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Table 1. Race/ethnicity and gender of graduating seniors

Race/Ethnicity	Total		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown</u>	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	0.3%	6	0.3%	4	0.2%	2	1.4%
Asian	1,069	23.5%	423	19.1%	633	28.9%	13	8.8%
Black or African American	211	4.6%	78	3.5%	131	6.0%	2	1.4%
Hispanic or Latino	344	7.5%	158	7.1%	184	8.4%	2	1.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island	11	0.2%	6	0.3%	4	0.2%	1	0.7%
White	2,441	53.6%	1,386	62.5%	1,030	47.0%	25	17.0%
Two or More Races	135	3.0%	67	3.0%	63	2.9%	5	3.4%
Unknown Race and Ethnicity	129	2.8%	14	0.6%	24	1.1%	91	61.9%
Nonresident Alien	206	4.5%	80	3.6%	120	5.5%	6	4.1%
Total	4,558	100%	2,218	100%	2,193	100%	147	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 2. Parents' education level of graduating seniors

Level of Education	Parent 1 (4,474 respondents)	Parent 2 (4,466 respondents)
High School Graduate or Less	18.4%	19.8%
Associate's Degree or Certificate	6.7%	11.6%
Less than a Bachelor's Degree	3.7%	6.9%
Bachelor's Degree	27.5%	34.3%
Master's Degree	16.2%	15.2%
Doctorate or Professional Degree	26.7%	10.6%
Unknown	0.7%	1.5%

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Table 3. Parents' income of graduating seniors

Income Level	Total Respondents	Percentage
Less than \$50,000	608	13.6%
\$50,000-74,999	480	10.8%
\$75,000-\$99,999	467	10.5%
\$100,000-\$149,999	703	15.7%
\$150,000-\$199,999	425	9.5%
\$200,000 or more	868	19.4%
Unknown/Do Not Wish to Report	913	20.5%
Total	4,464	100%

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Table 4. Timing of decision to pursue career in dentistry

Time Period	Total Respondents	Percentage
Before High School	722	16.2%
During High School	1,234	27.7%
First Year of Undergraduate Studies	464	10.4%
Second Year of Undergraduate Studies	615	13.8%
Third Year of Undergraduate Studies	570	12.8%
Fourth Year of Undergraduate Studies	273	6.1%
After Graduating from College	584	13.1%
Total	4,462	100%

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Table 5. Seniors' perceived importance of factors influencing choice of dentistry as a career

	Respondents	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Applicable
Personal Dental Experience	4,408	16.7%	11.8%	30.7%	33.8%	7.1%
Your Family Dentist	4,427	18.5%	11.6%	27.6%	32.6%	9.7%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is a Dentist	4,429	20.5%	7.4%	20.3%	32.5%	19.3%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is Not a Dentist	4,413	31.0%	9.7%	21.6%	18.4%	19.2%
Workforce Supply and Demand Trends	4,411	28.8%	13.6%	27.7%	16.0%	13.9%
Family/Friend's Dental Experience	4,404	36.1%	12.0%	21.0%	14.4%	16.5%
Visit to a Dental School	4,431	39.0%	12.0%	22.1%	10.0%	16.9%
Participation in a Summer/Post-Baccalaureate Program	4,425	48.2%	6.3%	12.9%	7.2%	25.4%
Career Day School Visit by a Dentist	4,430	50.9%	8.3%	14.2%	4.9%	21.6%
Specific Recruitment by a Dental School	4,424	49.9%	8.0%	12.5%	4.0%	25.5%
Websites on Careers in Dentistry	4,435	49.5%	13.7%	16.6%	3.8%	16.3%
High School or College Counselor	4,438	56.8%	10.2%	11.8%	3.5%	17.7%
Other	4,135	8.3%	1.4%	6.1%	2.7%	81.5%
Brochures on Careers in Dentistry	4,433	57.7%	9.6%	11.5%	2.3%	18.9%

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Table 6. Seniors' reasons for pursuing dentistry as a career

	Respondents	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Control of Work Schedule	4,405	1.1%	5.1%	30.5%	63.3%
Service to Others	4,438	0.5%	4.3%	33.3%	61.8%
Opportunity for Self-Employment	4,428	2.9%	9.6%	33.6%	53.9%
Enjoy Working with Hands	4,424	1.8%	8.1%	37.5%	52.6%
Salary Expectations	4,433	1.0%	9.1%	43.4%	46.5%
Artistic, Creative, and Aesthetic Aspects of Dentistry	4,421	4.0%	13.6%	38.3%	44.0%
Variety of Career Options	4,417	4.4%	14.7%	42.2%	38.7%
Service to Vulnerable and Low Income Populations	4,403	6.3%	22.4%	42.5%	28.8%
Community Status and Prestige	4,428	10.1%	21.2%	40.7%	28.0%
Family Expectations	4,322	19.0%	19.2%	35.7%	26.2%
Mid-Life Career Change	2,802	41.9%	13.8%	29.7%	14.6%
Service to My Own Race / Ethnic Group	4,238	41.3%	19.5%	25.4%	13.7%
Other	1,013	38.9%	8.6%	39.6%	12.9%

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Table 7a. Motivations for pursuing dentistry as a career: the importance of service to one's own racial/ethnic group, by race/ethnicity and gender

Race/Ethnicity	Respondents	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Applicable
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	16.7%	16.7%	41.7%	16.7%	8.3%
Male	6	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%
Female	4	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	1,066	24.3%	22.8%	34.8%	15.7%	2.4%
Male	422	26.3%	23.0%	35.8%	13.5%	1.4%
Female	633	23.1%	22.8%	33.8%	17.1%	3.2%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	13	15.4%	15.4%	53.8%	15.4%	0.0%
Black or African American	211	4.7%	13.7%	35.5%	44.5%	1.4%
Male	78	9.0%	20.5%	35.9%	32.1%	2.6%
Female	131	2.3%	9.2%	35.9%	52.7%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Hispanic or Latino	341	19.9%	17.0%	31.7%	29.6%	1.8%
Male	156	27.6%	18.6%	29.5%	22.4%	1.9%
Female	184	13.7%	15.3%	33.3%	36.1%	1.6%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11	9.1%	27.3%	36.4%	27.3%	0.0%
Male	6	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%
Female	4	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
White	2,417	52.8%	17.4%	16.5%	6.8%	6.5%
Male	1,371	54.9%	15.5%	16.3%	6.7%	6.6%
Female	1,030	49.9%	19.6%	17.0%	7.1%	6.3%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	22	63.6%	27.3%	4.5%	0.0%	4.5%
Two or More Races	135	55.6%	11.1%	17.8%	13.3%	2.2%
Male	67	61.2%	11.9%	16.4%	7.5%	3.0%
Female	63	47.6%	11.1%	20.6%	19.0%	1.6%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	5	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	49	38.8%	14.3%	32.7%	6.1%	8.2%
Male	13	38.5%	15.4%	30.8%	0.0%	15.4%
Female	24	40.9%	13.6%	36.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	14	35.7%	14.3%	28.6%	14.3%	7.1%
Nonresident Alien	205	19.5%	24.9%	37.6%	13.7%	4.4%
Male	79	22.8%	22.8%	38.0%	13.9%	2.5%
Female	120	16.7%	27.5%	37.5%	12.5%	5.8%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	6	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%
All Respondents	4,447	39.4%	18.6%	24.3%	13.1%	4.7%

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Table 7b. Motivations for pursuing dentistry as a career: the importance of service to vulnerable and low income populations, by race/ethnicity and gender

Race/Ethnicity	Respondents	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Applicable
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	8.3%	0.0%	75.0%	16.7%	0.0%
Male	6	16.7%	0.0%	66.7%	16.7%	0.0%
Female	4	0.0%	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	1,065	3.1%	19.0%	46.3%	30.8%	0.8%
Male	422	3.6%	21.1%	50.2%	24.2%	0.9%
Female	630	2.9%	17.8%	43.0%	35.6%	0.8%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	13	0.0%	7.7%	76.9%	15.4%	0.0%
Black or African American	211	1.4%	7.1%	37.9%	52.1%	1.4%
Male	78	1.3%	7.7%	35.9%	55.1%	0.0%
Female	131	1.5%	6.1%	39.7%	51.1%	1.5%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Hispanic or Latino	341	2.6%	16.7%	39.6%	40.2%	0.9%
Male	156	3.2%	21.2%	39.1%	35.9%	0.6%
Female	183	2.2%	13.1%	39.3%	44.3%	1.1%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	11	9.1%	27.3%	45.5%	18.2%	0.0%
Male	6	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%
Female	4	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	2,419	8.4%	26.6%	40.2%	23.8%	1.0%
Male	1,372	9.9%	29.2%	40.2%	19.6%	1.0%
Female	1,025	6.0%	22.8%	40.5%	29.7%	1.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	22	18.2%	40.9%	22.7%	13.6%	4.5%
Two or More Races	135	11.1%	22.2%	43.7%	23.0%	0.0%
Male	67	14.9%	22.4%	47.8%	14.9%	0.0%
Female	63	7.9%	20.6%	39.7%	31.7%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	5	0.0%	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	49	4.1%	24.5%	38.8%	26.5%	6.1%
Male	13	7.7%	7.7%	53.8%	15.4%	15.4%
Female	22	4.5%	22.7%	36.4%	36.4%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	14	0.0%	42.9%	28.6%	21.4%	7.1%
Nonresident Alien	205	4.9%	12.2%	48.3%	33.7%	1.0%
Male	79	5.1%	11.4%	54.4%	29.1%	0.0%
Female	120	3.3%	13.3%	44.2%	37.5%	1.7%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	6	33.3%	0.0%	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%
All Respondents	4,448	6.2%	22.2%	42.1%	28.5%	1.0%

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Table 8. Seniors' perceptions of time devoted to selected areas of education and training

	Respondents	Inadequate	Appropriate	Excessive	Not Applicable
Basic Sciences	4,543	1.7%	74.4%	20.9%	2.9%
Behavioral and Social Determinants of Health	4,536	6.9%	82.2%	7.8%	2.4%
Pharmacology	4,538	10.0%	79.7%	9.1%	1.1%
Patient Evaluation and Treatment Planning	4,535	5.1%	87.4%	7.3	0.3%
Occlusion / Temporal Mandibular Joint	4,533	19.3%	77.1%	3.2%	0.4%
Preventative Dentistry/Oral Health Promotion	4,535	2.5%	88.6%	8.5%	0.4%
Restorative Dentistry	4,531	1.5%	92.0%	6.2%	0.3%
Prosthodontics - Fixed	4,534	5.3%	90.0%	4.6%	0.2%
Prosthodontics - Removable	4,533	10.1%	83.2%	6.5%	0.2%
Endodontics	4,533	12.0%	84.6%	3.3%	0.2%
Periodontics	4,533	3.8%	82.4%	13.7%	0.2%
Orthodontics	4,532	28.8%	67.8%	3.2%	0.2%
Pediatric Dentistry	4,534	8.8%	84.8%	6.2%	0.2%
Oral Surgery	4,540	11.3%	84.2%	4.3%	0.3%
Oral Pathology	4,531	3.9%	87.1%	8.5%	0.4%
Dental Health Policy	4,534	16.5%	74.8%	6.4%	2.3%
Organization and Financing of Health Services	4,538	36.1%	58.8%	2.1%	3.0%
Implant Dentistry	4,533	30.7%	67.4%	1.6%	0.3%
Dental Materials	4,539	12.4%	76.8%	9.7%	1.1%
Anesthesiology / Pain Control	4,542	8.4%	87.8%	2.8%	1.0%
Ethics	4,533	2.7%	84.5%	12.6%	0.3%
Practice Administration	4,531	34.0%	62.9%	2.4%	0.8%
Geriatrics	4,532	14.3%	80.5%	4.3%	0.9%
Cultural Competency	4,530	8.1%	79.5%	10.2%	2.3%

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Table 9. Seniors' perceptions of preparedness for practice in selected areas of education and training

	Respondents	Under-prepared	Somewhat Under-prepared	Prepared	Well-prepared	Not Applicable
Practice Administration	4,524	18.2%	30.5%	38.8%	12.0%	0.6%
Patient Evaluation and Diagnosis	4,520	0.4%	2.9%	54.8%	41.9%	0.1%
Radiology	4,522	0.6%	4.1%	56.9%	38.2%	0.1%
Oral Pathology	4,519	1.5%	12.1%	60.7%	25.5%	0.1%
Occlusion / Temporomandibular Disorder	4,519	5.5%	26.8%	52.2%	15.4%	0.2%
Integrating Oral Health Care with Medical Care	4,517	1.8%	11.2%	62.2%	24.5%	0.4%
Providing Emergency Treatment	4,520	0.9%	8.8%	56.5%	33.6%	0.2%
Therapeutics and Prescription Writing	4,518	2.9%	16.6%	60.6%	19.8%	0.1%
Anesthesiology / Pain Control	4,527	0.6%	5.2%	54.1%	39.8%	0.3%
Preventative Practices and Patient Education	4,523	0.4%	2.0%	50.2%	47.2%	0.2%
Operative / Restorative Dentistry	4,521	0.4%	2.0%	50.2%	47.2%	0.2%
Fixed Prosthodontics	4,526	1.6%	7.0%	52.7%	38.5%	0.2%
Removable Prosthodontics	4,528	2.5%	15.7%	52.1%	29.5%	0.2%
Implant Dentistry	4,523	16.5%	28.7%	39.7%	14.9%	0.3%
Endodontics	4,521	6.4%	22.4%	47.5%	23.6%	0.1%
Periodontics	4,524	1.1%	6.7%	55.4%	36.6%	0.1%
Orthodontics	4,524	26.5%	29.4%	32.4%	10.5%	1.2%
Oral Surgery	4,521	2.1%	9.1%	53.7%	34.9%	0.2%
Epidemiology	4,516	3.6%	18.4%	60.5%	15.3%	2.1%
Evidence-Based Dentistry	4,529	1.1%	7.2%	56.7%	34.7%	0.3%
Pediatric Oral Health Care	4,517	2.4%	10.9%	61.1%	25.4%	0.2%
Geriatric Oral Health Care	4,523	1.9%	14.8%	59.5%	23.5%	0.3%
Oral Health Care for Patients with Physical or Mental Disabilities	4,519	3.1%	17.6%	57.9%	20.9%	0.5%
Oral Health for Patients with HIV/AIDS	4,518	1.9%	9.0%	61.7%	26.6%	0.7%
Adaptive Treatment Planning for Low Income Populations or an Individual's Ability to Pay	4,518	1.6%	89.8%	56.6%	32.5%	0.5%
Women's Oral Health Care	4,517	2.3%	10.8%	59.2%	23.7%	3.9%
Oral Health Care for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Groups	4,518	5.4%	12.0%	53.4%	22.0%	7.3%
Oral Health Care for Racially, Ethnically, or Culturally Diverse Groups	4,521	1.2%	5.1%	62.7%	29.6%	1.5%
Oral Health Care for Rural Communities	4,519	1.9%	6.7%	61.2%	28.7%	1.4%
Using Electronic Records	4,521	2.5%	5.9%	52.0%	39.2%	0.4%
Cultural Competency	4,519	0.9%	4.8%	31.2%	31.8%	1.3%
Interprofessional Education - Working With Other Professions	4,519	1.3%	7.7%	60.5%	30.5%	0.6%
Patients with Developmental Disabilities	4,519	3.2%	18.8%	57.0%	20.5%	0.6%
Digital Dentistry	4,523	21.4%	30.8%	33.6%	13.6%	0.6%

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Table 10. Time seniors spent providing oral health care on third and fourth year extramural clinical rotations in dental school

	Third Year		Fourth Year	
	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent
Less than a Week	766	21.7%	224	6.3%
One to Two Weeks	752	21.3%	732	20.7%
Three to Four Weeks	395	11.2%	682	19.3%
One Month or More	377	10.7%	1,700	48.0%
Not Applicable	1,233	35.0%	202	5.7%
Total	3,523	100%	3,540	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating
 Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 11. Seniors' rating of technical quality of patient care at main clinics

Rating	Technical Quality of Care		Quality of Patient Care Delivery	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Poor	62	1.4%	72	1.6%
Fair	398	8.8%	447	9.9%
Good	2,326	51.4%	2,290	50.6%
Excellent	1,734	38.3%	1,713	37.8%
Not Applicable	7	0.2%	6	0.1%
Total	4,527	100%	4,528	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class
 Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 12. Seniors' perception of frequency of participation in quality assurance activities at main clinics

	Total Respondents	Percent
Never	493	11.0%
Seldom	866	19.2%
Sometimes	1,830	40.7%
Frequently	1,312	29.1%
Total	4,501	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 13. Seniors' perception of importance on preventive orientation and services provided at main clinics

	Total Respondents	Percent
Low	102	2.3%
Moderate	1,347	30.1%
High	3,019	67.6%
Total	4,468	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 14. Average amount of educational debt* of graduating dental students by all schools combined and by type of school, 1990 and 1996-2016

	Graduating Debt			Graduating Debt in 2016 Dollars		
	All Schools	Public Schools	Private and Private State-Related Schools	All Schools	Public Schools	Private and Private State-Related Schools
1990	\$54,550	\$36,380	\$60,814	\$102,365	\$68,268	\$114,120
1996	\$75,748	\$60,441	\$101,627	\$116,820	\$93,213	\$156,731
1997	\$81,688	\$66,669	\$107,985	\$122,486	\$99,966	\$161,917
1998	\$84,089	\$70,752	\$105,474	\$123,877	\$104,230	\$155,381
1999	\$99,608	\$79,880	\$128,273	\$144,242	\$115,674	\$185,752
2000	\$87,605	\$68,841	\$111,602	\$123,301	\$96,891	\$157,076
2001	\$105,574	\$81,586	\$132,704	\$143,670	\$111,026	\$180,590
2002	\$107,503	\$85,840	\$136,060	\$143,750	\$114,783	\$181,935
2003	\$118,748	\$93,622	\$147,967	\$155,372	\$122,497	\$193,602
2004	\$122,263	\$99,553	\$155,234	\$156,546	\$127,468	\$198,762
2005	\$129,639	\$104,483	\$161,500	\$161,141	\$129,872	\$200,744
2006	\$145,465	\$124,700	\$174,241	\$174,180	\$149,316	\$208,636
2007	\$157,074	\$136,438	\$186,218	\$183,339	\$159,253	\$217,357
2008	\$170,367	\$142,671	\$204,734	\$191,750	\$160,578	\$230,430
2009	\$173,582	\$149,555	\$208,921	\$192,678	\$166,008	\$231,905
2010	\$178,054	\$157,973	\$209,740	\$195,748	\$173,672	\$230,583
2011	\$180,557	\$157,525	\$218,695	\$194,593	\$169,770	\$235,695
2012	\$196,051	\$171,534	\$230,071	\$205,276	\$179,606	\$240,897
2013	\$215,145	\$189,112	\$249,034	\$221,581	\$194,769	\$256,484
2014	\$220,892	\$193,865	\$258,125	\$224,001	\$196,594	\$261,758
2015	\$223,984	\$192,572	\$264,364	\$225,494	\$193,871	\$266,146
2016	\$219,463	\$200,717	\$242,745	\$219,463	\$200,717	\$242,745

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Students with zero debt are included in this average.

2. 2016 dollars were calculated using a July 2015 to June 2016 average of consumer price index figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 15. Average and median entering debt of graduating seniors with entering debt, 1996–2016

	Entering Debt		Entering Debt in 2016 Dollars	
	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt
1996	\$14,650	\$8,000	\$22,594	\$12,338
1997	\$19,823	\$8,500	\$29,723	\$12,745
1998	\$27,749	N/A	\$40,879	N/A
1999	\$21,589	\$10,000	\$31,263	\$14,481
2000	\$25,029	\$12,000	\$35,228	\$16,890
2001	\$28,413	\$15,000	\$38,666	\$20,413
2002	\$25,298	\$15,000	\$33,828	\$20,058
2003	\$33,207	\$15,000	\$43,449	\$19,626
2004	\$42,830	\$20,000	\$54,840	\$25,608
2005	\$44,382	\$17,050	\$55,167	\$21,193
2006	\$52,370	\$20,000	\$62,708	\$23,948
2007	\$52,481	\$20,000	\$61,257	\$23,344
2008	\$31,775	\$16,000	\$35,763	\$18,008
2009	\$35,281	\$17,000	\$39,162	\$18,870
2010	\$31,101	\$20,000	\$34,192	\$21,987
2011	\$35,670	\$20,000	\$38,443	\$21,555
2012	\$37,219	\$20,000	\$38,971	\$20,941
2013	\$45,397	\$20,000	\$46,755	\$20,598
2014	\$46,854	\$24,000	\$47,513	\$24,338
2015	\$34,866	\$25,000	\$35,101	\$25,169
2016	\$32,702	\$25,000	\$32,702	\$25,000

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. N/A indicates data is not available.

2. 2016 dollars were calculated using a July 2015 to June 2016 average of consumer price index figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 16. Graduating dental seniors' educational debt*, 1996–2016

	No Debt	Up to \$49,999	\$50,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$149,999	\$150,000+
1996	10.1%	23.5%	41.5%	17.6%	7.3%
1997	13.3%	17.4%	41.1%	18.7%	9.5%
1998	7.0%	13.9%	36.3%	26.9%	15.3%
1999	8.3%	12.3%	32.2%	25.2%	22.0%
2000	17.1%	12.5%	25.3%	24.1%	20.9%
2001	8.9%	10.8%	24.6%	27.7%	28.0%
2002	11.9%	9.9%	19.4%	29.3%	29.4%
2003	10.4%	8.5%	16.8%	30.3%	34.5%
2004	9.9%	7.6%	16.4%	28.9%	37.2%
2005	8.4%	12.1%	11.9%	23.5%	44.1%
2006	10.3%	5.4%	9.3%	21.4%	53.5%
2007	9.0%	5.5%	7.9%	17.1%	60.5%
2008	9.0%	4.7%	7.0%	13.4%	65.9%

	No Debt	Up to \$49,999	\$50,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$149,999	\$150,000- \$199,999	\$200,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$299,999	\$300,000- \$349,999	\$350,000- \$399,999	\$400,000- \$449,999	\$450,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$549,999	\$550,000+
2009	8.5%	6.2%	7.4%	13.6%	23.2%	18.1%	12.2%	6.2%	2.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
2010	10.9%	5.7%	6.6%	11.7%	21.0%	19.3%	12.1%	7.7%	2.7%	1.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
2011	11.2%	7.6%	6.4%	9.7%	18.3%	17.4%	13.5%	8.8%	3.9%	2.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
2012	11.5%	6.7%	6.3%	7.3%	15.7%	17.4%	12.9%	10.9%	5.4%	3.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%
2013	10.8%	6.3%	4.6%	6.6%	13.0%	16.4%	14.4%	11.0%	7.5%	5.7%	1.5%	1.0%	1.2%
2014	10.7%	7.2%	5.0%	5.8%	10.7%	15.3%	13.4%	12.3%	8.3%	6.7%	2.5%	1.3%	1.0%
2015	12.4%	6.3%	4.5%	6.5%	9.3%	14.1%	12.9%	10.8%	9.4%	7.9%	3.4%	1.7%	0.7%
2016	16.3%	3.7%	3.7%	6.4%	8.5%	13.7%	13.9%	11.4%	10.5%	8.5%	2.9%	0.5%	0.1%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

*Educational debt is the sum of undergraduate debt and dental school debt for all respondents.

Table 17. Level of seniors' educational debt* by type of school

Level of Debt	All Schools		Public Schools		Private and Private State-Related Schools	
	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent
No Debt	683	16.3%	369	15.9%	314	16.8%
Up To \$49,999	154	3.7%	50	2.2%	104	5.6%
\$50,000-\$99,999	156	3.7%	89	3.8%	67	3.6%
\$100,000-\$149,999	267	6.4%	194	8.3%	73	3.9%
\$150,000- \$199,999	356	8.5%	264	11.4%	92	4.9%
\$200,000-\$249,999	577	13.7%	432	18.6%	145	7.7%
\$250,000--\$299,999	582	13.9%	410	17.6%	172	9.2%
\$300,000-\$349,999	478	11.4%	235	10.1%	243	13.0%
\$350,000-\$399,999	442	10.5%	161	6.9%	281	15.0%
\$400,000-\$449,999	356	8.5%	92	4.0%	264	14.1%
\$450,000-\$499,999	122	2.9%	25	1.1%	97	5.2%
\$500,000-\$549,999	21	0.5%	3	0.1%	18	1.0%
\$550,000+	3	0.1%	1	0.0%	2	0.1%
Total Respnodents	4,197	100%	2,325	100%	1,872	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

2. Educational debt is the sum of undergraduate debt and dental school debt for all respondents.

Table 18. Average graduating educational debt* of 1996–2016 graduates with debt, by type of school

	Graduating Educational Debt			Graduating Educational Debt in 2016 Dollars		
	All Schools	Public Schools	Private and Private State-Related Schools	All Schools	Public Schools	Private and Private State-Related Schools
1996	\$84,247	\$66,153	\$116,407	\$129,927	\$102,022	\$179,525
1997	\$94,182	\$75,830	\$126,469	\$141,220	\$113,703	\$189,633
1998	\$97,961	\$80,216	\$128,947	\$144,313	\$118,172	\$189,960
1999	\$105,150	\$83,029	\$137,961	\$152,268	\$120,234	\$199,781
2000	\$105,969	\$82,963	\$136,319	\$149,148	\$116,768	\$191,865
2001	\$115,951	\$90,255	\$144,569	\$157,791	\$122,823	\$196,736
2002	\$122,491	\$97,370	\$155,984	\$163,791	\$130,200	\$208,577
2003	\$132,532	\$103,149	\$167,676	\$173,407	\$134,962	\$219,390
2004	\$135,721	\$110,686	\$171,928	\$173,778	\$141,723	\$220,137
2005	\$141,521	\$114,296	\$175,841	\$175,910	\$142,070	\$218,570
2006	\$162,155	\$137,792	\$196,636	\$194,164	\$164,992	\$235,452
2007	\$172,627	\$148,777	\$206,956	\$201,493	\$173,655	\$241,562
2008	\$187,394	\$158,217	\$222,944	\$210,914	\$178,075	\$250,926
2009	\$189,678	\$162,377	\$230,478	\$210,545	\$180,240	\$255,833
2010	\$197,366	\$174,967	\$232,780	\$216,979	\$192,355	\$255,913
2011	\$203,374	\$177,795	\$245,497	\$219,183	\$191,616	\$264,580
2012	\$221,713	\$192,199	\$263,382	\$232,145	\$201,243	\$275,776
2013	\$241,097	\$209,150	\$283,978	\$248,310	\$215,407	\$292,473
2014	\$247,227	\$216,437	\$289,897	\$250,707	\$219,483	\$293,977
2015	\$255,567	\$219,116	\$302,724	\$257,290	\$220,593	\$304,765
2016	\$262,119	\$238,582	\$291,668	\$262,119	\$238,582	\$291,668

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. 2016 dollars were calculated using a July 2015 to June 2016 average of consumer price index figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* Educational debt is the sum of undergraduate debt and dental school debt of only those respondents who have debt.

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Table 19. Level of educational debt* of graduates by race/ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Total Respondents	No Debt	Up To \$29,999	\$30,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$249,999	\$250,000--\$299,999	\$300,000-\$349,999
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	9.1%	18.2%
Asian	994	22.0%	2.4%	0.9%	3.2%	5.5%	6.9%	14.0%	12.5%	9.2%
Black or African American	199	4.5%	0.5%	1.5%	4.5%	4.0%	8.5%	12.6%	16.1%	18.1%
Hispanic or Latino	322	9.9%	1.9%	1.2%	6.8%	10.2%	9.9%	14.3%	13.7%	13.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	9	22.2%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	22.2%	11.1%	0.0%
White	2,271	14.0%	2.8%	0.7%	3.4%	6.3%	8.9%	14.4%	14.9%	11.9%
Two or More Races	122	18.9%	5.7%	0.8%	1.6%	7.4%	7.4%	4.9%	10.7%	12.3%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	76	14.5%	13.2%	2.6%	2.6%	5.3%	5.3%	6.6%	10.5%	14.5%
Nonresident Alien	193	34.7%	2.6%	0.0%	6.2%	7.8%	10.4%	14.5%	10.4%	4.7%
Total Respondents	4,197	16.3%	2.8%	0.9%	3.7%	6.4%	8.5%	13.7%	13.9%	11.4%

Source:
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Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

*Educational debt is the sum of undergraduate debt and dental school debt for all respondents.

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Table 19. Level of educational debt* of graduates by race/ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Total Respondents	\$350,000- \$399,999	\$400,000- \$449,999	\$450,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$549,999	\$550,000+
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	994	11.3%	8.2%	3.0%	0.6%	0.2%
Black or African American	199	18.1%	6.5%	3.5%	1.5%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	322	9.3%	6.5%	2.5%	0.3%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	9	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	2,271	10.5%	9.0%	2.7%	0.4%	0.0%
Two or More Races	122	9.8%	13.9%	5.7%	0.8%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	76	2.6%	13.2%	9.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Nonresident Alien	193	4.1%	3.6%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	4,197	10.5%	8.5%	2.9%	0.5%	0.1%

Source:

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Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

*Educational debt is the sum of undergraduate debt and dental school debt for all respondents.

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Table 20. Type of loans reported by graduating seniors

Type of Loan	2016
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan	16.5%
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	68.2%
Federal Grad PLUS	61.8%
Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL)	18.8%
Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)	1.8%
Institutional Loans	5.1%
Private Loans	9.9%
Residency and Relocation Loans	2.8%
State Loan Programs	1.1%
Personal Loans from Family	6.5%
Other Loans	1.0%
Total Number of Respondents	4,558

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: Respondents could select more than one type of loan.

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Table 21. Type of scholarship or grant that seniors reported having received in selected years 1990-2016

Year	Type of Scholarship or Grant			
	State	School	Federal	Other
1990	13.9%	23.2%	NA	9.1%
1995	15.6%	29.7%	8.1%	12.5%
1999	9.6%	30.1%	14.1%	10.0%
2000	13.4%	31.6%	16.4%	16.5%
2001	13.3%	29.7%	12.8%	12.9%
2002	12.3%	29.9%	13.8%	12.6%
2003	12.2%	30.0%	10.8%	11.3%
2004	12.0%	32.3%	11.2%	9.6%
2005	11.6%	33.2%	10.6%	8.8%
2006	10.9%	30.9%	11.3%	8.6%
2007	10.1%	29.6%	11.9%	11.8%
2008	11.7%	30.7%	11.8%	8.9%
2009	17.4%	33.9%	12.0%	13.4%
2010	14.3%	31.2%	10.1%	6.7%
2011	12.7%	30.1%	10.0%	5.7%
2012	11.6%	22.6%	10.2%	4.0%
2013	11.9%	27.7%	10.6%	4.6%
2014	11.1%	27.9%	10.6%	5.3%
2015	10.2%	28.0%	9.8%	4.1%
2016	6.3%	27.2%	9.8%	5.7%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:

1. "Other" includes Kellogg, ADEA Access to Dental Careers, etc.
2. Respondents could select more than one type of scholarship or grant.
3. Percentages will not total 100% because other scholarship or grant types were not include in this table

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Table 22. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by gender

Immediate Plans	All Genders		Male		Female	
	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent
Private Practice Dentist	2,248	50.5%	1,149	52.2%	1,062	48.7%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,506	33.8%	687	31.2%	804	36.9%
Armed Forces	214	4.8%	152	6.9%	62	2.8%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	160	3.6%	72	3.3%	87	4.0%
Unsure	85	1.9%	32	1.5%	48	2.2%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	59	1.3%	32	1.5%	26	1.2%
Other Non-profit Clinic	40	0.9%	15	0.7%	23	1.1%
State or Local Government Employee	32	0.7%	18	0.8%	12	0.6%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.7%	14	0.6%	15	0.7%
Other Type of Student	29	0.7%	12	0.5%	17	0.8%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	26	0.6%	10	0.5%	14	0.6%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	24	0.5%	10	0.5%	10	0.5%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	2	<0.1%	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%
Total Number of Respondents	4,455	100%	2,203	100%	2,181	100%

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:
1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 22. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by gender

Immediate Plans	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
	Respondents	Percent
Private Practice Dentist	37	52.1%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	15	21.1%
Armed Forces	0	0.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	1	1.4%
Unsure	5	7.0%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	1	1.4%
Other Non-profit Clinic	2	2.8%
State or Local Government Employee	2	2.8%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	1	1.4%
Other Type of Student	0	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	2	2.8%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	4	5.6%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	1	1.4%
Total Number of Respondents	71	100%

Source:
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Notes:
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Table 23. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Total		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	Respondents	Percent					
Private Practice Dentist	2,248	50.5%	45.5%	51.3%	34.3%	45.1%	63.6%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,506	33.8%	9.1%	34.3%	48.1%	34.2%	18.2%
Armed Forces	214	4.8%	9.1%	2.3%	5.2%	5.6%	9.1%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	160	3.6%	9.1%	2.9%	5.2%	5.3%	0.0%
Unsure	85	1.9%	9.1%	2.5%	1.9%	2.9%	9.1%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	59	1.3%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%
Other Non-profit Clinic	40	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	32	0.7%	9.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.7%	0.0%	0.5%	1.4%	1.5%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	29	0.7%	0.0%	1.2%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	26	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	2.4%	1.8%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	24	0.5%	9.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	2	<0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	4,455	100%	15	1,062	210	339	11

Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours

Immediate Plans	Total		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	Respondents	Percent					
Private Practice (Full-time)	2,157	96.2%	100.0%	94.5%	90.3%	97.4%	100.0%
Private Practice (Part-time)	86	3.8%	0.0%	5.5%	9.7%	2.6%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,243	100%	5	545	72	153	7

Source:
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Table 23. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Total		White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
	Respondents	Percent				
Private Practice Dentist	2,248	50.5%	51.0%	45.2%	52.8%	67.0%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,506	33.8%	33.9%	31.9%	32.1%	19.2%
Armed Forces	214	4.8%	6.0%	8.9%	0.0%	0.5%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	160	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	5.7%	2.0%
Unsure	85	1.9%	1.3%	0.7%	1.9%	3.9%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	59	1.3%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
Other Non-profit Clinic	40	0.9%	0.5%	2.2%	3.8%	3.0%
State or Local Government Employee	32	0.7%	0.5%	3.7%	0.0%	1.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.7%	0.6%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	29	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	26	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	24	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	3.8%	1.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	2	<0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	4,455	100%	2,413	135	53	203

Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours

Immediate Plans	Total		White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
	Respondents	Percent				
Private Practice (Full-time)	2,157	96.2%	97.1%	91.8%	100.0%	97.0%
Private Practice (Part-time)	86	3.8%	2.9%	8.2%	0.0%	3.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,243	100%	1,240	61	27	133

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of
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Notes:
1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
2. Full-time is defined as working 30 hours or more, and part-time is defined as working less than 30 hours.
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Table 24. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by level of educational debt

Immediate Plans	Total		No Debt	Up To \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$149,999	\$150,000- \$199,999	\$200,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$299,999	\$300,000- \$349,999
	Respondents	Percent									
Private Practice Dentist	2,102	50.7%	42.2%	37.5%	45.7%	33.1%	43.4%	50.8%	56.3%	53.2%	53.5%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,396	33.6%	36.9%	26.8%	20.0%	36.4%	34.3%	36.4%	31.6%	35.1%	35.0%
Armed Forces	191	4.6%	10.5%	22.3%	25.7%	18.2%	9.8%	3.1%	0.7%	0.9%	0.4%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	157	3.8%	2.1%	5.4%	2.9%	3.9%	4.2%	3.4%	4.4%	5.4%	4.2%
Unsure	80	1.9%	1.3%	1.8%	0.0%	2.6%	1.1%	1.4%	2.6%	2.4%	1.5%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	57	1.4%	1.6%	0.9%	2.9%	1.3%	1.9%	1.4%	1.2%	0.7%	1.5%
Other Non-profit Clinic	34	0.8%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.3%	0.9%	0.5%	0.6%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	27	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	1.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.2%	0.6%
Other Type of Student	27	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	0.7%	0.3%	0.6%
State or Local Government Employee	27	0.7%	0.9%	1.8%	2.9%	1.3%	0.8%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	26	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	1.3%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	23	0.6%	0.7%	2.7%	0.0%	1.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	2	<0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	4,149	100%	675	112	35	154	265	354	572	579	471

Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours

Immediate Private Practice Plans	Total		No Debt	Up To \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$149,999	\$150,000- \$199,999	\$200,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$299,999	\$300,000- \$349,999
	Respondents	Percent									
Private Practice (Full-time)	2018	96.2%	93.3%	100.0%	100.0%	98.0%	97.4%	97.8%	95.3%	95.8%	96.0%
Private Practice (Part-time)	79	3.8%	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.2%	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,097	100%	284	41	16	51	114	180	322	308	252

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of
Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

- Notes:
1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
 2. Full-time is defined as working 30 hours or more, and part-time is defined as working less than 30 hours.
 3. Refer to Table 11 for information on seniors' educational debt by type of school.

Table 24. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by level of educational debt

Immediate Plans	Total		\$350,000- \$399,999	\$400,000- \$449,999	\$450,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$549,999	\$550,000+
	Respondents	Percent					
Private Practice Dentist	2,102	50.7%	55.5%	59.0%	58.0%	47.6%	66.7%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,396	33.6%	32.6%	26.8%	32.8%	38.1%	33.3%
Armed Forces	191	4.6%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	157	3.8%	3.9%	3.4%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Unsure	80	1.9%	0.9%	2.8%	5.0%	4.8%	0.0%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	57	1.4%	1.8%	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Non-profit Clinic	34	0.8%	1.6%	1.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	27	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	27	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	27	0.7%	0.5%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	26	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	23	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	2	<0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	4,149	100%	438	351	119	21	3

Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours

Immediate Private Practice Plans	Total		\$350,000- \$399,999	\$400,000- \$449,999	\$450,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$549,999	\$550,000+
	Respondents	Percent					
Private Practice (Full-time)	2018	96.2%	96.7%	99.0%	94.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Private Practice (Part-time)	79	3.8%	3.3%	1.0%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,097	100%	242	206	69	10	2

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of
Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:

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3. Refer to Table 11 for information on seniors' educational debt by type of school.

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Table 25. Influence of educational debt on seniors' primary activity choice upon graduation

	Total Respondents	Percent
Not at All	1,084	28.4%
Only Slightly	531	13.9%
Moderately	1,000	26.2%
Very Much	908	23.8%
Completely	292	7.7%
Total	3,815	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 26. Extent to which 2016 Seniors' immediate career plans after graduation were influenced by educational debt, by primary professional activity.

Immediate Plans	Total		Not at All	Only Slightly	Moderately	Very Much	Completely
	Respondents	Percent					
Private Practice Dentist	1,960	51.9%	23.6%	11.8%	27.3%	28.0%	9.2%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,257	33.3%	38.0%	18.7%	24.9%	15.2%	3.2%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	146	3.9%	16.4%	13.0%	27.4%	34.9%	8.2%
Armed Forces	143	3.8%	30.8%	5.6%	11.9%	30.8%	21.0%
Unsure	76	2.0%	23.7%	10.5%	28.9%	26.3%	10.5%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	48	1.3%	22.9%	2.1%	31.3%	31.3%	12.5%
Other Non-profit Clinic	33	0.9%	21.2%	15.2%	30.3%	30.3%	3.0%
State or Local Government Employee	26	0.7%	30.8%	7.7%	30.8%	30.8%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	25	0.7%	28.0%	16.0%	32.0%	8.0%	16.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	22	0.6%	31.8%	18.2%	18.2%	22.7%	9.1%
Other Type of Student	21	0.6%	33.3%	9.5%	23.8%	19.0%	14.3%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	19	0.5%	15.8%	15.8%	42.1%	10.5%	15.8%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	1	<0.1%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	3,777	100%	28.5%	13.8%	26.1%	23.8%	7.7%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:

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Table 27. What seniors' immediate, after-graduation career plans would have been, if they had no educational debt

Immediate Plans	Total		Alternate Plans Without Debt								
	Respondents	Percent	Private Practice Dentist	Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	Armed Forces	Unsure	Other Position Related to Dentistry	Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	State or Local Government Employee	Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	Other Type of Student
Private Practice Dentist	1,434	58.8%	69.7%	16.5%	0.3%	4.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.3%	1.9%	0.8%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	742	30.4%	16.2%	62.8%	0.5%	8.8%	1.1%	0.0%	0.1%	2.7%	1.8%
Armed Forces	98	4.0%	30.6%	9.2%	55.1%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unsure	53	2.2%	35.8%	22.6%	1.9%	17.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	1.9%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	36	1.5%	50.0%	13.9%	0.0%	2.8%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	17	0.7%	23.5%	17.6%	5.9%	11.8%	5.9%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	16	0.7%	31.3%	6.3%	12.5%	12.5%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	14	0.6%	42.9%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	42.9%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	14	0.6%	21.4%	14.3%	0.0%	7.1%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	7.1%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	14	0.6%	57.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,438	100%	49.7%	30.2%	2.7%	6.0%	1.4%	0.4%	0.3%	2.4%	1.1%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:

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Table 27. What seniors' immediate, after-graduation career plans would have been, if they had no educational debt

Immediate Plans	Total		Public Health Commissioned Corp	Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	Other
	Respondents	Percent			
Private Practice Dentist	1,434	58.8%	2.6%	0.4%	1.5%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	742	30.4%	2.2%	0.4%	3.5%
Armed Forces	98	4.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Unsure	53	2.2%	7.5%	1.9%	5.7%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	36	1.5%	11.1%	0.0%	5.6%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	17	0.7%	5.9%	0.0%	17.6%
State or Local Government Employee	16	0.7%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	14	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	14	0.6%	0.0%	7.1%	14.3%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	14	0.6%	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,438	100%	3.0%	0.5%	2.4%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes:

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Table 28. Intended types of private practice, by gender

Type of Private Practice	All Genders		Male		Female		Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	941	42.0%	463	40.4%	465	43.8%	13	37.1%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	370	16.5%	168	14.7%	196	18.5%	6	17.1%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice *	326	14.5%	153	13.4%	165	15.6%	8	22.9%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	148	6.6%	67	5.8%	78	7.4%	3	8.6%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	126	5.6%	82	7.2%	41	3.9%	3	8.6%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	113	5.0%	75	6.5%	37	3.5%	1	2.9%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	101	4.5%	60	5.2%	41	3.9%	0	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	100	4.5%	68	5.9%	31	2.9%	1	2.9%
Other	17	0.8%	10	0.9%	7	0.7%	0	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,242	100%	1,146	100%	1,061	100%	35	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

2. In 2015, the question structure regarding employment in a corporate-owned group practice changed from "Select All That Apply" to "Select Only One." As such, no comparison can be made between the 2015 and 2016 responses and previous years.

Table 29. Intended types of private practice, by race/ethnicity

Type of Private Practice	Total Respondents	Percent	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	941	42.0%	40.0%	40.7%	29.2%	39.9%	71.4%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	370	16.5%	20.0%	18.6%	22.2%	16.3%	14.3%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice *	326	14.5%	0.0%	17.3%	18.1%	17.0%	0.0%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	148	6.6%	0.0%	4.1%	6.9%	5.9%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	126	5.6%	0.0%	4.8%	5.6%	4.6%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	113	5.0%	0.0%	4.1%	6.9%	3.9%	14.3%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	101	4.5%	20.0%	4.2%	6.9%	6.5%	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	100	4.5%	0.0%	6.1%	4.2%	5.2%	0.0%
Other	17	0.8%	20.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,242	100%	5	543	72	153	7

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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2. In 2015, the question structure regarding employment in a corporate-owned group practice changed from "Select All That Apply" to "Select Only One." As such, no comparison can be made between the 2015 and 2016 responses and previous years.

Table 29. Intended types of private practice, by race/ethnicity

Type of Private Practice	Total Respondents	Percent	White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	941	42.0%	43.9%	39.3%	53.8%	36.3%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	370	16.5%	15.5%	16.4%	11.5%	15.6%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice *	326	14.5%	11.8%	14.8%	15.4%	25.2%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	148	6.6%	8.1%	4.9%	7.7%	5.2%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	126	5.6%	6.4%	4.9%	7.7%	3.7%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	113	5.0%	5.5%	9.8%	0.0%	3.7%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	101	4.5%	4.3%	4.9%	0.0%	4.4%
Establish a new private practice	100	4.5%	3.6%	3.3%	3.8%	5.9%
Other	17	0.8%	1.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2,242	100%	1,240	61	26	135

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

2. In 2015, the question structure regarding employment in a corporate-owned group practice changed from "Select All That Apply" to "Select Only One." As such, no comparison can be made between the 2015 and 2016 responses and previous years.

Table 30. Intended types of private practice, by debt

Type of Private Practice	Total		No Debt	Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$149,999	\$150,000 - \$199,999	\$200,000 - \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$299,999
	Respondents	Percent								
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	884	42.2%	42.3%	34.9%	31.3%	42.3%	47.0%	45.6%	43.5%	40.5%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	341	16.3%	13.7%	16.3%	18.8%	11.5%	16.5%	17.8%	17.4%	14.7%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice *	306	14.6%	13.0%	20.9%	12.5%	21.2%	13.0%	13.3%	9.6%	15.0%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	136	6.5%	7.4%	0.0%	12.5%	9.6%	6.1%	7.2%	8.4%	7.8%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	122	5.8%	4.2%	7.0%	0.0%	1.9%	5.2%	6.7%	6.8%	5.9%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	107	5.1%	6.3%	2.3%	6.3%	1.9%	2.6%	4.4%	5.3%	5.6%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	96	4.6%	3.9%	9.3%	6.3%	1.9%	2.6%	3.3%	4.0%	6.9%
Establish a new private practice	90	4.3%	7.4%	9.3%	12.5%	9.6%	6.1%	1.1%	3.7%	3.6%
Other	15	0.7%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.6%	1.2%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	2097	100%	284	43	16	52	115	180	322	306

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
2. In 2015, the question structure regarding employment in a corporate-owned group practice changed from "Select All That Apply" to "Select Only One." As such, no comparison can be made between the 2015 and 2016 responses and previous years.

Table 30. Intended types of private practice, by debt

Type of Private Practice	\$300,000 - \$349,999	\$350,000 - \$399,999	\$400,000 - \$449,999	\$450,000 - \$499,999	\$500,000 - \$549,999	\$550,000 or more
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	41.6%	43.8%	37.7%	42.6%	50.0%	0.0%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	18.0%	16.1%	16.9%	16.2%	20.0%	100.0%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice *	14.8%	16.1%	21.7%	13.2%	10.0%	0.0%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	6.0%	3.7%	3.9%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	6.4%	5.8%	6.3%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	4.4%	5.0%	5.3%	8.8%	10.0%	0.0%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	4.4%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%	10.0%	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	4.0%	4.1%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number of Respondents	250	242	207	68	10	2

Source:
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
2. In 2015, the question structure regarding employment in a corporate-owned group practice changed from "Select All That Apply" to "Select Only One." As such, no comparison can be made between the 2015 and 2016 responses and previous years.

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

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		AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID
Senior's Home State	AK	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	2.1%	1.1%	0.0%	52.6%	5.3%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%
	CA	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	68.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	1.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%
	CO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	11.6%	60.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	43.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DC	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	3.8%	1.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	59.8%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
	GA	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.9%	3.5%	2.7%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	55.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	77.8%	5.6%	0.0%
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	56.9%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	34.8%
	IL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	3.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%
	IN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%
	KY	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	LA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	1.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
		AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	
Senior's Home State	MD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%	0.9%	0.9%	2.8%	4.6%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MI	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	2.3%	2.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	
	MN	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	
	MO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	7.7%	23.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NC	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.7%	0.7%	4.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	4.2%	2.1%	
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	
	NJ	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	1.9%	0.6%	0.6%	1.3%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	8.5%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	
	NY	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	OH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	OK	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	
	OR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	3.8%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	
	PA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.2%	1.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
		AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	
Senior's Home State	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	SC	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	4.9%	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	
	SD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TN	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TX	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	2.6%	1.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	
	UT	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	3.3%	1.6%	8.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	VA	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	2.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	
	VT	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WA	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	
	Outside U.S or PR	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	12.6%	0.3%	3.4%	1.2%	0.0%	4.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	
	Other U.S. Territory	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Percentage of Total	0.3%	0.7%	0.1%	2.0%	12.7%	2.3%	1.1%	0.8%	0.2%	4.7%	2.3%	0.5%	1.1%	0.5%		

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
		IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND
Senior's Home State	AK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
	CA	1.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%
	CO	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	2.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%
	GA	3.5%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%
	HI	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	3.9%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	63.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%
	IN	3.0%	52.5%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	1.0%	3.0%	0.0%
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	35.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	3.9%	3.9%	0.0%	52.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%
	LA	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	59.0%	1.9%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
		IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND
Senior's Home State	MD	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	45.9%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%
	ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.8%	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%
	MI	4.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	64.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
	MN	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	64.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%
	MO	2.3%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	63.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.1%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	61.7%	0.0%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	83.3%
	NE	0.0%	4.2%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
	OH	4.2%	0.7%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%
	OK	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%
	PA	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	2.7%	2.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
		IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC	ND
Senior's Home State	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%
	SD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	TN	4.0%	8.0%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	TX	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	UT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	4.9%	3.3%	0.0%
	VA	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	4.3%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.0%	0.0%
	VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WA	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	9.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	WV	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside U.S or PR	7.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	5.2%	1.2%	0.9%	2.8%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
	Other U.S. Territory	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Percentage of Total	5.5%	1.8%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	2.9%	2.0%	0.3%	3.4%	1.8%	1.5%	0.1%	0.3%	3.5%	0.3%

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation															
		NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	Puerto Rico	RI	SC	SD	TN	
Senior's Home State	AK	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
	AZ	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.1%	2.1%	4.2%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
	CA	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	1.7%	5.3%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	CO	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	8.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
	GA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	2.7%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	1.7%	1.3%	0.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IN	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%
	LA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.0%	

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
Senior's Home State		NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	Puerto Rico	RI	SC	SD	TN
		MD	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	9.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	9.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%
	ME	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%
	MI	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	4.5%	2.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	MN	3.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	MO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%
	NC	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NE	47.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%
	NH	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	0.0%	0.0%	54.1%	0.0%	0.0%	24.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	70.6%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.0%	1.7%	3.4%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%
	NY	0.0%	0.0%	7.0%	0.5%	0.0%	67.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%
	OH	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	76.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	76.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	73.1%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	PA	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.5%	5.5%	2.2%	0.5%	0.5%	58.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	45.9%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	43.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
Senior's Home State		NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	Puerto Rico	RI	SC	SD	TN
		RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	42.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	SD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	63.6%	0.0%
	TN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%
	TX	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.8%	0.7%	1.8%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.7%
	UT	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	1.6%	3.3%	1.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.6%	0.0%
	VA	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	6.8%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%
	VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WA	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
	WI	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside U.S or PR	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.6%	0.0%	8.9%	3.1%	0.3%	0.9%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.3%
	Other U.S. Territory	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Percentage of Total	0.9%	0.1%	2.9%	0.7%	1.3%	8.5%	3.8%	1.3%	1.5%	4.7%	0.4%	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	0.8%

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation									
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside U.S or PR	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location
Senior's Home State	AK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CA	4.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
	CO	7.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	0.5%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	GA	3.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
	ID	4.3%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	2.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	1.3%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
	IN	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	LA	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	3.8%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation									
Senior's Home State		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside U.S or PR	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location
		MD	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
	ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MI	2.3%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
	MN	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	MO	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	4.0%	0.7%	1.3%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	1.3%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NE	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%
	NJ	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	2.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
	OH	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OK	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%
	OR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	PA	1.1%	0.0%	2.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
	Puerto Rico	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation										
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside U.S or PR	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location	
Senior's Home State	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	SC	4.9%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	SD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TN	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TX	73.4%	0.4%	1.1%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	
	UT	6.6%	31.1%	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	3.3%	
	VA	5.1%	0.0%	47.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	
	VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WA	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	
	WV	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	43.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Outside U.S or PR	10.1%	0.0%	2.1%	0.6%	3.7%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	0.0%	
	Other U.S. Territory	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	Percentage of Total	7.6%	0.7%	2.4%	0.2%	2.9%	1.2%	0.5%	0.2%	1.2%	0.2%	

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Table 32. Seniors' practice location plans by race/ethnicity

Practice Location	Total		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White
	Respondents	Percent						
Rural community	285	6.4%	25.0%	4.3%	6.7%	5.9%	0.0%	7.3%
Small town	610	13.7%	25.0%	12.3%	13.9%	8.8%	27.3%	14.4%
Large town	708	15.9%	25.0%	13.4%	11.1%	12.9%	9.1%	17.6%
Mid-sized city	1,222	27.5%	16.7%	31.9%	22.1%	31.1%	36.4%	26.0%
Urban fringe	852	19.2%	0.0%	21.2%	16.8%	23.8%	9.1%	18.1%
Inner city	334	7.5%	8.3%	6.1%	15.9%	8.2%	0.0%	7.6%
Other	178	4.0%	0.0%	2.7%	5.3%	3.8%	0.0%	4.7%
Unsure	256	5.8%	0.0%	8.1%	8.2%	5.6%	18.2%	4.5%
Total Number of Respondents	4,445	100%	12	1,058	208	341	11	2,426

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 32. Seniors' practice location plans by race/ethnicity

Practice Location	Total		Do Not Wish to		
	Respondents	Percent	Two or More Races	Report/Unknown	Non-resident Alien
Rural community	285	6.4%	5.2%	9.3%	7.5%
Small town	610	13.7%	12.7%	11.1%	21.4%
Large town	708	15.9%	17.9%	27.8%	14.4%
Mid-sized city	1,222	27.5%	26.9%	14.8%	26.4%
Urban fringe	852	19.2%	21.6%	14.8%	17.9%
Inner city	334	7.5%	6.7%	7.4%	5.0%
Other	178	4.0%	5.2%	1.9%	2.0%
Unsure	256	5.8%	3.7%	13.0%	5.5%
Total Number of Respondents	4,445	100%	134	54	201

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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Table 33. Seniors' plans to work in underserved area at some point after graduation

	Total Respondents	Percent
Definitely Yes	579	12.9%
Probably Yes	1,821	40.7%
Probably Not	1,709	38.2%
Definitely Not	224	5.0%
Not Applicable	143	3.2%
Total	4,476	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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Table 34. Seniors' plans to teach at some point in career

	Total Respondents	Percent
Immediately Following Graduation	109	2.4%
Mid-Career	723	16.1%
Later in Career	1,449	32.3%
After Retirement	331	7.4%
Throughout Career	494	11.0%
No Plans to Teach	1,382	30.8%
Total	4,488	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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Table 35. Seniors' perception of the number of years of postdoctoral education that should be required

Number of Years	Total Respondents	Percent
None	2,173	48.6%
Less than one year	251	5.6%
One year	1,321	29.5%
Two years	200	4.5%
Three years	76	1.7%
More than three years	60	1.3%
No opinion	393	8.8%
Total	4,474	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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Table 36. Seniors' pursuit of Dental Postdoctoral or Advanced Education Program

	Respondents	Percent
Applied	2,170	48.4%
Did Not Apply	2,312	51.6%
Total	4,482	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2016 Graduating Class

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Table 37. Seniors' first choice of advanced education speciality program

Program	Respondent Ranked First Choice	First Choice Percentage
GPR	87	43.9%
AEGD	60	30.3%
Orthodontics	14	7.1%
Pediatric Dentistry	13	6.6%
Oral Surgery	9	4.5%
Endodontics	9	4.5%
Periodontics	3	1.5%
Prosthodontics	3	1.5%
Oral Pathology	0	0.0%
Dental Public Health	0	0.0%
Oral Radiology	0	0.0%
Total	198	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2015 Graduating Class

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