Practice ownership among dentists in private practice has been declining over the years, dropping from 84.7% in 2005 to 72.5% in 2023.

Female dentists have been consistently less likely than male dentists to own their practice.

In 2023, younger dentists were attaining ownership at a decreased rate compared to 2005.

Source: ADA Health Policy Institute analysis of Distribution of Dentists survey, Survey of Dental Graduates and Survey of Dentist Practice Choices. Notes: Results are weighted to adjust for nonresponse bias.

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