

## About this Study

To better understand the economic and operational conditions in dental practices and public health clinics over time, and to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging issues in dentistry, the ADA Health Policy Institute launched a tracking poll in January 2022. For this initial wave over the week of January 17, 2022, we invited nearly 80,000 dentists from across the U.S. to join a panel in which they will complete a survey once a month; over 3,000 have opted to participate.

This report features results from the latest wave of this study broken out by the following practice areas/specialties:

- General practice (GP)
- Oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS)
- Endodontics (ENDO)
- Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics (ORTHO)
- Pediatric dentistry (PED)
- Periodontics (PERIO)
- Prosthodontics (PROS)

Additionally, results are reported for dentists that practice in public health settings (DiPHS), regardless of specialty. (Please note that this group should not be confused with dental public health specialists.) The number of respondents in each practice area/specialty can be found at the end of this report.

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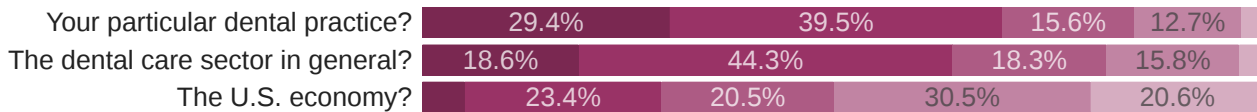
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## Economic Confidence

Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:

### General Practice

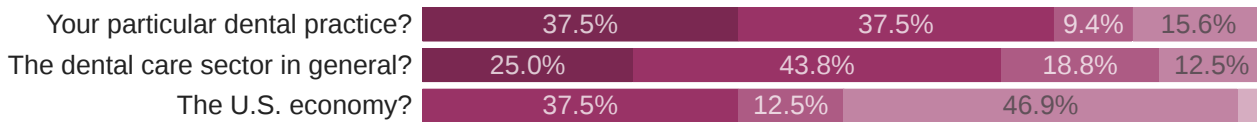
1211 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

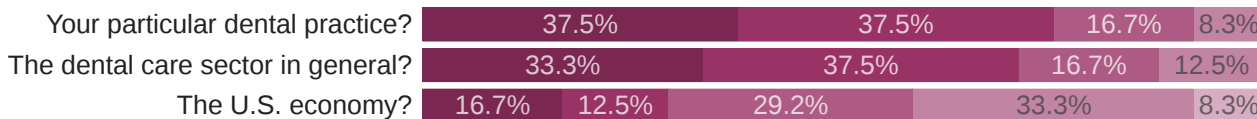
### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

32 Responses



### Endodontics

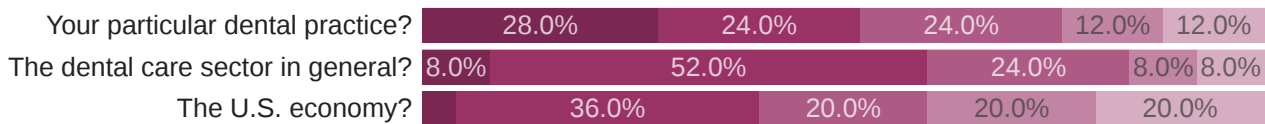
24 Responses



Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:  
(continued)

**Orthodontics**

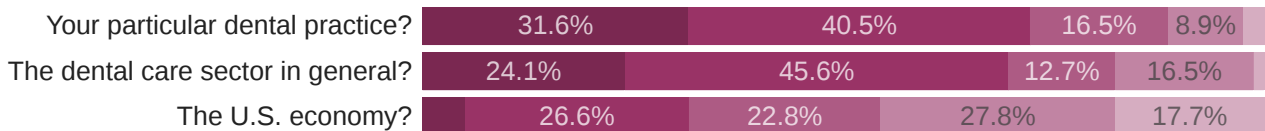
25 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

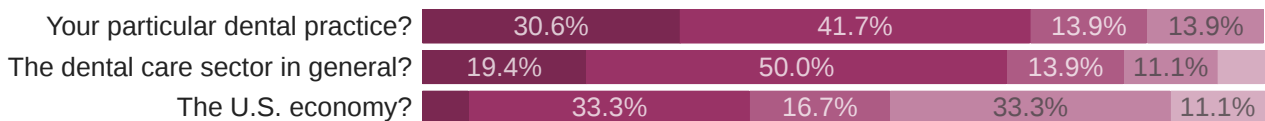
**Pediatric Dentistry**

79 Responses



**Periodontics**

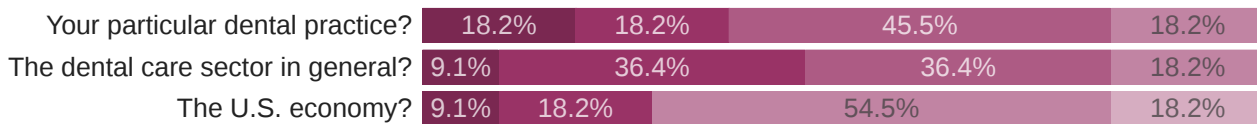
36 Responses



Looking ahead to the next six months, how confident are you in the recovery of:  
(continued)

**Prosthodontics**

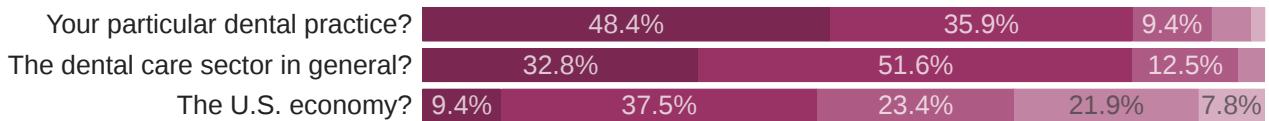
11 Responses



- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Neither confident nor skeptical
- Somewhat skeptical
- Very skeptical

**Dentists in Public Health Settings**

64 Responses



## Appointment Schedule

How full was your dental practice's appointment schedule last week?

Mean % of schedule filled

Dentists in private practice

1411 Responses



Dentists in public health settings

63 Responses

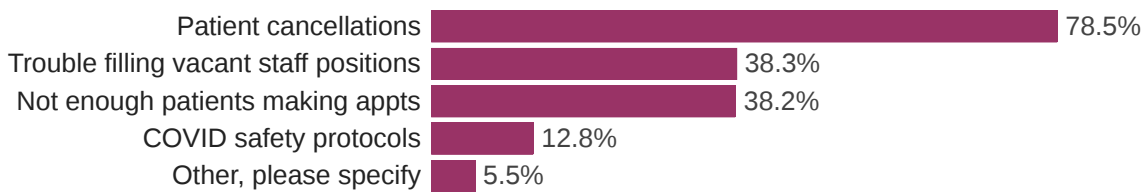


## Factors Preventing a Full Schedule

Which of the following factors prevented your dental practice’s appointment schedule from reaching 100% last week? (Select all that apply.)

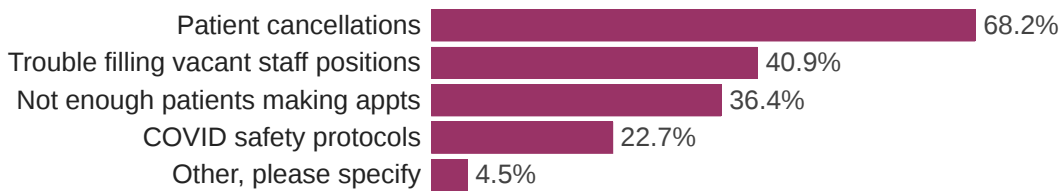
### General Practice

943 Responses



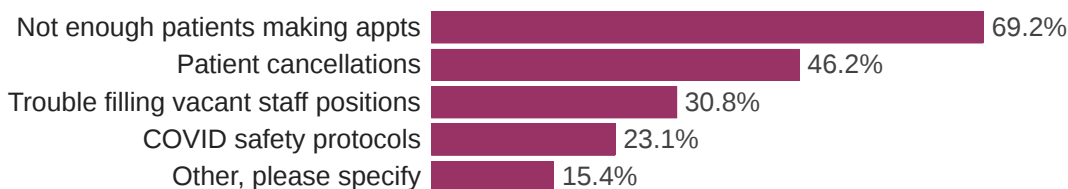
### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

22 Responses



### Endodontics

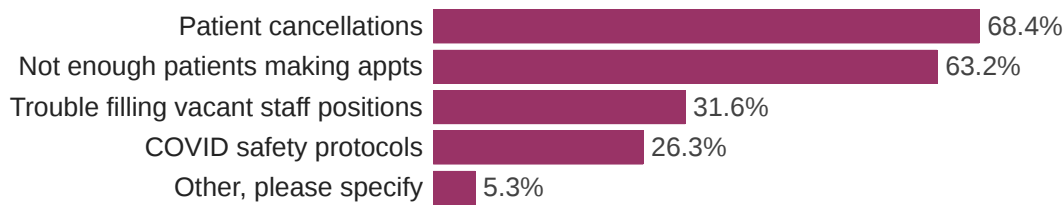
13 Responses



**Which of the following factors prevented your dental practice’s appointment schedule from reaching 100% last week? (Select all that apply.) (continued)**

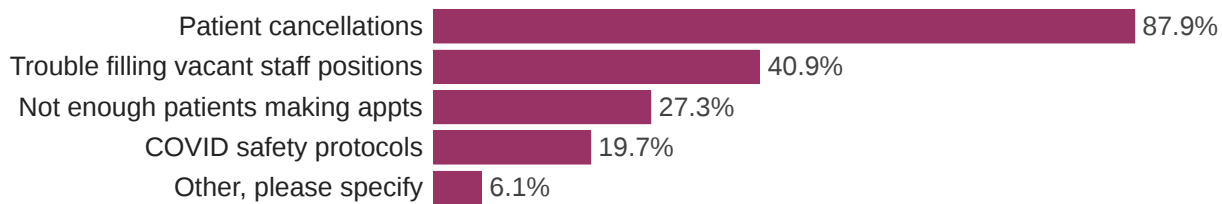
**Orthodontics**

19 Responses



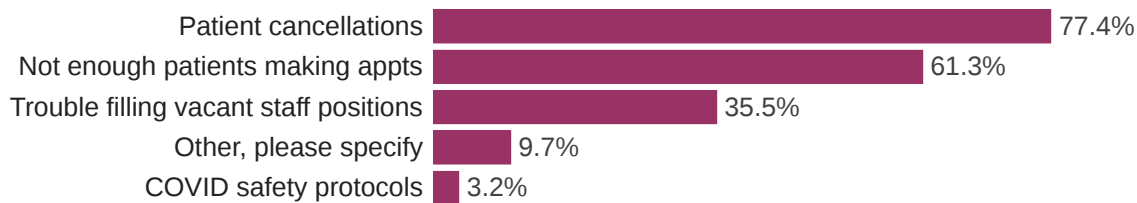
**Pediatric Dentistry**

66 Responses



**Periodontics**

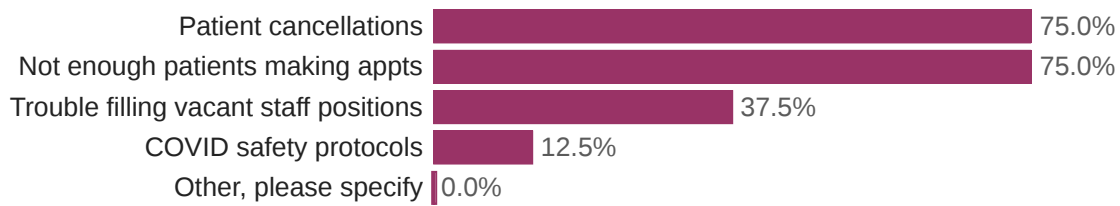
31 Responses



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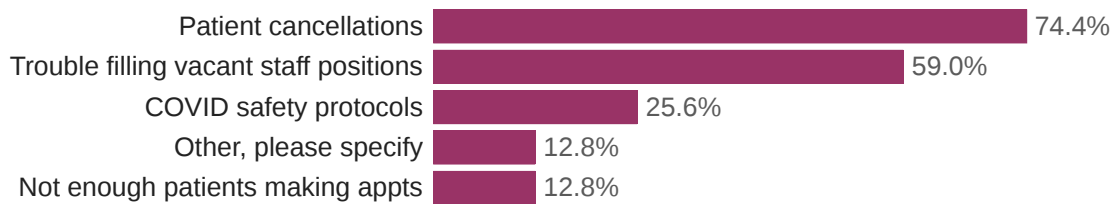
**Prosthodontics**

8 Responses



**Dentists in Public Health Settings**

39 Responses



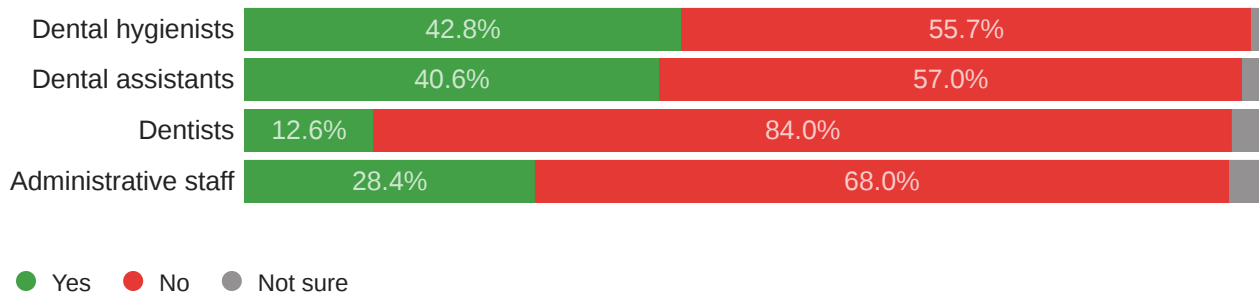


## Staff Recruitment

### General Practice

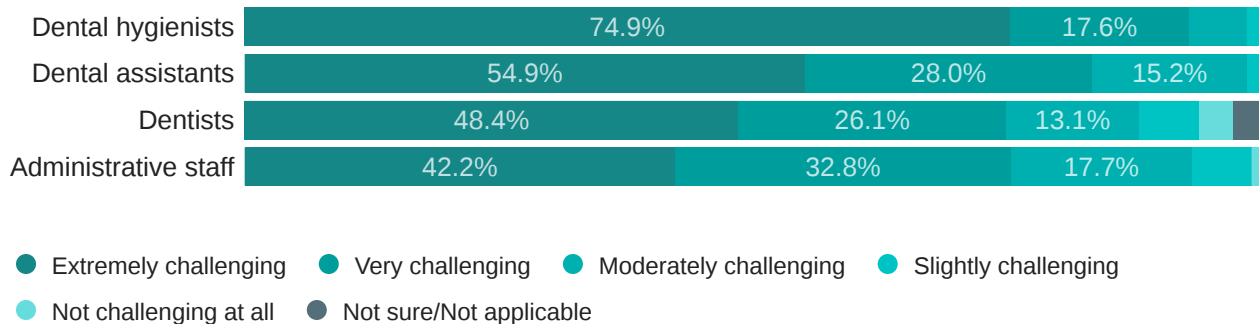
**Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?**

1211 Responses



**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?**

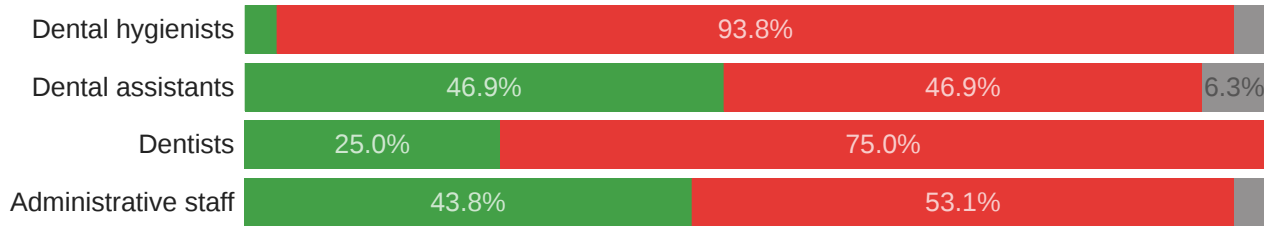
797 Responses



### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

#### Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

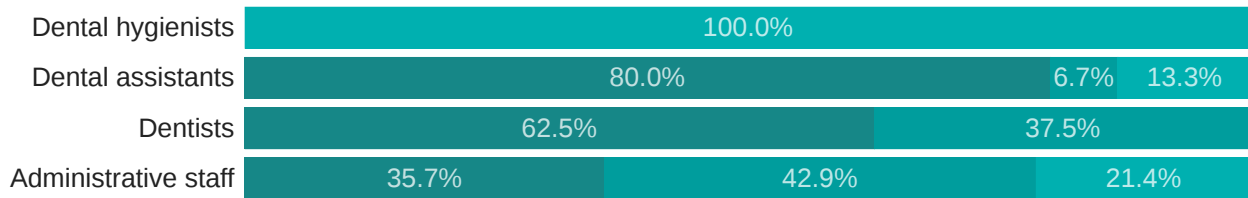
32 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

#### How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

21 Responses

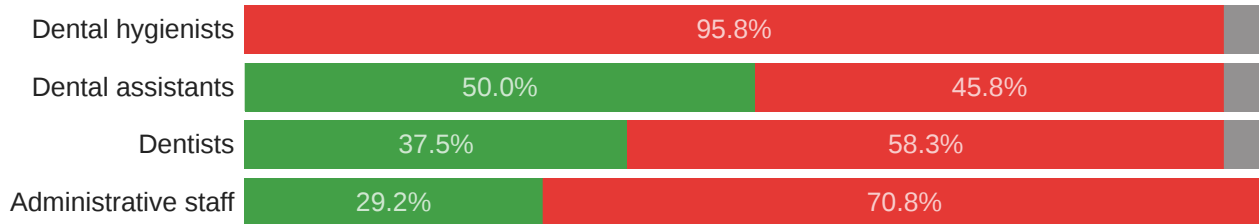


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

### Endodontics

#### Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

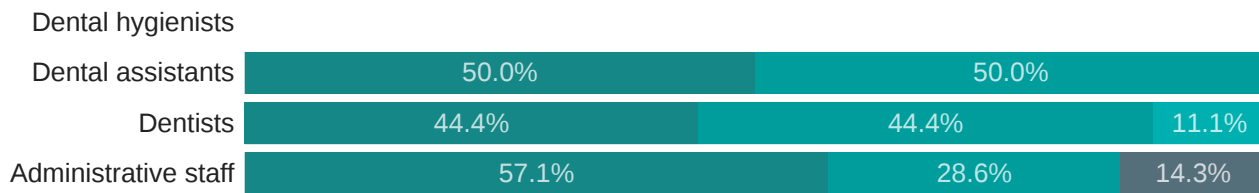
24 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

#### How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

16 Responses

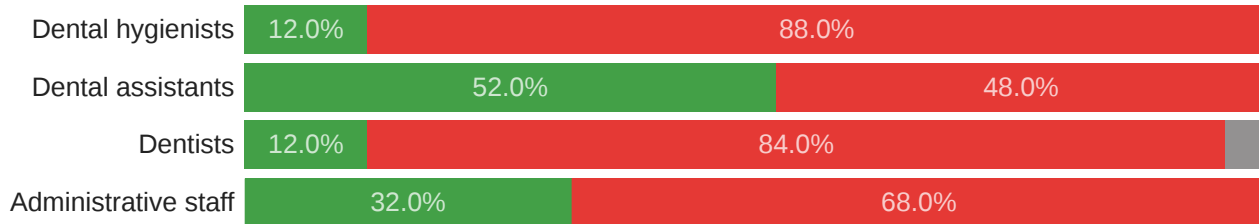


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
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### Orthodontics

#### Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?

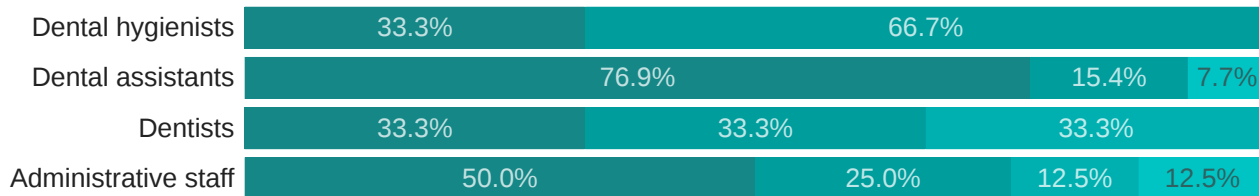
25 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

#### How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

14 Responses

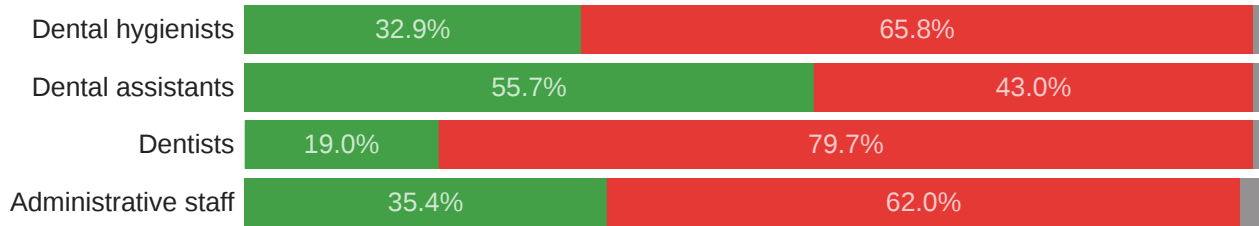


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
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### Pediatric Dentistry

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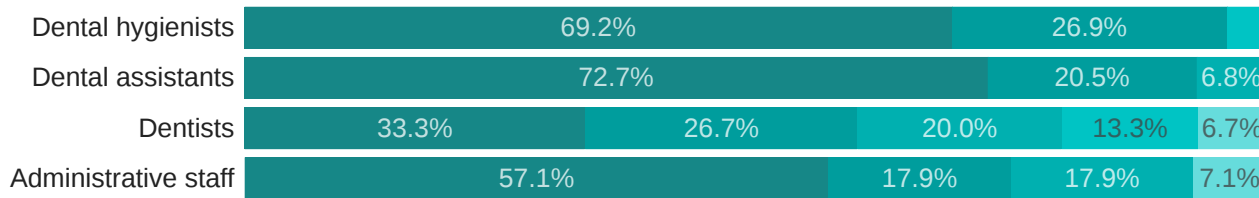
79 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

#### How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?

60 Responses



● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

**Periodontics**

**Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?**

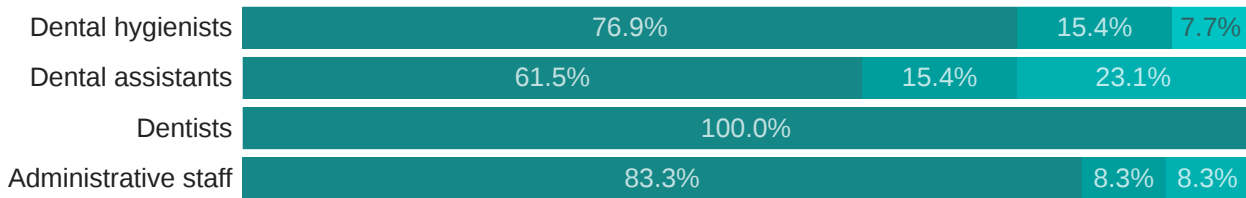
36 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?**

20 Responses

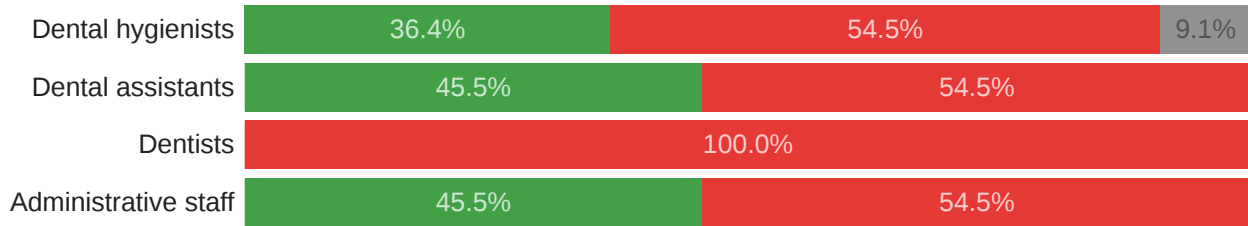


● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
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**Prosthodontics**

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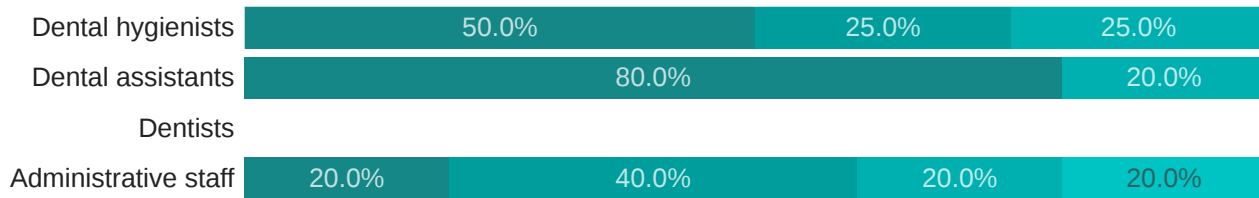
11 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?**

9 Responses

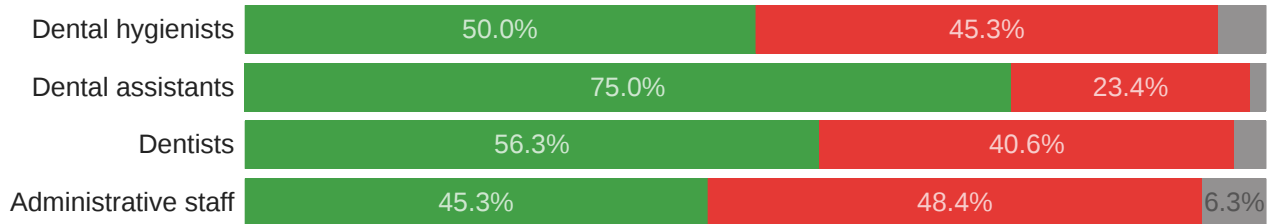


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### Dentists in Public Health Settings

**Have you recently or are you currently recruiting any of the following positions in your dental practice?**

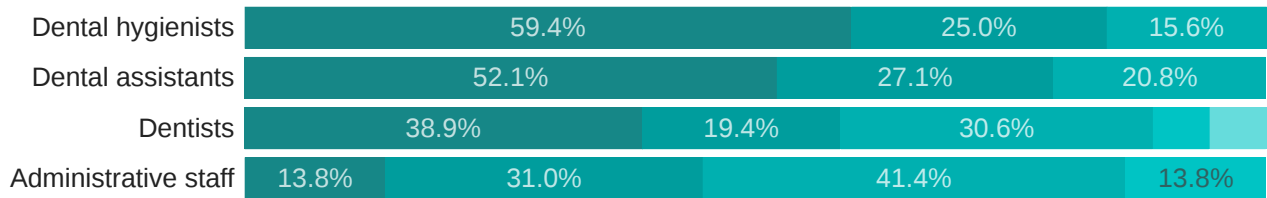
64 Responses



● Yes ● No ● Not sure

**How challenging has it been to recruit the position(s) below?**

57 Responses



● Extremely challenging ● Very challenging ● Moderately challenging ● Slightly challenging  
● Not challenging at all ● Not sure/Not applicable

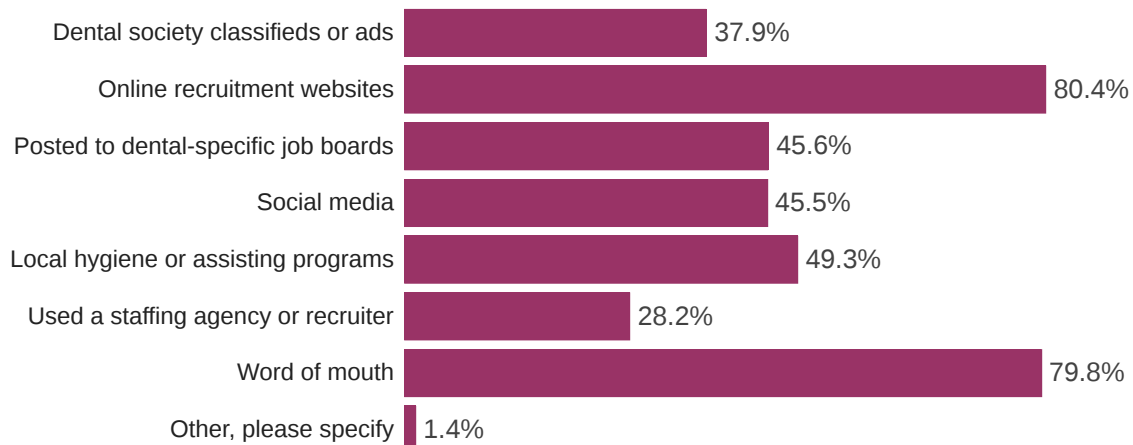


## Recruitment Tools

What tools have you used to find applicants for your dental hygienist and/or dental assistant positions? (Select all that apply.)

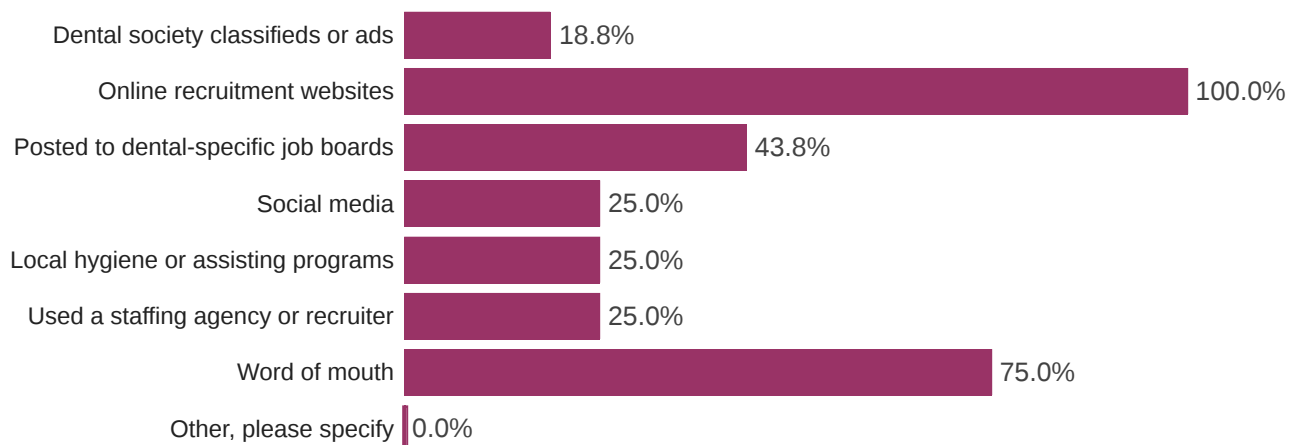
### General Practice

708 Responses



### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

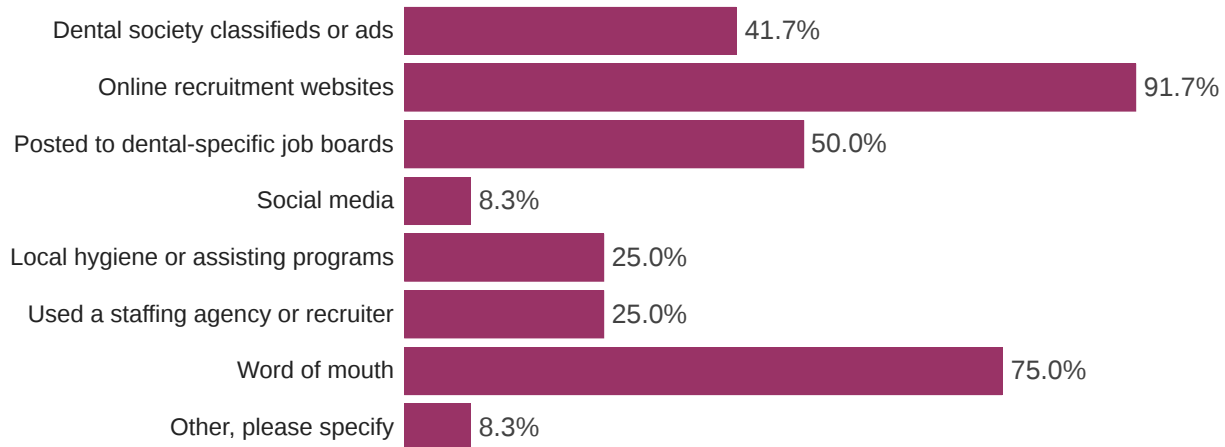
16 Responses



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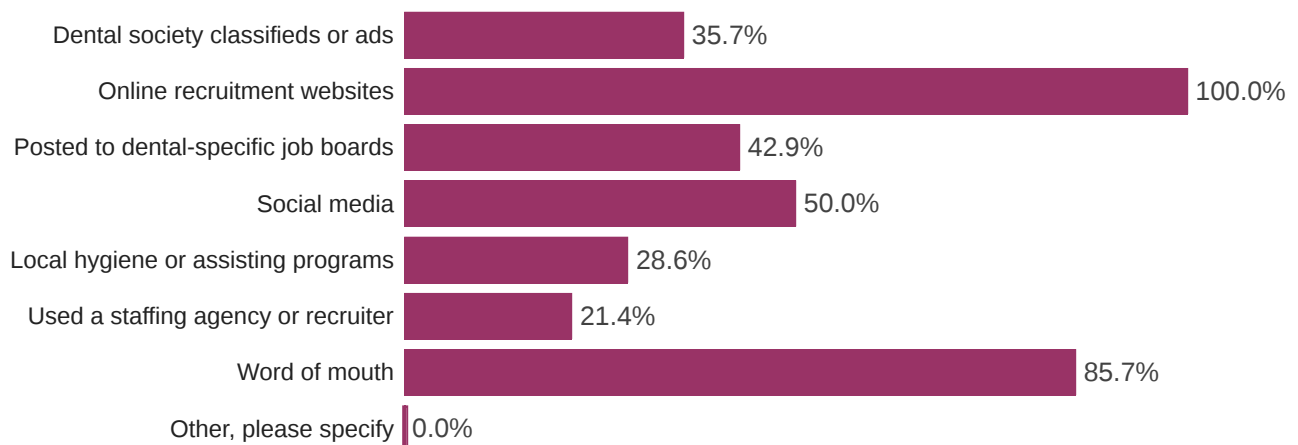
**Endodontics**

12 Responses



**Orthodontics**

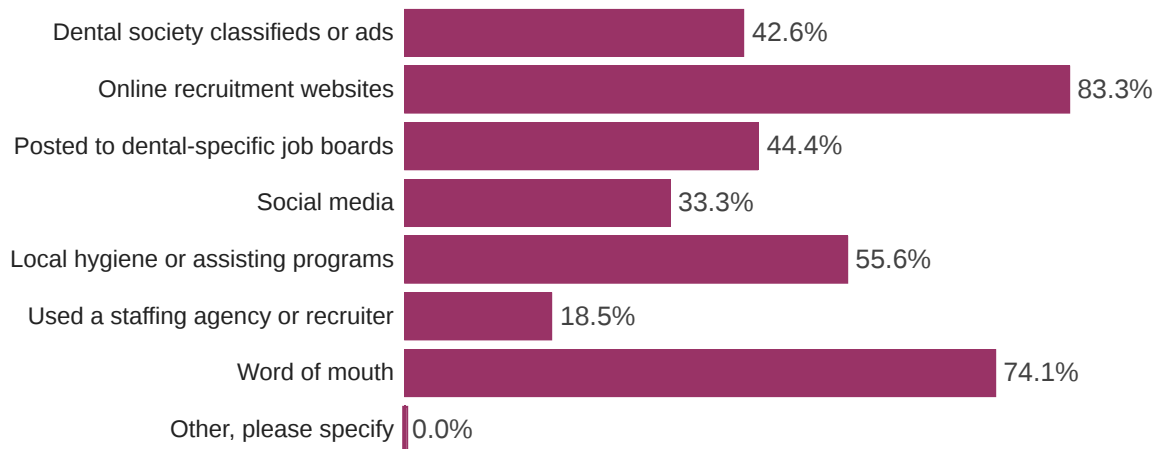
14 Responses



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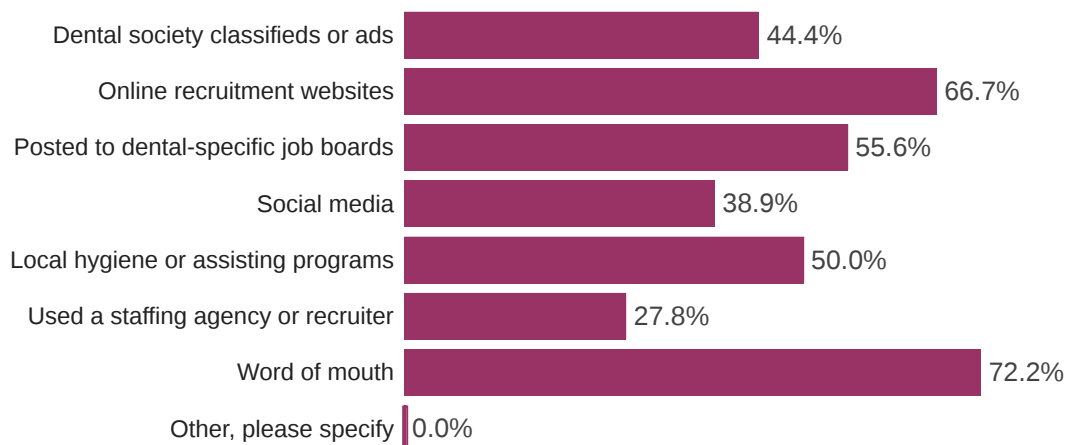
**Pediatric dentistry**

54 Responses



**Periodontics**

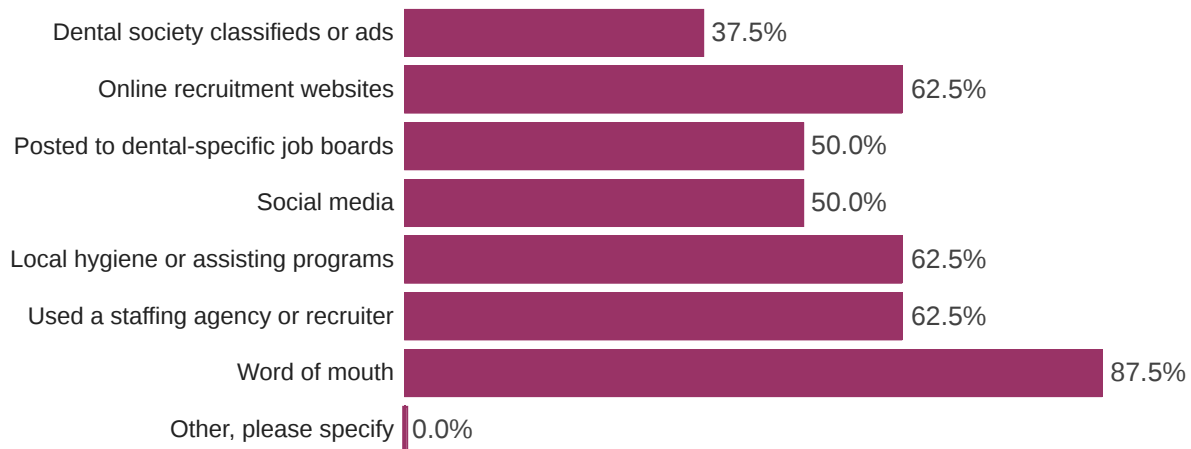
18 Responses



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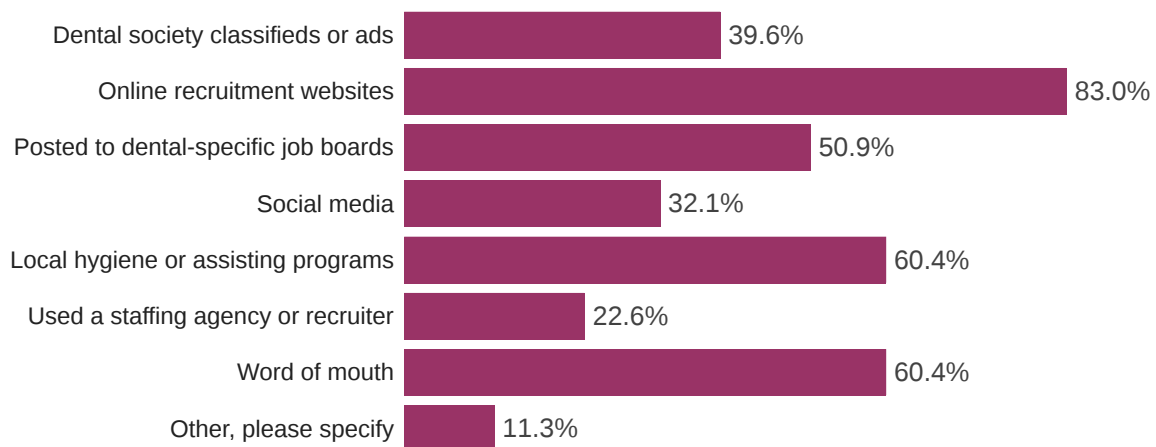
**Prosthodontics**

8 Responses



**Dentists in Public Health Settings**

53 Responses

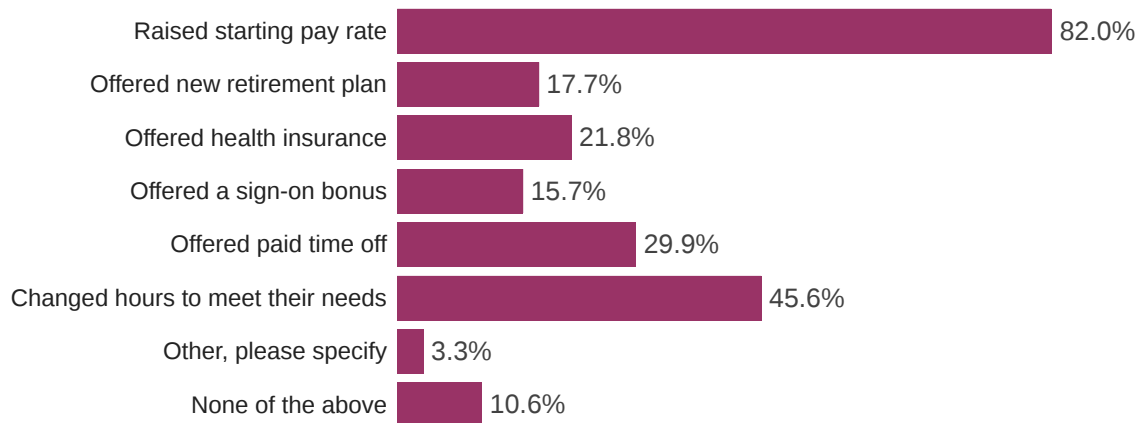


## Benefits Offered To Applicants

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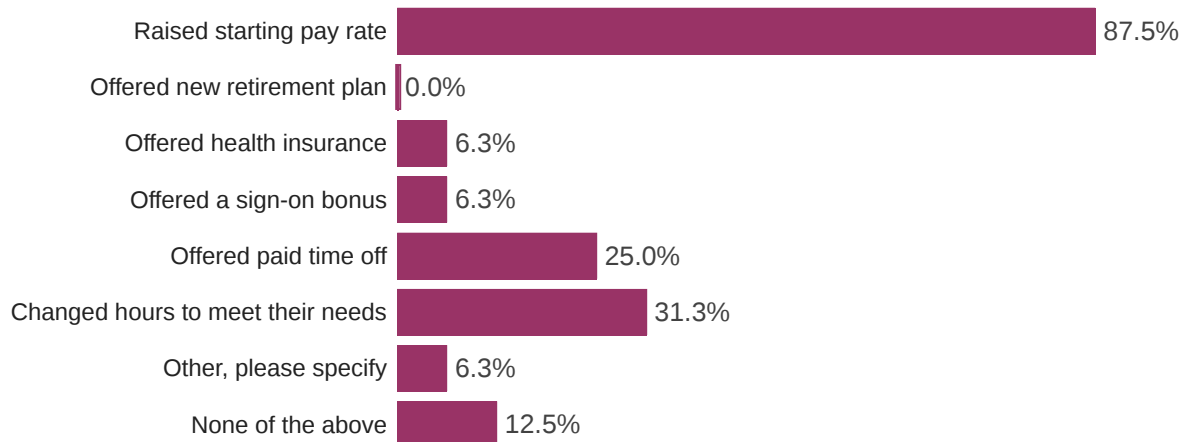
### General Practice

706 Responses



### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

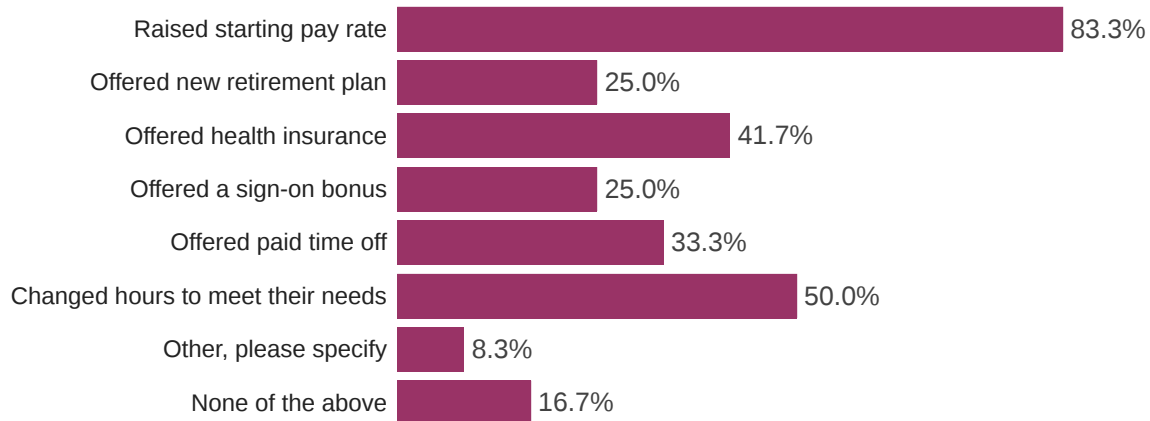
16 Responses



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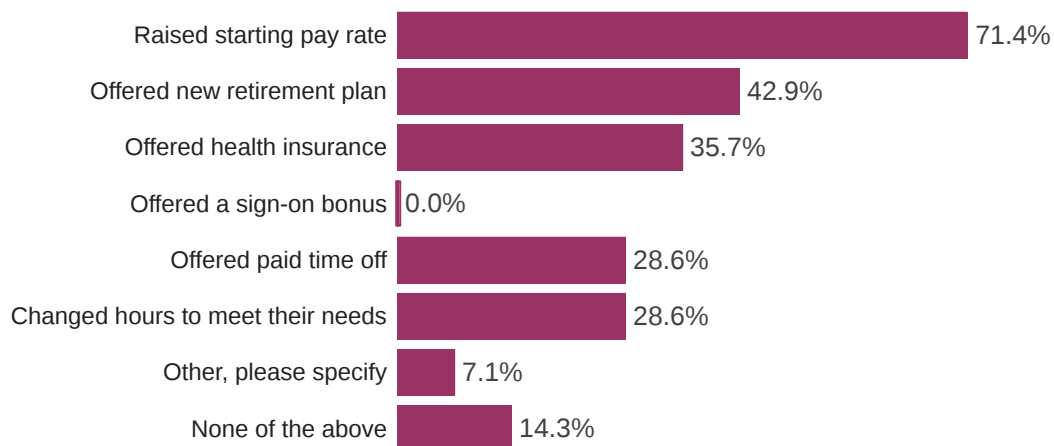
**Endodontics**

12 Responses



**Orthodontics**

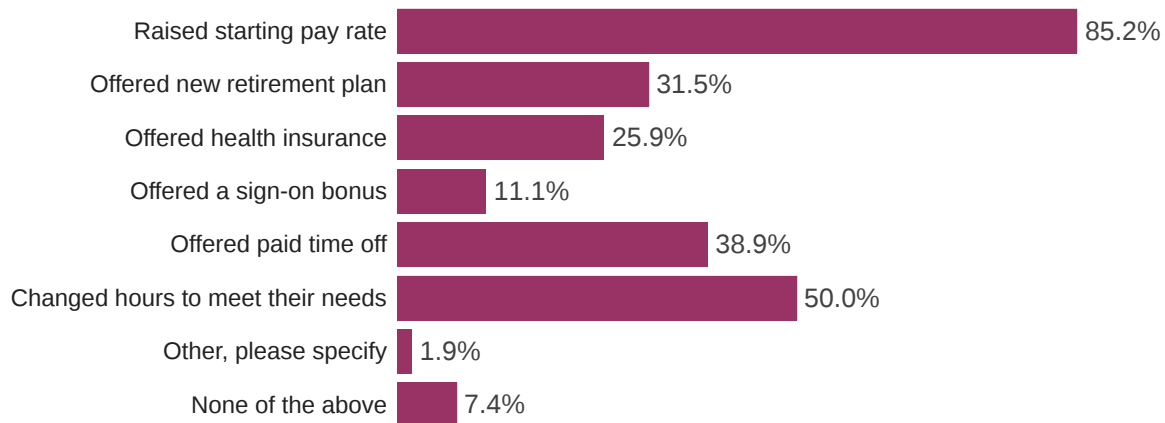
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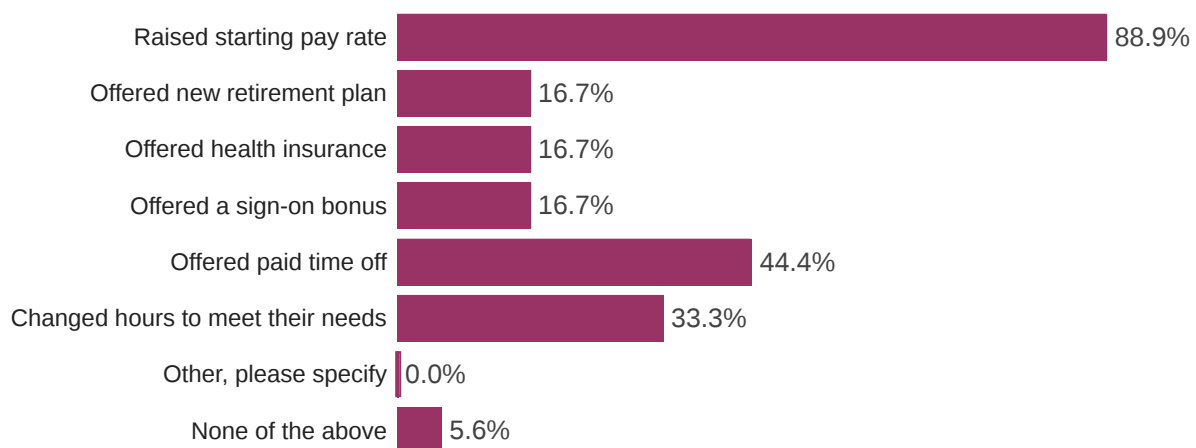
**Pediatric Dentistry**

54 Responses



**Periodontics**

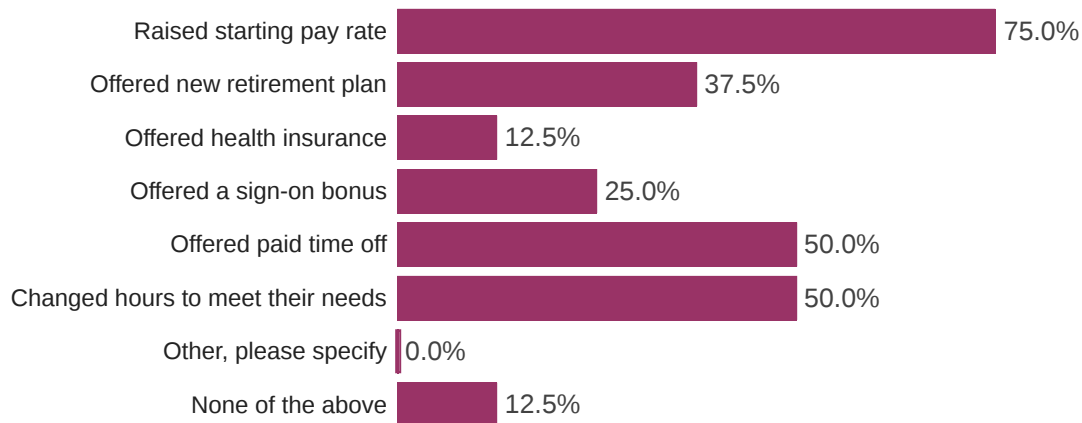
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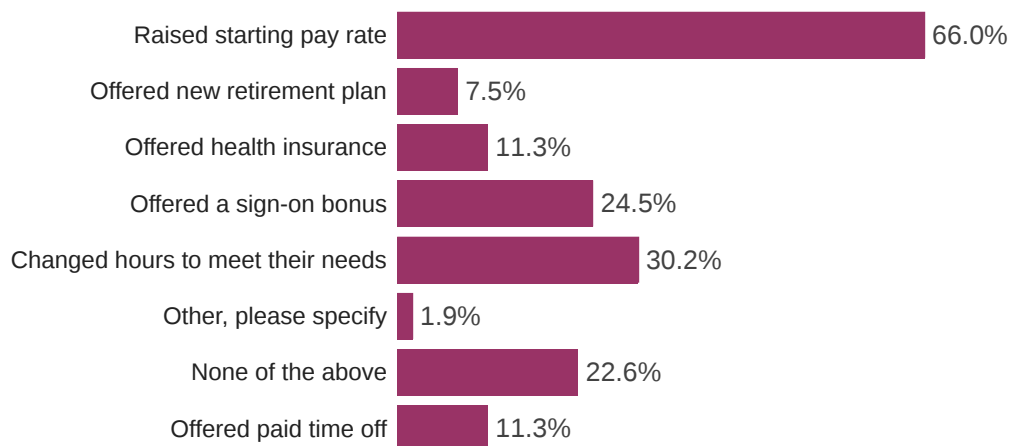
**Prosthodontics**

8 Responses



**Dentists in Public Health Settings**

53 Responses





## Number of Responses by Specialty

Dentists In Private Practice	Choice Count
General Practice (GP)	1,211
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS)	32
Endodontics (ENDO)	24
Orthodontics (ORTHO)	25
Pediatric Dentistry (PED)	79
Periodontics (PERIO)	36
Prosthodontics (PROS)	11

Practice Setting	Choice Count
Dentist in private practice	1,423
Dentists in public health settings	64