Dentist Earnings and Busyness in the U.S.

Source: ADA Health Policy Institute annual Survey of Dental Practice. Notes: Average Annual Net Income: Shaded areas denote recession years according to National Bureau of Economic Research. Dentist income is adjusted for inflation using the All-Item Consumer Price Index. All values are in constant 2017 dollars. The change in general practitioners’ average net income from 2014 to 2017 is statistically significant at the 1% level. Dentists “Not Busy Enough”: Indicates the percentage of dentists reporting they are “not busy enough, could have treated more patients.” Average Wait Time: Indicates the average wait time in days for an appointment with a general practitioner dentist. All graphs: Data for years 2000–2017 are weighted to adjust for oversampling and nonresponse bias.

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