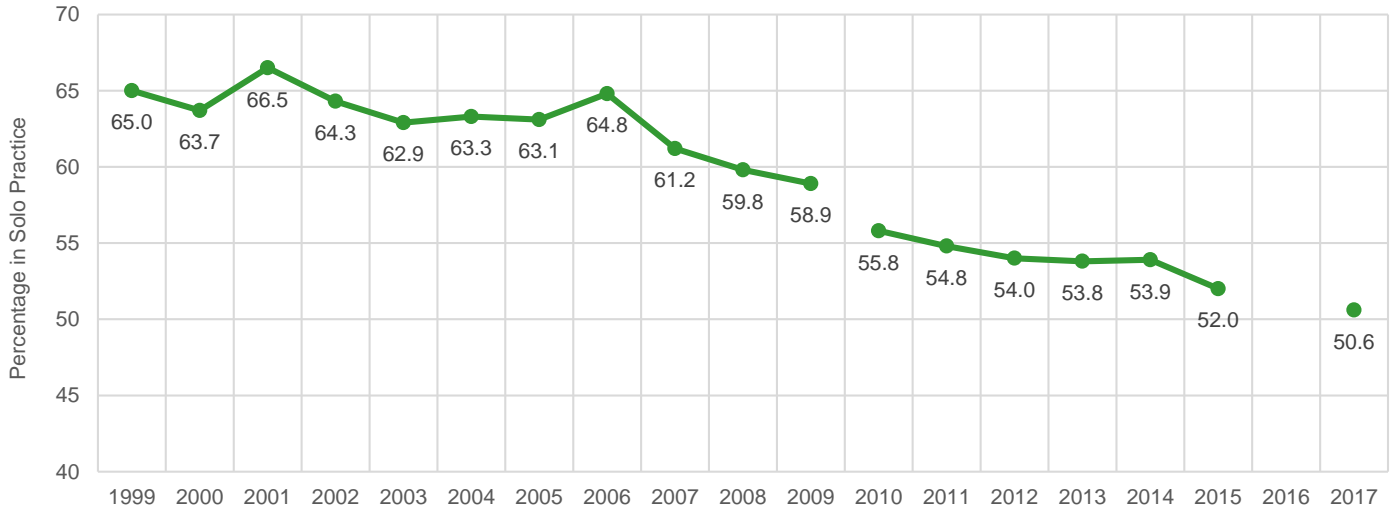


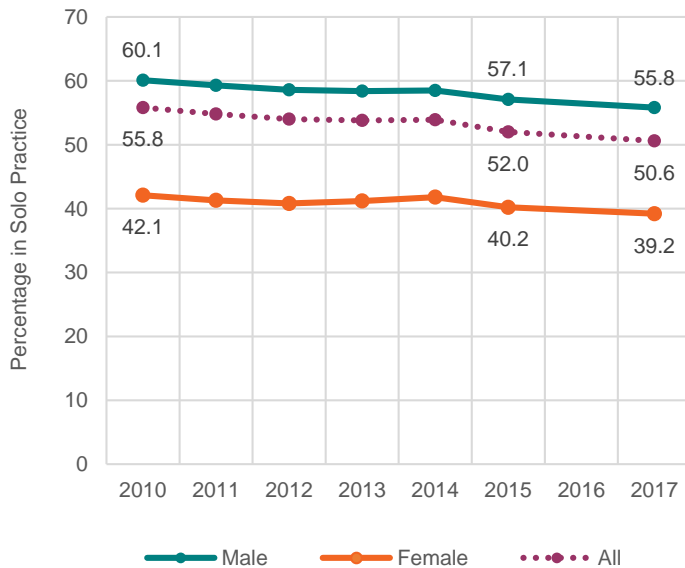
# How Many Dentists Are in Solo Practice?

## 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



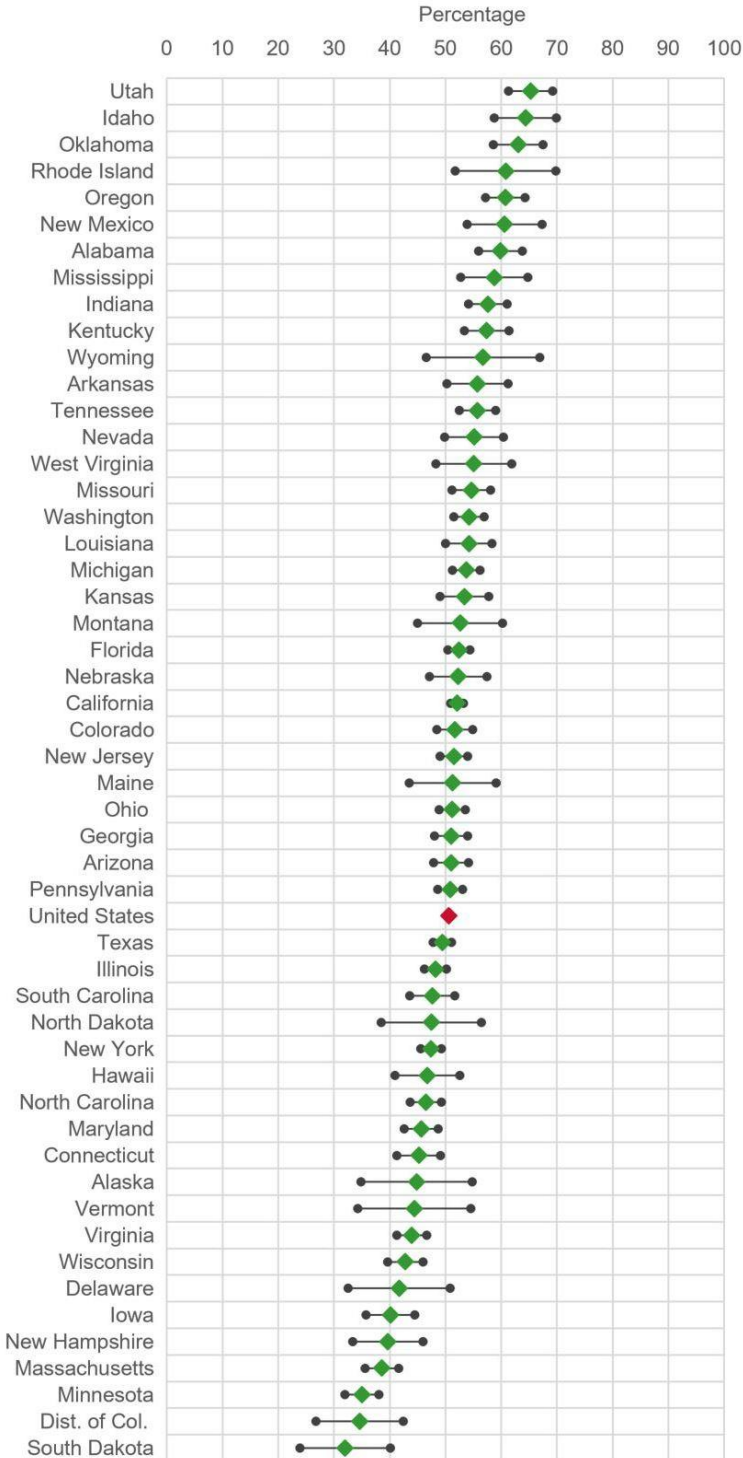
### FEMALE VS. MALE DENTISTS

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.

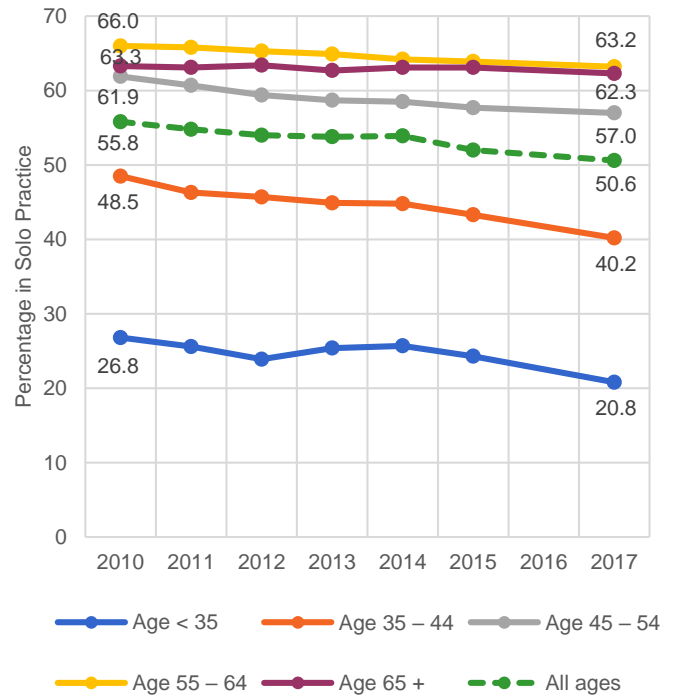
**Sources:** ADA Health Policy Institute Survey of Dental Practice (1999 – 2009) and Distribution of Dentists survey (2010 – 2017). Distribution of Dentists results are based on three pooled years of data collection per data point. **Note:** Results are for dentists in private practice only. A solo dentist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