How Big are Dental Service Organizations?

10.4% of U.S. dentists were affiliated with dental service organizations (DSOs) in 2019.

By Gender:
- Female dentists: 13.3%
- Male dentists: 8.7%

By Age:
- 20.4%: 21-34 years
- 13.3%: 35-49 years
- 5.4%: 50-64 years
- 4.0%: 65+

By Specialty:
- Orthodontics (12.5%)
- Pediatric Dentistry (12.4%)
- General Practice (10.3%)
- All Specialties (10.2%)
- Oral Surgery (9.6%)
- Periodontics (8.6%)
- Endodontics (8.4%)
- Prosthodontics (6.6%)
- Public Health (5.6%)

Source: HPI analysis of the ADA masterfile and the Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO) membership list. Based on data from 2019. Notes: Dentists are considered to be affiliated with a dental service organization (DSO) if at least one location they practice in is a member of the ADSO or part of American Dental Partners, Western Dental Services Inc., Kool Smiles or Gentle Dental/Interdent. This infographic was published in July 2020.

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