<35	23.1%	53.8%	0.0%	92.3%	65.4%	3.8%
35-44	27.7%	38.4%	3.8%	88.7%	48.4%	6.9%
45-54	29.4%	38.9%	5.9%	91.0%	48.0%	5.9%
55-64	34.3%	44.8%	8.6%	79.7%	43.5%	6.0%
65+	27.6%	55.8%	11.5%	73.3%	38.2%	5.1%

BY RACE/ETHNICITY

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1131 Responses



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Asian	23.7%	46.1%	17.1%	73.7%	48.7%	5.3%
Hispanic	28.9%	53.3%	8.9%	71.1%	51.1%	2.2%

Patient Wait Times

BY DSO AFFILIATION

[Owners only] Currently, how many business days does the average *patient of record* have to wait for an appointment (excluding emergencies)?

1057 Responses



● Mean number of days

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1057 Responses

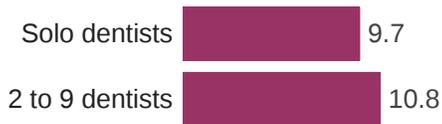


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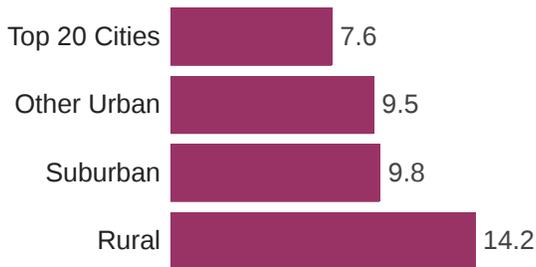


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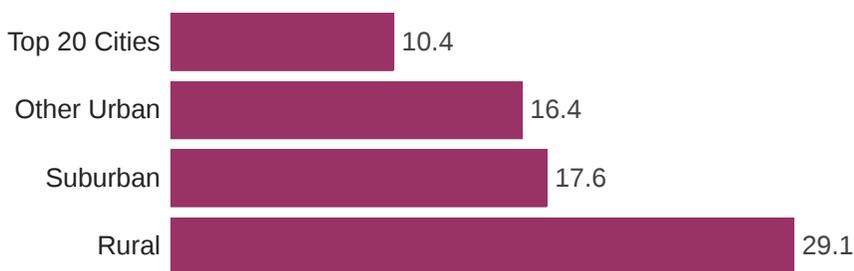
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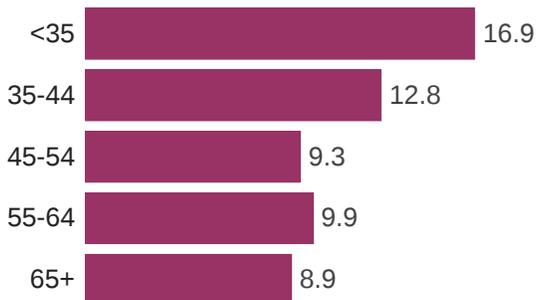


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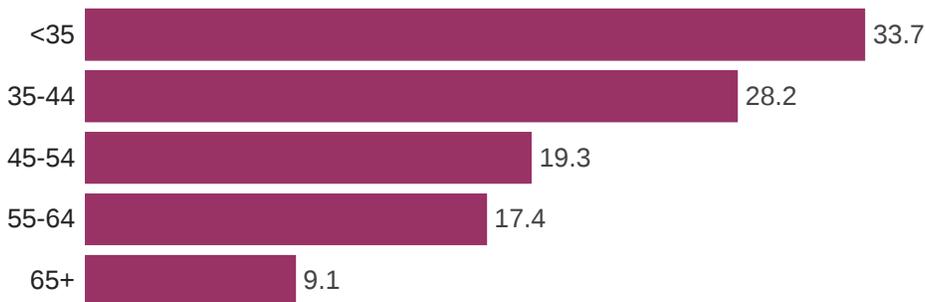
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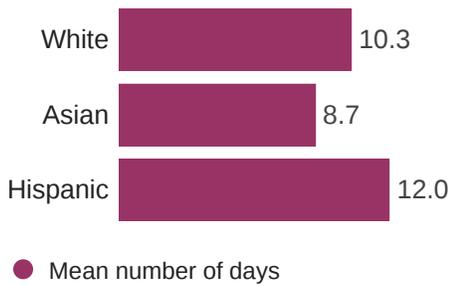


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BY RACE / ETHNICITY

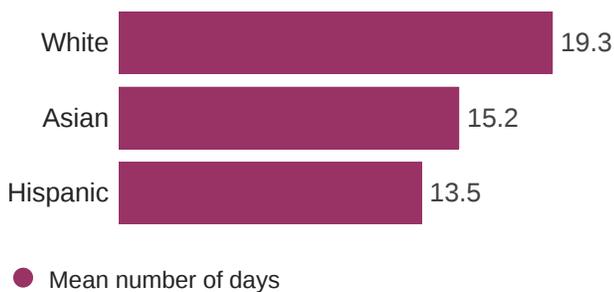
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Staff Recruitment

BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

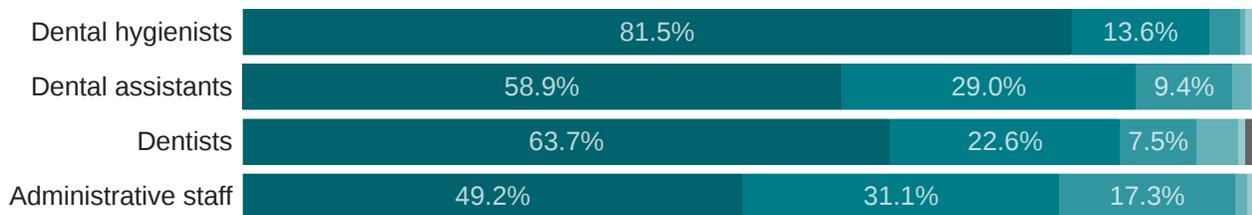
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● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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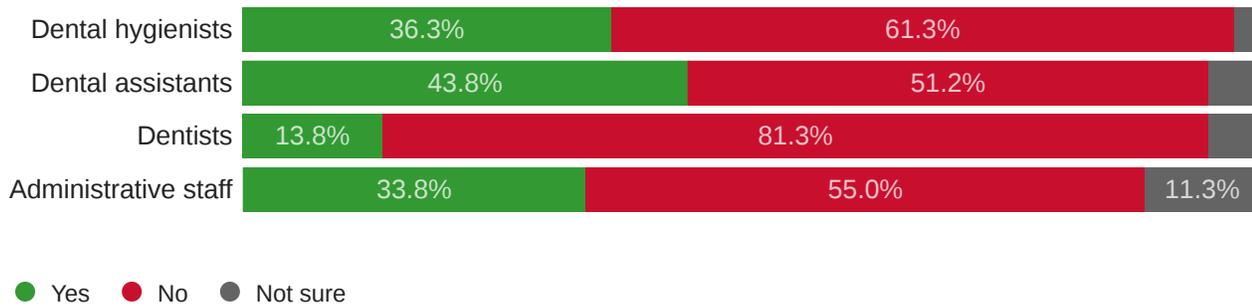


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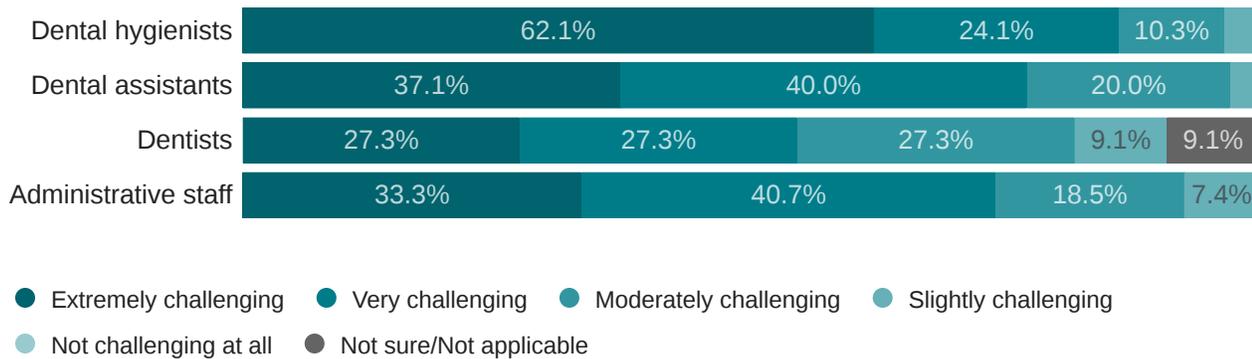
BY OWNERSHIP STATUS (continued)

Non-owner dentists

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



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



BY DSO AFFILIATION

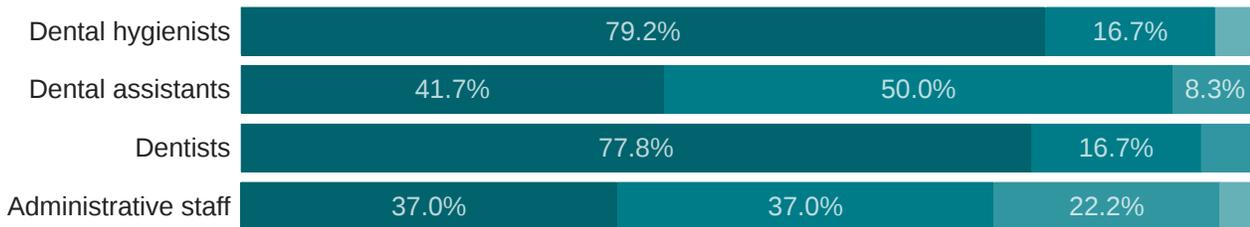
DSO

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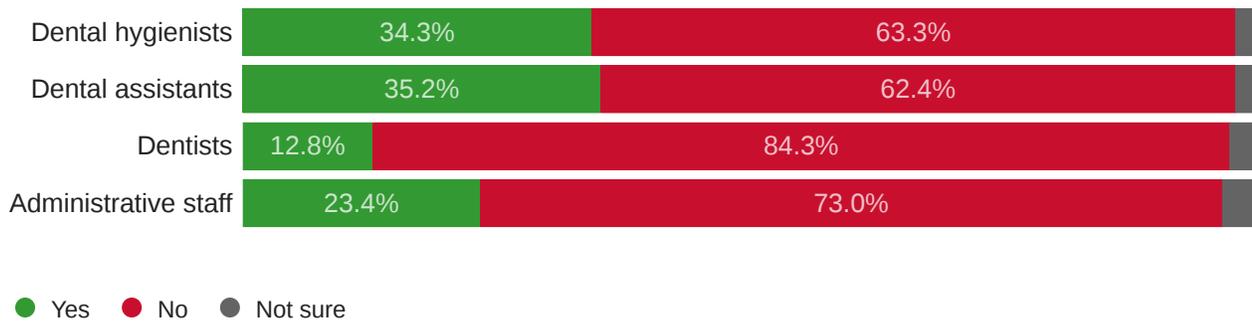


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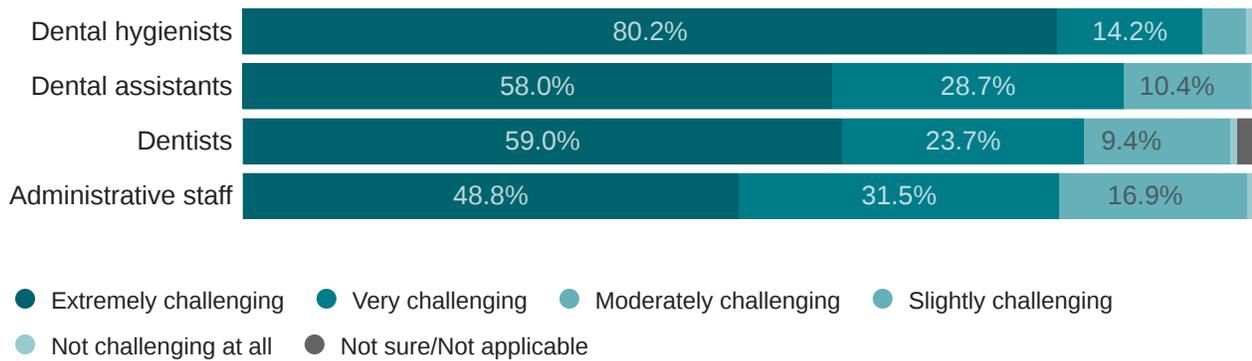
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Non-DSO

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



BY PRACTICE SIZE

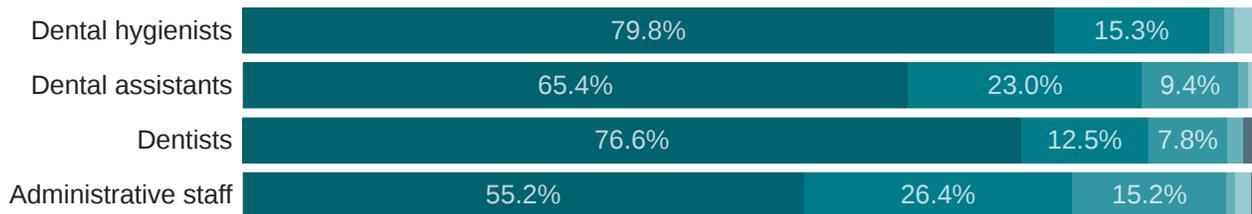
Solo dentists

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



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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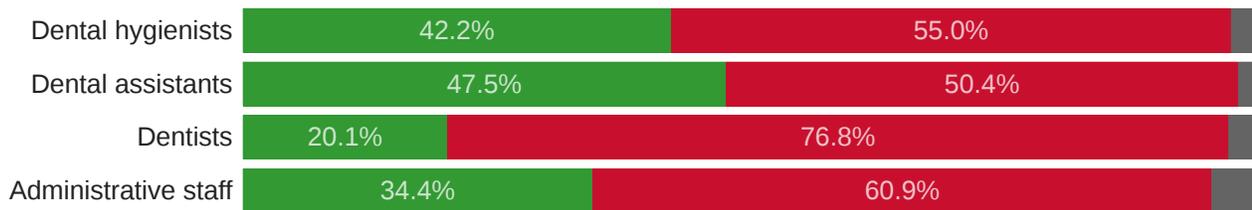


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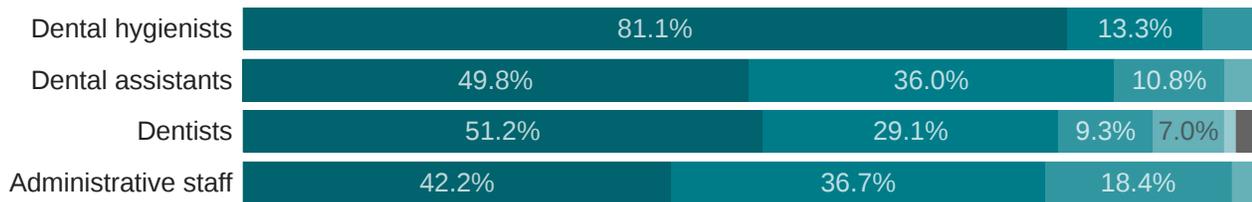
2 to 9 dentists

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



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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



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BY GEOGRAPHY

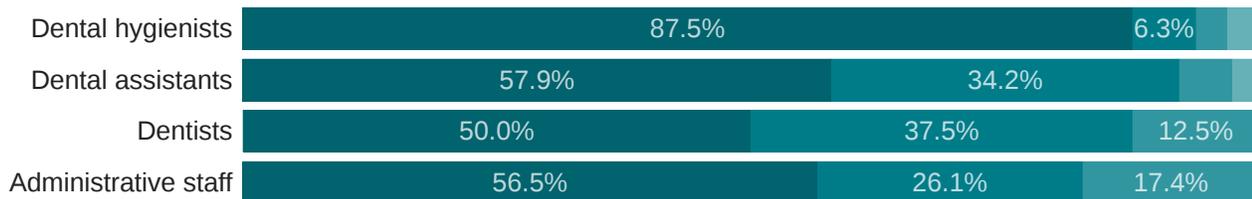
Top 20 Cities

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



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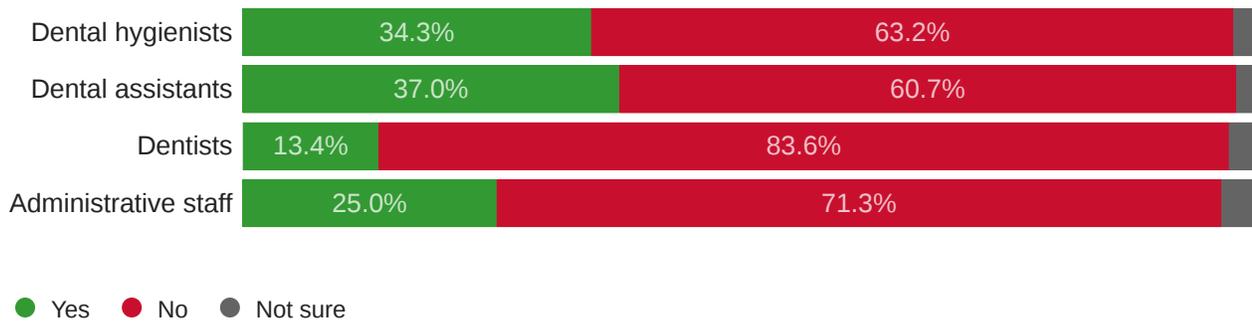


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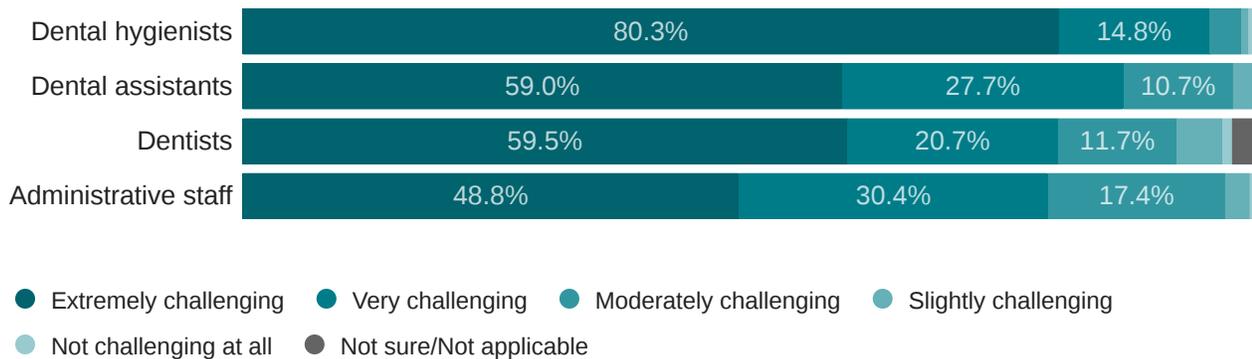
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Other Urban

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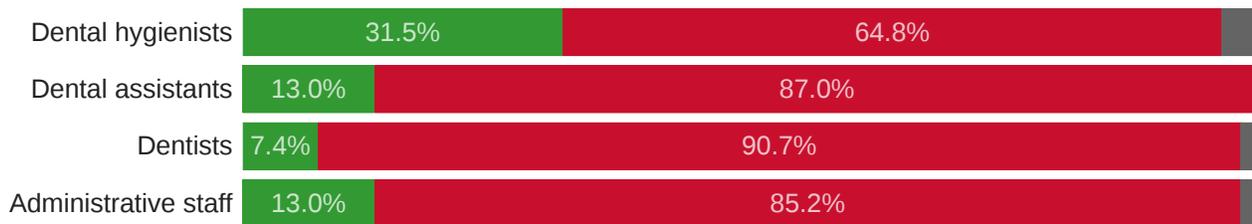
How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?



BY GEOGRAPHY (continued)

Suburban

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



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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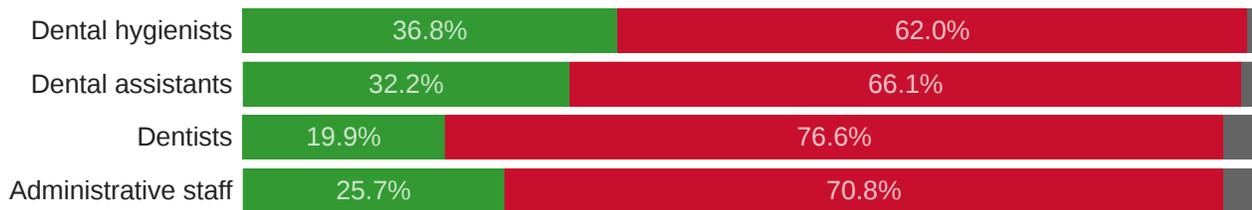


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BY GEOGRAPHY (continued)

Rural

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● Yes ● No ● Not sure

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

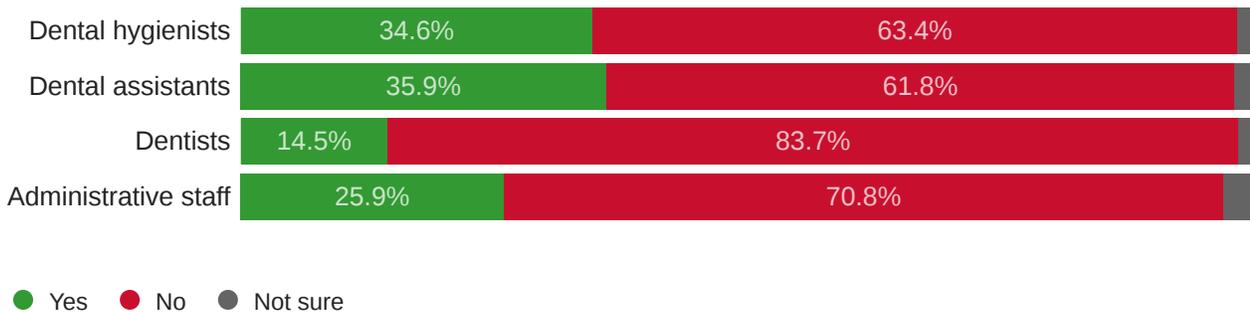


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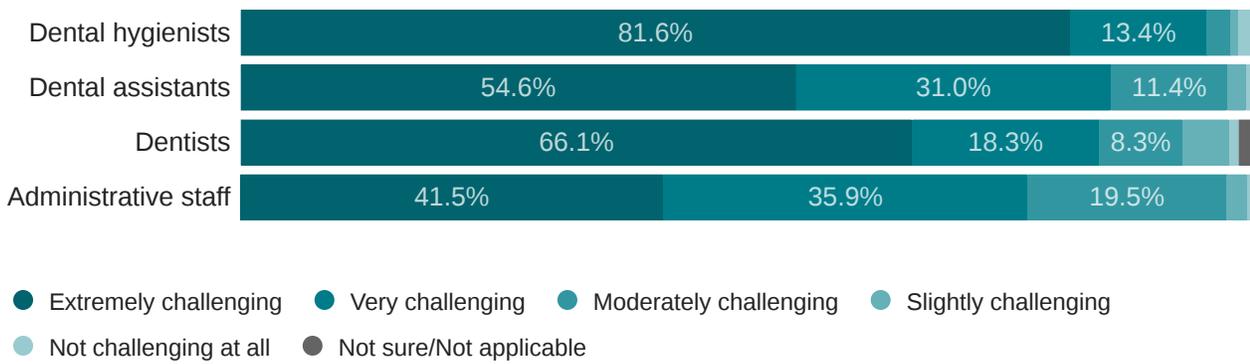
BY SEX

Male

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



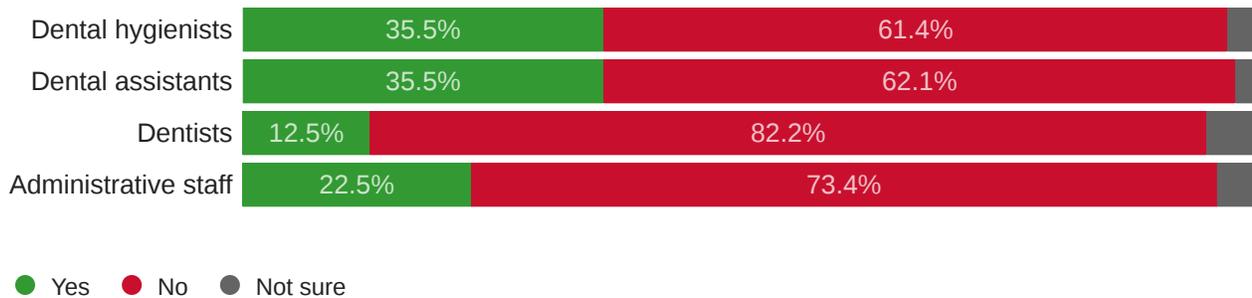
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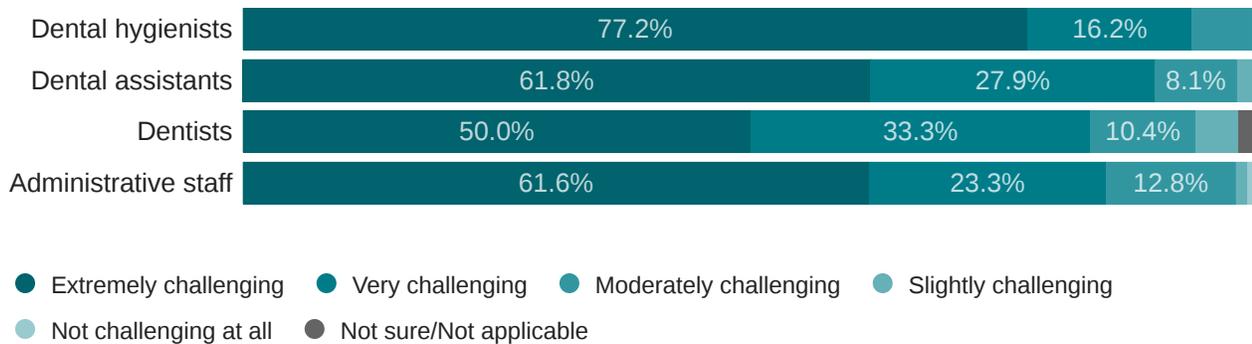
BY SEX (continued)

Female

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



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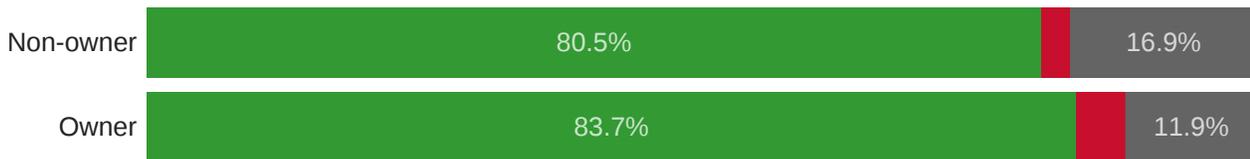
Question of the Week

Medical Loss Ratios in Dentistry

Do you believe requiring dental plans to spend a set percentage of the premiums they collect on dental care for their subscribers is a necessary reform in your state?

BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

1111 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure/No opinion

BY DSO AFFILIATION

1111 Responses



BY PRACTICE SIZE

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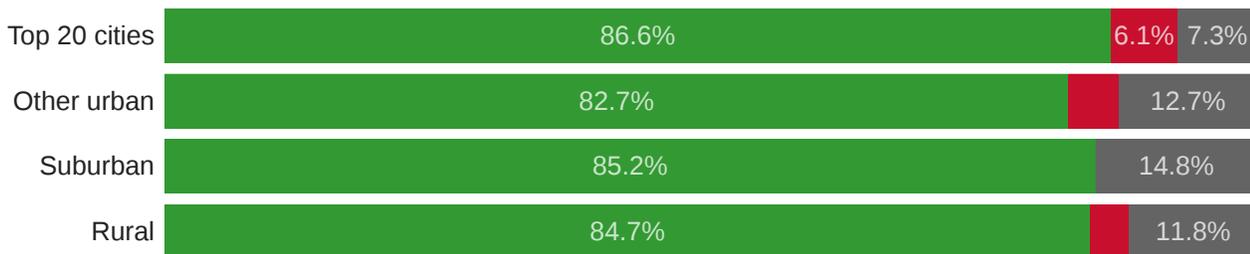


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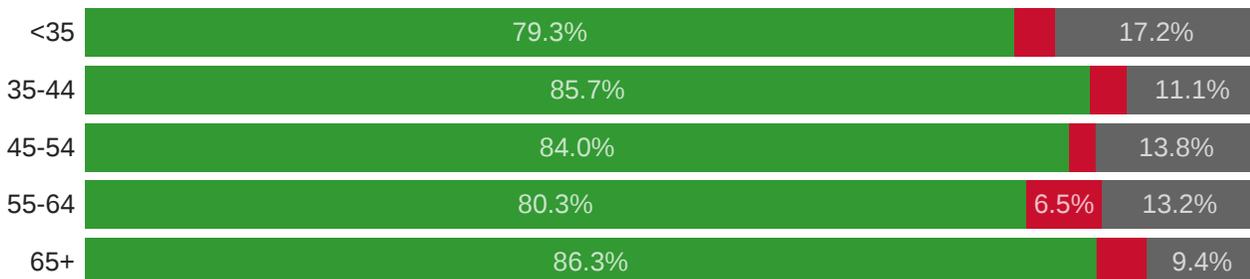
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BY AGE GROUP

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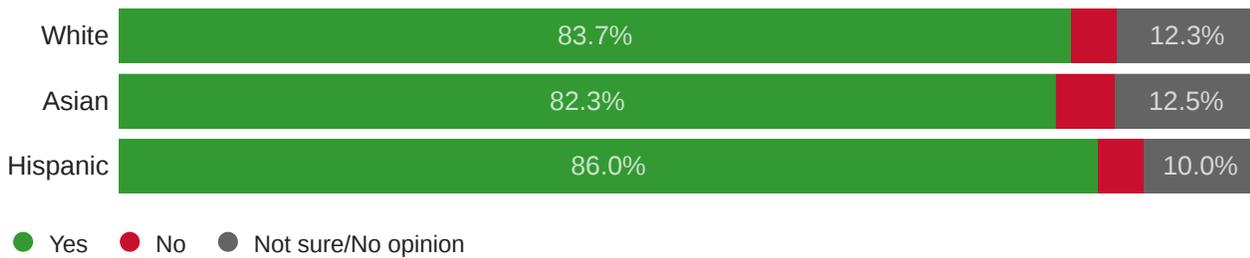


Do you believe requiring dental plans to spend a set percentage of the premiums they collect on dental care for their subscribers is a necessary reform in your state?

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BY RACE/ETHNICITY

1111 Responses



How likely or unlikely are you to participate in a grassroots effort with other dentists to establish a law setting a medical loss ratio percentage for dental plans in your state?

BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

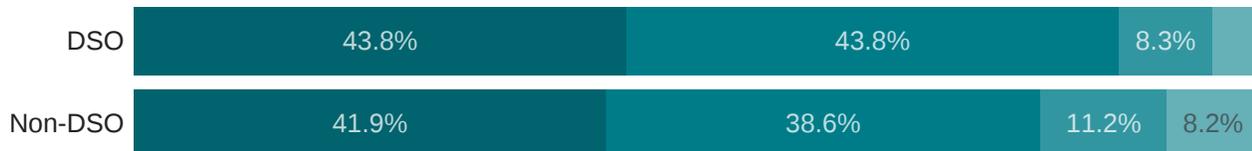
1107 Responses



● Very likely or already participating ● Somewhat likely ● Somewhat unlikely ● Very unlikely

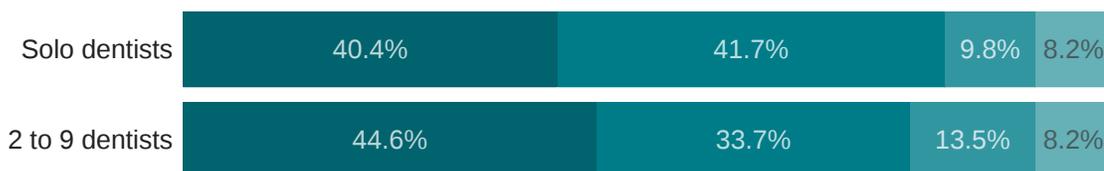
BY DSO AFFILIATION

1107 Responses



BY PRACTICE SIZE

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BY GEOGRAPHY

1107 Responses



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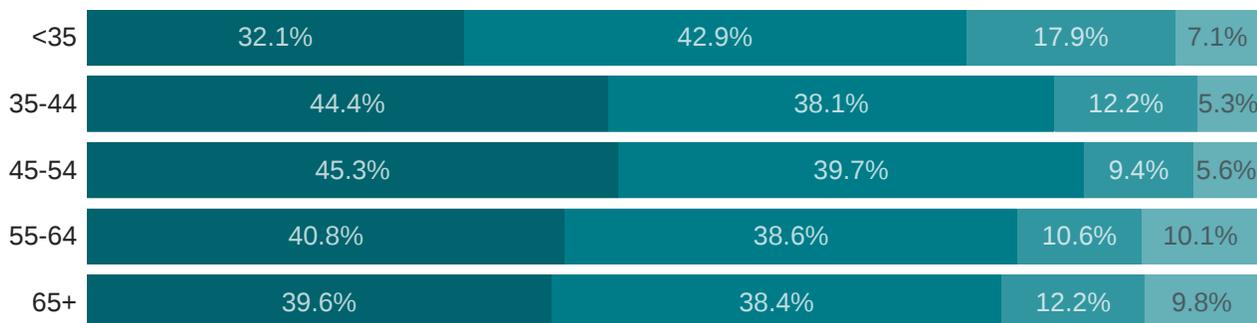
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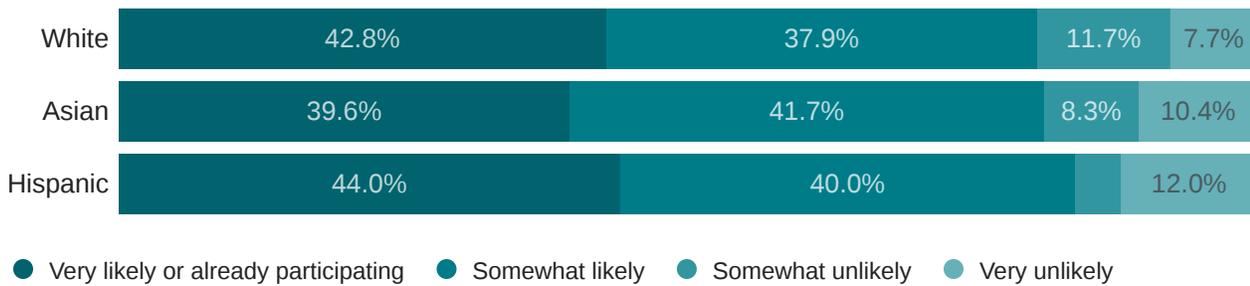


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BY RACE/ETHNICITY

1107 Responses



Number of Responses by Wave

Wave	Responses
2022JAN	1,883
2022FEB	1,386
2022MAR	1,916
2022APR	1,423
2022MAY	1,389
2022JUN	1,203
2022JUL	1,162
2022AUG	1,204
2022SEP	1,102
2022OCT	1,170
2022NOV	1,137

Number of Responses by Group - Week of November 14

Ownership status	Choice Count
Owner dentist (i.e., sole owner, partner, or shareholder)	1,057
Employee dentist (nonowner)	36
Associate dentist (nonowner)	26
Independent contractor	18

DSO Affiliation	Choice Count
DSO	50
Non-DSO	1,087

Number of Responses by Group - Week of November 14 (continued)

Practice Size	Choice Count
Solo dentists	691
2 to 9 dentists	427
Large group (10+ dentists)	19

Geography	Choice Count
Top 20 Cities	82
Other Urban	829
Suburban	54
Rural	171

Sex	Choice Count
Male	754
Female	383

Age	Choice Count
<35	30
35-44	193
45-54	277
55-64	377
65+	260

Number of Responses by Group - Week of November 14 (continued)

Race/Ethnicity	Choice Count
White	870
Asian	98
Hispanic	51
Black	13
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	3
American Indian / Alaska Native	4
Other	20
Unknown	78