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## About This Study

The survey for the first quarter of 2025 was sent March 17, 2025 to 2,530 panel members; 791 responded, for an adjusted response rate (excluding undeliverable email addresses) of 31.5%. The number of dentists in private practice who responded in each wave, along with the number of respondents in each reporting category in the current wave, can be found at the end of this report.

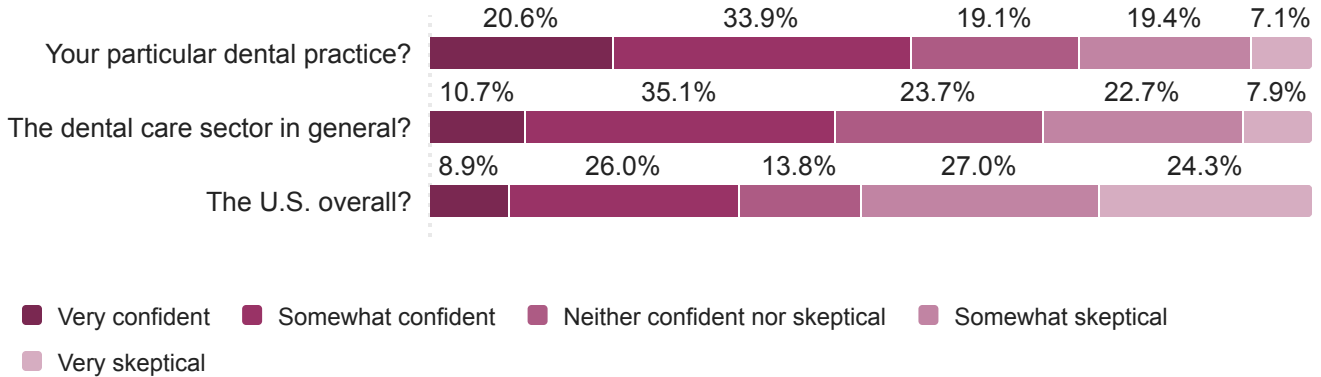
This report includes the results from the latest wave for dentists working in private dental practices. Results are reported for all respondents and by ownership status, DSO affiliation, practice size, geographic location, sex, age group, and race/ethnicity. Unless noted otherwise, charts reflect the 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: under age 35, large group (10+ dentists) and Black. The number of respondents by demographics can be found at the end of this report.

**All Respondents**

**Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:**

723 Responses



**Is your practice currently accepting new patients? (Percentage selecting "yes")**



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



■ Average number of days

**Which of the following best describes your general busyness level over the last 3 months?**

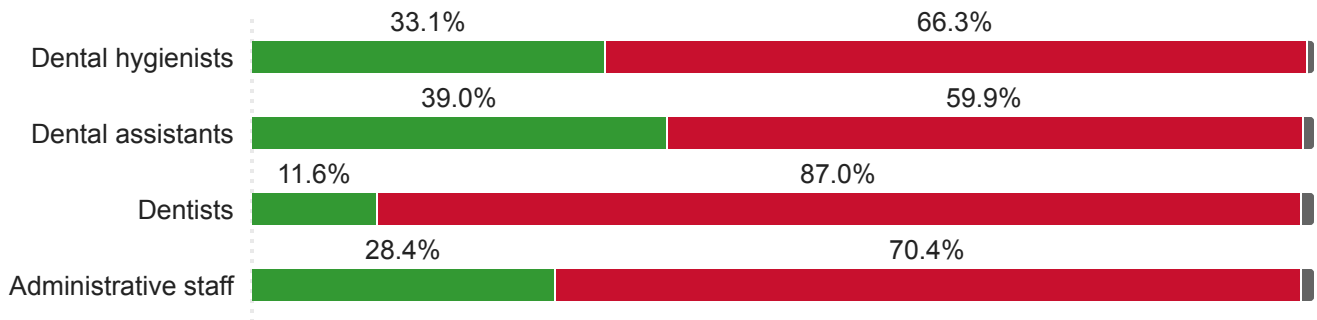
723 Responses



- Too busy to treat all people requesting appointments
- Provided care to all who requested appointments but was overworked
- Provided care to all who requested appointments but was not overworked
- Not busy enough, could have treated more patients

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**

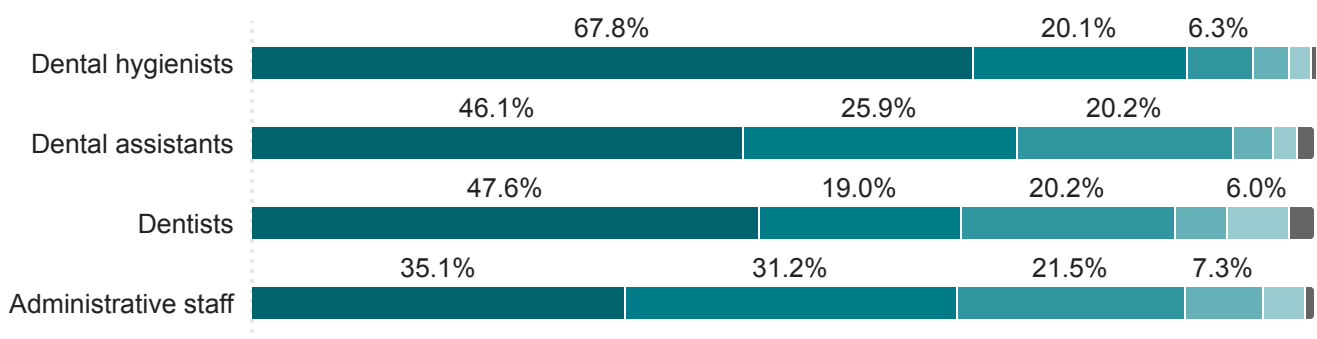
723 Responses



- Yes
- No
- Not sure

**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?**

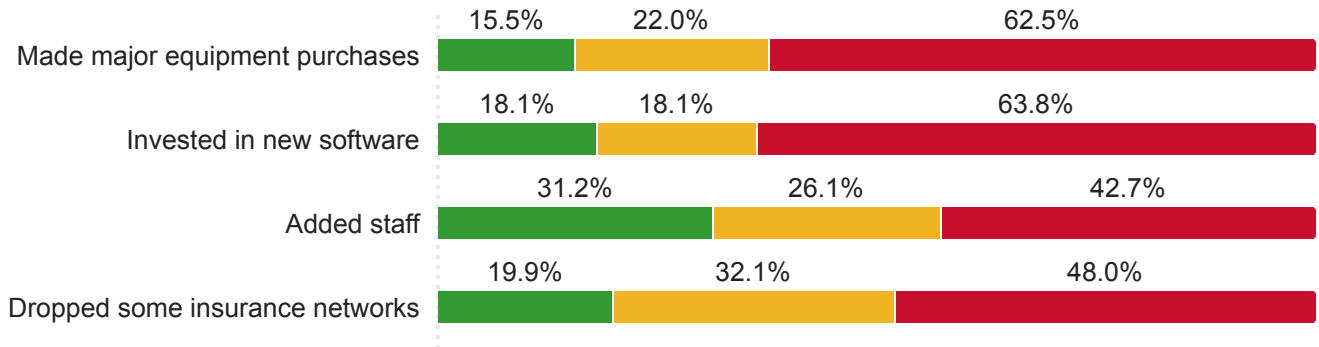
435 Responses



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

**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

613 Responses



■ Yes   
 ■ No, but may do later this year   
 ■ No, not planning to do this year

**Approximately what percentage of the patient base were in the insurance networks your practice dropped out of since the beginning of 2025?**

108 Responses



■ Mean % of patient base

**[General practitioner dentists] Do you currently accept appointments for children aged 1 year or younger?**

613 Responses



**[If accept appointments] What percentage of your patients are aged 1 year or younger?**

291 Responses



**[If accept appointments] Do you perform the "screening knee to knee examination" on patients aged 1 year or younger?**

322 Responses



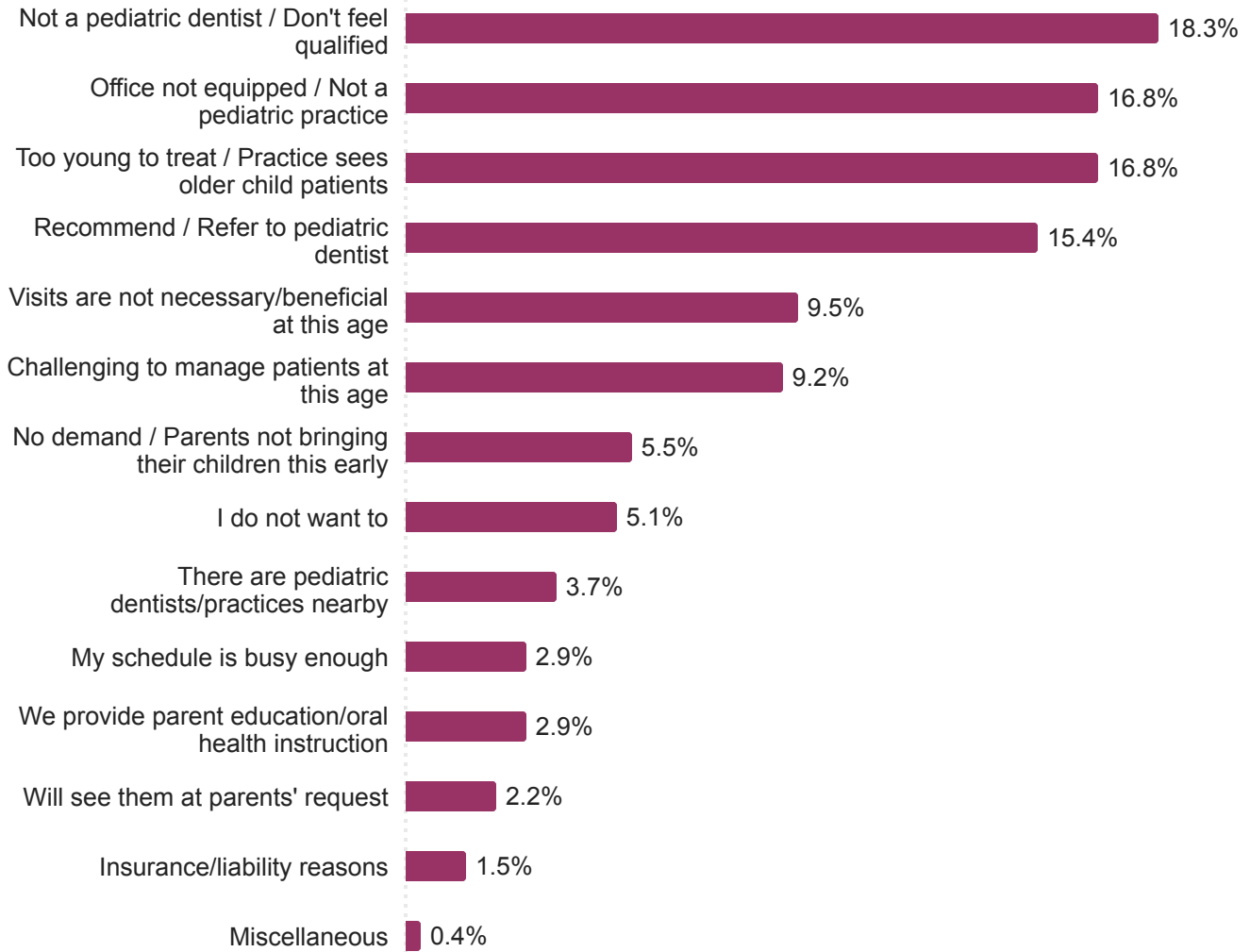
**[If perform exam] After performing the screening knee to knee exam on patients aged 1 year or younger, have you ever referred them to a pediatric dentist for treatment?**

254 Responses



**[If don't accept appointments] Why do you not accept appointments for children aged 1 or younger?**

273 Responses

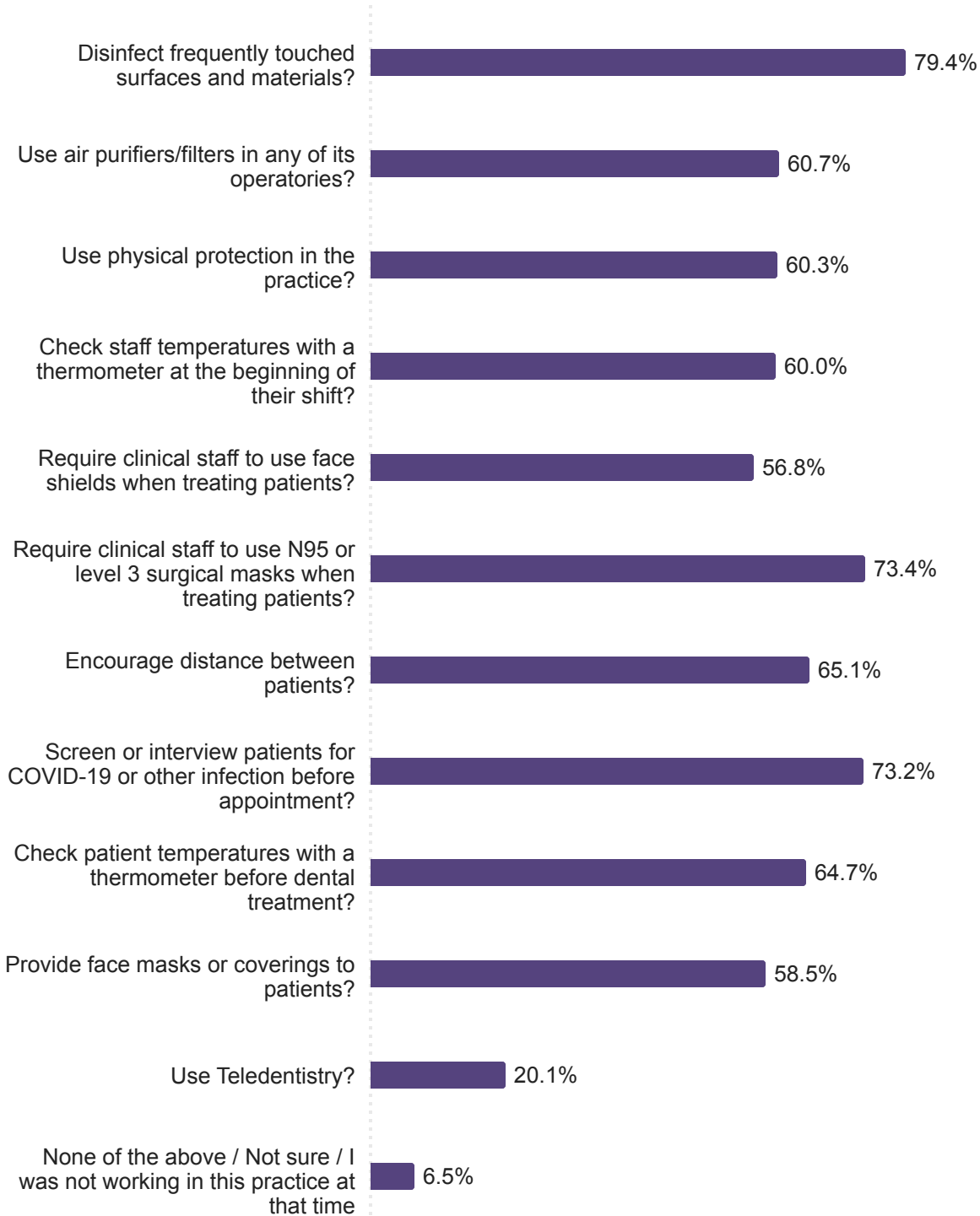


■ Percentage of Responses



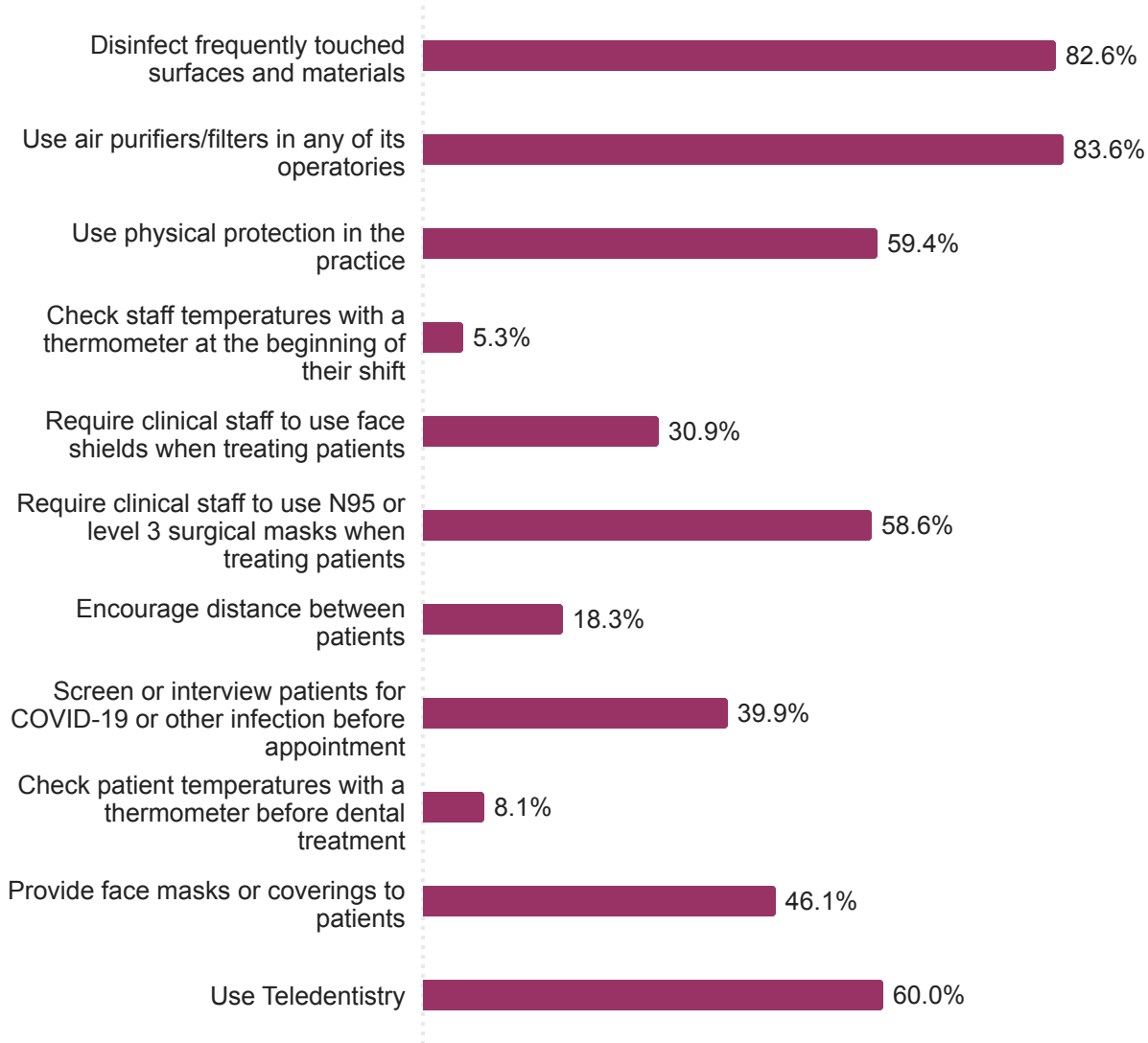
**As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, did your practice begin to:**

723 Responses



**[If selected in previous question] Does your practice currently do the following? (% yes)**

676 Responses

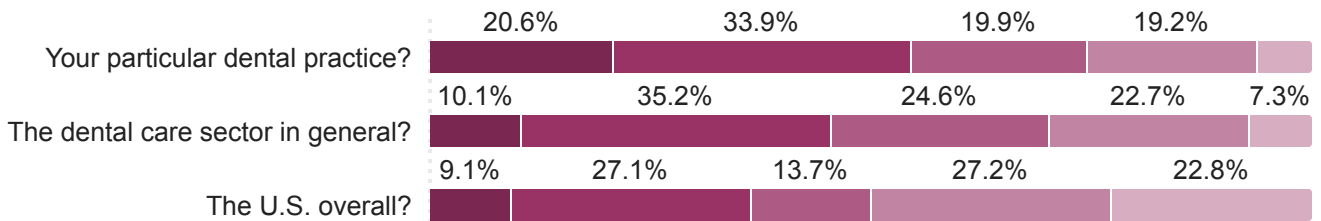


**Economic Confidence**

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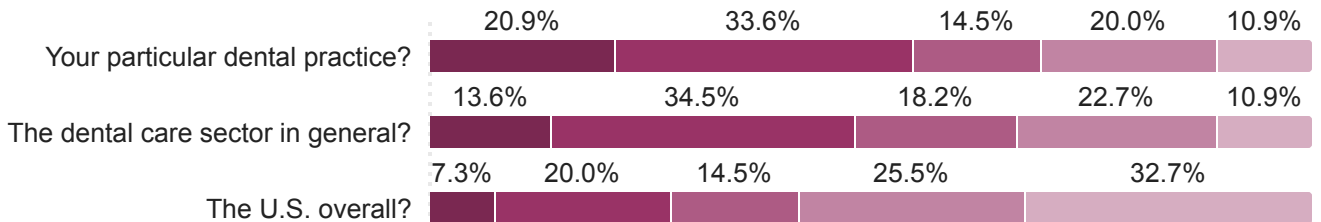
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**Owner**



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

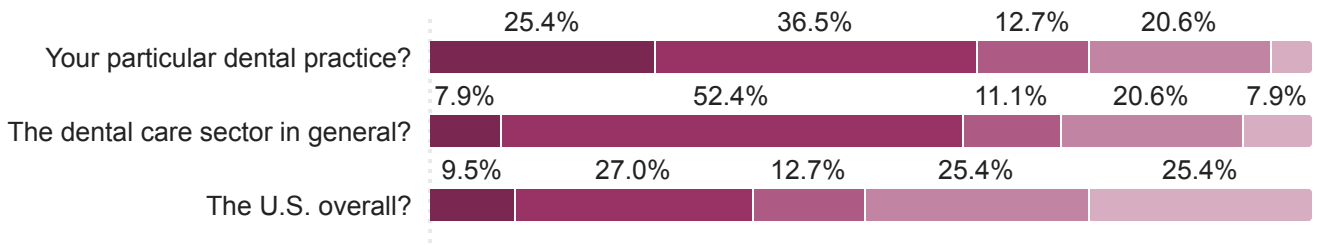
**Non-owner**



**BY DSO AFFILIATION**

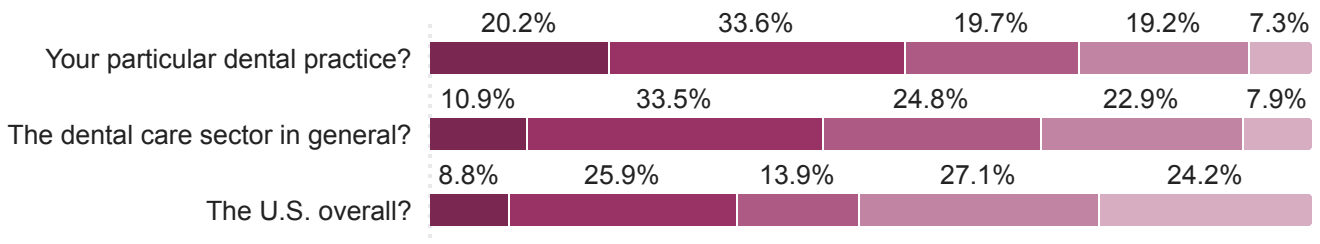
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**DSO**



■ Very confident  
 ■ Somewhat confident  
 ■ Neither confident nor skeptical  
 ■ Somewhat skeptical  
 ■ Very skeptical

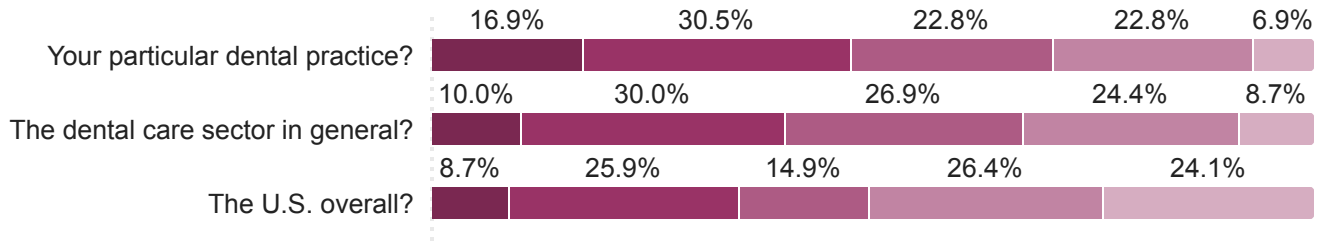
**Non-DSO**



**BY PRACTICE SIZE**

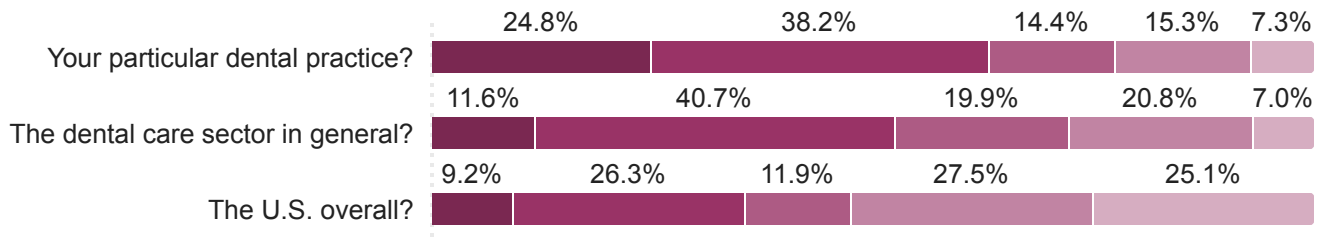
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**Solo dentists**



■ Very confident  
 ■ Somewhat confident  
 ■ Neither confident nor skeptical  
 ■ Somewhat skeptical  
 ■ Very skeptical

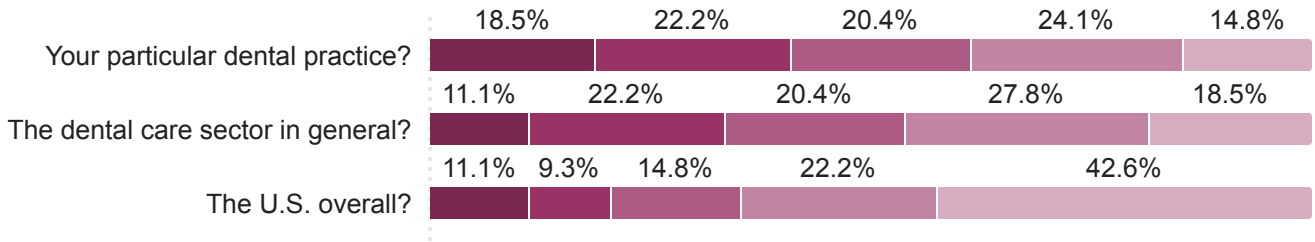
**2 to 9 dentists**



**BY GEOGRAPHY**

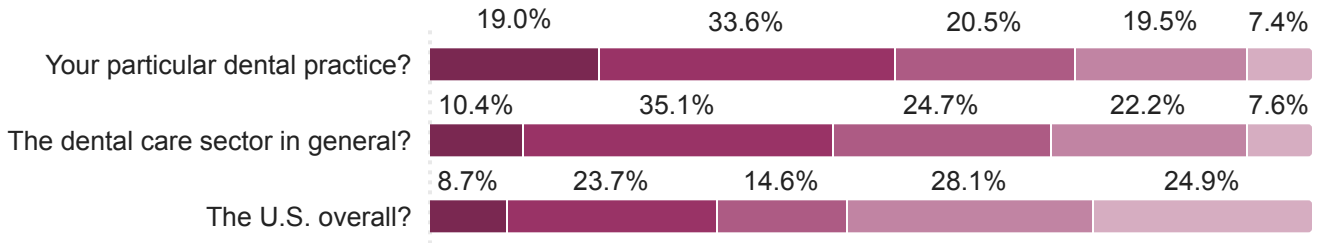
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**Top 20 cities**

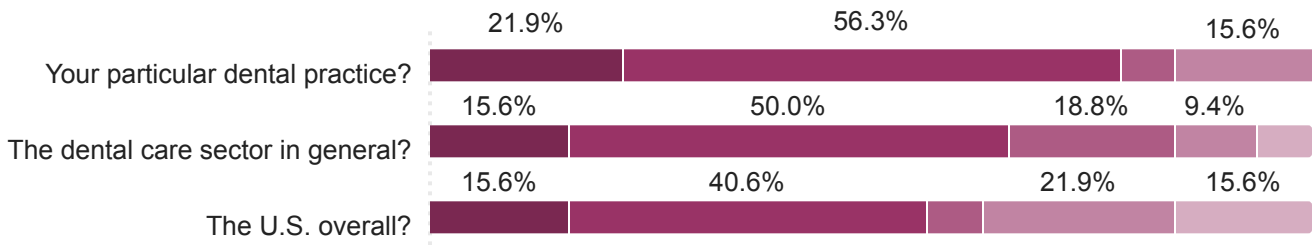


■ Very confident  
 ■ Somewhat confident  
 ■ Neither confident nor skeptical  
 ■ Somewhat skeptical  
 ■ Very skeptical

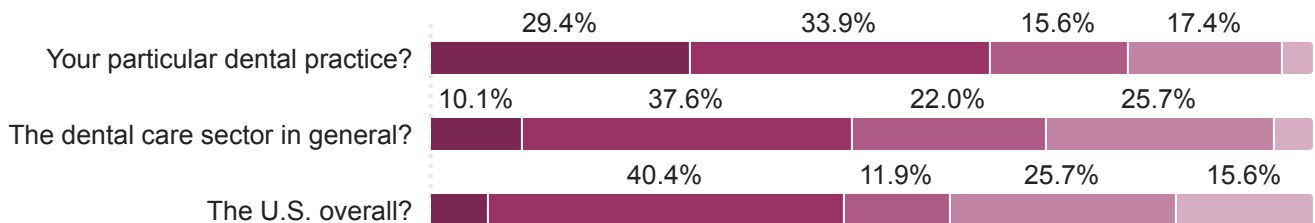
**Other urban**



**Suburban**



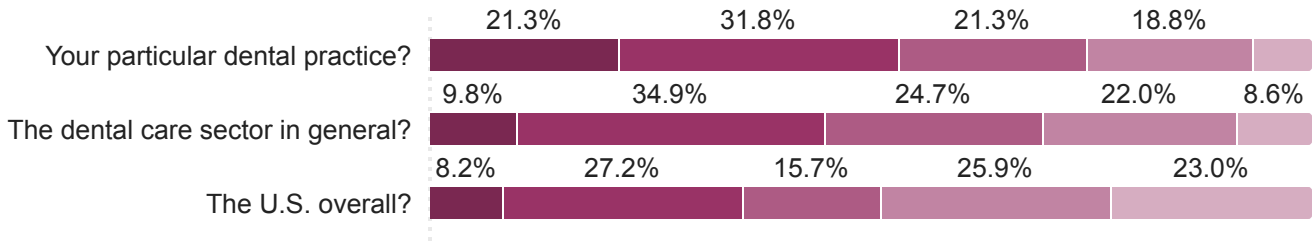
**Rural**



**BY SEX**

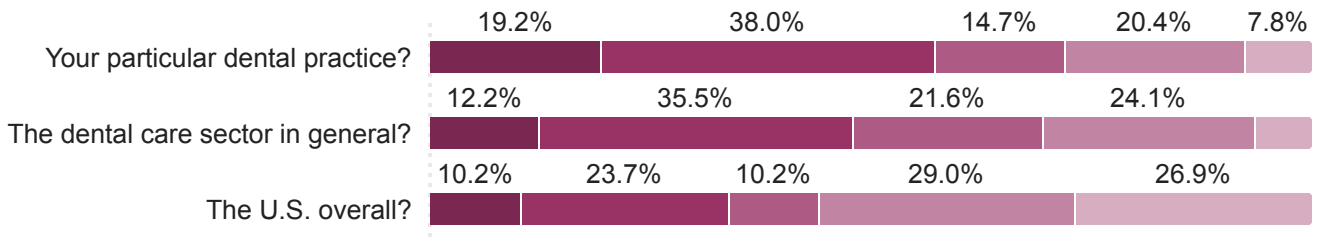
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**Male**



■ Very confident  
 ■ Somewhat confident  
 ■ Neither confident nor skeptical  
 ■ Somewhat skeptical  
 ■ Very skeptical

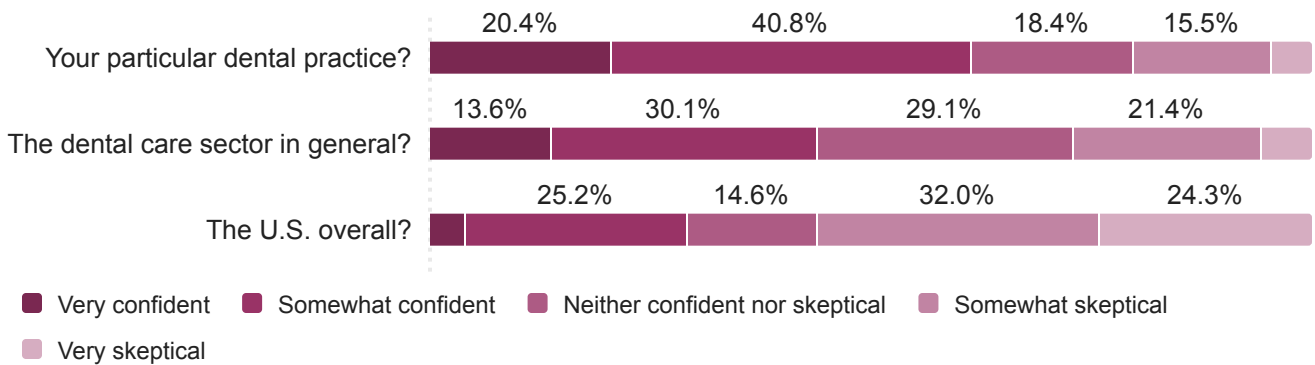
**Female**



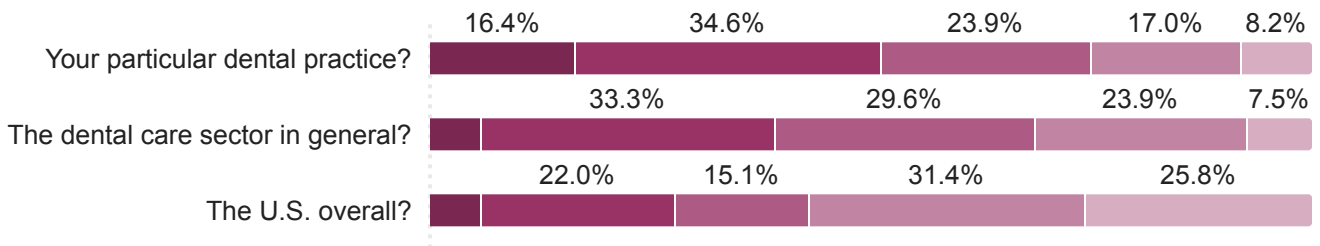
**BY AGE GROUP**

Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

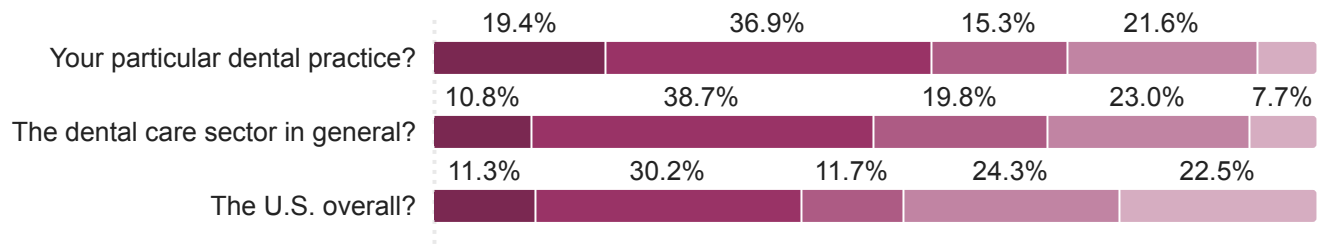
**35 to 44**



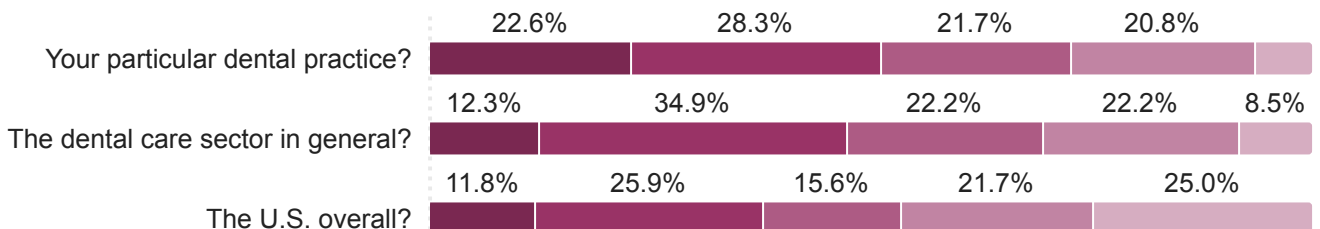
**45 to 54**



**55 to 64**



**65 or older**

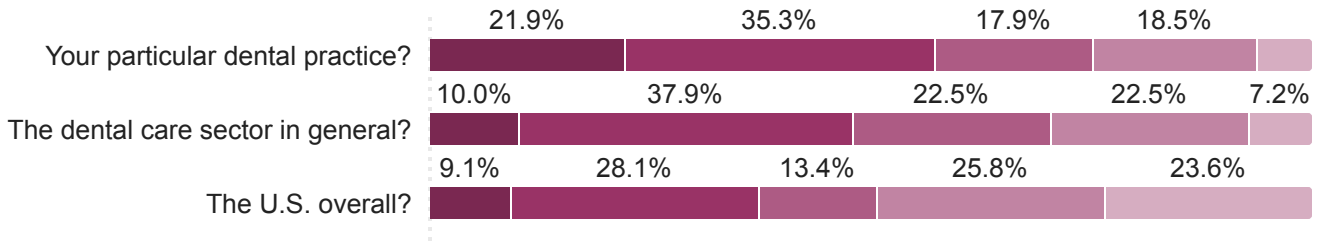




**BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

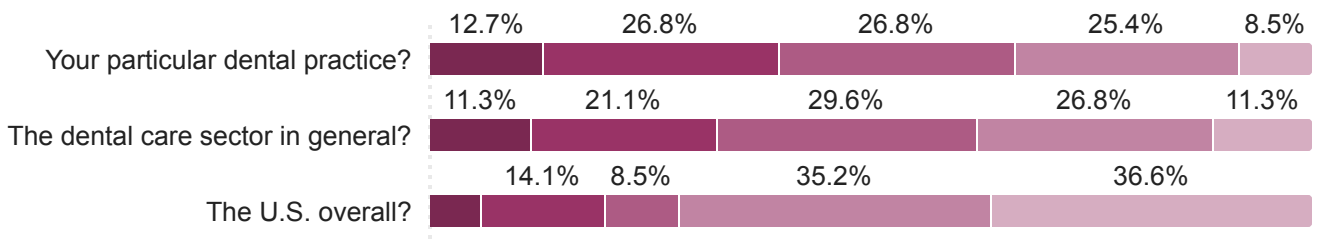
Looking ahead the next 6 months, how confident are you in the economic conditions in:

**White**

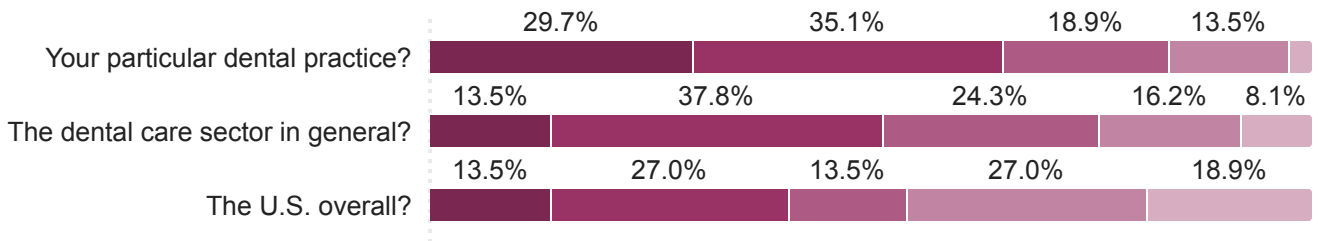


■ Very confident  
 ■ Somewhat confident  
 ■ Neither confident nor skeptical  
 ■ Somewhat skeptical  
 ■ Very skeptical

**Asian**



**Hispanic**



### *Patient Wait Times*

#### BY DSO AFFILIATION

[Owners only] Is your practice currently accepting new patients?  
(Percentage selecting "yes")



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



■ Mean number of days

**BY PRACTICE SIZE**

**[Owners only] Is your practice currently accepting new patients?  
(Percentage selecting "yes")**



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

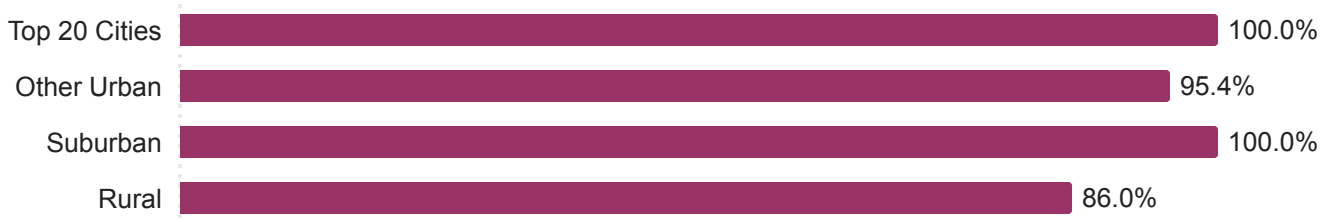


■ Mean number of days

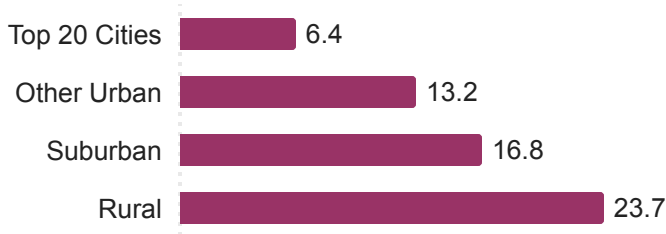
**BY GEOGRAPHY**

**[Owners only] Is your practice currently accepting new patients?**

**(Percentage selecting "yes")**



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



■ Average number of days

**BY SEX**

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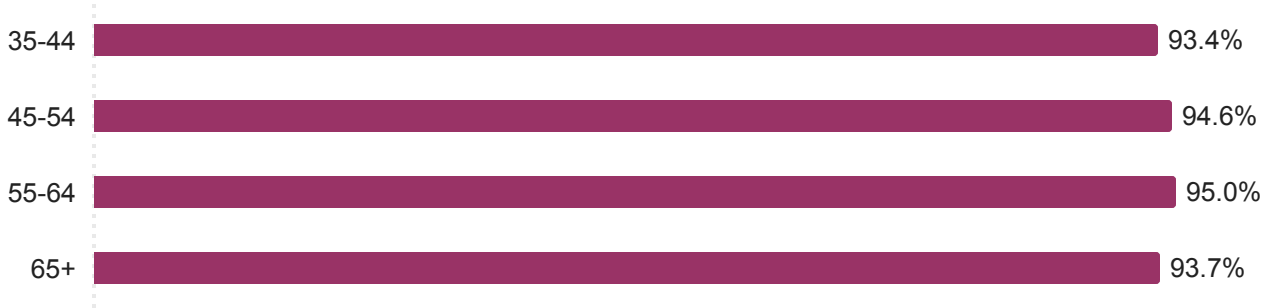
**Currently, how many business days does the average new patient have to wait for an initial appointment (excluding emergencies)?**



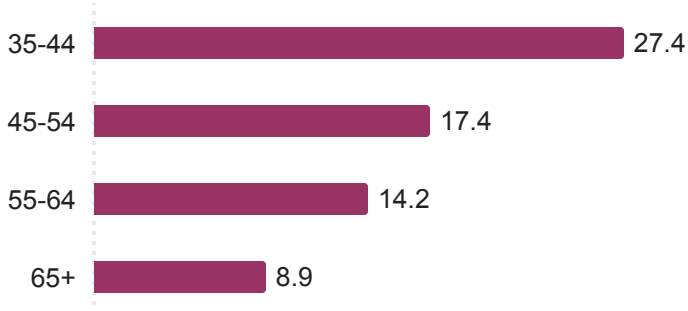
■ Mean number of days

**BY AGE GROUP**

**[Owners only] Is your practice currently accepting new patients?  
(Percentage selecting "yes")**



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



■ Average number of days

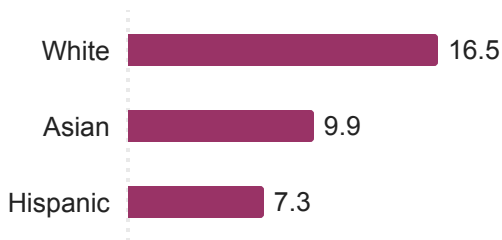
**BY RACE / ETHNICITY**

**[Owners only] Is your practice currently accepting new patients?**

**(Percentage selecting "yes")**



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

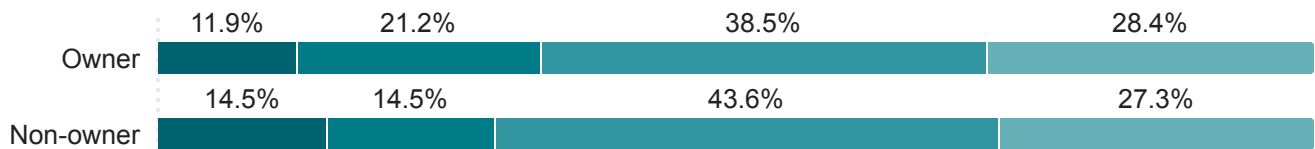


■ Average number of days

## Business

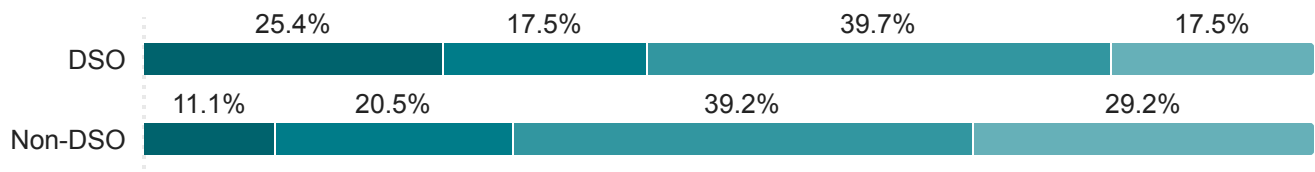
Which of the following best describes your general busyness level over the last 3 months?

### BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

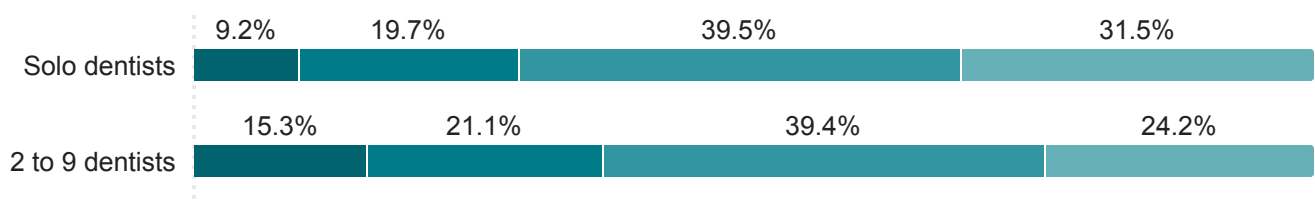


- Too busy to treat all people requesting appointments
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- Not busy enough, could have treated more patients

### BY DSO AFFILIATION



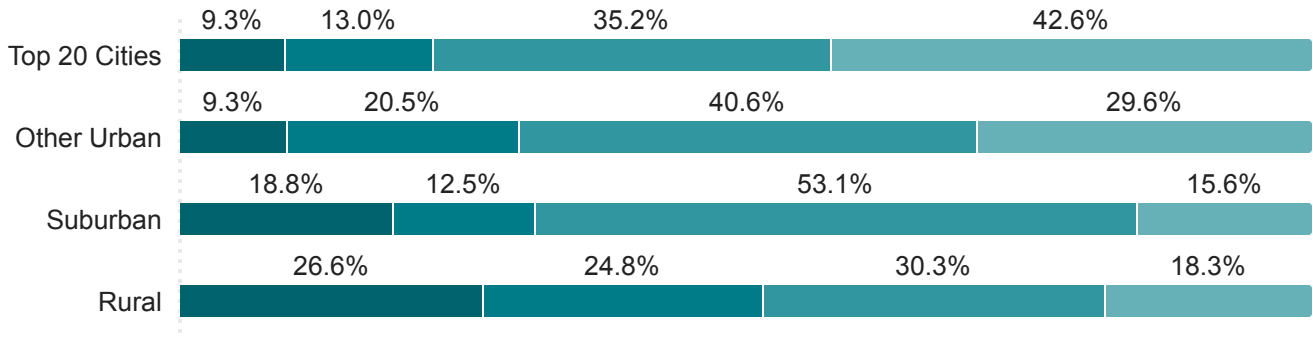
### BY PRACTICE SIZE





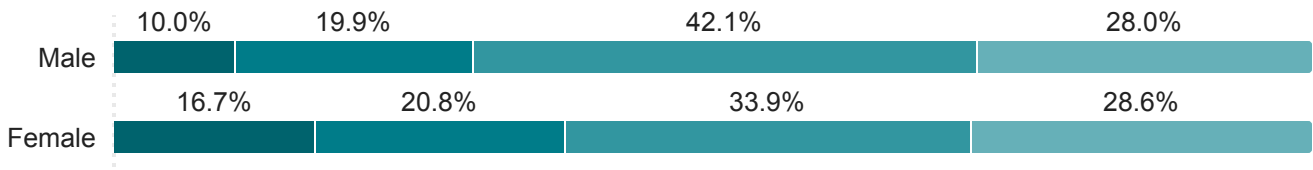
**Which of the following best describes your general busyness level over the last 3 months? (continued)**

**BY GEOGRAPHY**

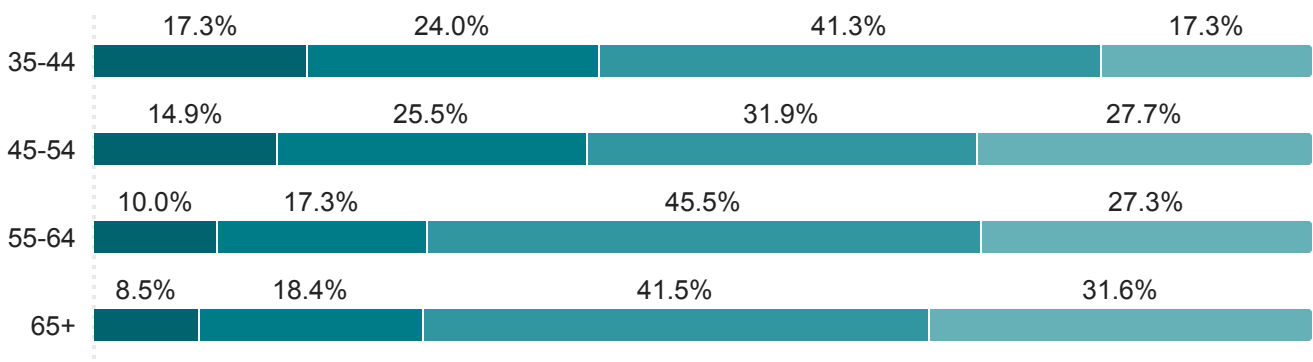


- Too busy to treat all people requesting appointments
- Provided care to all who requested appointments but was overworked
- Provided care to all who requested appointments but was not overworked
- Not busy enough, could have treated more patients

**BY GENDER**

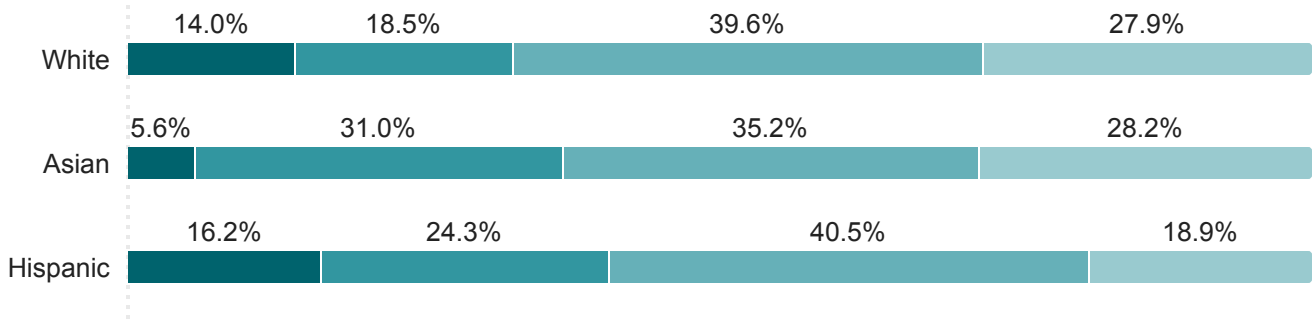


**BY AGE GROUP**



**Which of the following best describes your general busyness level over the last 3 months? (continued)**

**BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



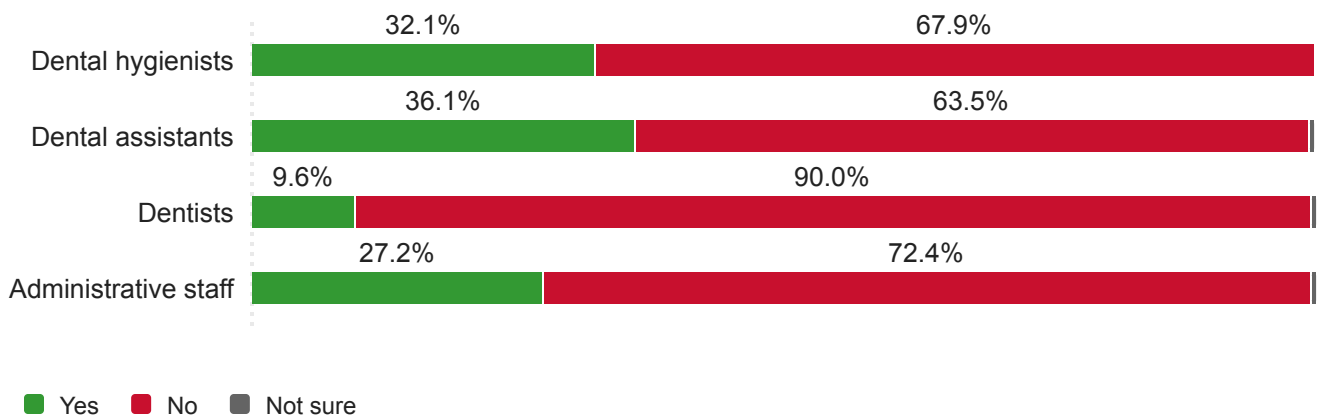
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## Staff Recruitment

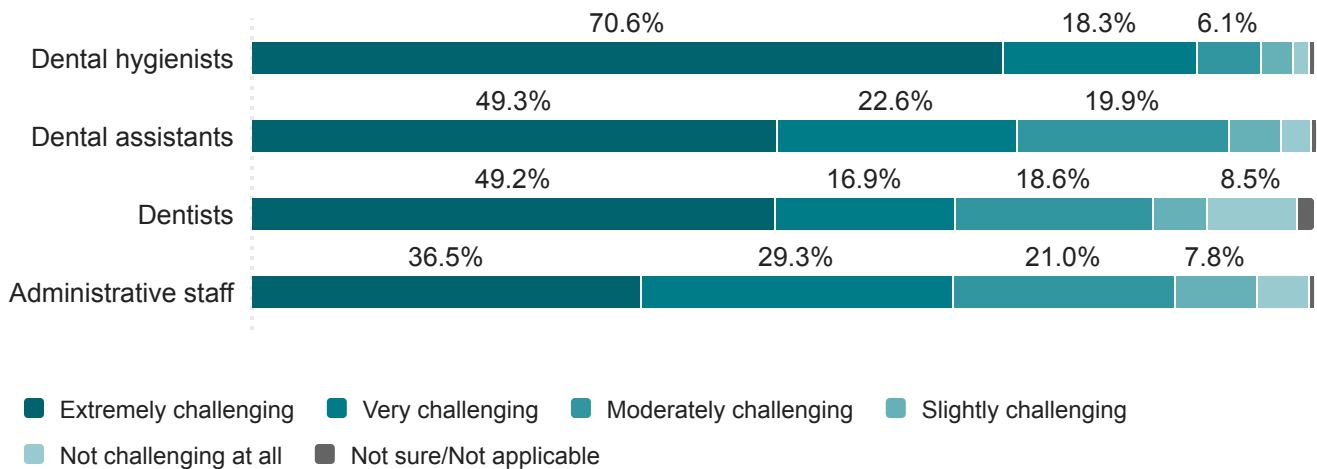
### BY OWNERSHIP STATUS

#### Owner dentists

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



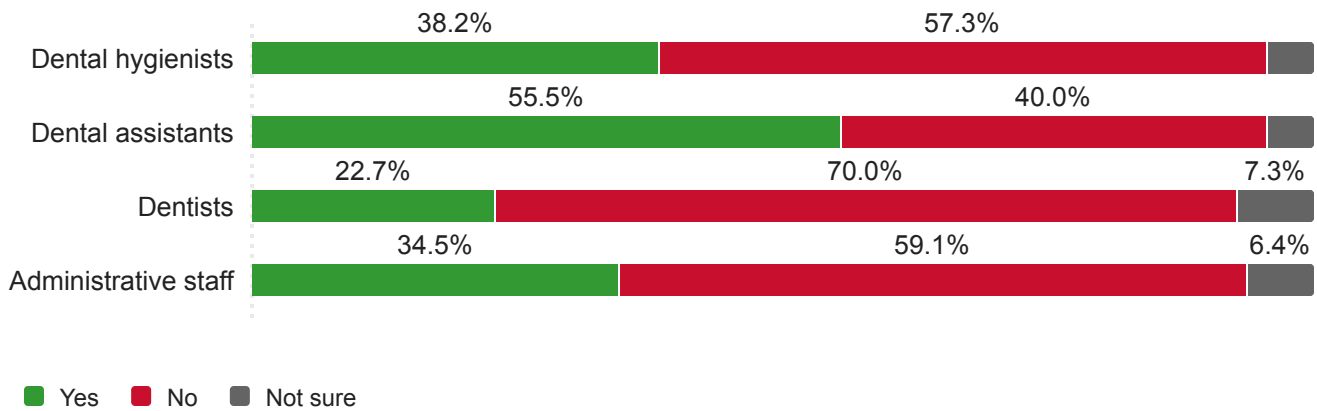
How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?



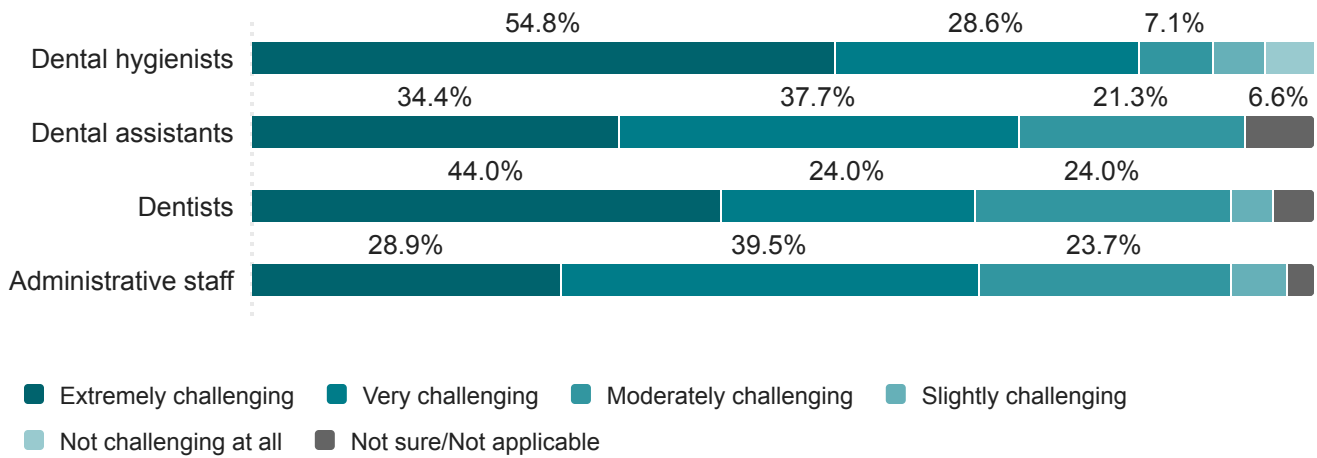
**BY OWNERSHIP STATUS (continued)**

**Non-owner dentists**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



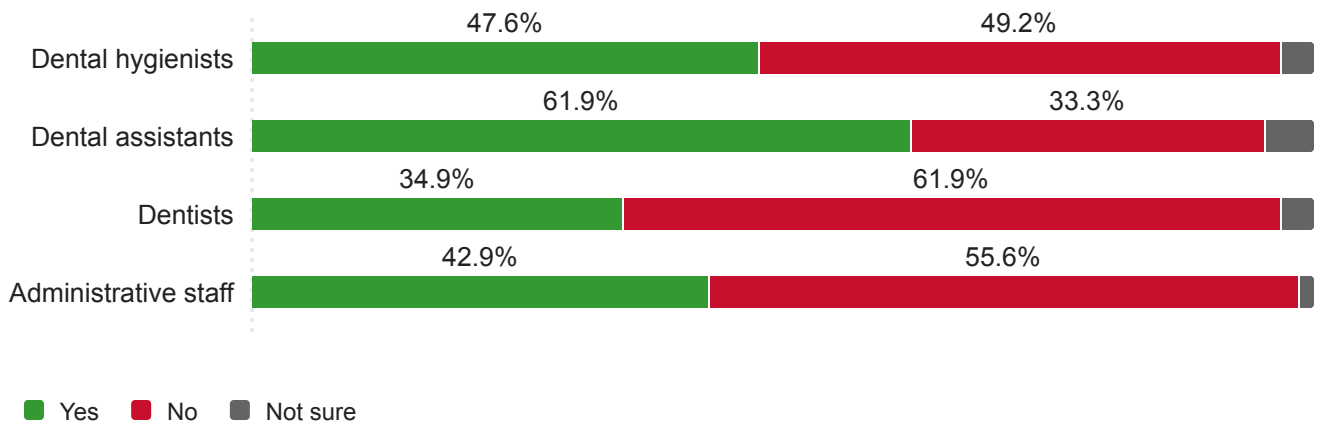
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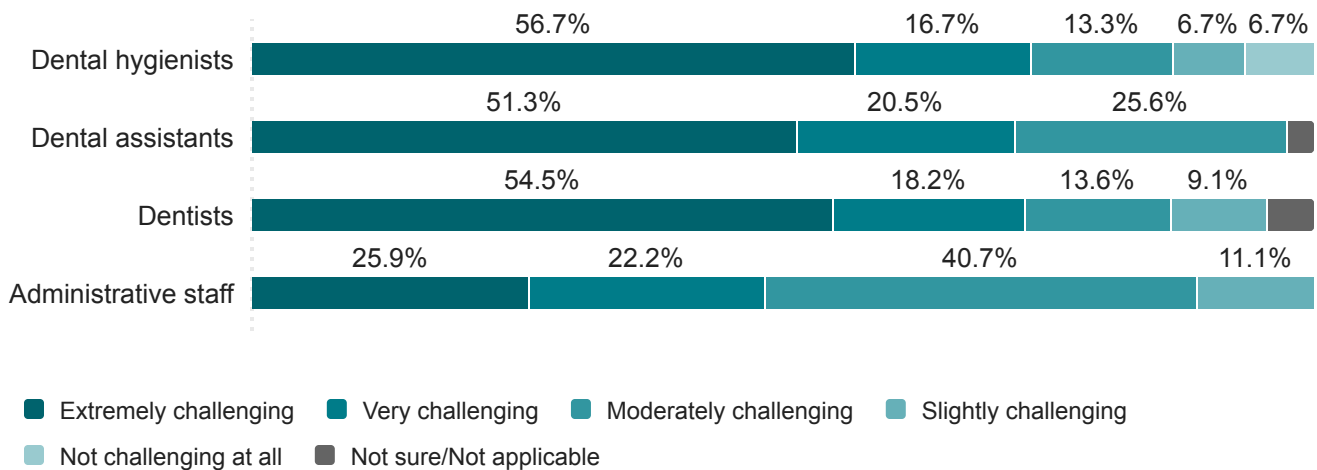
BY DSO AFFILIATION

DSO

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



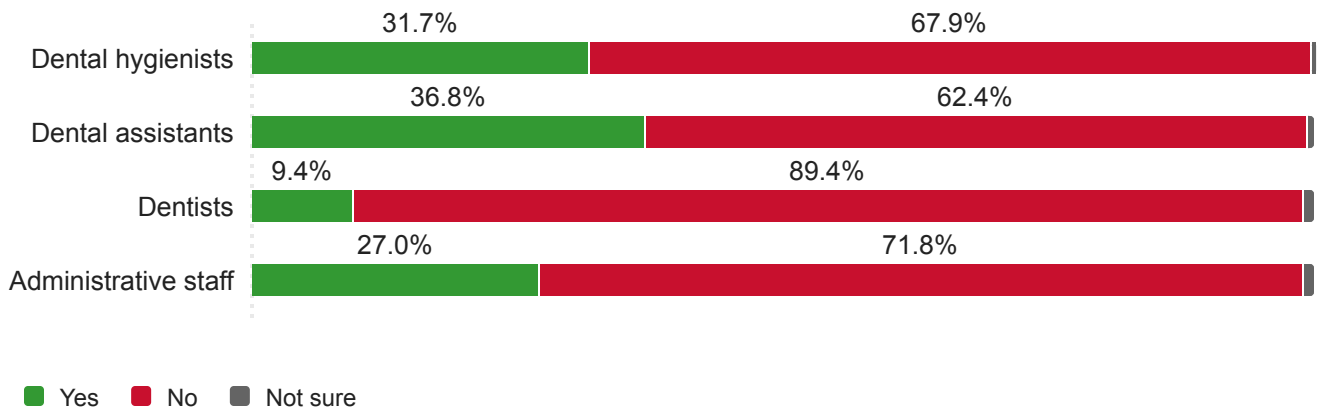
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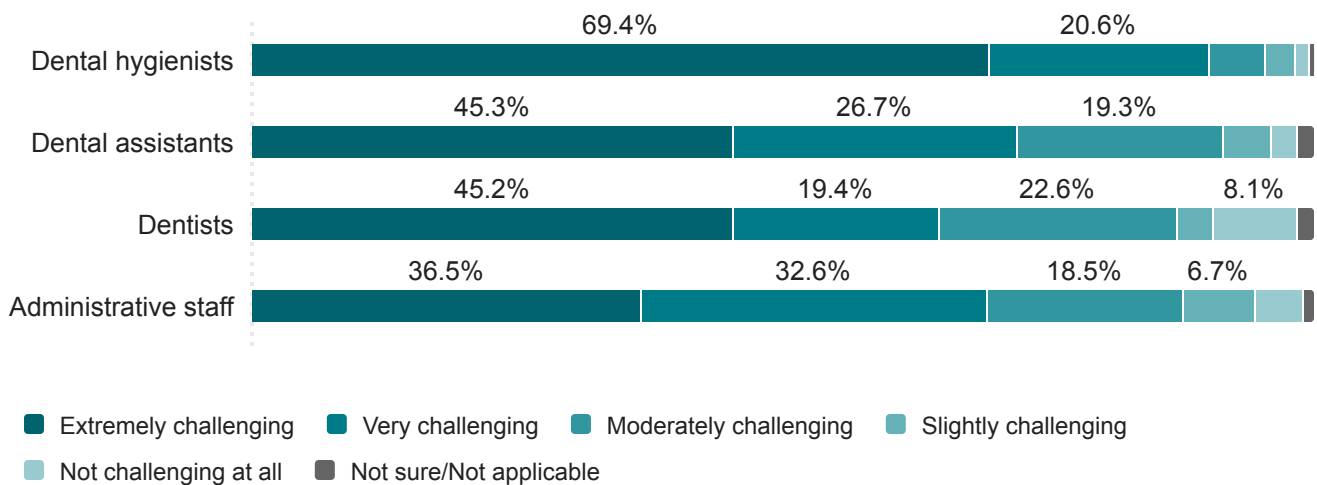
**BY DSO AFFILIATION (continued)**

**Non-DSO**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



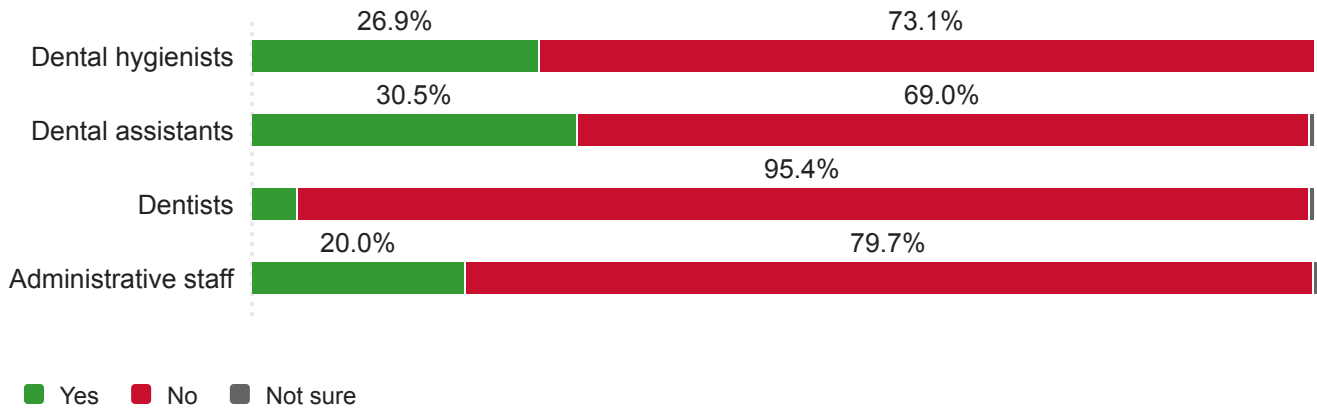
**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?**



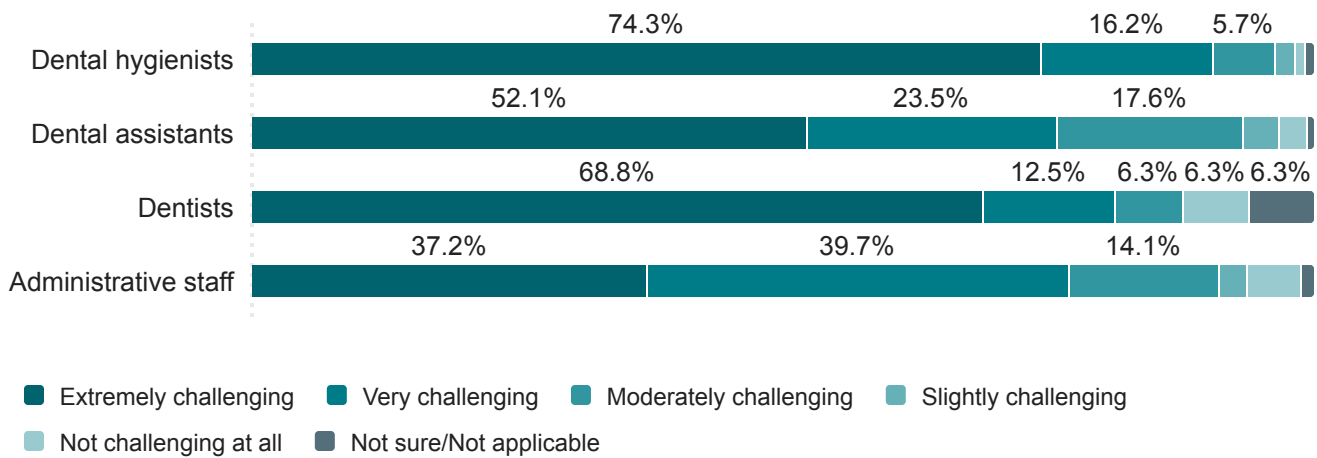
**BY PRACTICE SIZE**

**Solo dentists**

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



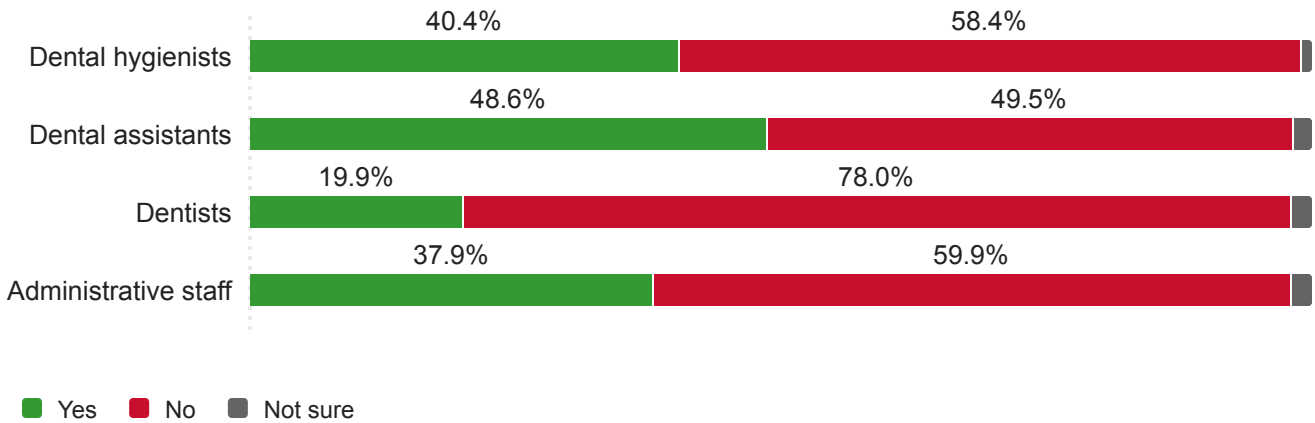
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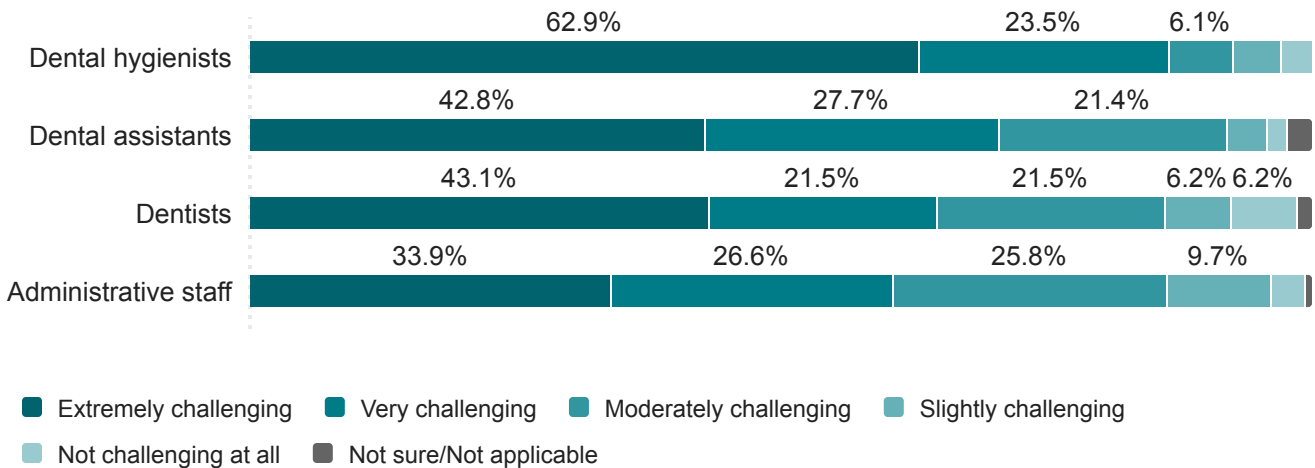
**BY PRACTICE SIZE (continued)**

**2 to 9 dentists**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?**

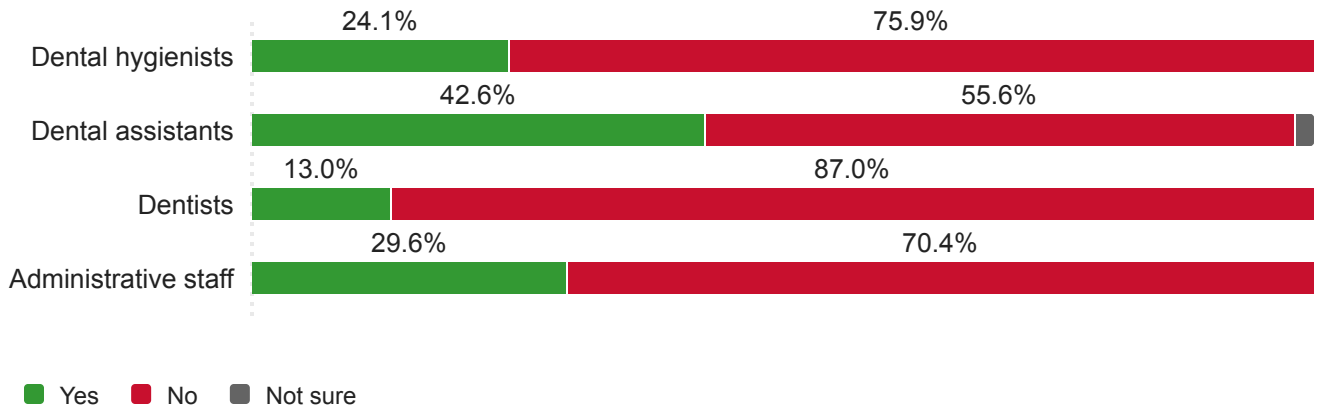




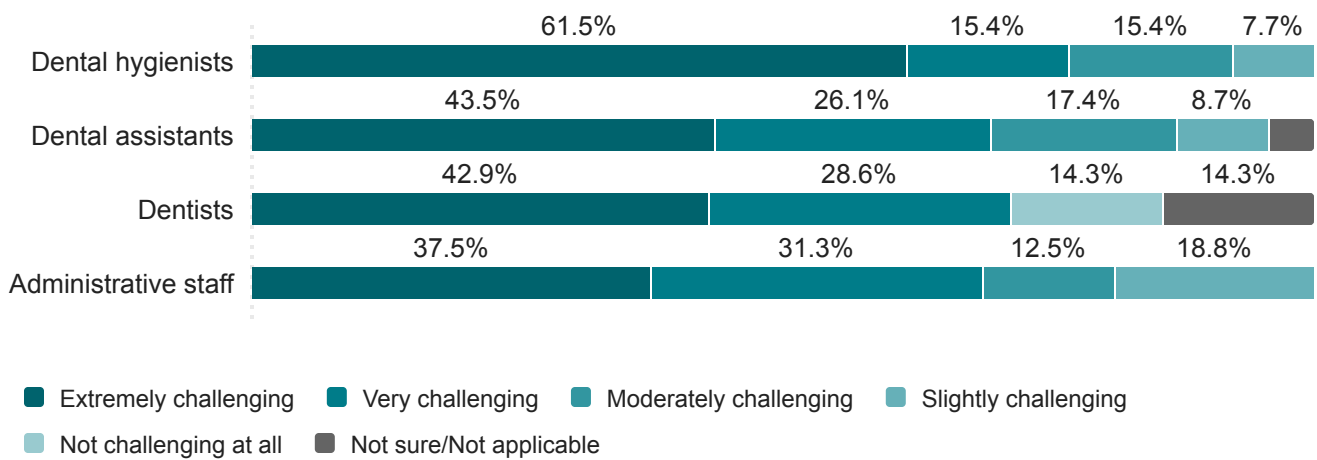
BY GEOGRAPHY

Top 20 Cities

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



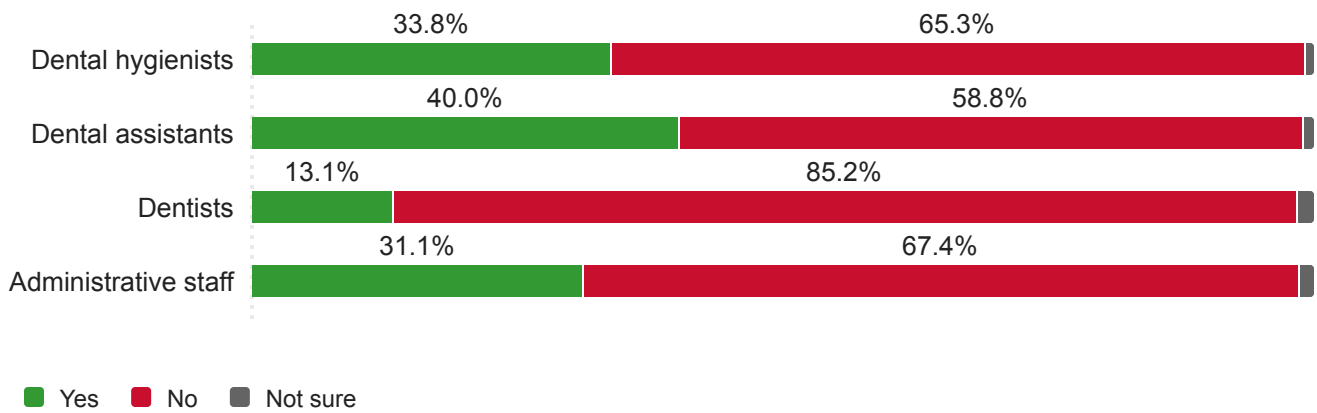
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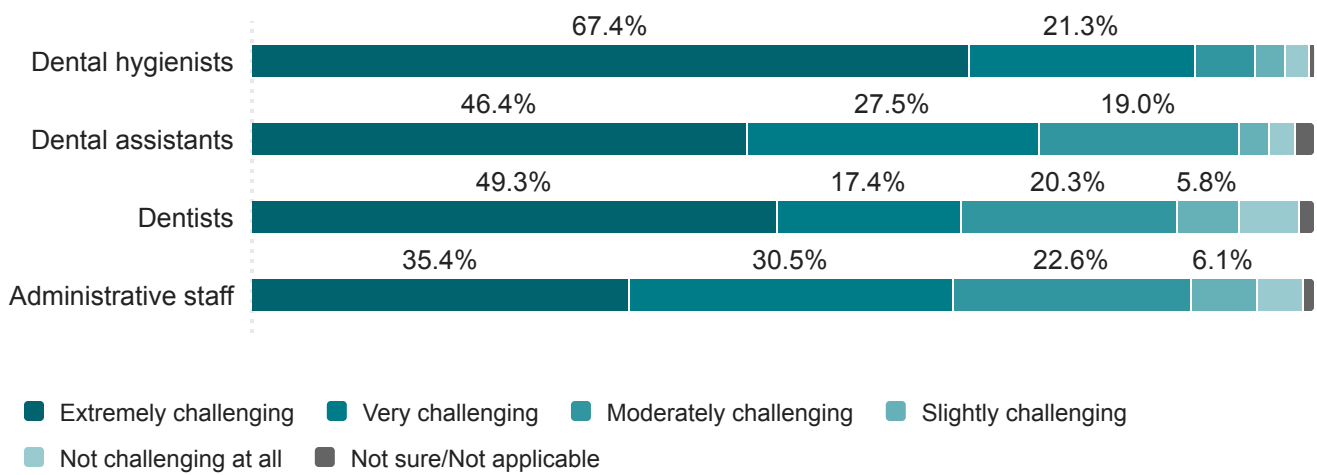
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Other Urban

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



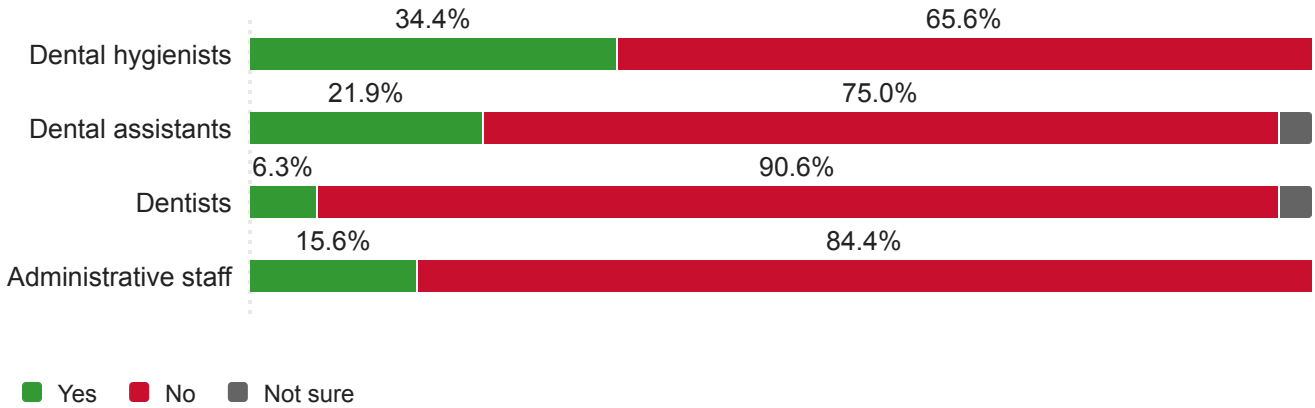
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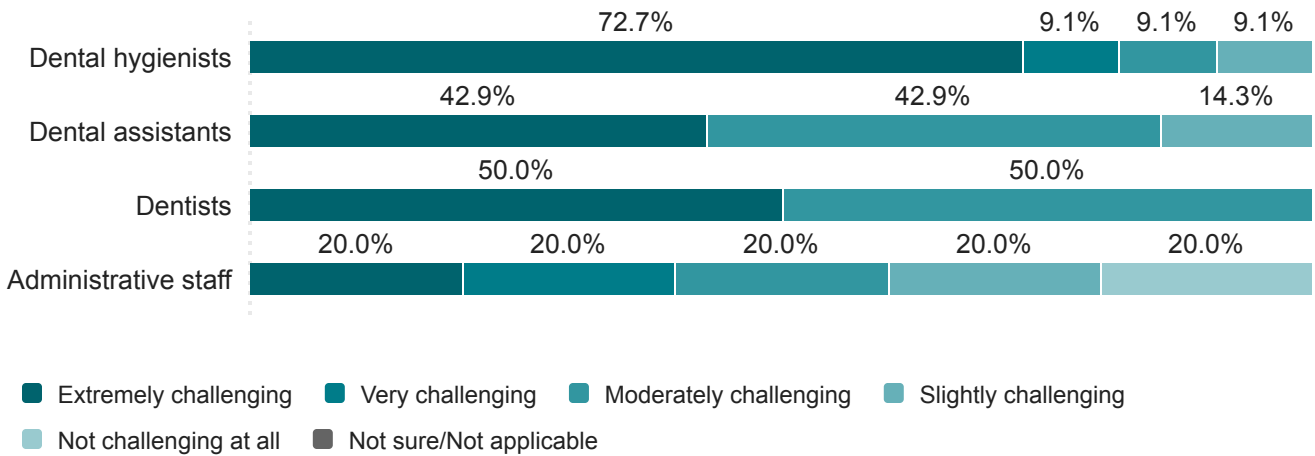
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**Suburban**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



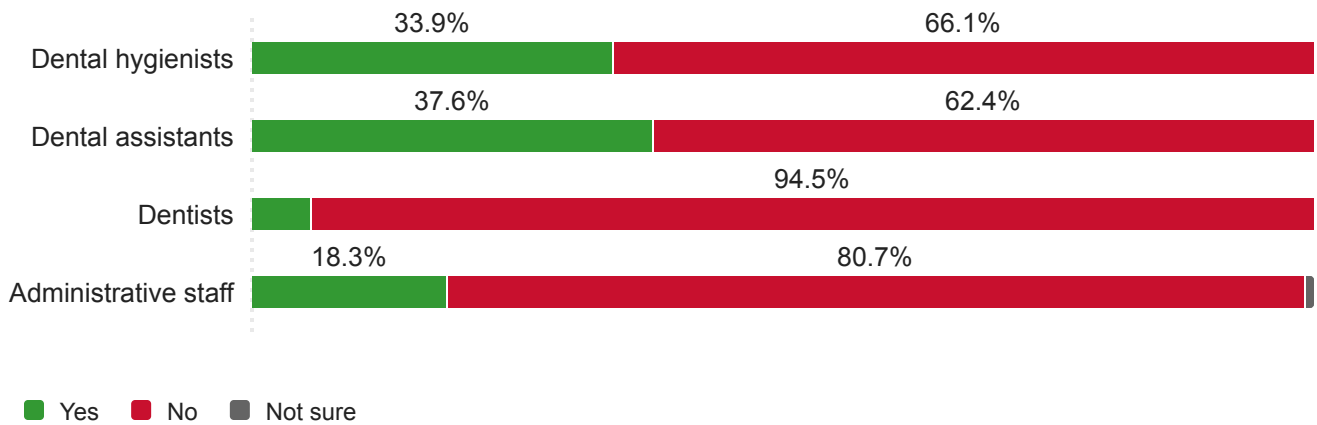
**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?**



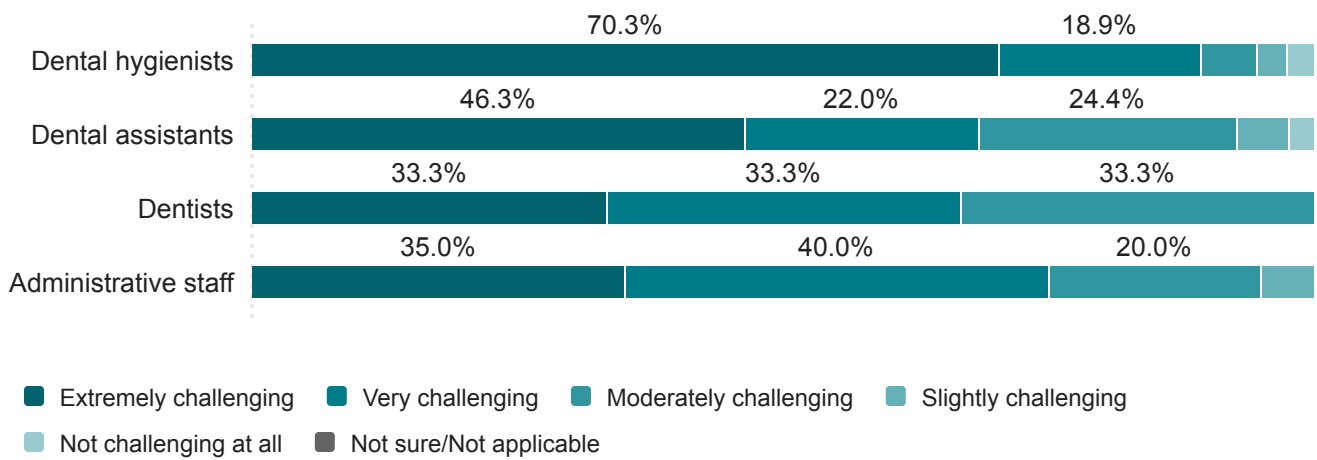
BY GEOGRAPHY (continued)

Rural

Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?



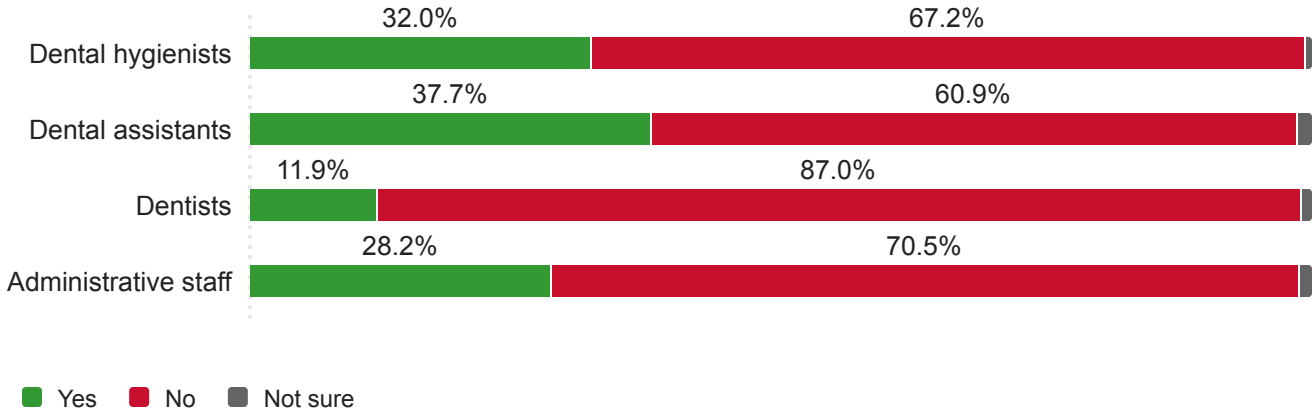
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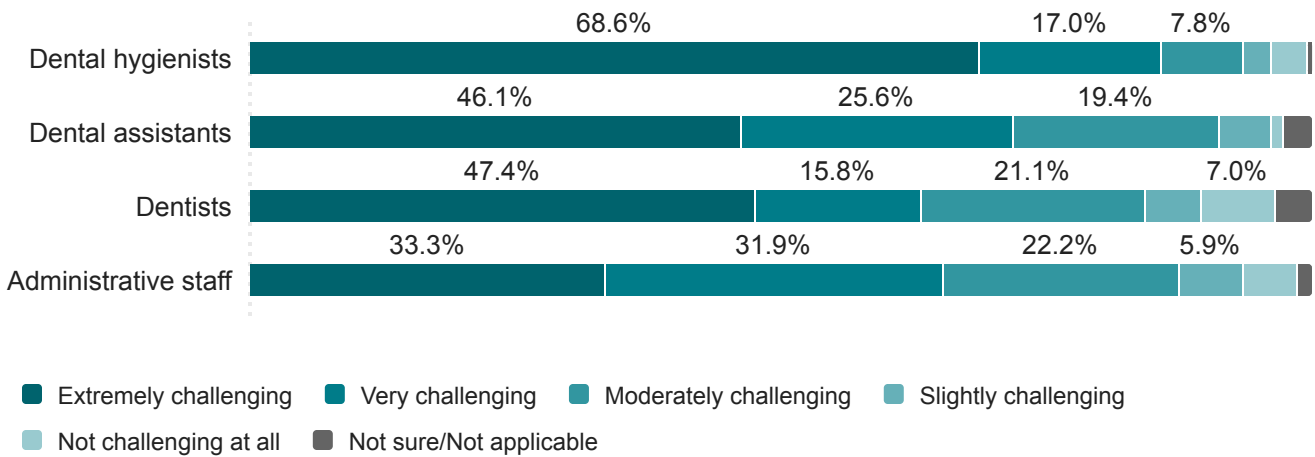
**BY SEX**

**Male**

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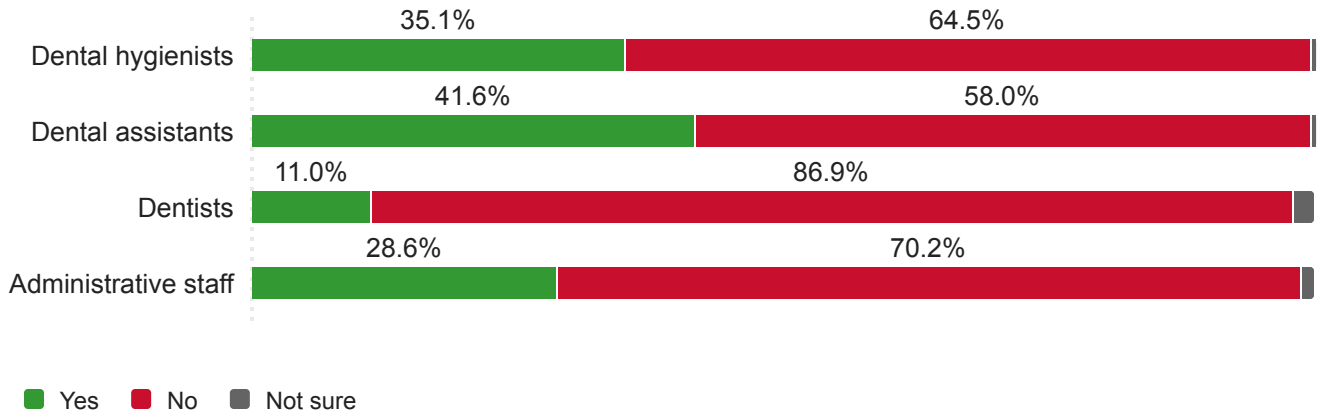
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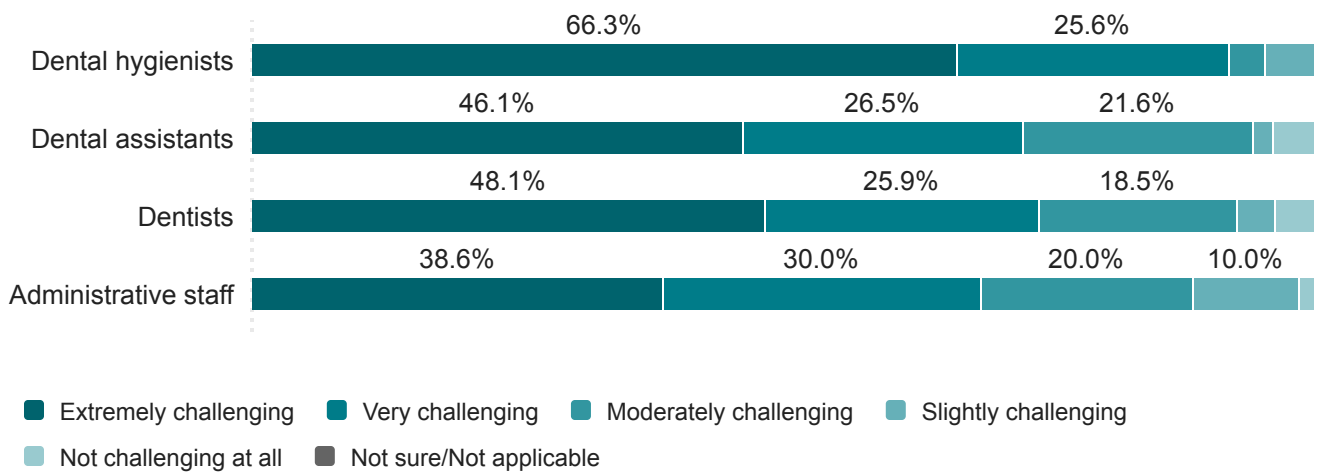
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**Female**

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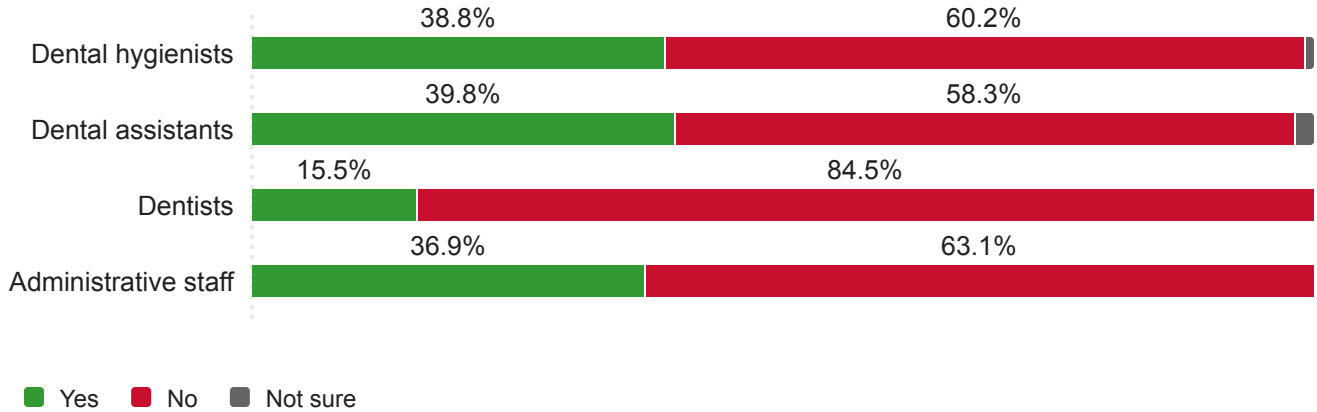
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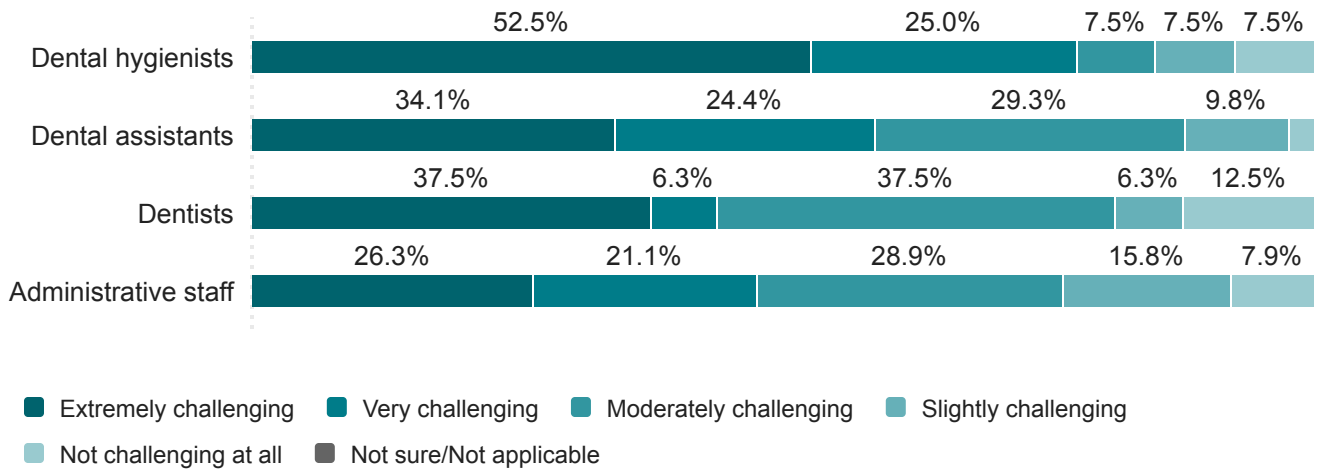
**BY AGE GROUP**

**35 to 44**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



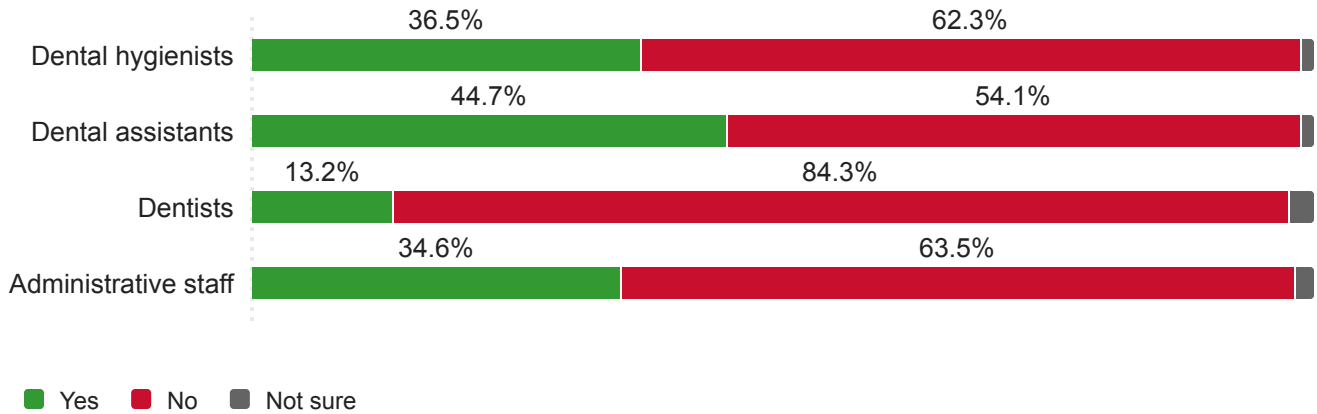
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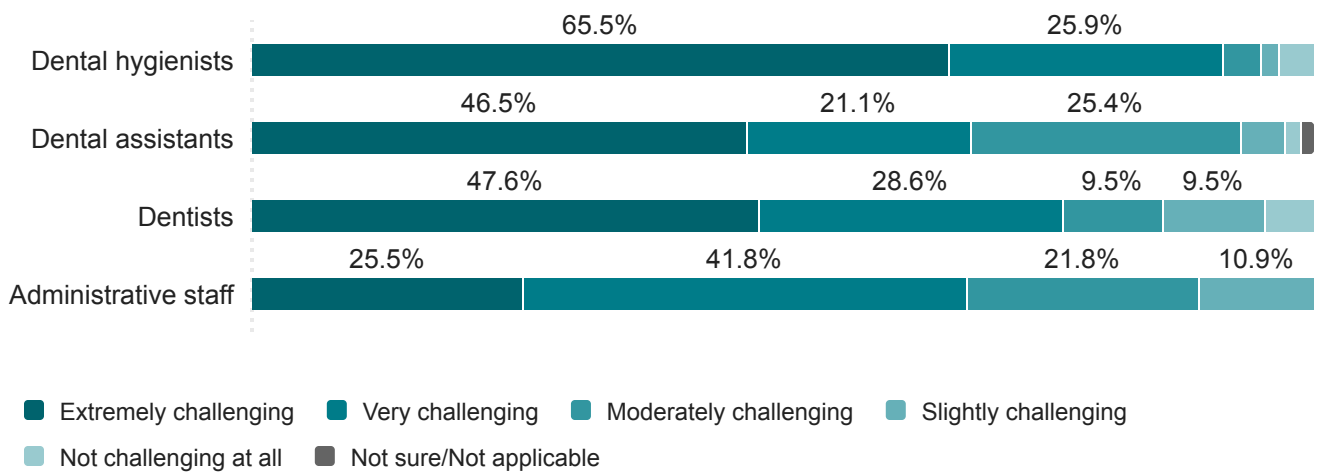
**BY AGE GROUP (continued)**

**45 to 54**

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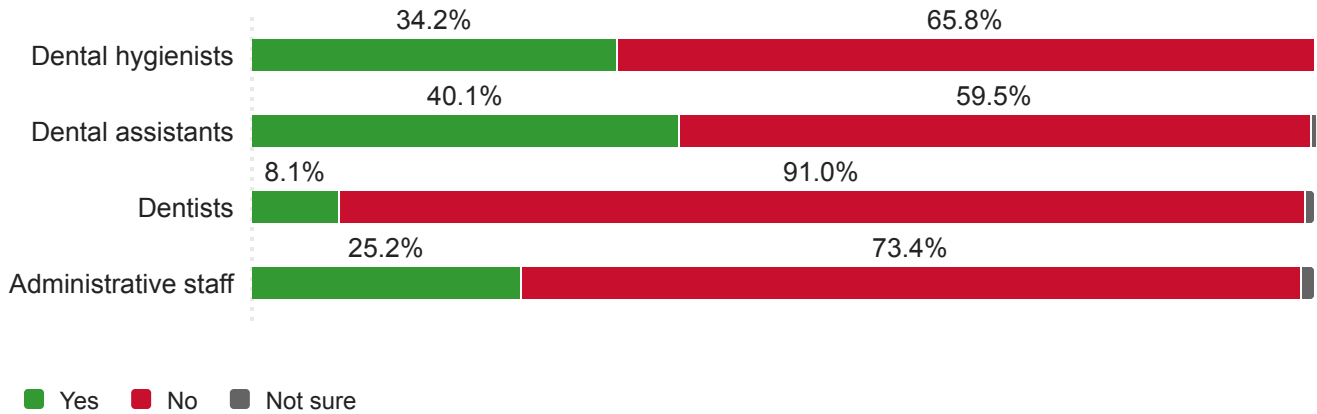




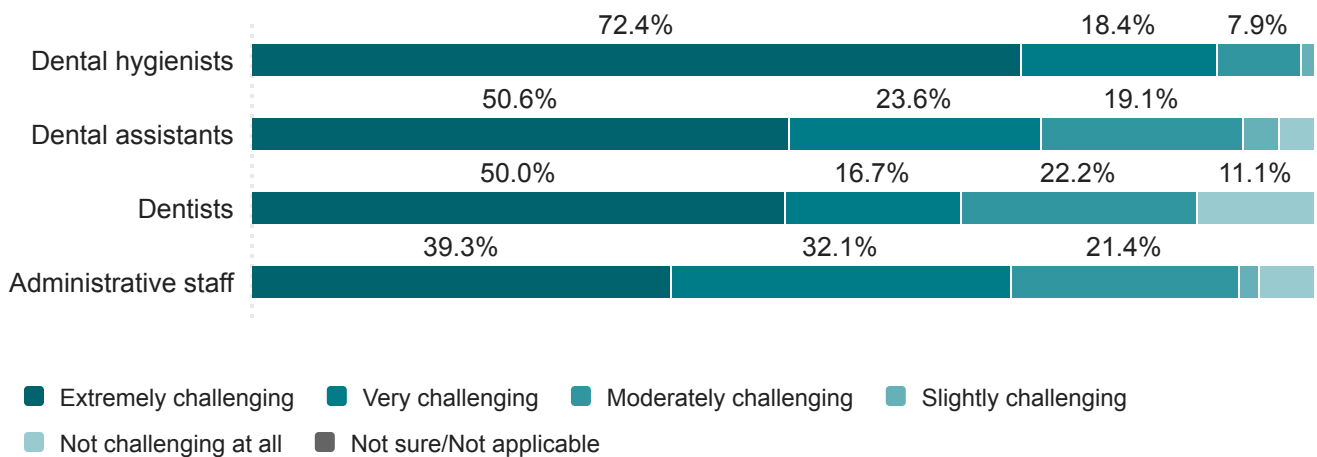
**BY AGE GROUP (continued)**

**55 to 64**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



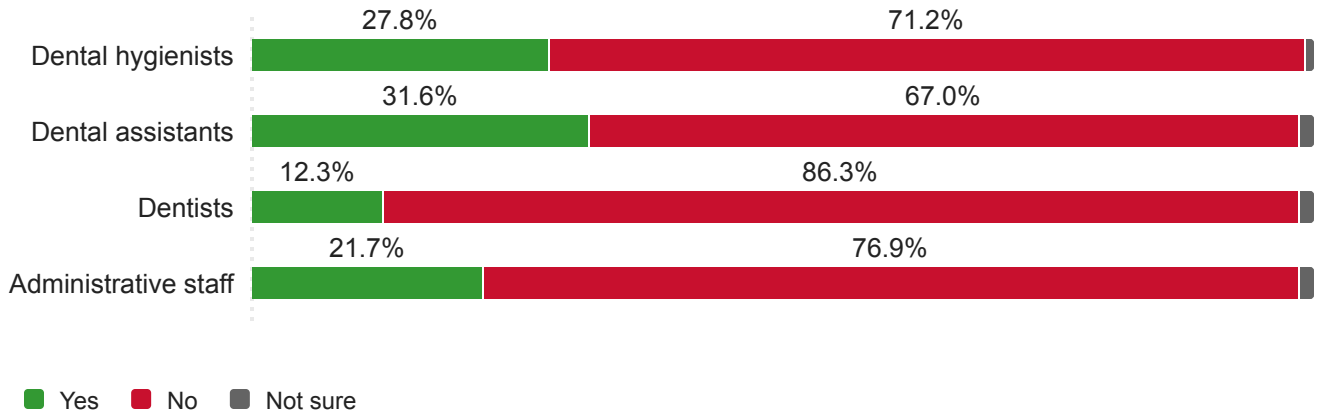
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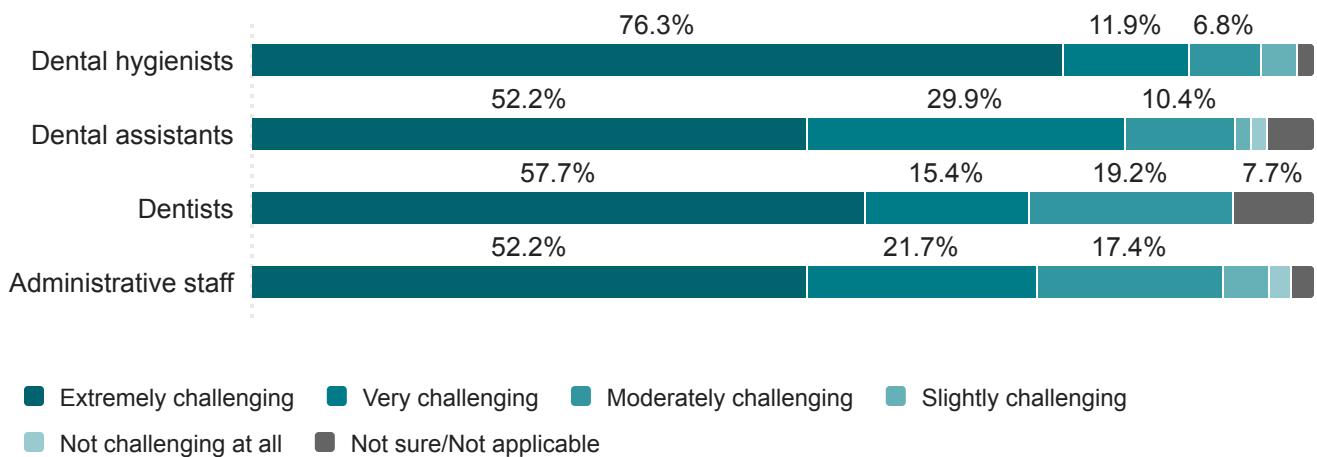
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**65 or older**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



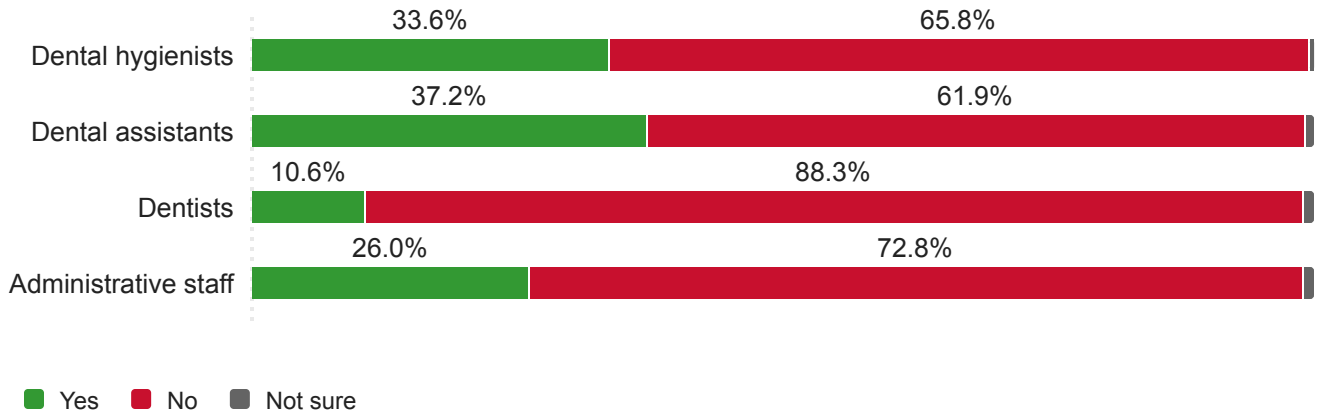
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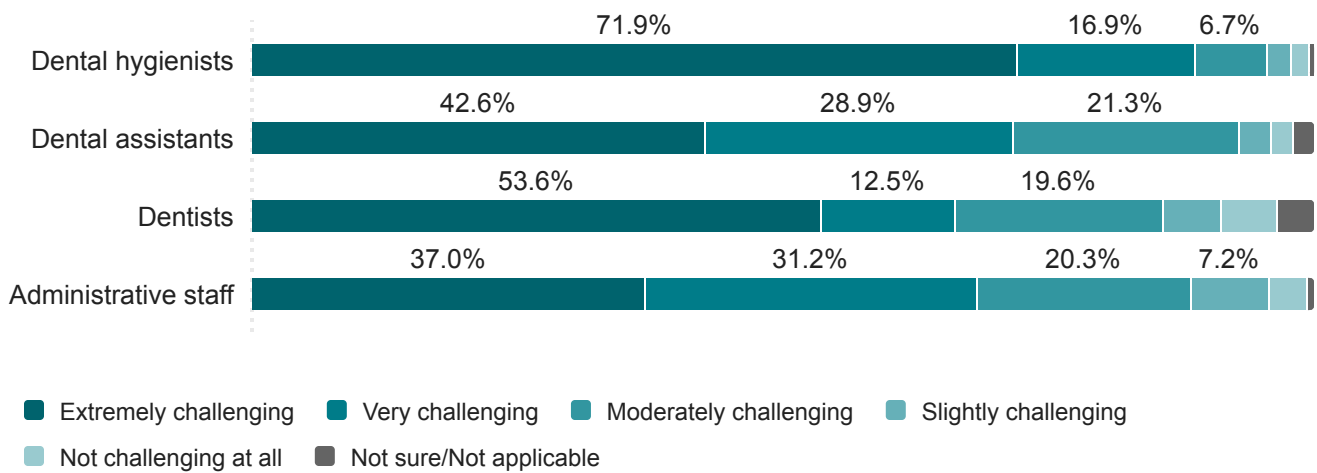
**BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

**White**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



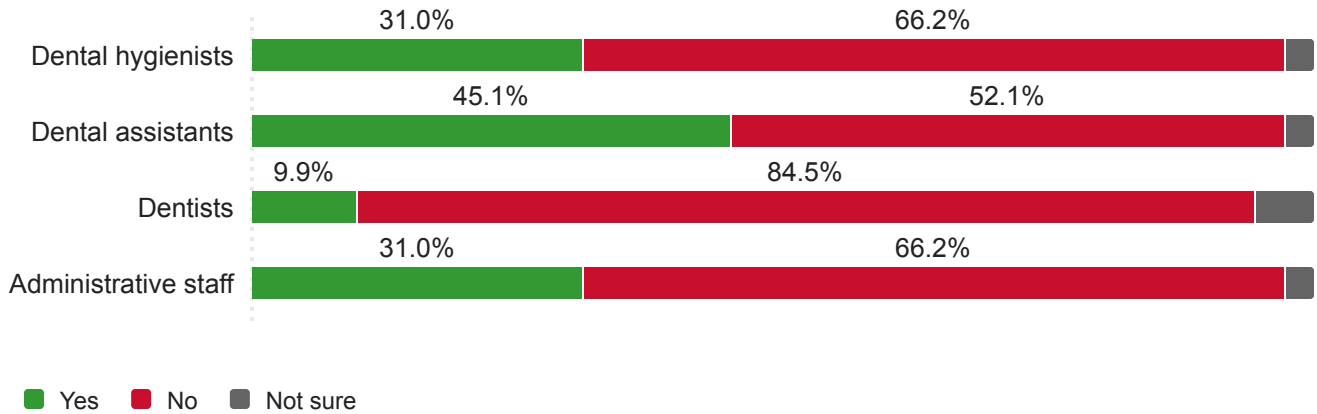
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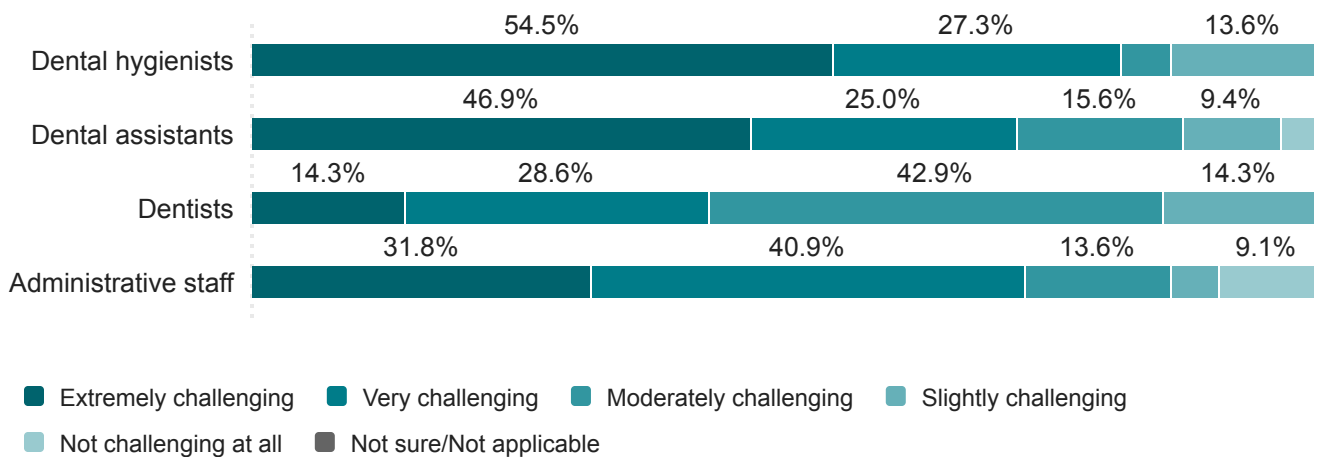
**BY RACE/ETHNICITY (continued)**

**Asian**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



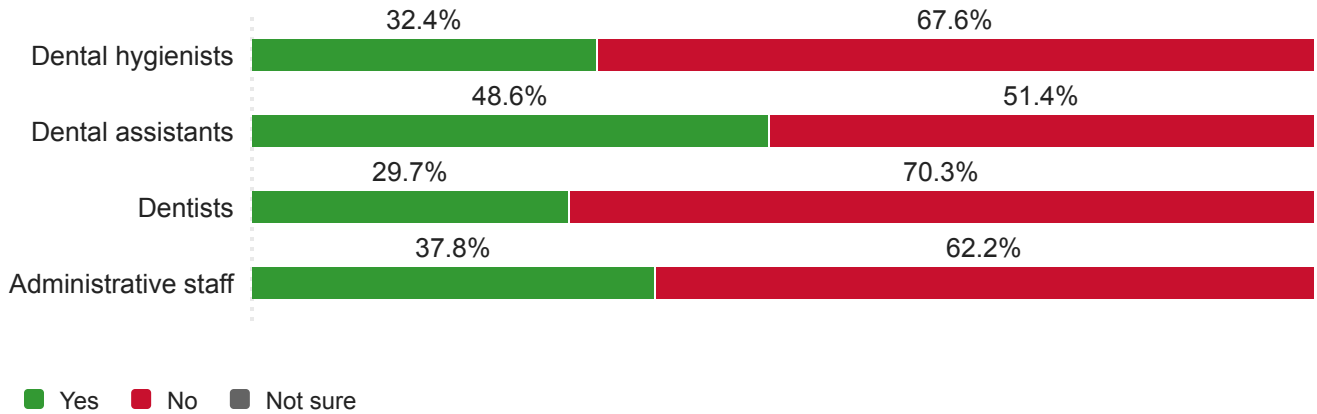
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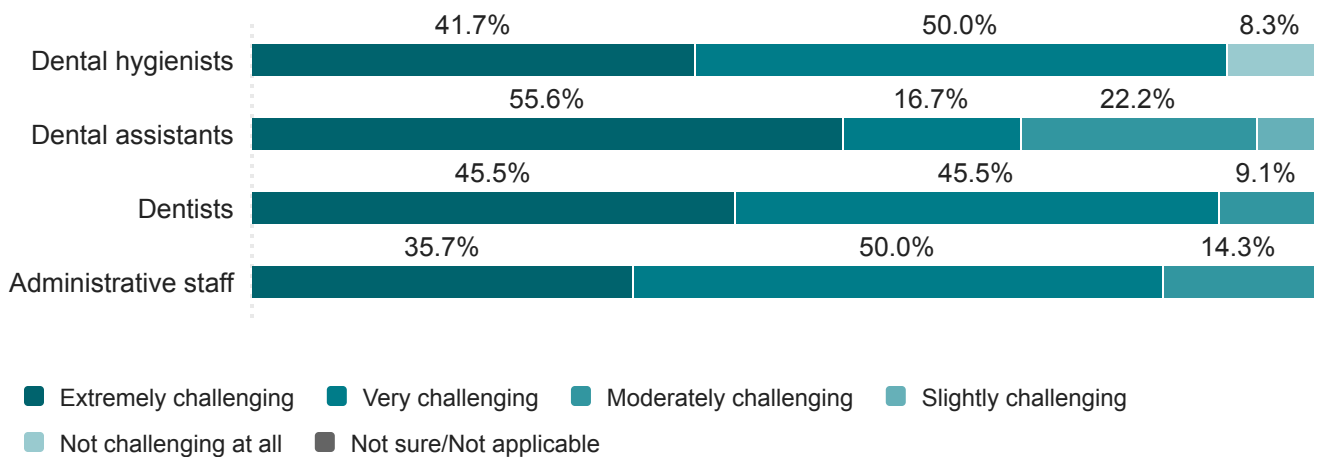
**BY RACE/ETHNICITY (continued)**

**Hispanic**

**Currently, or at any time during the last 3 months, have you recruited any of the following positions?**



**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below over the last 3 months?**

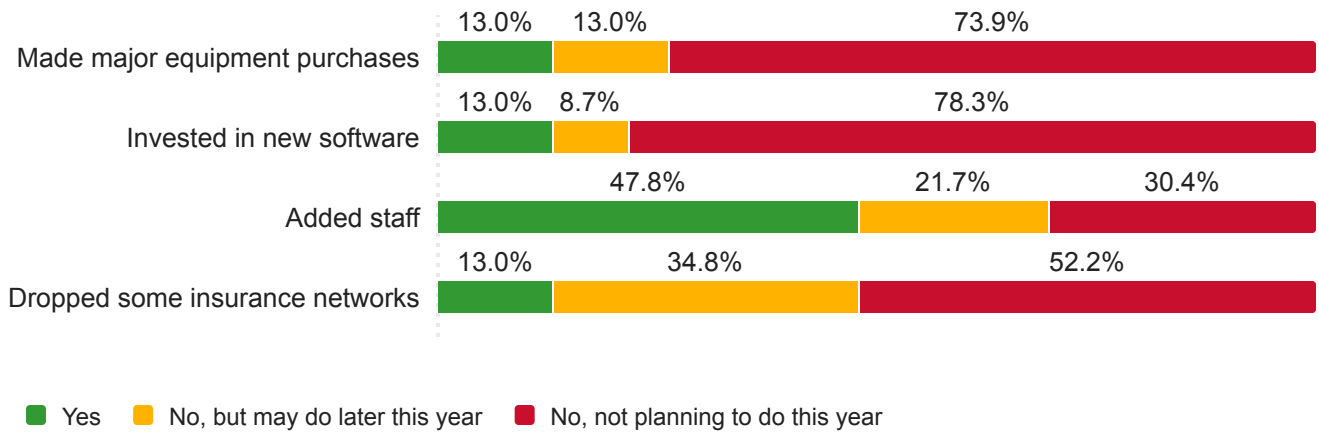


**Recent Practice Decisions**

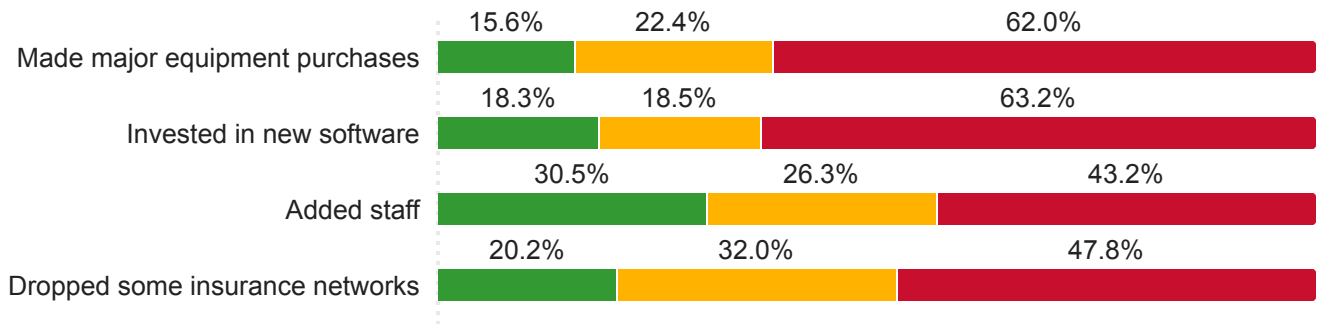
[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?

**By DSO Affiliation**

**DSO**



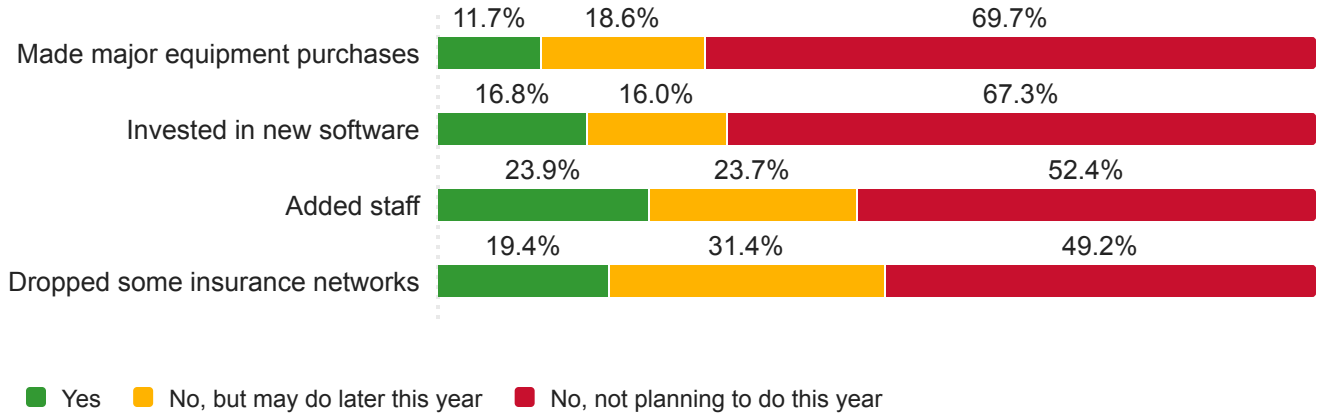
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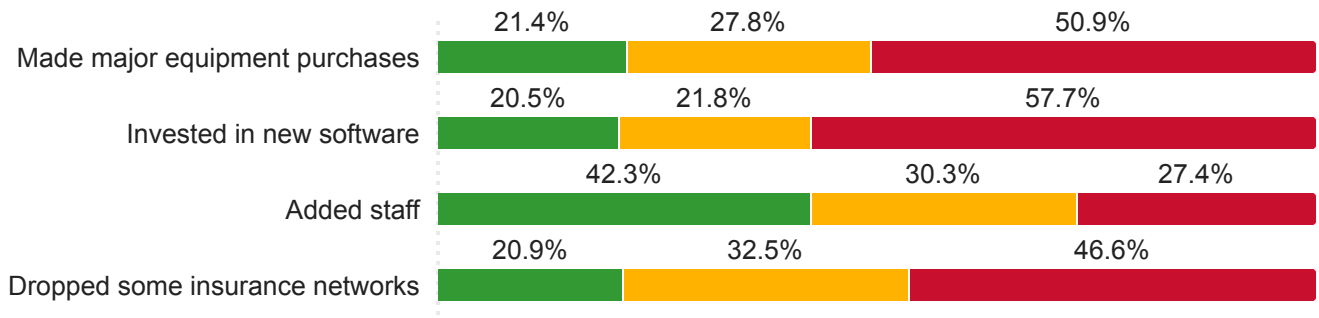
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Practice Size**

**Solo dentists**



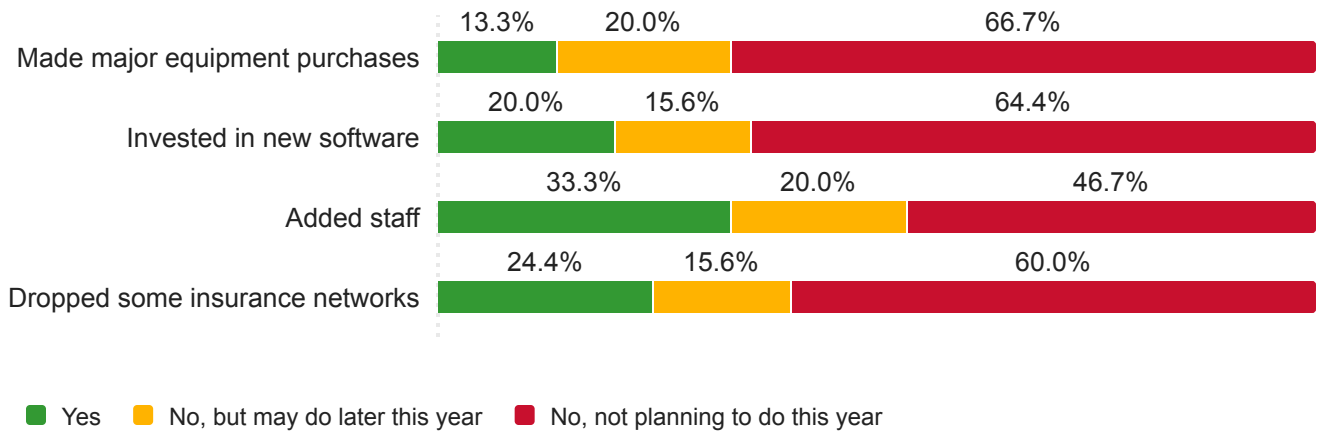
**2 to 9 dentists**



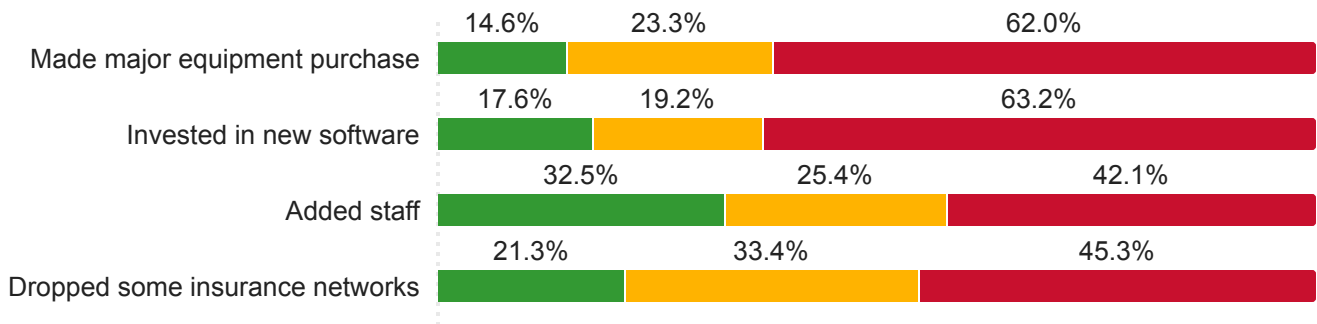
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Geography**

**Top 20 cities**



**Other urban**

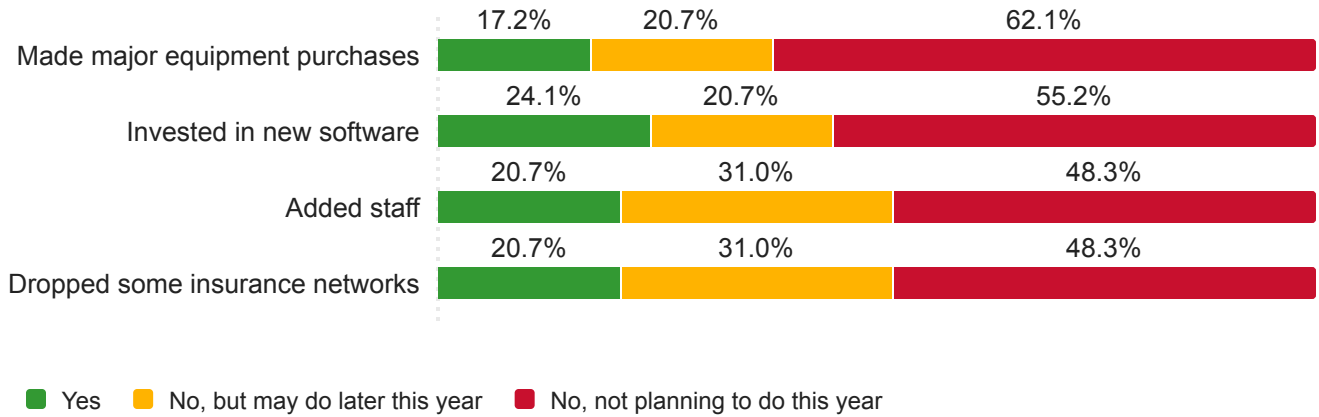




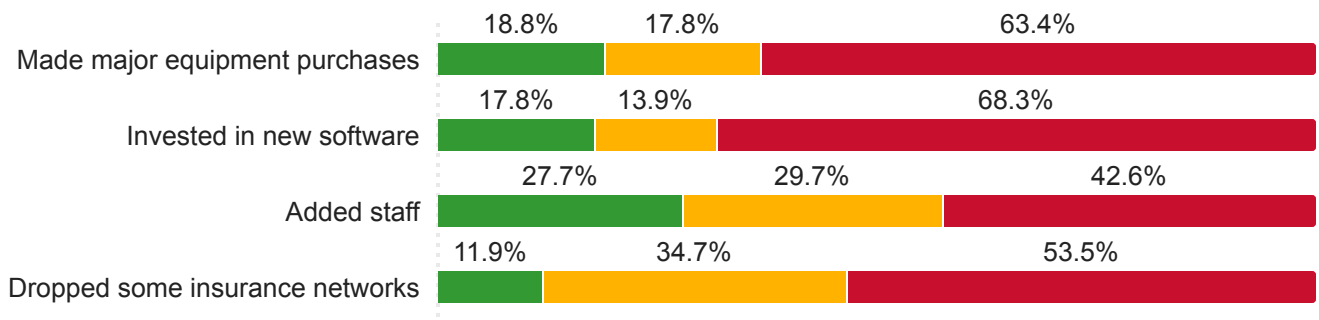
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Geography (continued)**

**Suburban**



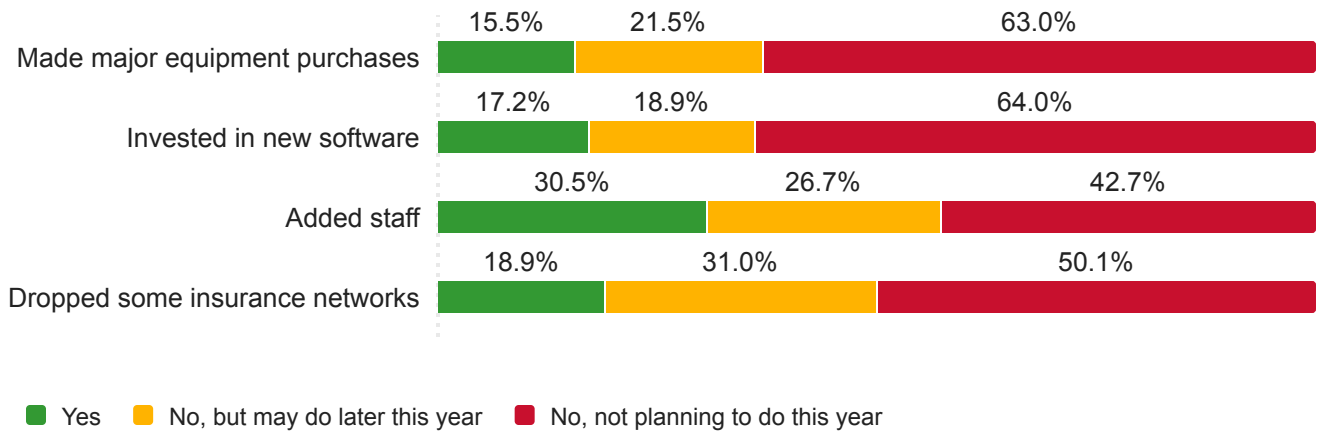
**Rural**



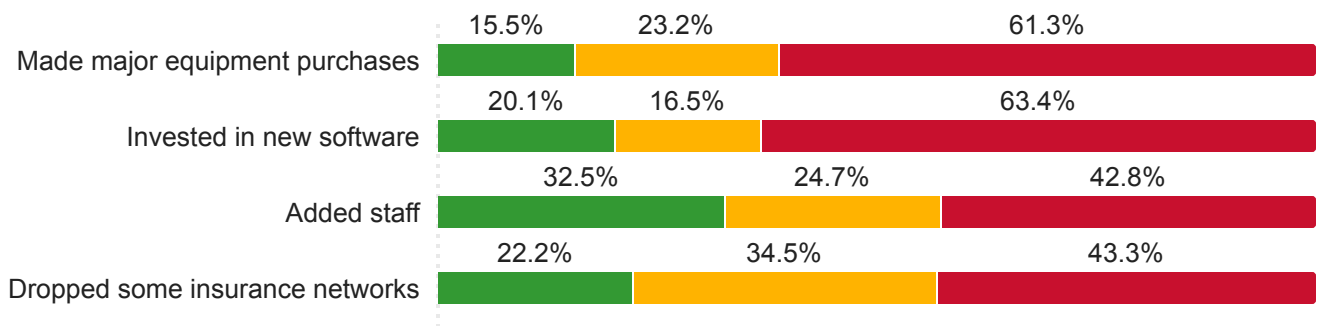
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Sex**

**Male**



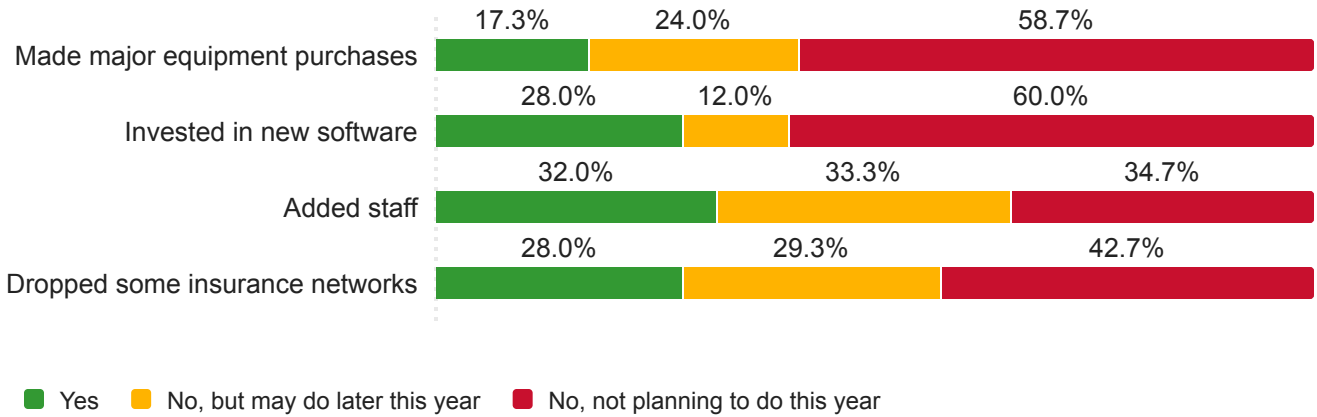
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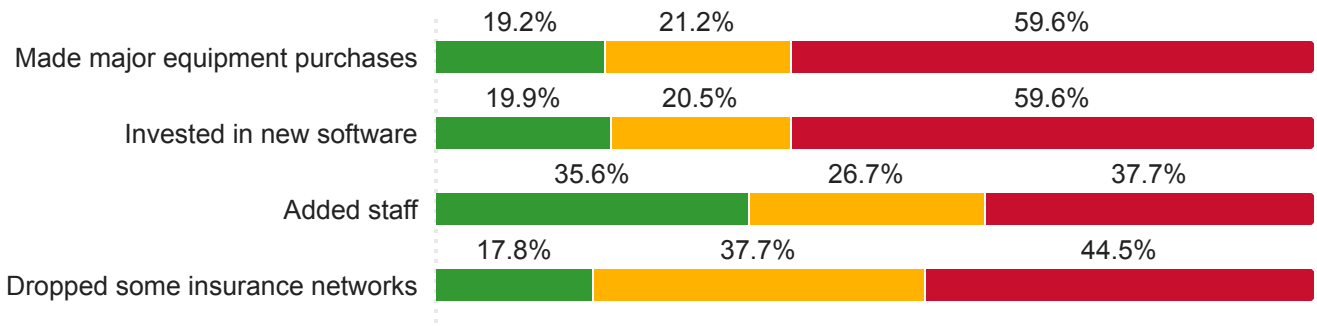
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Age**

**35 to 44**



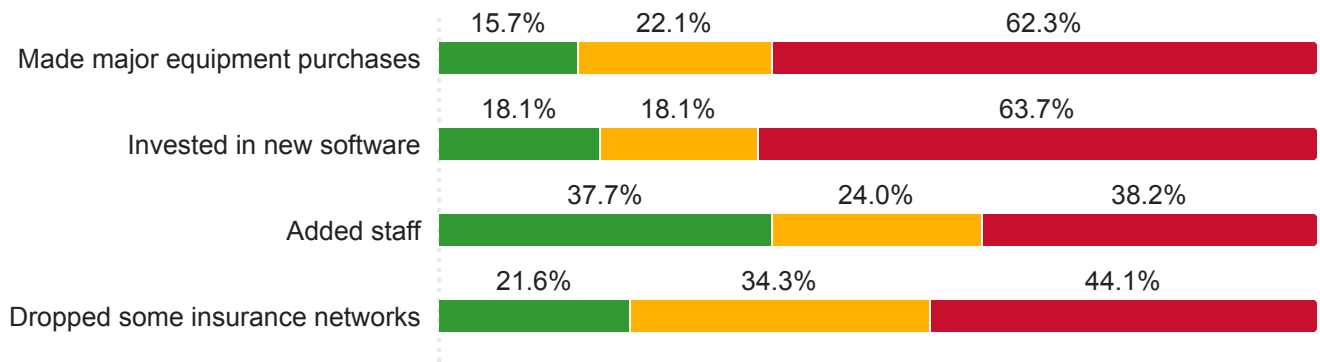
**45 to 54**



**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

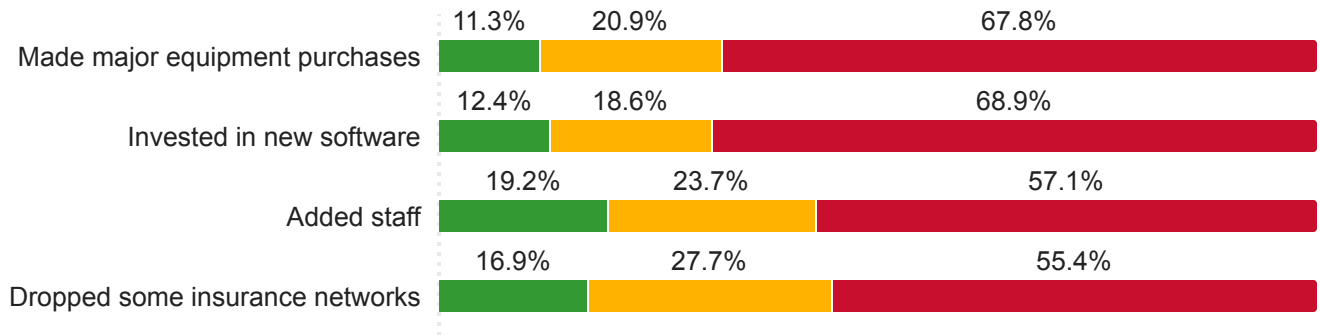
**By Age (continued)**

**55 to 64**



■ Yes   
 ■ No, but may do later this year   
 ■ No, not planning to do this year

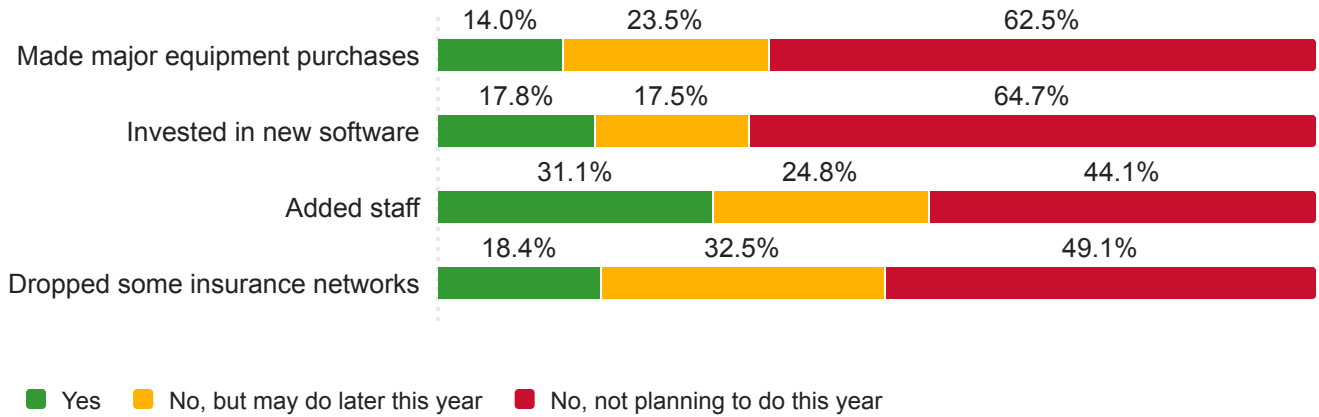
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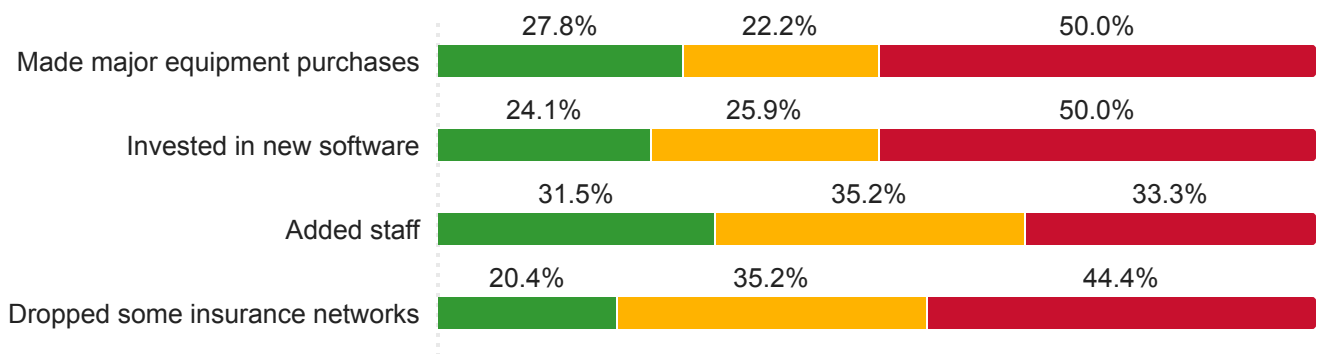
**[Owner dentists] Since the beginning of 2025, have you done any of the following in your practice?**

**By Race/Ethnicity**

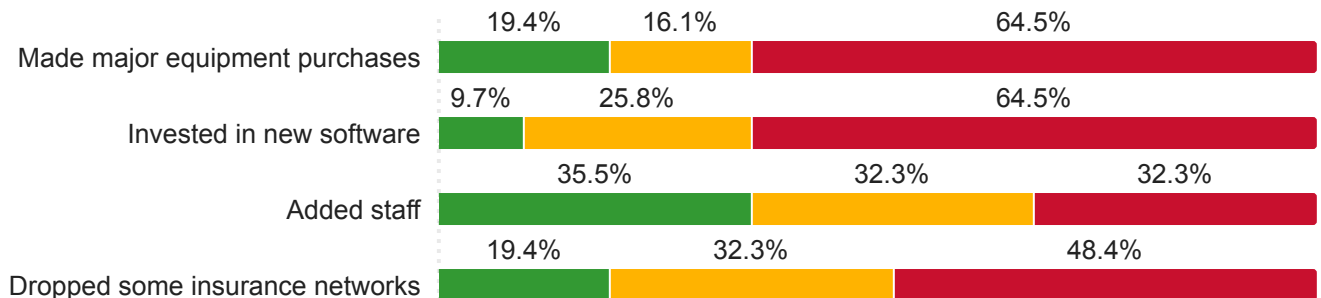
**White**



**Asian**

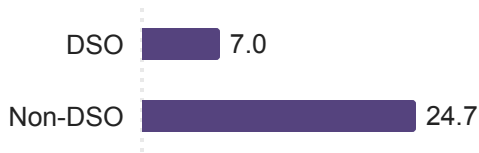


**Hispanic**

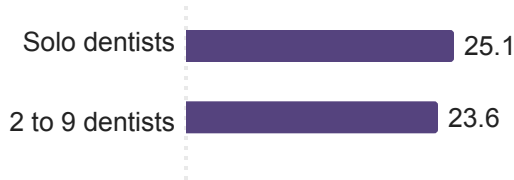


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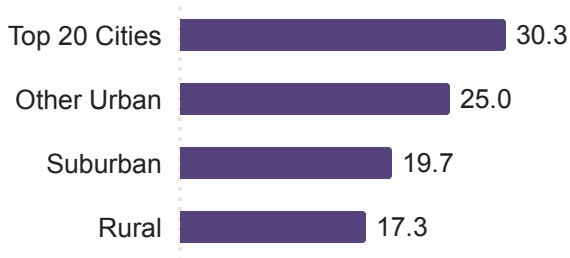
**By DSO Affiliation**



**By Practice Size**



**By Geography**

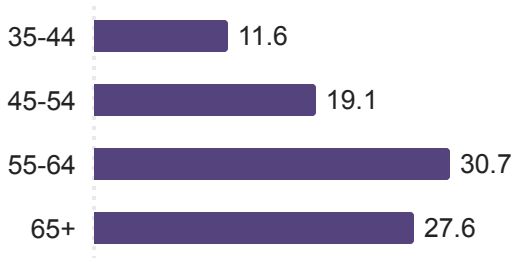


**By Sex**



**[If dropped out of dental networks] Approximately what percentage of the patient base were in the dental insurance networks your practice dropped out of since the beginning of 2025?**

**By Age Group**



**By Race/Ethnicity**



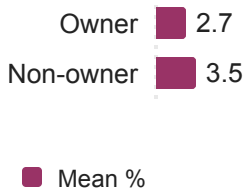
**Patients Age 1 Year or Younger  
BY OWNERSHIP STATUS**

**[General practitioner dentists] Do you currently accept appointments for children aged 1 year or younger?**

613 Responses



**[If accept appointments] What percentage of your patients are aged 1 year or younger?**

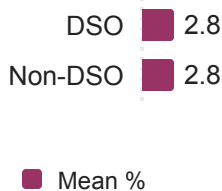


**BY DSO AFFILIATION**

**[General practitioner dentists] Do you currently accept appointments for children aged 1 year or younger?**



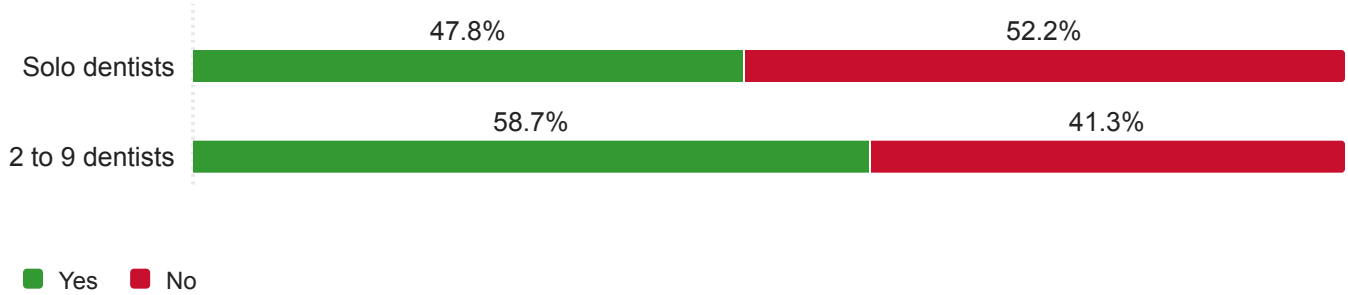
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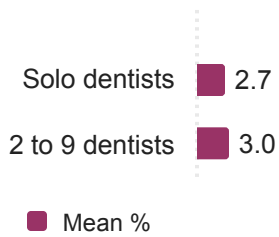


BY PRACTICE SIZE

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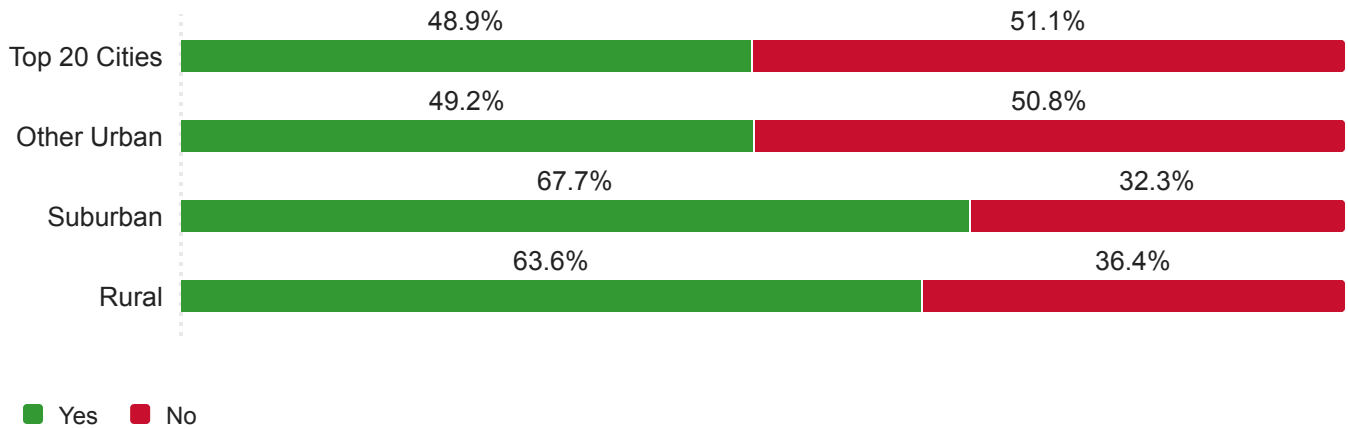


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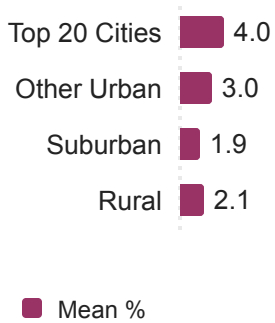


**BY GEOGRAPHY**

**[General practitioner dentists] Do you currently accept appointments for children aged 1 year or younger?**



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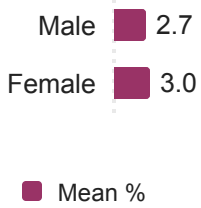


**BY SEX**

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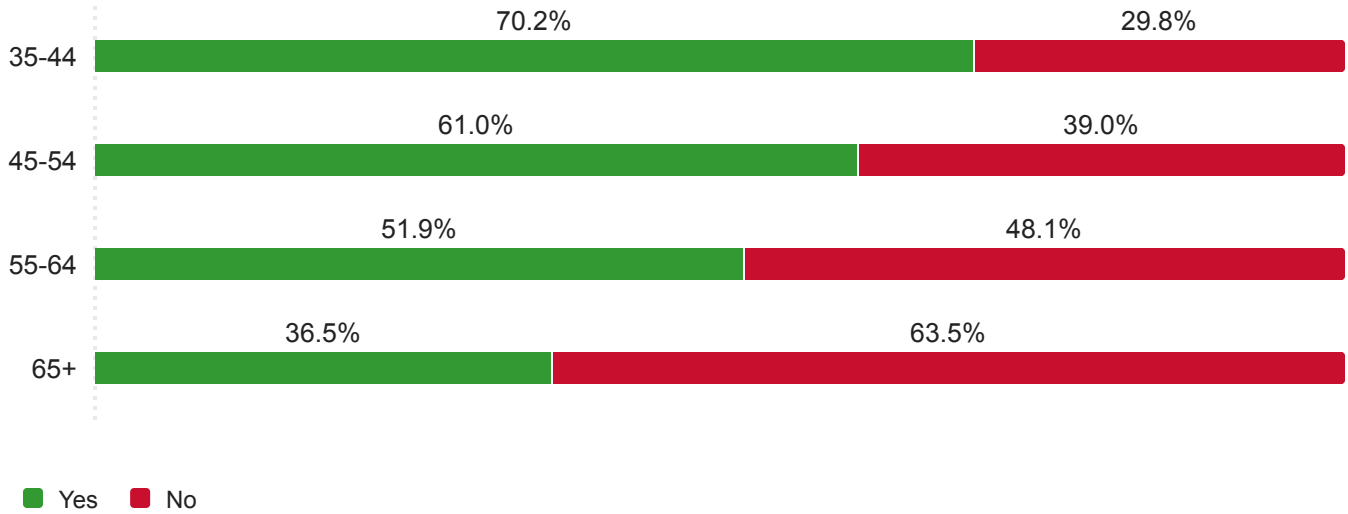


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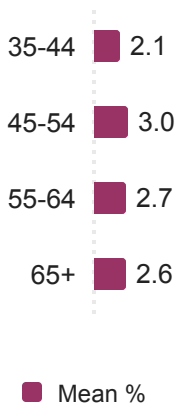


**BY AGE GROUP**

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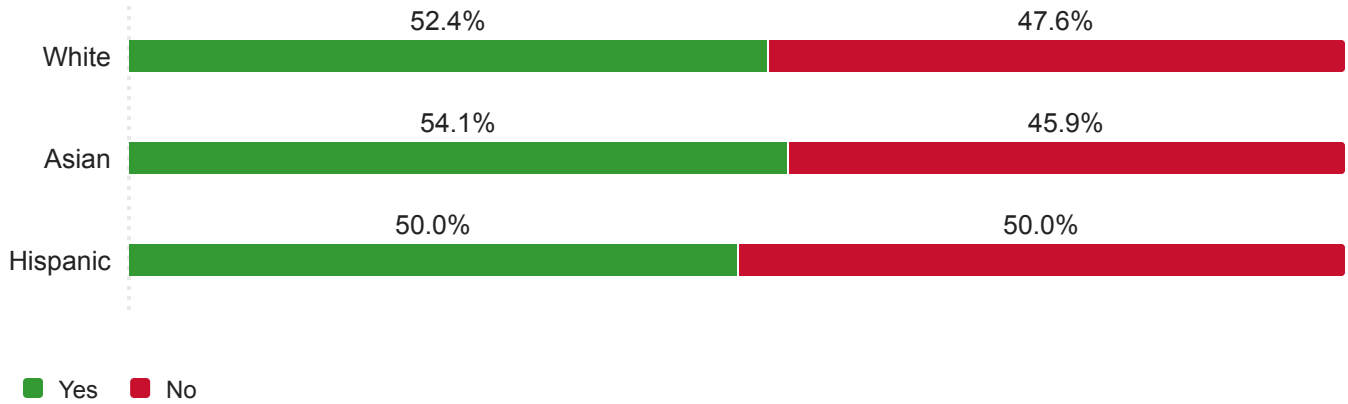


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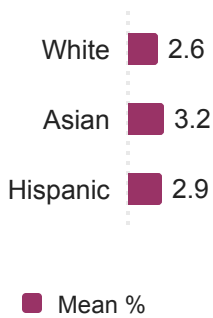


**BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

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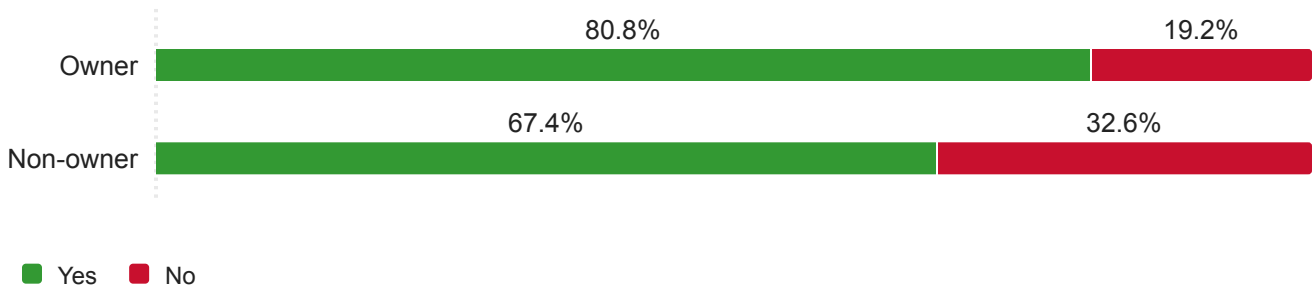
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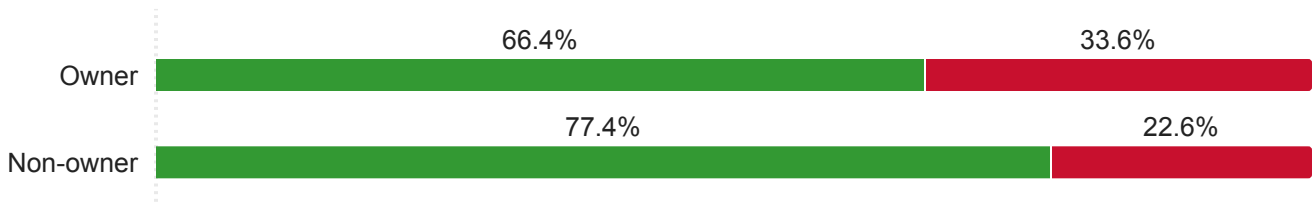
***Knee to Knee Examinations***

**BY OWNERSHIP STATUS**

**[If accept appointments] Do you perform the "screening knee to knee examination" on patients aged 1 year or younger?**

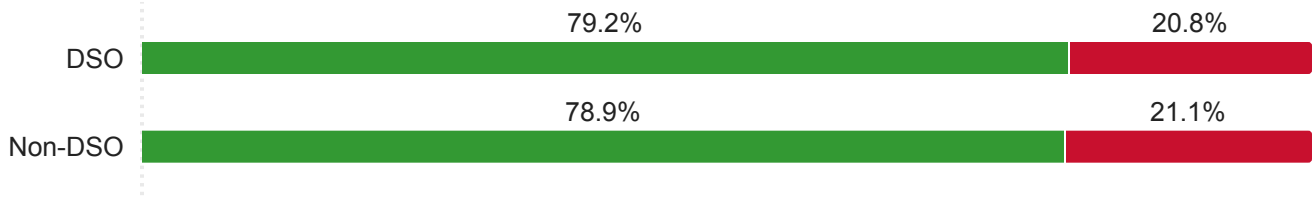


**[If perform exam] After performing the screening knee to knee exam on patients aged 1 year or younger, have you ever referred them to a pediatric dentist for treatment?**

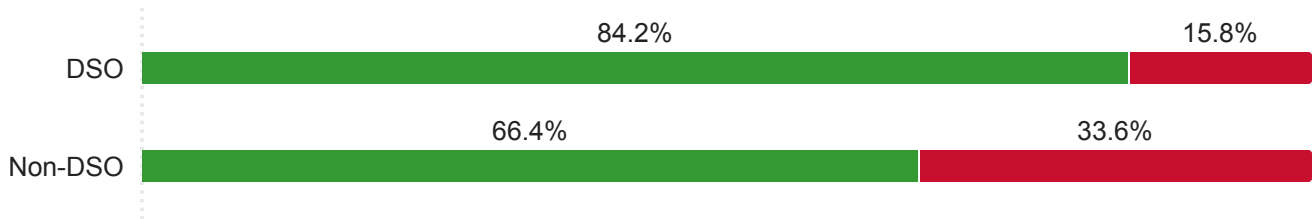


**BY DSO AFFILIATION**

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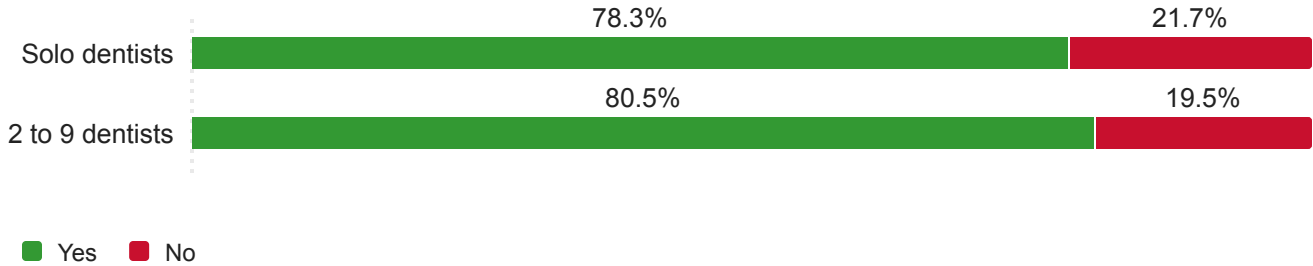


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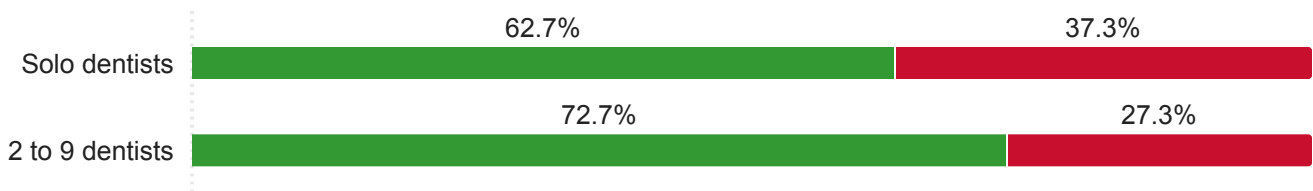


**BY PRACTICE SIZE**

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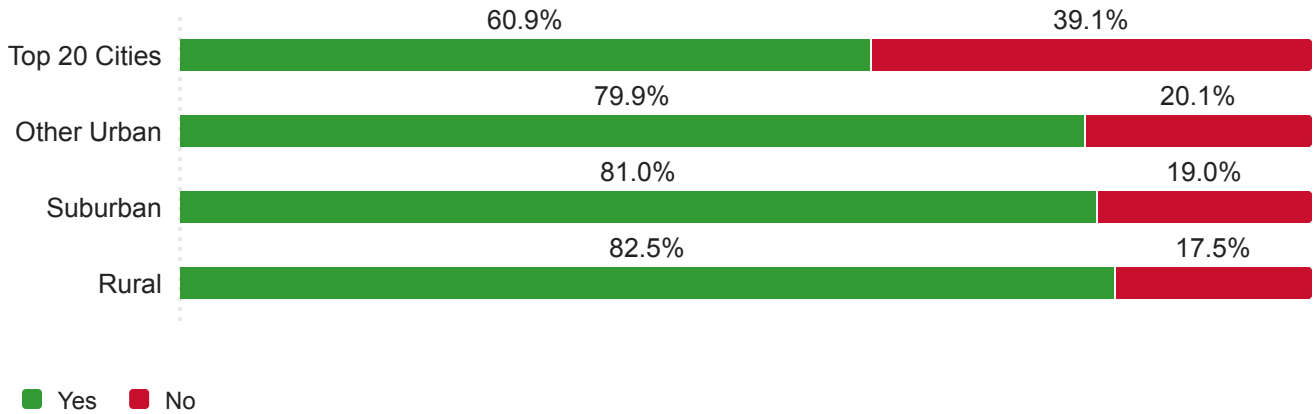
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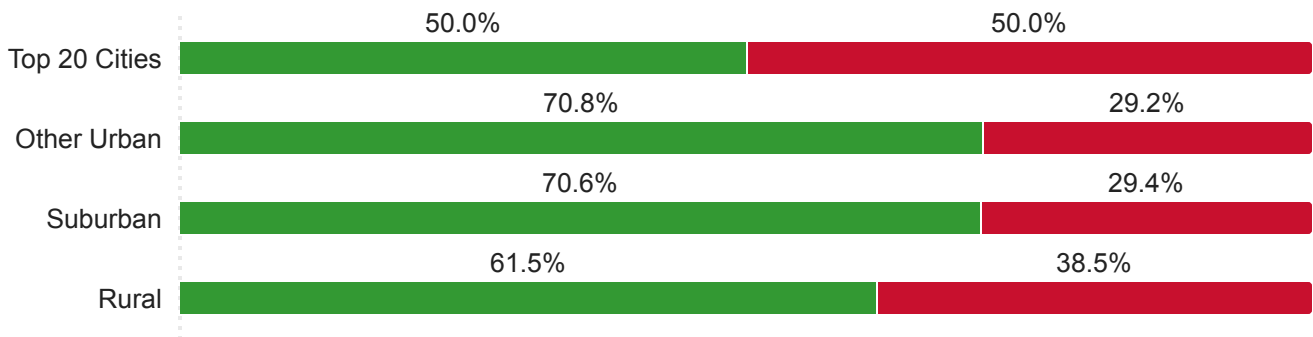


**BY GEOGRAPHY**

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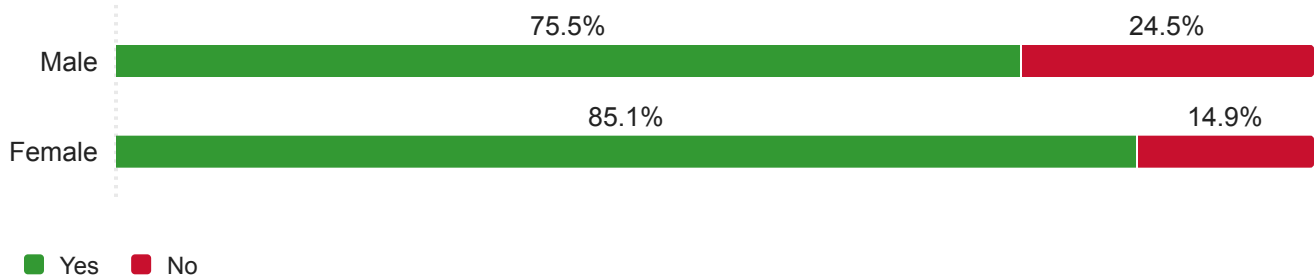


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**BY SEX**

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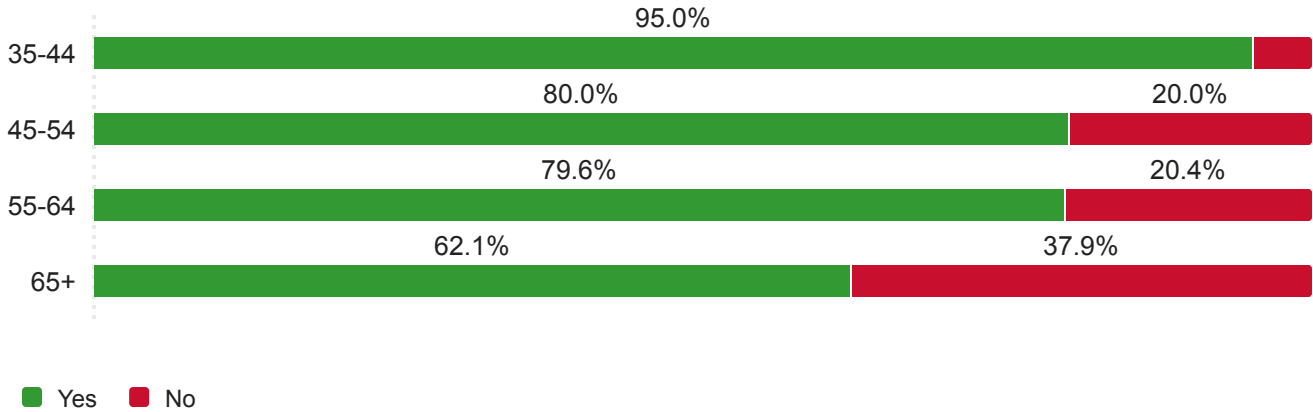


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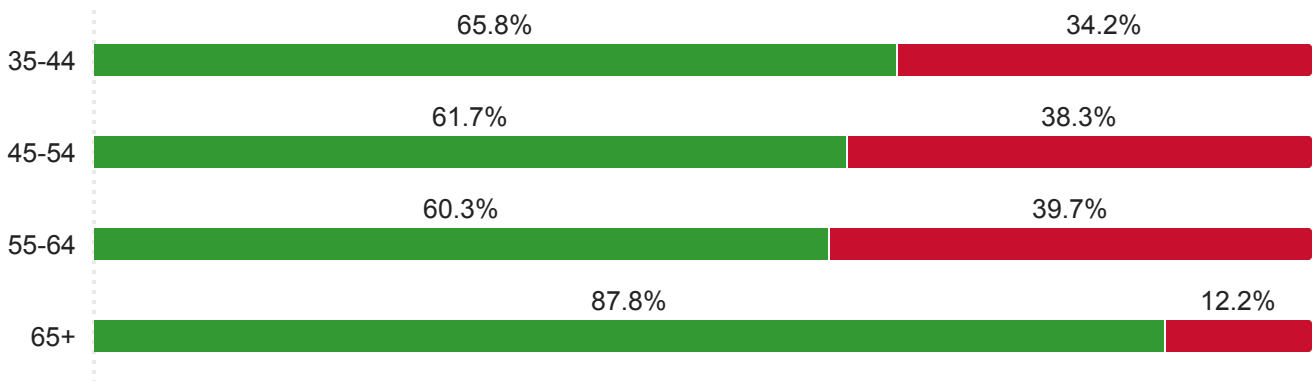


**BY AGE GROUP**

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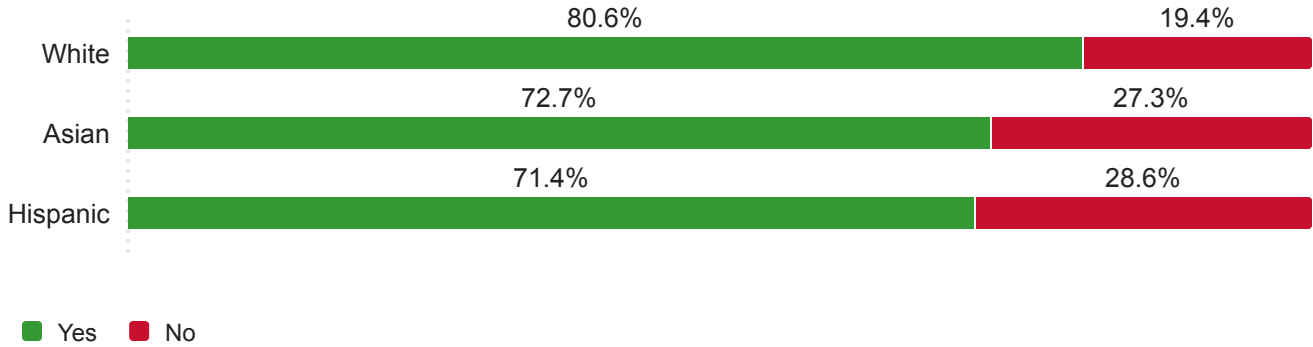


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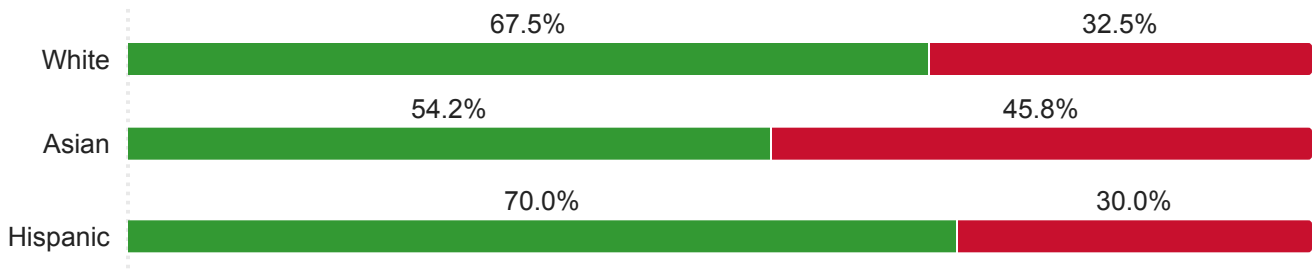


**BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

**[If accept appointments] Do you perform the "screening knee to knee examination" on patients aged 1 year or younger?**



**[If perform exam] After performing the screening knee to knee exam on patients aged 1 year or younger, have you ever referred them to a pediatric dentist for treatment?**



**Number of Responses from Dentists in Private Practice by Wave**

Wave	Responses
2023Q1	1,053
2023Q2	1,103
2023Q3	976
2023Q4	923
2024Q1	915
2024Q2	853
2024Q3	953
2024Q4	901
2025Q1	738

**Number of Responses by Group - Week of March 17, 2025**

Ownership Status	Choice Count
Owner dentist (i.e., sole owner, partner, or shareholder)	626
Employee dentist (nonowner)	57
Associate dentist (nonowner)	36
Independent contractor	17
Other, please specify	2

**Number of Responses by Group - Week of March 17, 2025 (continued)**

DSO Affiliation	Choice Count
DSO	64
Non-DSO	674

Practice Size	Choice Count
Solo dentists	398
2 to 9 dentists	334
Large group (10+ dentists)	6

Geography	Choice Count
Top 20 Cities	57
Other Urban	538
Suburban	32
Rural	110

Sex	Choice Count
Male	486
Female	252

Age Group	Choice Count
<35	9
35-44	75
45-54	141
55-64	225
65+	222

**Number of Responses by Group - Week of March 17, 2025 (continued)**

Race/Ethnicity	Choice Count
White	541
Asian	74
Hispanic	37
Black	17
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	2
American Indian / Alaska Native	4
Other	14
Unknown	48