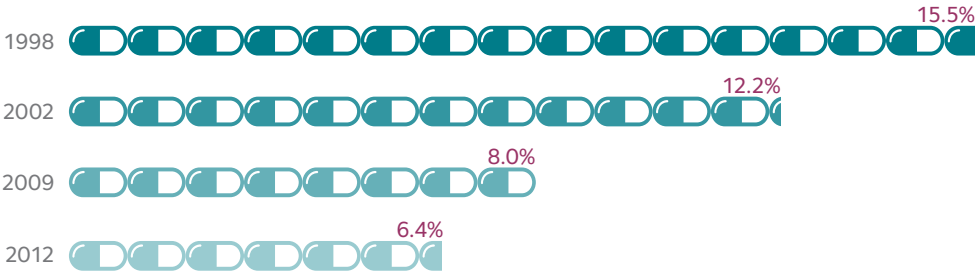


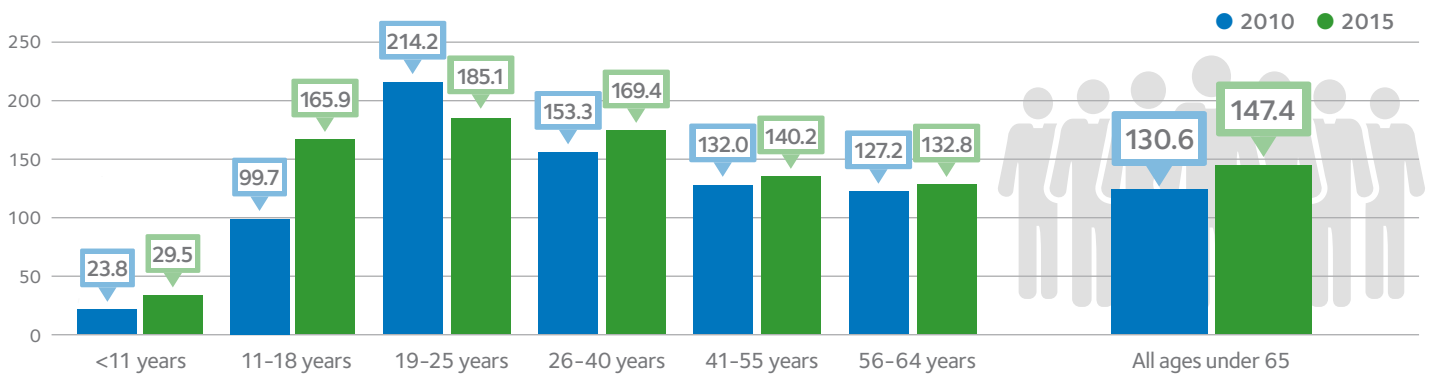
# Opioid Prescribing by Dentists

## PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL U.S. OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS THAT ARE PRESCRIBED BY DENTISTS<sup>1,2</sup>



In 2012, dentists accounted for **6.4%** of total U.S. opioid prescriptions, or 18.5 million.<sup>2</sup>

## NUMBER OF OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS BY DENTISTS PER 1,000 DENTAL PATIENTS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE, BY AGE GROUP<sup>3</sup>



**Note:** Data exclude individuals 65 years and older. Calculated as the total number of opioid prescriptions prescribed by dentists divided by the total number of individuals with a dental visit among those enrolled in both medical and dental insurance, multiplied by 1,000.

## DAYS' SUPPLY AND QUANTITY OF PILLS PRESCRIBED BY DENTISTS AMONG PATIENTS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE FOR 2010-15<sup>3</sup>



Median Number of Days' Supply:  
**3 DAYS**

Median Quantity of Pills Prescribed:



For more resources on prescription opioids in dental offices, please visit [ADA.org/opioids](http://ADA.org/opioids).

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