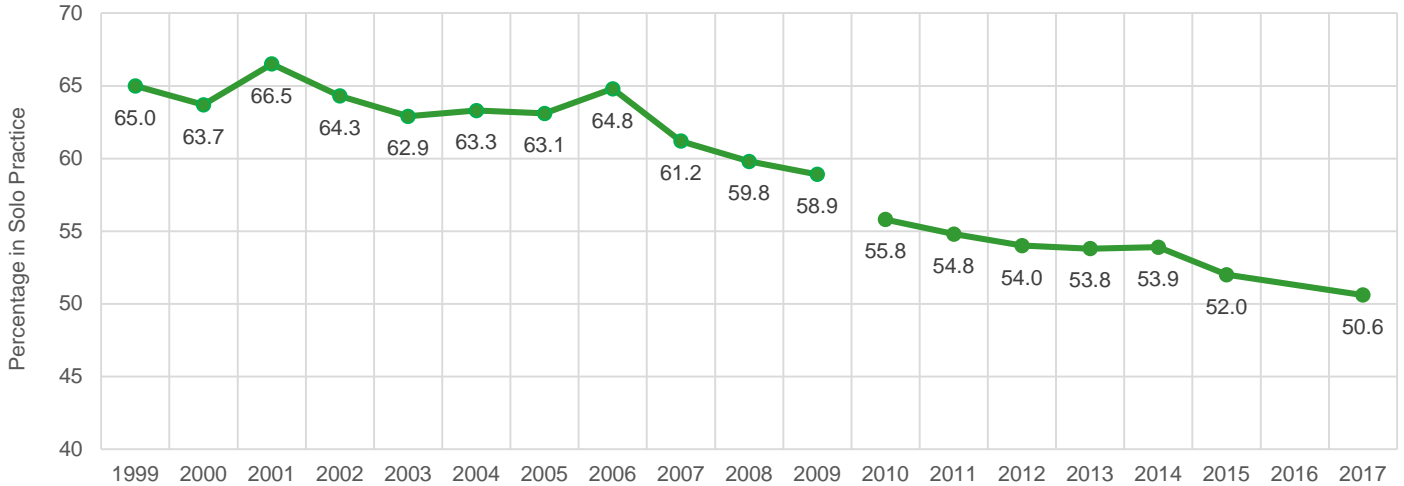


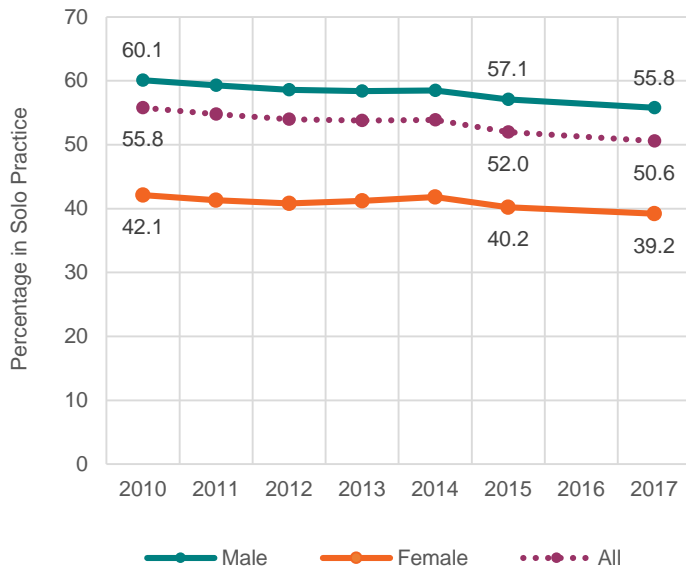
How Many Dentists Are in Solo Practice?

ALL DENTISTS



FEWER DENTISTS ARE WORKING AS SOLO PRACTITIONERS. About 2 in 3 dentists were in solo practice in 1999. That proportion decreased to 1 in 2 in 2017.

BY GENDER



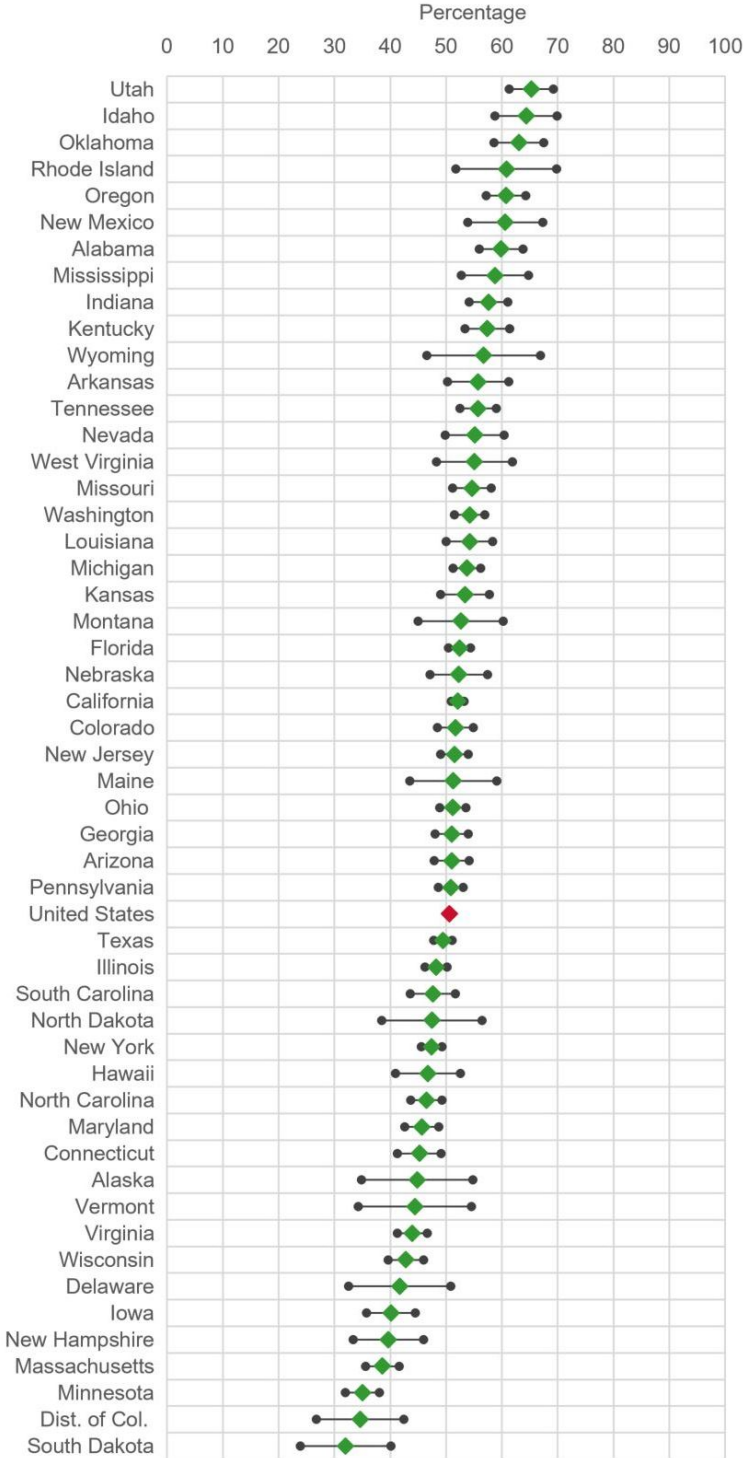
FEMALE VS. MALE DENTISTS

Female dentists are less likely to be in solo practice. Female dentists will make up a larger proportion of the dentist workforce in the future. In 2017, 48.5% of dental school graduates were female.

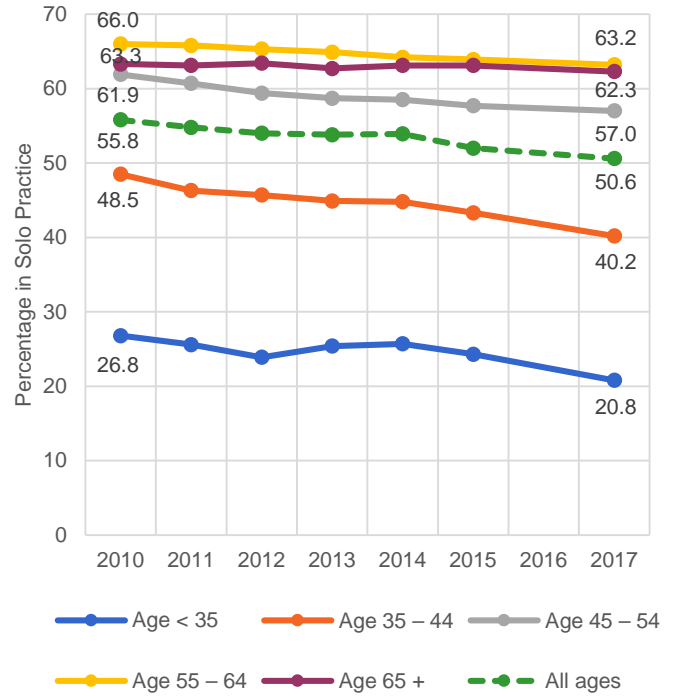
Sources: ADA Health Policy Institute Survey of Dental Practice (1999 – 2009) and Distribution of Dentists survey (2010 – 2017). Distribution of Dentists results are based on three pooled years of data collection per data point. **Note:** Results are for dentists in private practice only. A solo dentist works in a dental practice with no other dentists. In the “All Dentists” graph, the line break denotes the change in survey sources. There was no Distribution of Dentists survey for 2016.

How Many Dentists Are in Solo Practice?

BY STATE. 2017



BY AGE



DENTISTS ARE INCREASINGLY PRACTICING IN GROUPS, PARTICULARLY YOUNGER DENTISTS.

In 2017, only 1 in 5 dentists under 35 was in solo practice.

Notes: In graph By State, the diamond-shaped data points represent the estimated share of the dentist workforce composed of solo dentists. "Whisker" data points represent the 95% confidence interval for the estimated share. Results are for dentists in private practice only. A solo dentist works in a dental practice with no other dentists.