**Dentist Retirement Patterns**

The **exit rate** is the share of practicing dentists who retire, move out of the U.S., whose license lapses, or who decease over a 5-year period. Exit rates reached a low point in the years right after the great recession.

HPI projects the supply of dentists will **increase faster** than the U.S. population through 2037.

**42 years**

Average career span for dentists who retired in 2017

68.9

Average retirement age for dentists in 2017


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