Using data from the 2014-15 Survey of Dental Hygiene Education Programs, we examined student characteristics by type of sponsoring institution. Five different types of programs are compared, three of which are public (those at a University, Technical College, or Community/Junior College), and two of which are private (non-profit and for-profit).

**PERCENTAGE OF FIRST YEAR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS UNDER 24**

Public university dental hygiene programs had the greatest percentage of first-year students under age 24, while private for-profit programs had the highest percentage 24 or older.

**PERCENTAGE OF NON-WHITE FIRST YEAR DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS**

All three types of public institutions had lower percentages of non-White students than either type of private institution.

1 Includes Hispanic, Black or African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and those reporting two or more races.

**PERCENTAGE OF DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID**

The majority of dental hygiene students at each type of program receive financial aid, with students at both types of private schools most likely to have it.

**PERCENTAGE OF 2013 DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES IN DENTAL-RELATED ACTIVITY FOR WHICH THEY TRAINED**

Members of the 2013 graduating class had similarly high rates of participating in a dental-related activity, regardless of the type of institution they attended.

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