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**Table 1. Race/ethnicity and gender of graduating seniors**

Race/Ethnicity	Total		Male		Female		Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	0.2%	4	0.2%	5	0.2%	0	0.0%
Asian	1,130	23.5%	497	20.9%	612	26.1%	21	25.0%
Black or African American	207	4.3%	73	3.1%	132	5.6%	2	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino	427	8.9%	168	7.1%	250	10.6%	9	10.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	16	0.3%	7	0.3%	8	0.3%	1	1.2%
White	2,588	53.8%	1,429	60.1%	1,126	48.0%	33	39.3%
Two or More Races	139	2.9%	66	2.8%	69	2.9%	4	4.8%
Unknown Race and Ethnicity	61	1.3%	25	1.1%	28	1.2%	8	9.5%
Nonresident Alien	232	4.8%	108	4.5%	118	5.0%	6	7.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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	17.9%	20.8%
Associate's Degree or Certificate	7.1%	11.1%
Less than a Bachelor's Degree	4.0%	6.1%
Bachelor's Degree	26.7%	35.0%
Master's Degree	15.6%	15.2%
Doctorate or Professional Degree	27.6%	9.3%
Unknown	1.1%	2.5%

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**Table 3. Parents' income of graduating seniors**

Income Level	Total Respondents	Percentage
Less than \$50,000	627	13.1%
\$50,000-\$74,999	518	10.8%
\$75,000-\$99,999	515	10.7%
\$100,000-\$149,999	757	15.8%
\$150,000-\$199,999	493	10.3%
\$200,000 or more	966	20.1%
Unknown/Do Not Wish to Report	925	19.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Table 4. Timing of decision to pursue career in dentistry**

Time Period	Total Respondents	Percentage
Before High School	768	16.1%
During High School	1,324	27.7%
First Year of Undergraduate Studies	494	10.3%
Second Year of Undergraduate Studies	676	14.1%
Third Year of Undergraduate Studies	621	13.0%
Fourth Year of Undergraduate Studies	276	5.8%
After Graduating from College	623	13.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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	Important or Very Important Combined
Personal Dental Experience	4,749	16.8%	11.0%	31.8%	33.6%	6.8%	65.5%
Your Family Dentist	4,754	18.8%	11.6%	27.7%	32.2%	9.6%	59.9%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is a Dentist	4,753	23.0%	7.2%	20.8%	30.4%	18.6%	51.2%
Workforce Supply and Demand Trends	4,743	29.3%	14.5%	27.7%	14.3%	14.2%	42.0%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is Not a Dentist	4,740	32.7%	10.3%	21.3%	16.5%	19.1%	37.8%
Family/Friend's Dental Experience	4,739	37.9%	11.0%	22.2%	12.9%	16.1%	35.1%
Visit to a Dental School	4,744	39.9%	12.0%	22.4%	9.9%	15.8%	32.4%
Participation in a Summer/Post-Baccalaureate Program	4,743	49.9%	6.8%	13.6%	6.2%	23.6%	19.8%
Websites on Careers in Dentistry	4,746	51.4%	13.4%	15.2%	4.2%	15.8%	19.4%
Career Day School Visit by a Dentist	4,742	52.3%	9.2%	13.6%	4.5%	20.5%	18.1%
Specific Recruitment by a Dental School	4,738	51.8%	7.8%	13.0%	3.7%	23.8%	16.6%
High School or College Counselor	4,749	58.7%	10.2%	11.3%	3.4%	16.5%	14.7%
Brochures on Careers in Dentistry	4,745	60.3%	9.4%	10.4%	2.4%	17.4%	12.8%
Other	4,275	9.8%	2.0%	6.0%	2.7%	79.4%	8.7%

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

	Respondents	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Not Applicable	Important or Very Important Combined
Service to Others	4,780	0.7%	4.5%	33.6%	60.6%	0.6%	94.2%
Control of Work Schedule	4,776	1.6%	6.1%	31.2%	59.7%	1.4%	90.9%
Salary Expectations	4,782	1.3%	8.6%	44.0%	45.6%	0.6%	89.6%
Enjoy Working with Hands	4,780	1.6%	8.3%	37.2%	51.9%	1.0%	89.1%
Opportunity for Self-Employment	4,781	2.8%	10.3%	33.3%	52.9%	0.7%	86.2%
Artistic, Creative, and Aesthetic Aspects of Dentistry	4,779	3.4%	13.6%	39.2%	43.0%	0.9%	82.2%
Variety of Career Options	4,776	4.2%	14.9%	41.3%	38.6%	1.0%	79.9%
Service to Vulnerable and Low Income Populations	4,777	6.4%	20.7%	44.3%	27.5%	1.0%	71.8%
Community Status and Prestige	4,779	11.8%	22.0%	39.8%	25.8%	0.6%	65.6%
Family Expectations	4,779	19.1%	19.1%	34.2%	24.3%	3.3%	58.5%
Service to My Own Race / Ethnic Group	4,776	39.1%	18.3%	24.7%	13.8%	4.1%	38.5%
Mid-Life Career Change	4,774	27.3%	9.6%	19.9%	9.7%	33.6%	29.6%
Other	4,435	10.5%	2.3%	10.5%	3.3%	73.5%	13.8%

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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
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Male	4	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Female	5	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Male	496	24.6%	21.0%	36.7%	15.3%	2.4%
Female	608	19.6%	27.5%	32.1%	18.9%	2.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	21	23.8%	28.6%	33.3%	14.3%	0.0%
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Male	69	7.2%	20.3%	17.4%	55.1%	0.0%
Female	131	3.8%	6.9%	32.1%	55.7%	1.5%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Male	166	25.9%	13.9%	33.1%	25.3%	1.8%
Female	249	16.1%	16.9%	29.7%	34.1%	3.2%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	8	25.0%	0.0%	50.0%	12.5%	12.5%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Male	7	28.6%	0.0%	14.3%	57.1%	0.0%
Female	8	25.0%	37.5%	12.5%	25.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>White</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>54.4%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Male	1,414	58.3%	12.2%	17.8%	6.6%	5.0%
Female	1,121	49.8%	19.7%	19.0%	5.6%	5.9%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	33	45.5%	18.2%	18.2%	9.1%	9.1%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Male	66	39.4%	21.2%	30.3%	7.6%	1.5%
Female	68	33.8%	22.1%	14.7%	25.0%	4.4%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	4	50.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	25.0%
<b>Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
Male	21	42.9%	9.5%	28.6%	9.5%	9.5%
Female	26	38.5%	15.4%	30.8%	11.5%	3.8%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	7	42.9%	14.3%	28.6%	0.0%	14.3%
<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Male	106	26.4%	24.5%	31.1%	15.1%	2.8%
Female	116	18.1%	31.0%	35.3%	10.3%	5.2%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	5	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
<b>All Respondents</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

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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
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>55.6%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Male	4	0.0%	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Female	5	0.0%	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Asian</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Male	495	3.6%	13.7%	53.7%	27.3%	1.6%
Female	606	3.0%	15.0%	46.0%	35.6%	0.3%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	21	0.0%	19.0%	38.1%	42.9%	0.0%
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>48.5%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Male	69	2.9%	14.5%	31.9%	50.7%	0.0%
Female	131	3.1%	5.3%	42.0%	48.1%	1.5%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Male	166	6.6%	16.9%	37.3%	38.6%	0.6%
Female	249	5.2%	12.9%	39.8%	41.4%	0.8%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	9	22.2%	0.0%	44.4%	22.2%	11.1%
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Male	7	14.3%	57.1%	0.0%	28.6%	0.0%
Female	8	12.5%	25.0%	25.0%	37.5%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>White</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Male	1,416	9.1%	28.0%	43.7%	18.3%	0.9%
Female	1,121	6.3%	21.9%	44.5%	26.6%	0.7%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	33	15.2%	21.2%	36.4%	18.2%	9.1%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>46.4%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Male	66	6.1%	31.8%	50.0%	12.1%	0.0%
Female	68	4.4%	14.7%	44.1%	36.8%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	4	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	25.0%
<b>Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Male	21	14.3%	14.3%	38.1%	28.6%	4.8%
Female	26	19.2%	15.4%	38.5%	26.9%	0.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	7	42.9%	28.6%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%
<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Male	106	7.5%	17.9%	36.8%	34.9%	2.8%
Female	116	2.6%	24.1%	44.8%	25.9%	2.6%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	5	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%
<b>All Respondents</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

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

	Respondents	Inadequate	Appropriate	Excessive	Not Applicable
Anesthesiology / Pain Control	4,913	9.1%	87.2%	2.6%	1.1%
Basic Sciences	4,914	2.4%	73.1%	21.7%	2.8%
Behavioral and Social Determinants of Health	4,905	6.8%	82.6%	8.4%	2.2%
Cultural Competency	4,905	8.2%	78.8%	11.0%	2.0%
Dental Health Policy	4,911	16.4%	74.3%	7.2%	2.1%
Dental Materials	4,910	13.6%	74.9%	10.4%	1.2%
Endodontics	4,907	14.8%	82.0%	2.8%	0.4%
Ethics	4,908	2.7%	85.8%	11.1%	0.4%
Geriatrics	4,906	15.2%	79.1%	4.3%	1.4%
Implant Dentistry	4,907	32.4%	65.4%	1.8%	0.5%
Occlusion / Temporal Mandibular Joint	4,907	21.1%	74.4%	3.9%	0.6%
Oral Pathology	4,903	5.1%	85.2%	9.1%	0.6%
Oral Surgery	4,913	10.7%	84.7%	4.2%	0.5%
Organization and Financing of Health Services	4,909	36.4%	58.5%	2.2%	2.9%
Orthodontics	4,908	29.5%	65.9%	4.1%	0.5%
Patient Evaluation and Treatment Planning	4,908	5.6%	86.8%	7.0%	0.5%
Pediatric Dentistry	4,906	8.7%	85.4%	5.5%	0.4%
Periodontics	4,907	4.4%	81.1%	14.0%	0.4%
Pharmacology	4,909	12.5%	77.1%	9.1%	1.2%
Practice Administration	4,907	32.5%	64.1%	2.4%	1.0%
Preventative Dentistry/Oral Health Promotion	4,909	2.6%	88.3%	8.5%	0.6%
Prosthodontics - Fixed	4,907	7.0%	88.0%	4.6%	0.4%
Prosthodontics - Removable	4,907	10.8%	81.8%	7.1%	0.4%
Restorative Dentistry	4,907	2.1%	92.0%	5.4%	0.5%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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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	Prepared and Well-Prepared Combined
Operative / Restorative Dentistry	4,903	0.7%	1.7%	41.7%	55.4%	0.5%	97.0%
Preventative Practices and Patient Education	4,899	0.7%	2.4%	51.1%	45.3%	0.4%	96.4%
Patient Evaluation and Diagnosis	4,904	0.9%	4.0%	54.7%	40.0%	0.4%	94.7%
Radiology	4,904	1.1%	4.4%	58.4%	35.7%	0.4%	94.1%
Cultural Competency	4,902	1.3%	5.0%	60.8%	31.8%	1.2%	92.6%
Anesthesiology / Pain Control	4,899	0.8%	6.2%	55.6%	37.0%	0.4%	92.5%
Oral Health Care for Racially, Ethnically, or Culturally Diverse Groups	4,903	1.7%	4.5%	60.2%	31.9%	1.8%	92.1%
Using Electronic Records	4,905	2.3%	5.7%	53.7%	37.8%	0.5%	91.5%
Evidence-Based Dentistry	4,905	1.5%	7.5%	56.6%	33.9%	0.4%	90.6%
Periodontics	4,903	1.9%	7.7%	56.2%	33.8%	0.5%	89.9%
Fixed Prosthodontics	4,900	1.5%	8.3%	53.2%	36.6%	0.4%	89.8%
Interprofessional Education - Working With Other Professions	4,903	1.4%	8.1%	61.0%	28.7%	0.8%	89.6%
Oral Health for Patients with HIV/AIDS	4,901	1.9%	7.5%	61.7%	27.7%	1.2%	89.4%
Providing Emergency Treatment	4,903	1.7%	8.4%	57.3%	32.1%	0.5%	89.4%
Oral Health Care for Rural Communities	4,902	2.4%	6.7%	58.7%	30.5%	1.7%	89.2%
Adaptive Treatment Planning for Low Income Populations or an	4,902	2.3%	8.3%	57.8%	30.8%	0.8%	88.6%
Oral Surgery	4,904	2.0%	9.2%	53.4%	35.0%	0.4%	88.4%
Oral Pathology	4,903	2.1%	11.6%	61.4%	24.3%	0.5%	85.8%
Women's Oral Health Care	4,904	2.5%	7.5%	59.1%	26.0%	4.9%	85.1%
Pediatric Oral Health Care	4,901	3.2%	11.6%	60.3%	24.4%	0.5%	84.7%
Integrating Oral Health Care with Medical Care	4,904	2.4%	12.9%	61.8%	22.3%	0.6%	84.1%
Geriatric Oral Health Care	4,900	2.6%	15.4%	59.3%	22.0%	0.7%	81.3%
Removable Prosthodontics	4,904	3.5%	16.2%	52.5%	27.4%	0.4%	79.9%
Oral Health Care for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender)	4,902	4.4%	8.7%	54.8%	24.5%	7.7%	79.2%
Therapeutics and Prescription Writing	4,903	3.7%	18.1%	59.7%	18.2%	0.4%	77.8%
Oral Health Care for Patients with Physical or Mental Disabilities	4,902	4.0%	17.8%	56.8%	20.6%	0.8%	77.4%
Epidemiology	4,900	4.4%	17.6%	61.1%	14.4%	2.5%	75.5%
Patients with Developmental Disabilities	4,903	4.6%	19.4%	55.5%	19.7%	0.8%	75.2%
Endodontics	4,904	8.8%	22.2%	47.1%	21.3%	0.4%	68.5%
Occlusion / Temporomandibular Disorder	4,904	7.3%	27.2%	50.8%	14.3%	0.5%	65.0%
Implant Dentistry	4,905	16.4%	30.5%	39.3%	13.4%	0.5%	52.6%
Practice Administration	4,903	18.2%	29.8%	38.9%	12.3%	0.9%	51.2%
Digital Dentistry	4,905	20.9%	31.2%	34.2%	12.7%	1.0%	46.9%
Orthodontics	4,906	27.3%	28.1%	33.1%	10.2%	1.4%	43.3%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class  
 Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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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	753	20.4%	241	6.4%
One to Two Weeks	842	22.8%	842	22.5%
Three to Four Weeks	374	10.1%	637	17.0%
One Month or More	361	9.8%	1,782	47.7%
Not Applicable	1,357	36.8%	235	6.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,687</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class  
 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	94	1.9%	147	3.0%
Fair	517	10.6%	573	11.7%
Good	2,567	52.4%	2,425	49.5%
Excellent	1,706	34.8%	1,742	35.5%
Not Applicable	15	0.3%	15	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,899</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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	647	13.2%
Seldom	1,023	20.9%
Sometimes	1,922	39.4%
Frequently	1,292	26.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,884</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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

	Total Respondents	Percent
Low	143	3.0%
Moderate	1,474	30.6%
High	3,196	66.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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 1996-2017**

	Graduating Debt			Graduating Debt in 2017 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	\$104,244	\$69,522	\$116,215
1996	\$75,748	\$60,441	\$101,627	\$118,965	\$94,924	\$159,608
1997	\$81,688	\$66,669	\$107,985	\$124,735	\$101,801	\$164,889
1998	\$84,089	\$70,752	\$105,474	\$126,151	\$106,143	\$158,233
1999	\$99,608	\$79,880	\$128,273	\$146,890	\$117,798	\$189,162
2000	\$87,605	\$68,841	\$111,602	\$125,565	\$98,670	\$159,960
2001	\$105,574	\$81,586	\$132,704	\$146,307	\$113,064	\$183,905
2002	\$107,503	\$85,840	\$136,060	\$146,389	\$116,890	\$185,275
2003	\$118,748	\$93,622	\$147,967	\$158,224	\$124,745	\$197,156
2004	\$122,263	\$99,553	\$155,234	\$159,420	\$129,808	\$202,411
2005	\$129,639	\$104,483	\$161,500	\$164,099	\$132,256	\$204,430
2006	\$145,465	\$124,700	\$174,241	\$177,377	\$152,057	\$212,466
2007	\$157,074	\$136,438	\$186,218	\$186,705	\$162,176	\$221,347
2008	\$170,367	\$142,671	\$204,734	\$195,270	\$163,526	\$234,661
2009	\$173,582	\$149,555	\$208,921	\$196,215	\$169,055	\$236,162
2010	\$178,054	\$157,973	\$209,740	\$199,342	\$176,860	\$234,816
2011	\$180,557	\$157,525	\$218,695	\$198,165	\$172,887	\$240,022
2012	\$196,051	\$171,534	\$230,071	\$209,044	\$182,903	\$245,319
2013	\$215,145	\$189,112	\$249,034	\$225,649	\$198,345	\$261,192
2014	\$220,892	\$193,865	\$258,125	\$228,113	\$200,202	\$266,563
2015	\$223,984	\$192,572	\$264,364	\$229,634	\$197,430	\$271,032
2016	\$219,463	\$200,717	\$242,745	\$223,492	\$204,402	\$247,201
2017	\$242,760	\$203,218	\$287,405	\$242,760	\$203,218	\$287,405

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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

2. 2017 dollars were calculated using a July 2016 to June 2017 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, 1996–2017**

	Entering Debt		Entering Debt in 2017 Dollars	
	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt
1996	\$14,650	\$8,000	\$23,008	\$12,564
1997	\$19,823	\$8,500	\$30,269	\$12,979
1998	\$27,749	N/A	\$41,629	N/A
1999	\$21,589	\$10,000	\$31,837	\$14,747
2000	\$25,029	\$12,000	\$35,874	\$17,200
2001	\$28,413	\$15,000	\$39,375	\$20,787
2002	\$25,298	\$15,000	\$34,449	\$20,426
2003	\$33,207	\$15,000	\$44,246	\$19,987
2004	\$42,830	\$20,000	\$55,846	\$26,078
2005	\$44,382	\$17,050	\$56,180	\$21,582
2006	\$52,370	\$20,000	\$63,859	\$24,388
2007	\$52,481	\$20,000	\$62,381	\$23,773
2008	\$31,775	\$16,000	\$36,420	\$18,339
2009	\$35,281	\$17,000	\$39,881	\$19,217
2010	\$31,101	\$20,000	\$34,819	\$22,391
2011	\$35,670	\$20,000	\$39,148	\$21,950
2012	\$37,219	\$20,000	\$39,686	\$21,326
2013	\$45,397	\$20,000	\$47,614	\$20,976
2014	\$46,854	\$24,000	\$48,386	\$24,785
2015	\$34,866	\$25,000	\$35,745	\$25,631
2016	\$32,702	\$25,000	\$33,302	\$25,459
2017	\$51,333	\$30,000	\$51,333	\$30,000

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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

2. 2017 dollars were calculated using a July 2016 to June 2017 average of consumer price index figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Table 16. Graduating dental seniors' educational debt\*, 1996–2017**

	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%
2017	15.5%	4.2%	4.0%	5.9%	7.5%	11.9%	11.7%	10.2%	8.6%	9.3%	4.9%	3.8%	2.5%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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
<b>Seniors with No Debt</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
<b>Seniors with Debt</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>84.7%</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>84.2%</b>
Up To \$49,999	204	4.2%	116	4.5%	88	3.9%
\$50,000-\$99,999	194	4.0%	133	5.2%	61	2.7%
\$100,000-\$149,999	286	5.9%	196	7.6%	90	4.0%
\$150,000- \$199,999	364	7.5%	282	11.0%	82	3.6%
\$200,000-\$249,999	576	11.9%	439	17.1%	137	6.0%
\$250,000--\$299,999	564	11.7%	389	15.2%	175	7.7%
\$300,000-\$349,999	494	10.2%	261	10.2%	233	10.3%
\$350,000-\$399,999	414	8.6%	156	6.1%	258	11.4%
\$400,000-\$449,999	449	9.3%	113	4.4%	336	14.8%
\$450,000-\$499,999	235	4.9%	29	1.1%	206	9.1%
\$500,000-\$549,999	186	3.8%	28	1.1%	158	7.0%
\$550,000+	120	2.5%	31	1.2%	89	3.9%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>4,836</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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

2. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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

**Table 18. Average graduating educational debt\* of 1996–2017 graduates with debt, by type of school**

	Graduating Educational Debt			Graduating Educational Debt in 2017 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	\$132,313	\$103,895	\$182,821
1997	\$94,182	\$75,830	\$126,469	\$143,813	\$115,790	\$193,114
1998	\$97,961	\$80,216	\$128,947	\$146,962	\$120,341	\$193,448
1999	\$105,150	\$83,029	\$137,961	\$155,063	\$122,441	\$203,449
2000	\$105,969	\$82,963	\$136,319	\$151,886	\$118,911	\$195,387
2001	\$115,951	\$90,255	\$144,569	\$160,688	\$125,078	\$200,348
2002	\$122,491	\$97,370	\$155,984	\$166,798	\$132,590	\$212,406
2003	\$132,532	\$103,149	\$167,676	\$176,590	\$137,439	\$223,417
2004	\$135,721	\$110,686	\$171,928	\$176,968	\$144,325	\$224,179
2005	\$141,521	\$114,296	\$175,841	\$179,140	\$144,678	\$222,583
2006	\$162,155	\$137,792	\$196,636	\$197,729	\$168,021	\$239,774
2007	\$172,627	\$148,777	\$206,956	\$205,192	\$176,843	\$245,997
2008	\$187,394	\$158,217	\$222,944	\$214,786	\$181,344	\$255,532
2009	\$189,678	\$162,377	\$230,478	\$214,410	\$183,549	\$260,530
2010	\$197,366	\$174,967	\$232,780	\$220,962	\$195,885	\$260,610
2011	\$203,374	\$177,795	\$245,497	\$223,207	\$195,133	\$269,438
2012	\$221,713	\$192,199	\$263,382	\$236,407	\$204,937	\$280,838
2013	\$241,097	\$209,150	\$283,978	\$252,868	\$219,361	\$297,842
2014	\$247,227	\$216,437	\$289,897	\$255,309	\$223,512	\$299,374
2015	\$255,567	\$219,116	\$302,724	\$262,014	\$224,643	\$310,360
2016	\$262,119	\$238,582	\$291,668	\$266,931	\$242,962	\$297,022
2017	\$287,331	\$239,895	\$341,190	\$287,331	\$239,895	\$341,190

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

Notes: 1. 2017 dollars were calculated using a July 2016 to June 2017 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	9	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	22.2%	0.0%	11.1%	11.1%
Asian	1,129	18.0%	2.5%	1.6%	3.5%	5.8%	7.4%	11.7%	8.9%	9.3%
Black or African American	208	2.4%	5.3%	1.0%	2.4%	5.8%	5.8%	13.9%	14.4%	13.0%
Hispanic or Latino	427	10.1%	4.2%	3.3%	6.1%	7.5%	7.3%	11.5%	11.5%	13.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	15	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	6.7%	13.3%	13.3%	13.3%	0.0%
White	2,572	14.4%	1.9%	1.7%	3.9%	5.5%	7.7%	11.6%	12.9%	10.3%
Two or More Races	139	17.3%	0.0%	2.2%	5.8%	8.6%	8.6%	14.4%	12.2%	9.4%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	113	18.6%	6.2%	2.7%	0.9%	4.4%	7.1%	8.0%	9.7%	16.8%
Nonresident Alien	224	36.6%	1.3%	1.3%	6.7%	7.1%	6.7%	16.1%	9.8%	4.0%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>4,836</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

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	9	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	11.1%	0.0%
Asian	1,129	9.0%	9.7%	5.2%	4.4%	2.9%
Black or African American	208	12.0%	11.1%	4.8%	5.3%	2.9%
Hispanic or Latino	427	8.7%	8.7%	3.3%	2.8%	2.1%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	15	0.0%	13.3%	13.3%	0.0%	20.0%
White	2,572	9.1%	9.8%	5.2%	3.8%	2.3%
Two or More Races	139	5.8%	4.3%	5.0%	1.4%	5.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	113	4.4%	10.6%	5.3%	4.4%	0.9%
Nonresident Alien	224	1.8%	3.6%	1.3%	3.1%	0.4%
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>4,836</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

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	2017
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	66.9%
Federal Grad PLUS	65.1%
Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL)	17.7%
Private Loans	10.1%
Personal Loans from Family	6.6%
Institutional Loans	5.7%
Residency and Relocation Loans	2.0%
Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)	1.9%
Other Loans	1.6%
State Loan Programs	1.4%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,888</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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 1990-2017**

Year	Type of Scholarship or Grant			
	State	School	Federal	Other
1990	13.9%	23.2%	N/A	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%
2017	6.1%	26.3%	9.7%	6.0%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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



**Table 22. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by gender**

Immediate Plans	All Genders		Male		Female	
	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent	Respondents	Percent
Private Practice Dentist	2,321	48.3%	1,191	50.1%	1,092	46.5%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,773	36.9%	819	34.5%	933	39.8%
Armed Forces	227	4.7%	158	6.6%	64	2.7%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	150	3.1%	66	2.8%	82	3.5%
Unsure	117	2.4%	44	1.9%	64	2.7%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	80	1.7%	35	1.5%	44	1.9%
Other Non-profit Clinic	34	0.7%	13	0.5%	19	0.8%
State or Local Government Employee	24	0.5%	8	0.3%	14	0.6%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	22	0.5%	10	0.4%	11	0.5%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	20	0.4%	9	0.4%	11	0.5%
Other Type of Student	20	0.4%	12	0.5%	6	0.3%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	9	0.2%	7	0.3%	2	0.1%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	8	0.2%	4	0.2%	4	0.2%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,805</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source:  
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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	38	45.8%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	21	25.3%
Armed Forces	5	6.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	2	2.4%
Unsure	9	10.8%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	1	1.2%
Other Non-profit Clinic	2	2.4%
State or Local Government Employee	2	2.4%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	1	1.2%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	0	0.0%
Other Type of Student	2	2.4%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	0	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	0	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source:

American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

Notes:

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

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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	2,342	48.4%	44.4%	48.2%	27.5%	47.0%	50.0%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,780	36.8%	22.2%	37.8%	51.7%	37.0%	18.8%
Armed Forces	229	4.7%	0.0%	3.0%	5.8%	4.2%	12.5%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	152	3.1%	22.2%	2.4%	3.9%	3.3%	6.3%
Unsure	120	2.5%	11.1%	3.3%	5.3%	2.8%	6.3%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	80	1.7%	0.0%	1.8%	2.4%	1.6%	0.0%
Other Non-profit Clinic	35	0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	24	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	22	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	1.2%	6.3%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	20	0.4%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	20	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	9	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	8	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>16</b>

**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)	2,254	97.0%	75.0%	96.7%	100.0%	98.0%	100.0%
Private Practice (Part-time)	69	3.0%	25.0%	3.3%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8</b>

Source:

American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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.

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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	2,342	48.4%	49.1%	35.3%	50.0%	70.0%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,780	36.8%	36.3%	45.3%	33.3%	21.0%
Armed Forces	229	4.7%	5.8%	5.8%	4.8%	0.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	152	3.1%	3.6%	2.9%	1.2%	0.9%
Unsure	120	2.5%	1.8%	2.9%	3.6%	1.7%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	80	1.7%	1.4%	3.6%	1.2%	2.1%
Other Non-profit Clinic	35	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	2.4%	0.9%
State or Local Government Employee	24	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	2.4%	1.3%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	22	0.5%	0.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	20	0.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%
Other Type of Student	20	0.4%	0.3%	1.4%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	9	0.2%	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	8	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>233</b>

**Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours**

	Total		White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
	Respondents	Percent				
Private Practice (Full-time)	2,254	97.0%	96.7%	98.0%	100.0%	97.5%
Private Practice (Part-time)	69	3.0%	3.3%	2.0%	0.0%	2.5%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>159</b>

Source:

American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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.

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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	2,317	48.3%	37.8%	41.4%	36.5%	34.2%	41.8%	47.4%	54.6%	55.1%	50.0%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,770	36.9%	40.8%	28.4%	29.4%	38.9%	38.2%	41.8%	33.9%	34.8%	38.0%
Armed Forces	229	4.8%	12.7%	16.4%	25.9%	15.5%	10.5%	3.6%	0.5%	1.6%	0.6%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	152	3.2%	1.4%	3.4%	1.2%	3.6%	1.8%	1.9%	3.7%	2.7%	3.7%
Unsure	116	2.4%	2.8%	2.6%	2.4%	1.6%	2.8%	0.6%	2.4%	1.8%	3.5%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	80	1.7%	1.4%	2.6%	0.0%	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%	2.1%	2.0%	1.8%
Other Non-profit Clinic	35	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%
State or Local Government Employee	24	0.5%	0.7%	1.7%	2.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.9%	0.4%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	21	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%	1.1%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%
Other Type of Student	20	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	1.2%	1.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	1.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	18	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%	1.2%	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	9	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	8	0.2%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,799</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>490</b>

**Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours**

	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)	2233	97.1%	94.2%	89.4%	96.6%	97.0%	95.0%	96.4%	98.4%	98.7%	95.9%
Private Practice (Part-time)	67	2.9%	5.8%	10.6%	3.4%	3.0%	5.0%	3.6%	1.6%	1.3%	4.1%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>244</b>

Source:  
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of  
Dental School Seniors, 2017 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	2,317	48.3%	48.5%	55.1%	57.1%	52.7%	49.6%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,770	36.9%	39.3%	36.2%	30.5%	32.6%	37.8%
Armed Forces	229	4.8%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%	0.5%	0.8%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	152	3.2%	4.4%	3.8%	5.6%	4.9%	5.9%
Unsure	116	2.4%	3.2%	1.1%	3.0%	5.4%	0.8%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	80	1.7%	1.2%	1.6%	0.9%	1.6%	0.8%
Other Non-profit Clinic	35	0.7%	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%	0.5%	1.7%
State or Local Government Employee	24	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	21	0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
Other Type of Student	20	0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	18	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	9	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	8	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,799</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>119</b>

**Immediate Private Practice Plans by Working Hours**

	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)	2233	97.1%	99.0%	98.0%	97.0%	100.0%	98.3%
Private Practice (Part-time)	67	2.9%	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	0.0%	1.7%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>59</b>

Source:  
American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of  
Dental School Seniors, 2017 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.

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

	Total Respondents	Percent
Not at All	837	20.4%
Only Slightly	624	15.2%
Moderately	1,223	29.8%
Very Much	1,051	25.6%
Completely	374	9.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,109</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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**Table 26. Extent to which 2017 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	2,071	50.4%	15.8%	12.7%	28.9%	31.0%	11.5%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,476	35.9%	30.2%	18.8%	30.9%	16.9%	3.2%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	142	3.5%	4.9%	19.0%	28.2%	35.2%	12.7%
Armed Forces	135	3.3%	11.9%	8.1%	18.5%	26.7%	34.8%
Unsure	99	2.4%	16.2%	12.1%	35.4%	25.3%	11.1%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	70	1.7%	11.4%	18.6%	30.0%	32.9%	7.1%
Other Non-profit Clinic	30	0.7%	3.3%	20.0%	50.0%	16.7%	10.0%
State or Local Government Employee	19	0.5%	15.8%	26.3%	42.1%	15.8%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	18	0.4%	27.8%	11.1%	27.8%	22.2%	11.1%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	17	0.4%	5.9%	29.4%	41.2%	23.5%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	17	0.4%	17.6%	5.9%	35.3%	35.3%	5.9%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	7	0.2%	28.6%	0.0%	71.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	6	0.1%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	16.7%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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.

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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	Same Primary Activity as Intended	Private Practice Dentist	Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	Armed Forces	Unsure	Other Position Related to Dentistry	Other Non-Profit Clinic	Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	
Private Practice Dentist	1,745	53.4%	64.0%	N/A	19.0%	2.8%	0.2%	5.7%	0.5%	2.0%	2.5%	
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,029	31.5%	50.2%	25.8%	N/A	2.0%	0.4%	12.2%	1.0%	1.3%	2.3%	
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	135	4.1%	27.4%	45.9%	10.4%	N/A	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	5.9%	0.7%	
Armed Forces	119	3.6%	33.6%	45.4%	10.9%	0.8%	N/A	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	3.4%	
Unsure	82	2.5%	46.3%	26.8%	11.0%	2.4%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	2.4%	3.7%	
Other Position Related to Dentistry	62	1.9%	29.0%	45.2%	11.3%	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	N/A	0.0%	3.2%	
Other Non-Profit Clinic	29	0.9%	24.1%	31.0%	20.7%	0.0%	0.0%	13.8%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	16	0.5%	56.3%	25.0%	12.5%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	
State or Local Government Employee	16	0.5%	18.8%	43.8%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%	12.5%	
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	42.9%	21.4%	7.1%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	13	0.4%	7.7%	46.2%	15.4%	0.0%	0.0%	30.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Public Health Commissioned Corp	5	0.2%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.2%	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>54.8%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

Notes:

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

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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	State or Local Government Employee	Other Type of Student	Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	Public Health Commissioned Corp	Other Position Not Related to Dentistry
Private Practice Dentist	1,745	53.4%	0.4%	0.9%	0.5%	1.1%	0.4%
Dental Graduate Student / Resident / Intern	1,029	31.5%	0.8%	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%	0.5%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	135	4.1%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Armed Forces	119	3.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	1.7%	0.8%
Unsure	82	2.5%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	2.4%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	62	1.9%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%	1.6%
Other Non-Profit Clinic	29	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	6.9%	3.4%	0.0%
Faculty / Staff Member at a Dental School	16	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	16	0.5%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	13	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corp	5	0.2%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.2%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

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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	994	42.7%	507	42.5%	476	43.4%	11	29.7%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	352	15.1%	165	13.8%	181	16.5%	6	16.2%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	350	15.0%	155	13.0%	188	17.1%	7	18.9%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	180	7.7%	86	7.2%	90	8.2%	4	10.8%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	129	5.5%	96	8.1%	30	2.7%	3	8.1%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	118	5.1%	73	6.1%	45	4.1%	0	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	105	4.5%	63	5.3%	36	3.3%	6	16.2%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	83	3.6%	41	3.4%	42	3.8%	0	0.0%
Other	15	0.6%	6	0.5%	9	0.8%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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 2017 and 2015 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	1,000	42.6%	50.0%	39.3%	31.6%	41.1%	62.5%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	356	15.2%	0.0%	20.3%	29.8%	15.3%	12.5%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	350	14.9%	0.0%	15.2%	12.3%	14.4%	12.5%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	180	7.7%	0.0%	4.9%	7.0%	7.9%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	132	5.6%	0.0%	5.9%	5.3%	6.4%	12.5%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	120	5.1%	25.0%	3.5%	1.8%	3.5%	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	108	4.6%	0.0%	6.4%	5.3%	6.4%	0.0%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	84	3.6%	25.0%	4.2%	7.0%	4.0%	0.0%
Other	15	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8</b>

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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 2017 and 2015 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	1,000	42.6%	45.3%	44.9%	46.2%	36.4%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	356	15.2%	11.9%	22.4%	15.4%	16.4%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	350	14.9%	14.6%	14.3%	10.3%	20.0%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	180	7.7%	9.3%	8.2%	2.6%	5.5%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	132	5.6%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%	3.6%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	120	5.1%	6.5%	0.0%	7.7%	3.6%
Establish a new private practice	108	4.6%	3.1%	2.0%	10.3%	7.3%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	84	3.6%	2.9%	2.0%	2.6%	5.5%
Other	15	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>165</b>

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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 2017 and 2015 responses and previous years.

**Table 30. Intended types of private practice, by debt**

Type of Private Practice	Total Respondents		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
	Percent									
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	992	42.7%	39.8%	27.7%	51.6%	40.9%	52.1%	44.2%	43.9%	50.0%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	354	15.3%	11.6%	8.5%	6.5%	12.1%	10.1%	12.2%	17.0%	13.2%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	349	15.0%	14.1%	14.9%	22.6%	21.2%	14.3%	15.7%	15.1%	11.6%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	177	7.6%	7.7%	10.6%	3.2%	10.6%	5.9%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	129	5.6%	7.7%	8.5%	3.2%	9.1%	4.2%	4.7%	4.2%	4.5%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	116	5.0%	6.7%	6.4%	3.2%	3.0%	9.2%	4.7%	4.5%	3.9%
Establish a new private practice	106	4.6%	7.7%	23.4%	9.7%	1.5%	2.5%	3.5%	2.6%	2.6%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	83	3.6%	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.7%	4.7%	3.5%	5.2%
Other	15	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.6%	0.3%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>2321</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>

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**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	41.9%	41.0%	42.6%	34.3%	38.1%	35.6%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	16.3%	15.5%	16.8%	26.9%	16.5%	27.1%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	14.2%	15.5%	16.0%	12.7%	21.6%	18.6%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	6.5%	7.5%	6.6%	9.7%	5.2%	1.7%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	7.7%	6.0%	4.1%	3.7%	7.2%	5.1%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	6.5%	6.0%	4.5%	3.7%	2.1%	0.0%
Establish a new private practice	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	3.7%	6.2%	5.1%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	2.4%	2.5%	4.5%	3.7%	3.1%	6.8%
Other	0.4%	1.5%	0.4%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>59</b>

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**Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation**

		<b>State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation</b>														
		AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	
Senior's Home State	AK	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	
	AL	0.0%	44.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AR	0.0%	6.3%	56.3%	0.0%	0.0%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AZ	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	45.9%	8.1%	2.7%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CA	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	2.3%	62.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CO	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	5.4%	55.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.3%	2.4%	41.5%	0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	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%	0.0%	
	DE	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%	
	FL	0.5%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	2.4%	2.9%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	53.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	
	GA	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	55.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	
	HI	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	44.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.7%	10.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	58.3%	0.0%	
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	21.1%	
	IL	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	3.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.5%	
	IN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	
	KY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	
	LA	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MA	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
MD	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	4.1%	1.6%	1.6%	4.1%	0.0%	3.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%		

**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	ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MI	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	3.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	MN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%
	MO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	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%	7.1%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	3.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	4.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%
	NE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	9.6%	0.0%
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	2.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%
	NV	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.4%	2.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
	OH	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
	OK	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	3.5%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%
	PA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	1.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	1.7%	1.1%	0.0%	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%	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	RI	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%
SC	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.7%	5.3%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	6.7%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	



**Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation**

		<b>State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation</b>													
		AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID
Senior's Home State	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%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	7.9%	7.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	TX	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	1.6%	2.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	UT	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	4.5%	10.6%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	3.0%
	VA	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	4.8%	1.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%
	VT	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%
	WA	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	4.7%	1.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%
	WV	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	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%
	Outside U.S or PR	0.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	12.1%	0.9%	3.2%	0.4%	0.0%	4.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%
	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%
	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%
	<b>Percentage of Total</b>	0.6%	0.7%	0.4%	1.7%	10.3%	2.5%	1.2%	0.5%	0.1%	4.7%	2.1%	0.5%	1.3%	0.4%

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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	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AZ	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CA	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	
	CT	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	
	DC	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%	0.0%	
	DE	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%	12.5%	0.0%	
	FL	1.4%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	1.9%	2.9%	1.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.5%	
	GA	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	
	IA	3.3%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	3.3%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	ID	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	IL	58.1%	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	
	IN	3.0%	69.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	56.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KY	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	50.9%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	
	LA	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	63.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MA	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%	0.0%	
MD	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%	36.1%	2.5%	0.8%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%		

**Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation**

		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	ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	63.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	6.1%	0.0%
	MI	4.5%	0.6%	0.0%	1.7%	0.6%	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%	61.4%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
	MN	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	53.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%
	MO	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	55.9%	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%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	64.3%	0.0%
	NC	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	62.7%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.8%
	NE	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	35.7%	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%	2.4%	2.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
	NM	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
	NY	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%	1.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
	OH	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.7%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%
	OR	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%
	PA	2.3%	0.6%	0.0%	2.3%	0.6%	1.7%	3.4%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
	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%
	RI	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%
SC	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	4.0%	

**Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation**

		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	SD	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.9%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	TX	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	
	UT	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	3.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	
	VA	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	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	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	1.9%	0.9%	0.0%	
	WI	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	5.1%	0.0%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	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	6.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.6%	4.3%	0.4%	0.2%	3.9%	1.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	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%	
	<b>Percentage of Total</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	

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**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
		AK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	4.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	CA	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.0%	1.4%	6.6%	1.2%	1.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	CO	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	1.4%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	DC	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%
	DE	0.0%	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%
	FL	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	8.1%	1.4%	1.0%	0.5%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%
	GA	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	4.4%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	IN	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	KS	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	5.5%
	LA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	0.0%	3.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	6.1%	3.1%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MD	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	13.9%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	1.6%	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
		ME	0.0%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MI	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	2.3%	1.1%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	MN	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
	MO	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%
	MS	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%
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	1.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	6.7%	0.7%	0.7%	1.5%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.7%
	ND	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%
	NE	42.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	1.9%
	NH	0.0%	35.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	0.0%	0.0%	45.3%	0.0%	0.0%	17.1%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	13.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	1.2%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	78.3%	0.0%	0.0%	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%	0.0%	58.2%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.4%	0.0%	71.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%
	OH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	68.5%	0.0%	0.7%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	58.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%
	OR	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	49.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
	PA	0.6%	0.0%	6.3%	0.6%	0.0%	7.4%	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%	48.3%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	36.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	45.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	64.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**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	SD	5.9%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	52.9%	0.0%
	TN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	47.4%
	TX	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	UT	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	6.1%	3.0%	1.5%	4.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	1.5%
	VA	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	9.6%	3.8%	0.0%	1.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	1.0%
	VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WA	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%
	WI	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%
	WV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	0.0%	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	0.0%	0.2%	2.4%	0.2%	0.6%	8.4%	2.6%	0.4%	0.4%	6.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
	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%
	<b>Percentage of Total</b>	1.0%	0.4%	2.8%	0.9%	1.1%	9.2%	3.6%	1.3%	1.2%	4.5%	0.4%	0.2%	1.8%	0.3%	1.0%

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**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	AK	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	8.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CA	4.3%	0.6%	1.6%	0.0%	2.9%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%
	CO	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CT	2.4%	0.0%	4.9%	0.0%	2.4%	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%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
	FL	2.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	GA	1.8%	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	5.3%	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%
	IL	1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.5%	5.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
	IN	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KS	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
	LA	18.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
MD	1.6%	0.0%	4.1%	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									
Senior's Home State		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside U.S or PR	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location
		ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MI	2.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	MN	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	2.3%	6.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%
	MO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	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%	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ND	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NE	3.8%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	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%	7.1%
	NJ	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%
	NY	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	0.4%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
	OH	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
	OK	7.5%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%
	OR	3.5%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	PA	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%
	Puerto Rico	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Table 31. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation**

		<b>State Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation</b>									
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside U.S or PR	Other U.S. Armed Forces Location
Senior's Home State	SD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%
	TN	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	TX	73.9%	0.8%	0.4%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
	UT	6.1%	22.7%	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	VA	6.7%	0.0%	38.5%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%
	WA	3.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	56.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WV	5.7%	0.0%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	45.7%	0.0%	5.7%	0.0%
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside U.S or PR	9.1%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.4%	0.2%	0.0%	14.4%	0.2%
	Other U.S. Territory	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	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%	100.0%
<b>Percentage of Total</b>		7.5%	0.6%	2.4%	0.2%	3.1%	1.9%	0.4%	0.1%	1.8%	0.4%

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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	335	6.9%	22.2%	4.7%	7.8%	7.5%	6.3%	7.6%
Small town	757	15.7%	11.1%	12.6%	11.3%	14.7%	18.8%	17.2%
Large town	778	16.1%	33.3%	15.5%	10.3%	15.4%	25.0%	17.1%
Mid-sized city	1,229	25.5%	0.0%	25.8%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.7%
Urban fringe	926	19.2%	11.1%	23.1%	18.6%	18.7%	12.5%	17.7%
Inner city	385	8.0%	0.0%	8.0%	17.2%	7.9%	0.0%	7.5%
Other	114	2.4%	0.0%	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	2.9%
Unsure	297	6.2%	22.2%	8.6%	8.3%	9.6%	12.5%	4.3%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,586</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 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	335	6.9%	8.6%	10.8%	6.0%
Small town	757	15.7%	15.8%	14.9%	19.7%
Large town	778	16.1%	12.9%	9.5%	18.0%
Mid-sized city	1,229	25.5%	28.1%	25.7%	22.7%
Urban fringe	926	19.2%	20.9%	16.2%	18.9%
Inner city	385	8.0%	6.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Other	114	2.4%	1.4%	5.4%	2.6%
Unsure	297	6.2%	5.8%	8.1%	5.6%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>233</b>

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**Table 33. Seniors' plans to teach, be involved in research, and/or work in an underserved area at some point after graduation**

	Plan to Teach		Plan to Research		Plan to Work in Underserved Area	
	Total Respondents	Percent	Total Respondents	Percent	Total Respondents	Percent
Definitely Yes	457	9.5%	154	3.2%	655	13.6%
Probably Yes	2,334	48.5%	894	18.6%	2,445	50.8%
Probably Not	1,491	31.0%	2,147	44.7%	1,474	30.6%
Definitely Not	527	11.0%	1,613	33.5%	241	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,815</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Table 34. When seniors plan to teach, be involved in research, and/or work in an underserved area**

	Plan to Teach		Plan to Research		Plan to Work in Underserved Area	
	Total Respondents	Percent	Total Respondents	Percent	Total Respondents	Percent
Immediately Following Graduation	142	5.1%	235	22.3%	737	23.7%
Mid-Career	703	25.1%	332	31.4%	893	28.7%
Later in Career	1,372	48.9%	252	23.9%	582	18.7%
After Retirement	235	8.4%	36	3.4%	58	1.9%
Throughout Career	352	12.6%	201	19.0%	845	27.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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	2,235	46.5%
Less than one year	292	6.1%
One year	1,492	31.1%
Two years	230	4.8%
Three years	82	1.7%
More than three years	111	2.3%
No opinion	360	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,802</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

	Respondents	Percent
Applied	2,261	47.0%
Did Not Apply	2,551	53.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Program	Respondent Ranked First Choice	First Choice Percentage
GPR	113	46.1%
AEGD	76	31.0%
Pediatric Dentistry	18	7.3%
Orthodontics	14	5.7%
Endodontics	8	3.3%
Oral Surgery	8	3.3%
Prosthodontics	6	2.4%
Periodontics	2	0.8%
Dental Public Health	0	0.0%
Oral Pathology	0	0.0%
Oral Radiology	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2017 Graduating Class

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