

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 survey for the week of September 11, 2023 was sent to 3,301 panel members; 1,039 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.

Below are the results from the latest wave 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: under age 35, 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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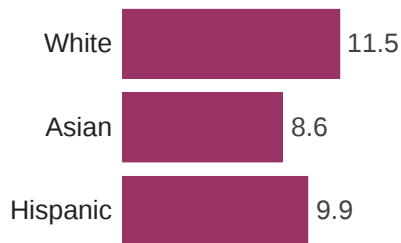
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BY RACE / ETHNICITY

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

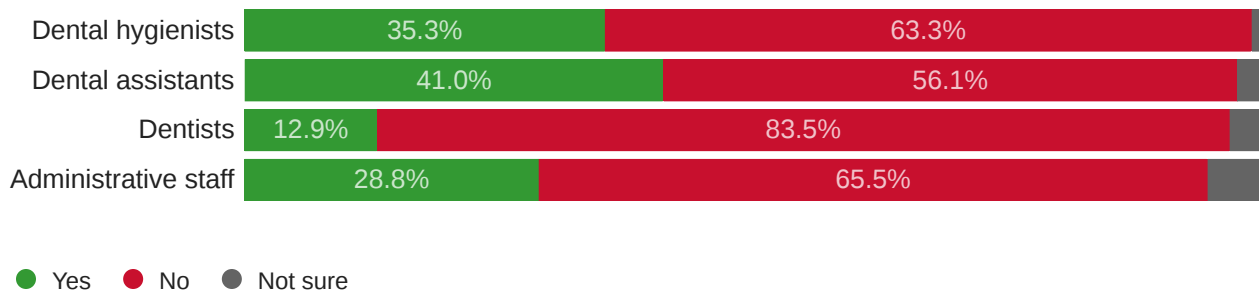


● Mean number of days

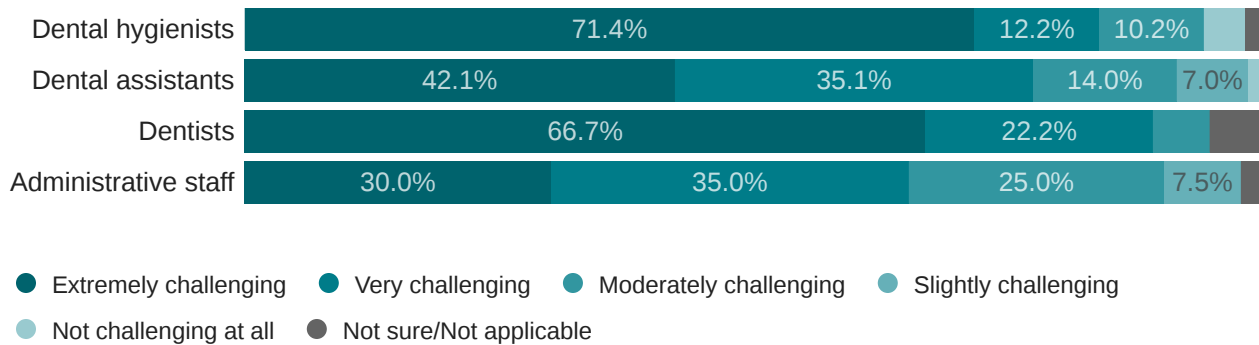
BY AGE GROUP

35 to 44

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?



Questions of the Week
Billing Medical Insurance

[Owner dentists] Does your practice ever bill medical insurance to cover dental procedures for your patients?

BY DSO AFFILIATION



BY PRACTICE SIZE



BY GEOGRAPHY



[Owner dentists] Does your practice ever bill medical insurance to cover dental procedures for your patients? (continued)

BY GENDER



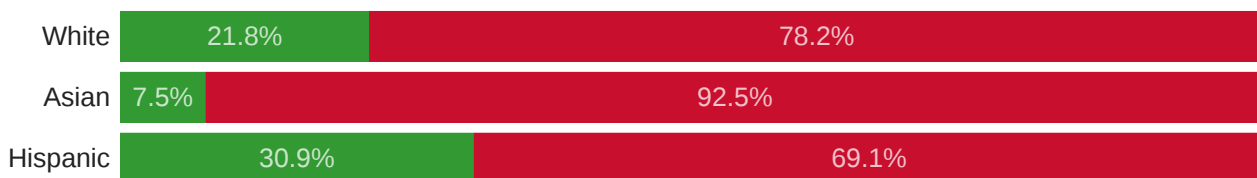
BY YEARS EXPERIENCE



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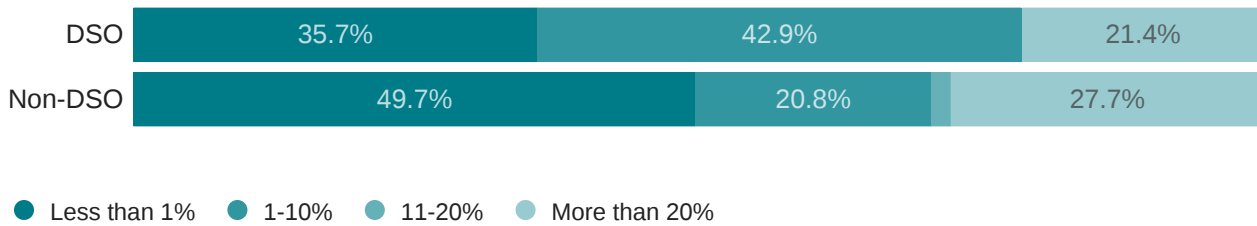


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[If practice has billed medical insurance] If yes, please estimate for what share of your patients.

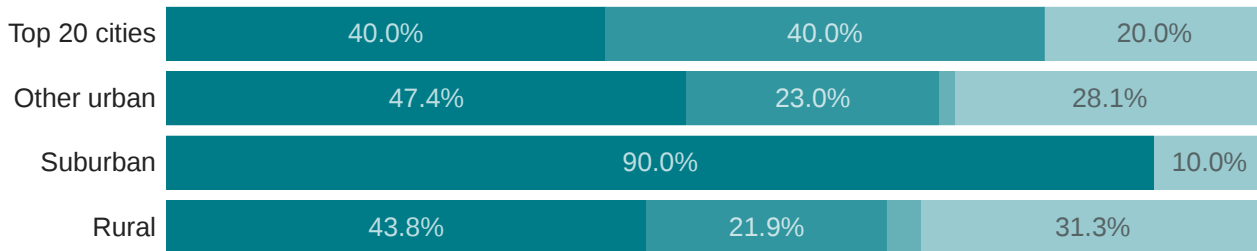
BY DSO AFFILIATION



BY PRACTICE SIZE



BY GEOGRAPHY

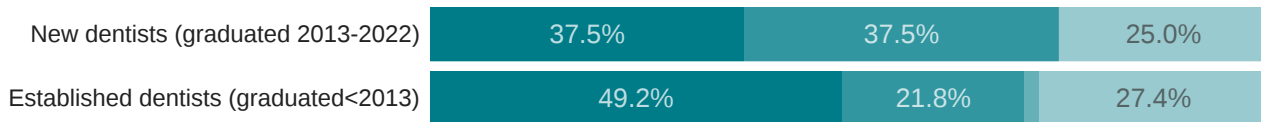


BY SEX



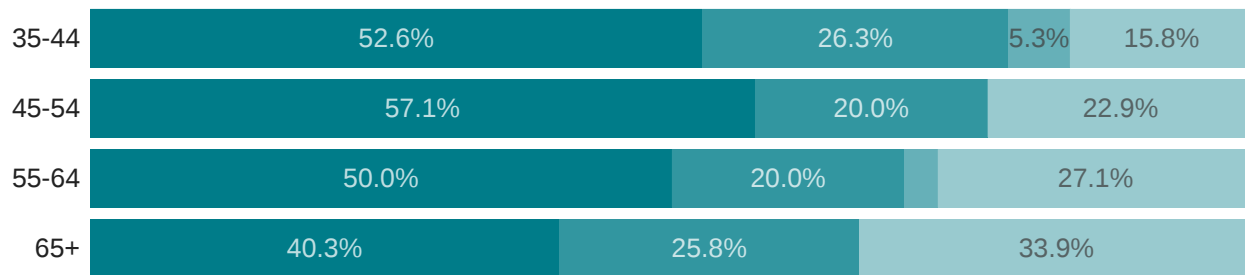
[If practice has billed medical insurance] If yes, please estimate for what share of your patients. (continued)

BY YEARS EXPERIENCE



● Less than 1% ● 1-10% ● 11-20% ● More than 20%

BY AGE GROUP



BY RACE/ETHNICITY

