DATA FROM THE 2017–18 SURVEY OF DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS were examined to compare student characteristics by type of sponsoring institution and setting. Five different types of programs are compared in this infographic: three public (those at a university, technical/vocational school, or community college), and two private (for-profit technical/vocational schools and non-profit colleges and universities).

THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS UNDER 24 YEARS OF AGE is highest public universities, and lowest at private for-profit institutions.

THE PERCENTAGE OF NON-WHITE1 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS is highest at private institutions, though public institutions are close behind.

FINANCIAL AID is used by the majority of students at each type of program, with students at private non-profit schools most likely to have it.

PARTICIPATION IN A DENTAL-RELATED ACTIVITY is high for 2016 graduates from all types of programs.

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1 Includes first-year students reporting as Asian, Hispanic, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and those reporting two or more races.