

# Oregon's Dental Workforce

Based on data collected during 2015 and 2016

These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state's dental workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

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The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote high quality oral health care in the State of Oregon by equitably regulating dental professionals.

The goals of the board are to protect the public from unsafe, incompetent or fraudulent practitioners and to encourage licensees to practice safely and competently in the best interests of their patients.

The board does this through:

- Setting education standards;
- Testing the competency of applicants through written and clinical examinations;
- Requiring continuing education of all licensees;
- Investigating complaints and enforcing the provisions of the Dental Practice Act and rules of the board;
- Communicating board policies and other pertinent information to all licensees on a regular basis;
- Providing clear interpretation of board statutes and rules to licensees and members of the public;
- Acting as a resource to dental consumers in determining the adequacy of their dental treatment;
- Working with other health care licensing boards, professional associations (at the local, state and national level) and the educational system to develop partnerships that forge a viable health care delivery system.

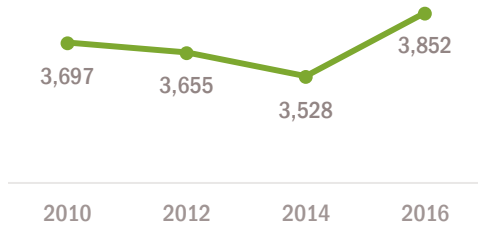
Workforce data were collected for dentists and dental hygienists and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

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# Dentists (DDS/DMD)

## DDS/DMDs LICENSED IN OREGON



## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DDS/DMDs WORKING IN OREGON:

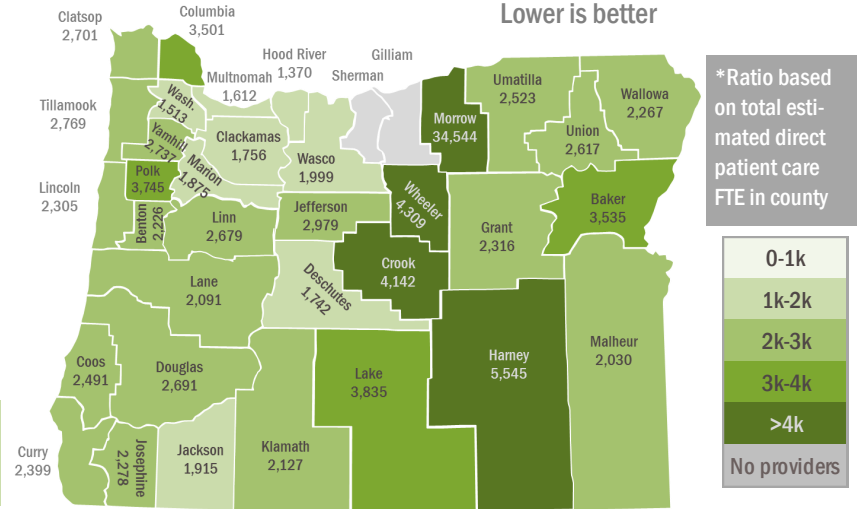
**2,917**

## ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

**2,140**

## ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO\*

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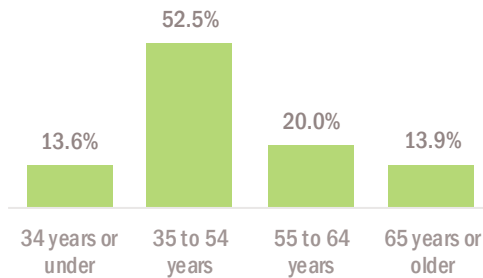


\*Ratio based on total estimated direct patient care FTE in county

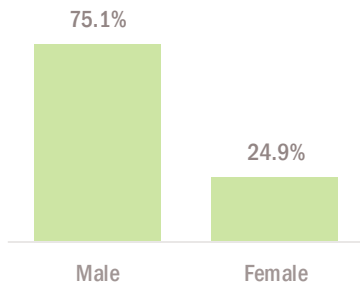
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## WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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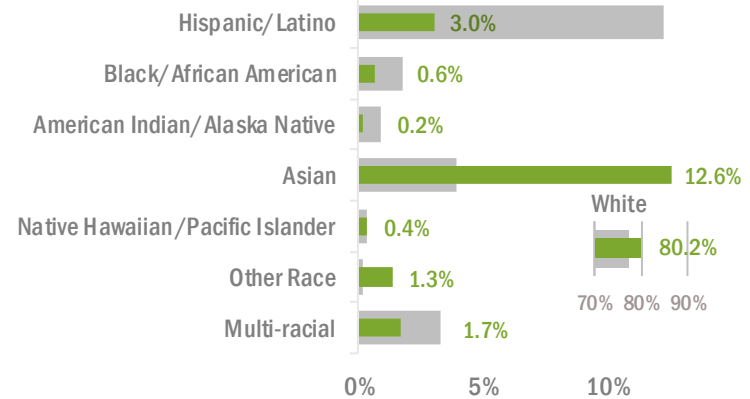


### GENDER



### RACE & ETHNICITY

#### WORKFORCE VS POPULATION\*



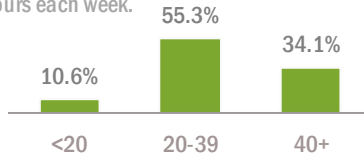
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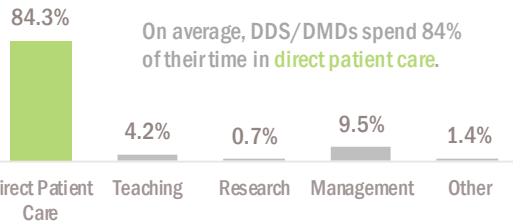
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### HOURS WORKED PER WEEK

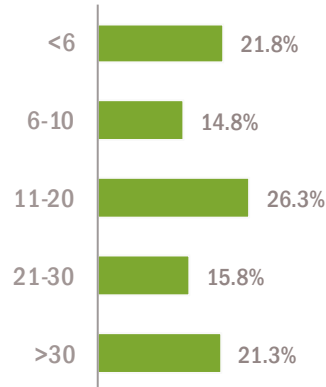
34% of DDS/DMDs work at least 40 hours each week.



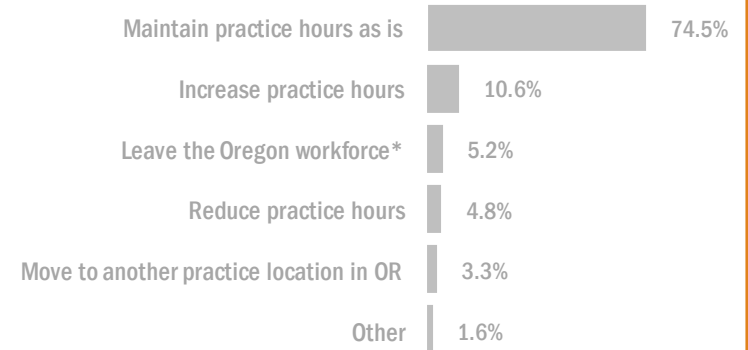
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### NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED



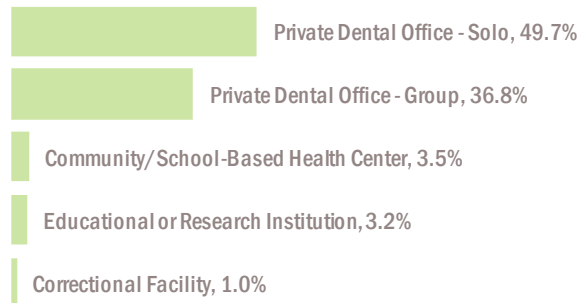
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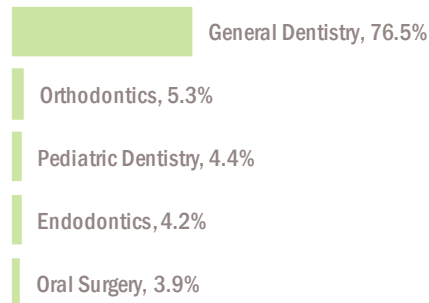
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## PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES

### TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS

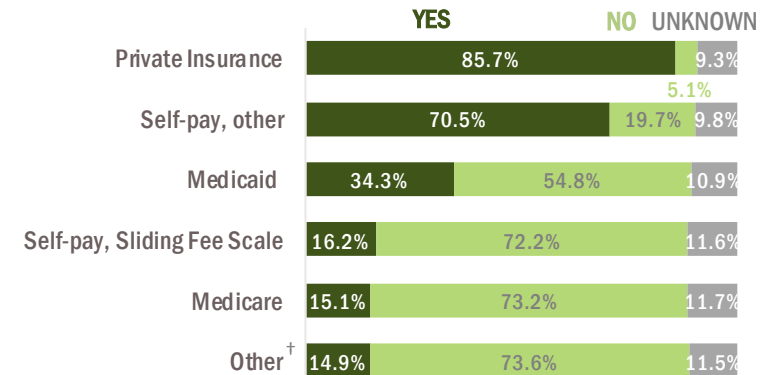


### TOP 5 SPECIALTIES



## PAYER MIX\*

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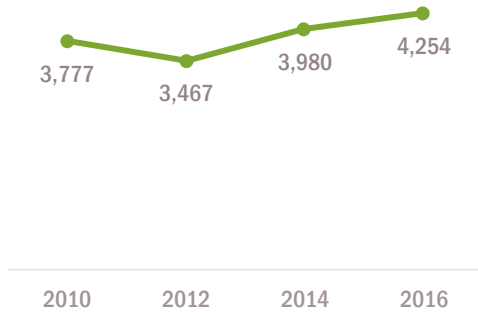


\* Only includes those who report spending time in direct patient care (n=2,427)

<sup>†</sup> Other includes VA, Indian Health, etc.

# Dental Hygienists (RDH)

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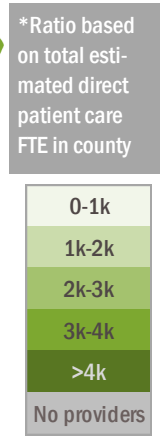
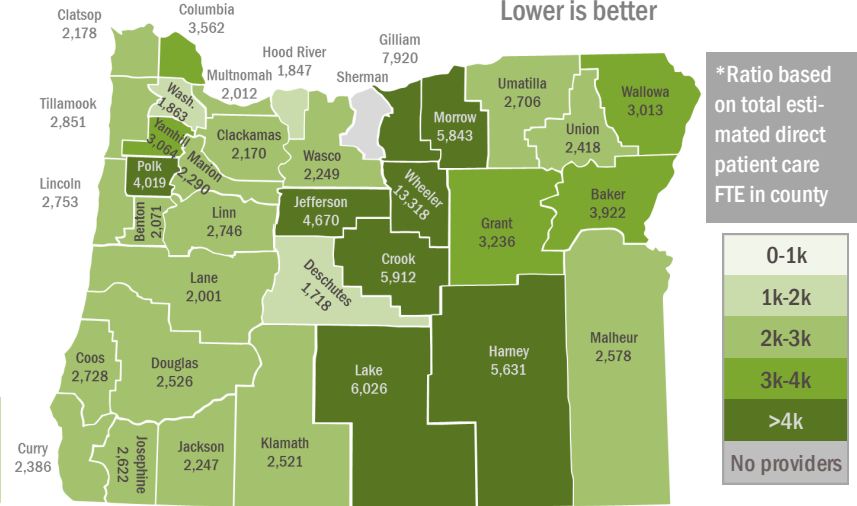
**3,163**

ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

**1,856**

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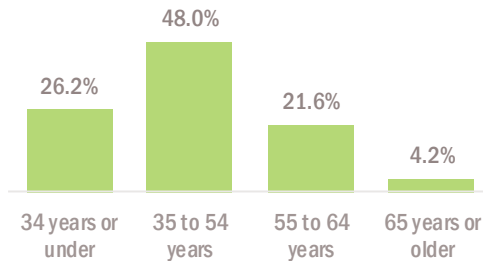
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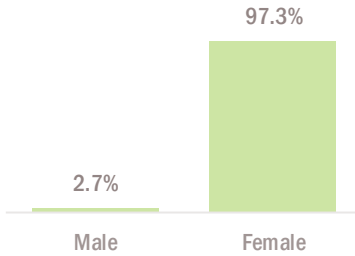
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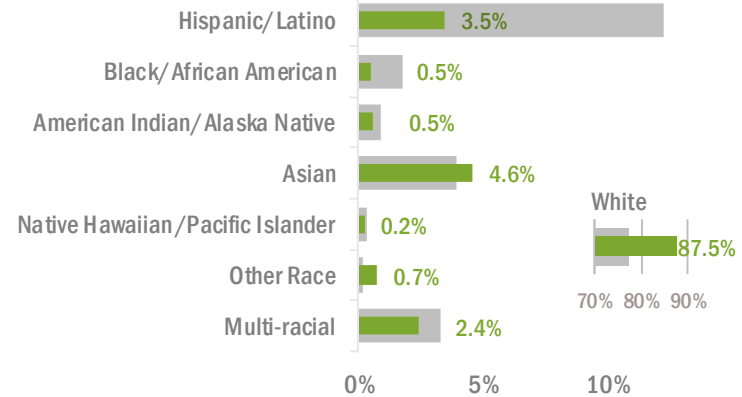


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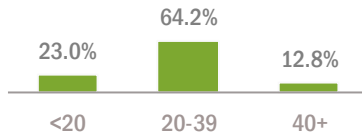
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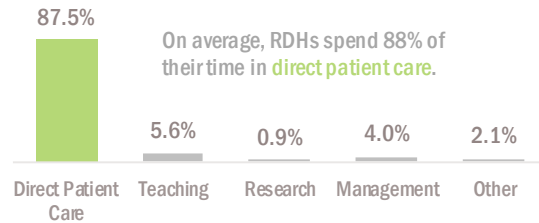
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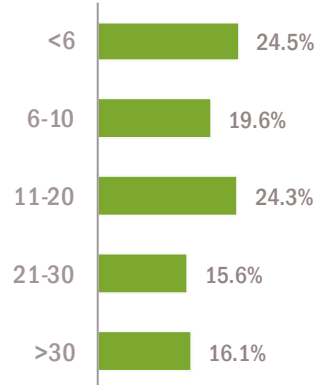
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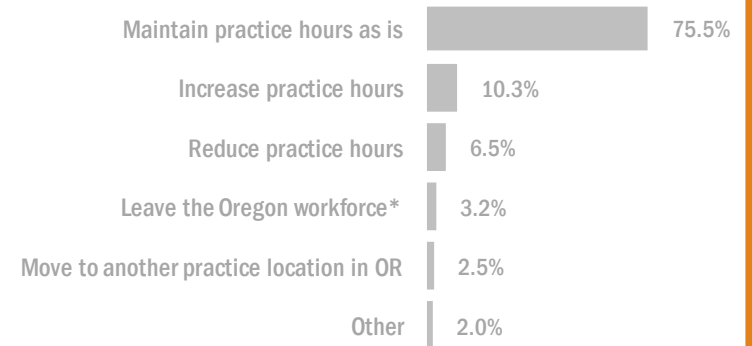
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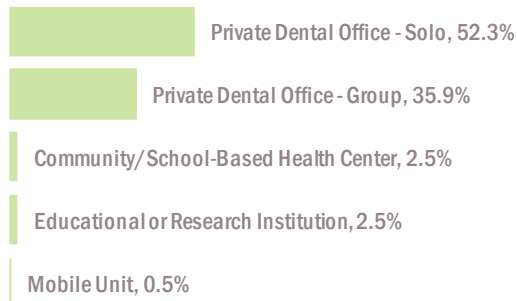
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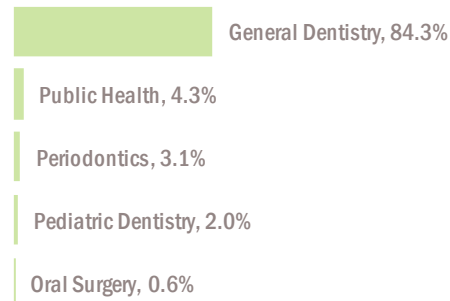
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## Appendix A: Estimated count, FTE in direct patient care, and population-to-provider FTE ratio by county

County	Population	DDS/DDM			HYG		
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio
BAKER	16,510	7	4.7	3,535	7	4.2	3,922
BENTON	91,320	52	41.0	2,226	76	44.1	2,071
CLACKAMAS	404,980	306	230.6	1,756	333	186.6	2,170
CLATSOP	38,225	19	14.2	2,701	28	17.6	2,178
COLUMBIA	50,795	20	14.5	3,501	26	14.3	3,562
COOS	63,190	36	25.4	2,491	37	23.2	2,728
CROOK	21,580	7	5.2	4,142	9	3.7	5,912
CURRY	22,600	11	9.4	2,399	15	9.5	2,386
DESCHUTES	176,635	138	101.4	1,742	166	102.8	1,718
DOUGLAS	110,395	59	41.0	2,691	71	43.7	2,526
GILLIAM	1,980	0	0.0	-	1	0.3	7,920
GRANT	7,410	5	3.2	2,316	3	2.3	3,236
HARNEY	7,320	3	1.3	5,545	2	1.3	5,631
HOOD RIVER	24,735	23	18.1	1,370	23	13.4	1,847
JACKSON	213,765	141	111.6	1,915	162	95.2	2,247
JEFFERSON	22,790	9	7.7	2,979	7	4.9	4,670
JOSEPHINE	84,675	50	37.2	2,278	56	32.3	2,622
KLAMATH	67,410	42	31.7	2,127	54	26.7	2,521
LAKE	8,015	2	2.1	3,835	3	1.3	6,026
LANE	365,940	228	175.0	2,091	312	182.9	2,001
LINCOLN	47,735	26	20.7	2,305	29	17.3	2,753
LINN	122,315	55	45.7	2,679	73	44.5	2,746
MALHEUR	31,705	19	15.6	2,030	22	12.3	2,578
MARION	333,950	245	178.2	1,875	245	145.8	2,290
MORROW	11,745	1	0.3	34,544	3	2.0	5,843
MULTNOMAH	790,670	732	490.6	1,612	664	393.1	2,012
POLK	79,730	26	21.3	3,745	34	19.8	4,019
SHERMAN	1,795	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	25,920	11	9.4	2,769	15	9.1	2,851
UMATILLA	79,880	44	31.7	2,523	51	29.5	2,706
UNION	26,745	15	10.2	2,617	22	11.1	2,418
WALLOWA	7,140	5	3.2	2,267	4	2.4	3,013
WASCO	26,700	17	13.4	1,999	19	11.9	2,249
WASHINGTON	583,595	511	385.6	1,513	536	313.2	1,863
WHEELER	1,465	2	0.3	4,309	1	0.1	13,318
YAMHILL	104,990	52	38.4	2,737	55	34.3	3,064
STATEWIDE	4,076,350	2,917	2,140	1,905	3,163	1,856	2,196

Note: Circles indicate whether county has no providers (red) or is above (yellow) or below (green) the statewide ratio by 50%.

Population-to-provider ratios are based on the estimated patient care FTE in the county. Values greater than the county population are due to less than 1.0 FTE in county.

### About these fact sheets:

The Health Care Workforce Reporting Program (HWRP) collects workforce-related information directly from health care professionals via a questionnaire embedded in the license renewal process. Data reported in this fact sheet were collected during a two-year period (2015-2016).

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### For more information about methodology and results, visit:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/analytics/Pages/Health-Care-Workforce-Reporting.aspx>

### Sources:

- 2016 State and county population estimates come from Portland State University Population Research Center (<https://www.pdx.edu/prc/population-reports-estimates>)
- Statewide race & ethnicity data comes from five-year ACS estimates (data collected over 60-month period, 2011–2015)

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