

# Oregon's Dentistry Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

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

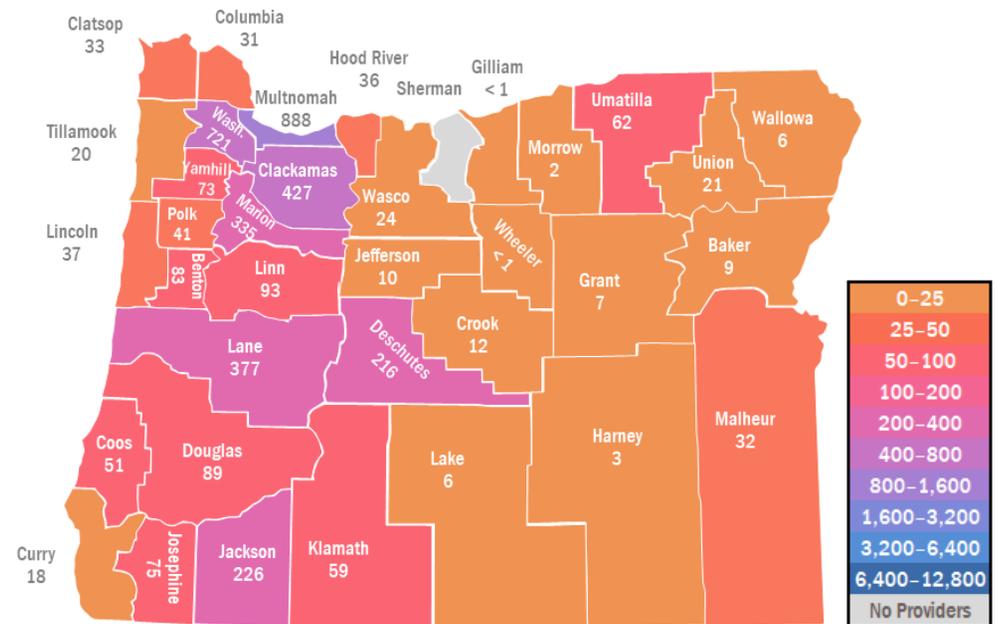
The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote high quality oral health care in the State of Oregon by equitably regulating dental professionals.

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.

Workforce data were collected for dentists (DDS/DMD) and dental hygienists (RDH) and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

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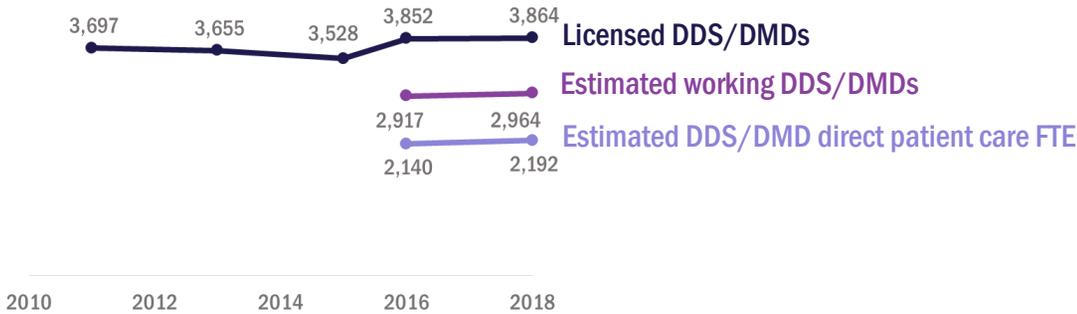
## Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes all occupations within this factsheet)



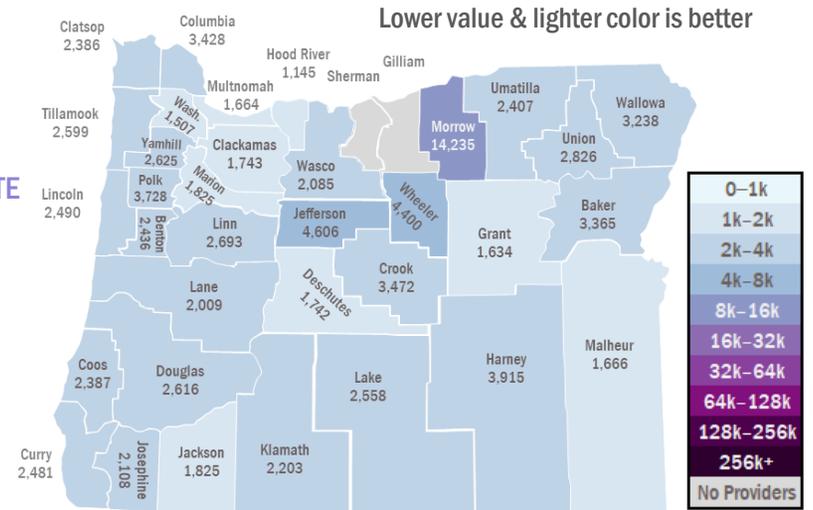
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# Dentists (DDS/DMD)

## Oregon's DDS/DMD supply over



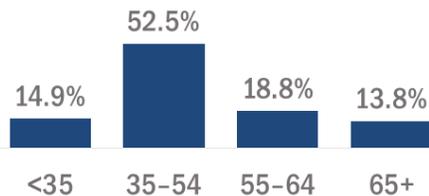
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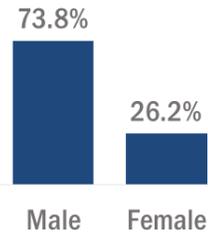
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## Workforce demographics

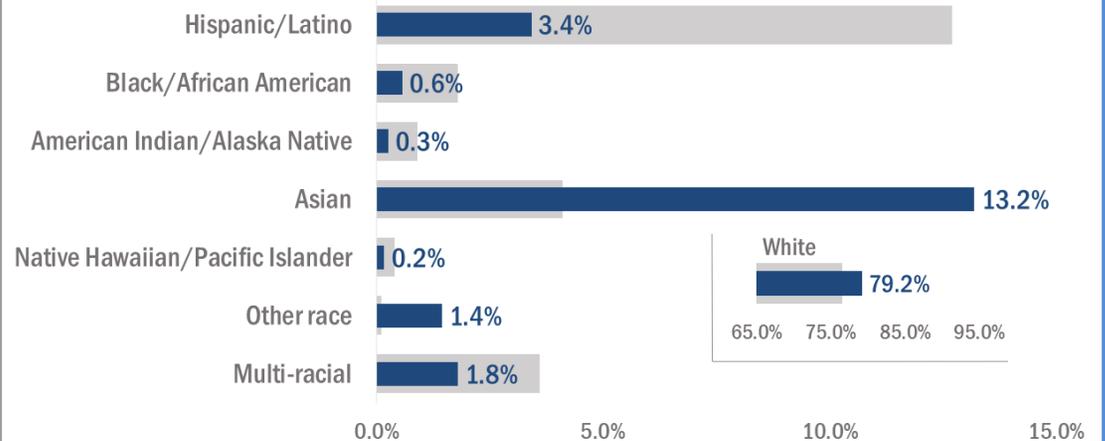
### Age



### Gender



### Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



14.3% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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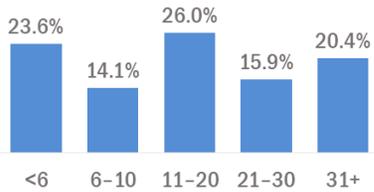
## Workforce supply



DDS/DMDs work an average of 32.0 hours per week.

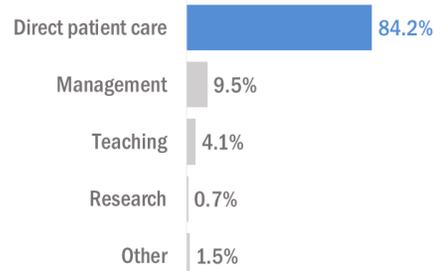
35.2% of DDS/DMDs work at least 40 hours each week.

## Number of years licensed in Oregon

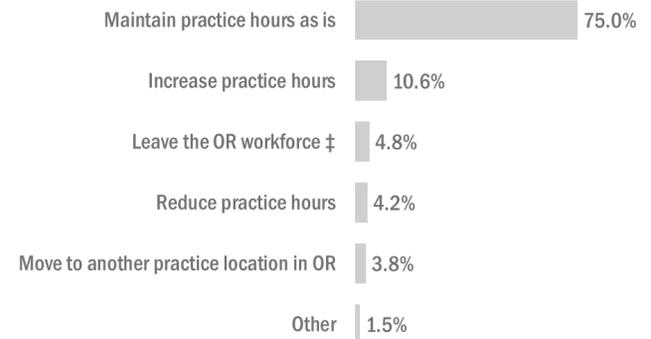


## How DDS/DMDs spend their time

On average, DDS/DMDs spend 84.2% of their time in direct patient care.

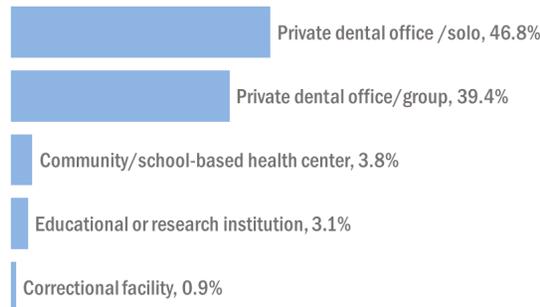


## Practice plans in the next two years

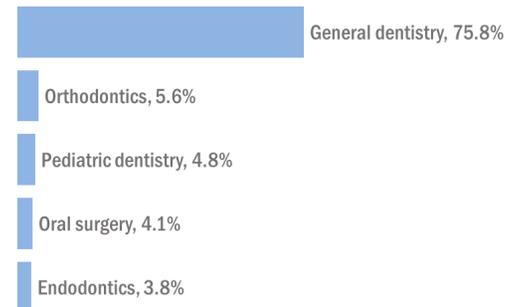


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings

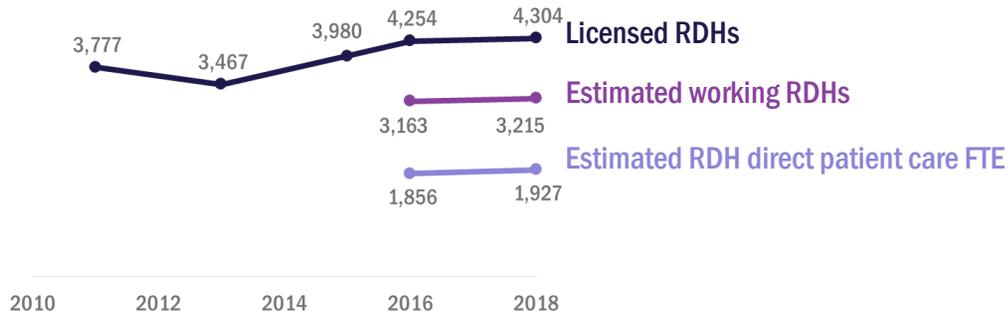


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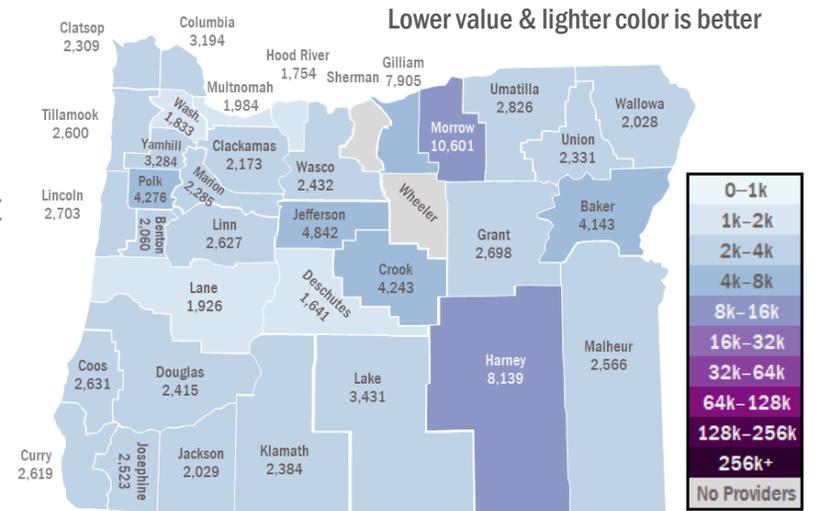


# Dental hygienists (RDH)

Oregon's RDH supply over time



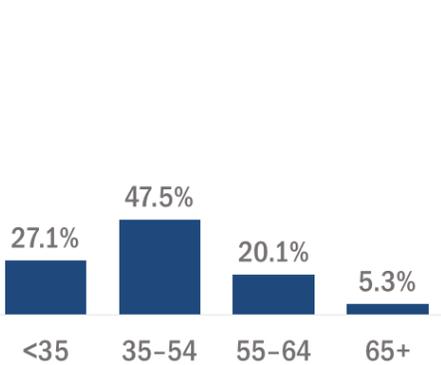
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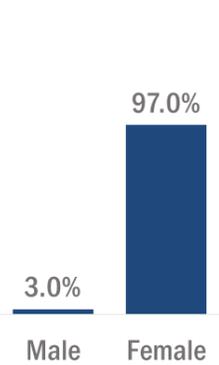
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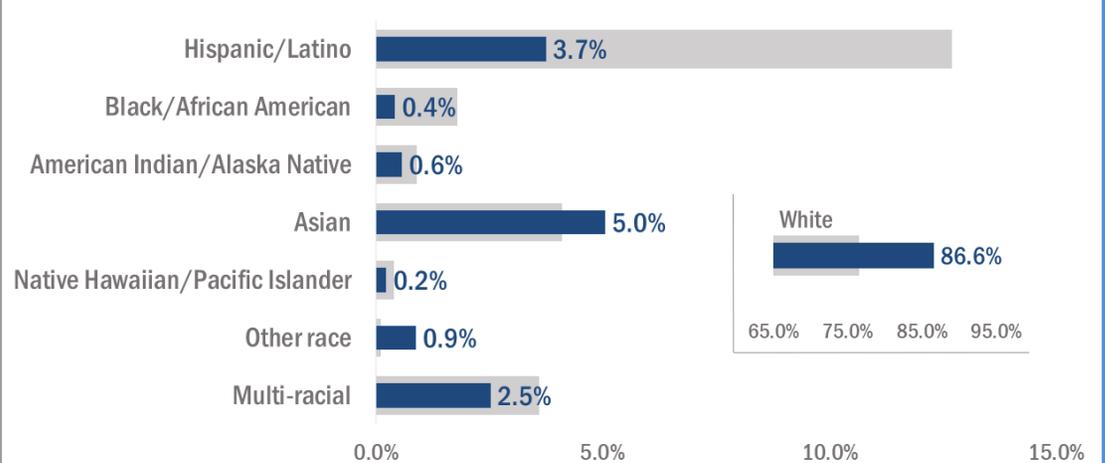
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Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



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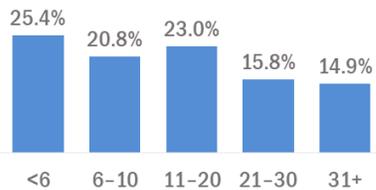
## Workforce supply



RDHs work an average of 27.4 hours per week.

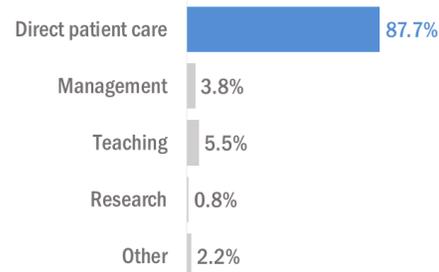
14.2% of RDHs work at least 40 hours each week.

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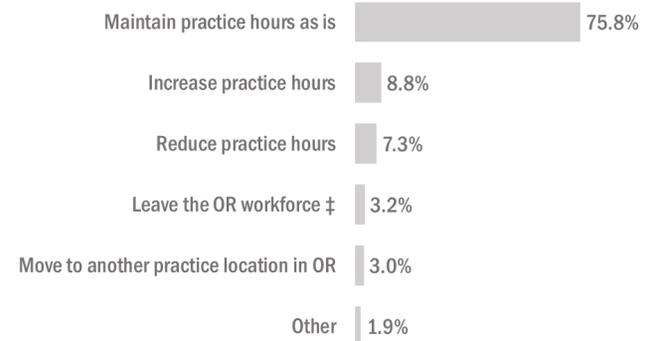


## How RDHs spend their time

On average, RDHs spend 87.7% of their time in direct patient care.

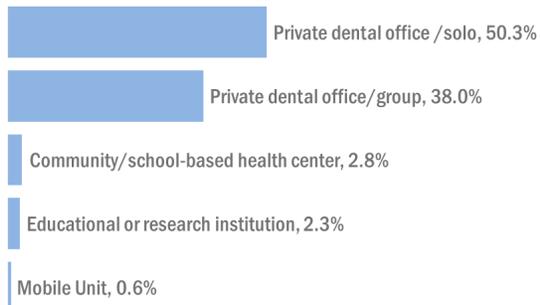


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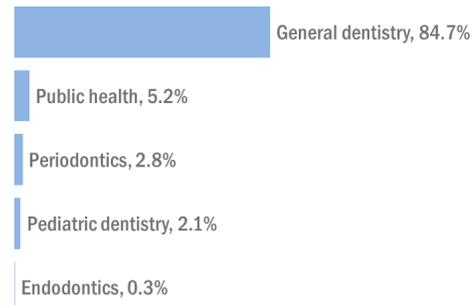


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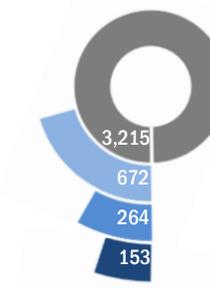
### Top 5 practice settings



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### Expanded practice dental hygienist permit (EPDH)



Of 3,215 active RDHs in Oregon:

- 672, or 20.9%, hold an EPDH permit.
- 264, or 39.3% of EPDH holders, utilize their permit.
- 153, or 58.0% of EPDH utilizers, have a collaborative agreement with a dentist.

### Footnotes:

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

† Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from the charts. Racial categories exclude Hispanic.

‡ Leave the Oregon workforce includes those planning to retire, move to practice out of state, or leave the occupation.

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### 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 (2016-2017). Health care professionals with a completed survey during this time period and an active license in January 2018 were included in this report. Please refer to the HWRP's General Methods documentation on the website for further details.

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

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

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

County	Population	Dentists			Dental hygienists		
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio
BAKER	16,750	7	5.0	3,365	8	4.0	4,143
BENTON	92,575	48	38.0	2,436	75	44.9	2,060
CLACKAMAS	413,000	304	236.9	1,743	328	190.0	2,173
CLATSOP	38,820	20	16.3	2,386	27	16.8	2,309
COLUMBIA	51,345	21	15.0	3,428	27	16.1	3,194
COOS	63,310	37	26.5	2,387	36	24.1	2,631
CROOK	22,105	8	6.4	3,472	10	5.2	4,243
CURRY	22,805	11	9.2	2,481	12	8.7	2,619
DESCHUTES	182,930	145	105.0	1,742	181	111.5	1,641
DOUGLAS	111,180	58	42.5	2,616	74	46.0	2,415
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-	1	0.3	7,905
GRANT	7,415	6	4.5	1,634	4	2.7	2,698
HARNEY	7,360	4	1.9	3,915	2	0.9	8,139
HOOD RIVER	25,145	29	22.0	1,145	24	14.3	1,754
JACKSON	216,900	149	118.9	1,825	175	106.9	2,029
JEFFERSON	23,190	7	5.0	4,606	7	4.8	4,842
JOSEPHINE	85,650	55	40.6	2,108	58	33.9	2,523
KLAMATH	67,690	40	30.7	2,203	56	28.4	2,384
LAKE	8,120	3	3.2	2,558	4	2.4	3,431
LANE	370,600	236	184.4	2,009	322	192.4	1,926
LINCOLN	47,960	26	19.3	2,490	30	17.7	2,703
LINN	124,010	55	46.1	2,693	75	47.2	2,627
MALHEUR	31,845	23	19.1	1,666	22	12.4	2,566
MARION	339,200	254	185.9	1,825	248	148.5	2,285
MORROW	11,890	2	0.8	14,235	1	1.1	10,601
MULTNOMAH	803,000	726	482.5	1,664	674	404.8	1,984
POLK	81,000	29	21.7	3,728	29	18.9	4,276
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	26,175	11	10.1	2,599	15	10.1	2,600
UMATILLA	80,500	43	33.4	2,407	49	28.5	2,826
UNION	26,900	13	9.5	2,826	19	11.5	2,331
WALLOWA	7,195	3	2.2	3,238	6	3.5	2,028
WASCO	27,100	17	13.0	2,085	19	11.1	2,432
WASHINGTON	595,860	519	395.4	1,507	541	325.1	1,833
WHEELER	1,480	2	0.3	4,400	0	0.0	-
YAMHILL	106,300	52	40.5	2,625	55	32.4	3,284
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	2,964	2,192	1,889	3,215	1,927	2,149

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.