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Table 1. Race/ethnicity and gender of graduating seniors

Race/Ethnicity	Respondents		Male		Female		Transgender or Other		Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Resps	Pct	Resps	Pct	Resps	Pct
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.3%	8	0.4%	6	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asian	922	22.4%	407	21.3%	505	25.8%	1	5.6%	9	3.8%
Black or African American	153	3.7%	45	2.4%	106	5.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%
Hispanic or Latino	333	8.1%	139	7.3%	186	9.5%	6	33.3%	2	0.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	0.2%	4	0.2%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
White	2,117	51.3%	1,137	59.5%	950	48.5%	7	38.9%	23	9.6%
Two or More Races	93	2.3%	36	1.9%	55	2.8%	2	11.1%	0	0.0%
Unknown Race and Ethnicity	243	5.9%	21	1.1%	19	1.0%	1	5.6%	202	84.2%
Nonresident Alien	241	5.8%	113	5.9%	125	6.4%	1	5.6%	2	0.8%
Total Respondents	4,125	100%	1,910	100%	1,957	100%	18	100%	240	100%
			Percent of Total	46.3%		47.4%		0.4%		5.8%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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		Parent 2	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
High School Graduate or Less	697	17.8%	818	21.0%
Associate's Degree or Certificate	327	8.4%	448	11.5%
Less than a Bachelor's Degree	161	4.1%	220	5.6%
Bachelor's Degree	1,039	26.6%	1,339	34.4%
Master's Degree	612	15.6%	590	15.2%
Doctorate or Professional Degree	1,040	26.6%	398	10.2%
Unknown	36	0.9%	81	2.1%
Total Respondents	3,912	100%	3,894	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 3. Type of parents' doctorate degree

Type of Doctorate	Parent 1		Parent 2	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Doctor of Dental Science (DDS, DMD)	429	41.4%	99	25.0%
DDS/PhD	12	1.2%	5	1.3%
Doctor of Medicine (MD)	226	21.8%	89	22.5%
MD/PhD	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Osteopathy (DO)	7	0.7%	4	1.0%
Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD)	79	7.6%	36	9.1%
Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)	5	0.5%	2	0.5%
Doctor of Optometry (OD)	8	0.8%	6	1.5%
Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)	29	2.8%	34	8.6%
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine/Podiatry (DPM)	5	0.5%	1	0.3%
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	6	0.6%	1	0.3%
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	101	9.7%	47	11.9%
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	2	0.2%	6	1.5%
Doctor of Science	7	0.7%	1	0.3%
Doctor of Education	7	0.7%	8	2.0%
Other Doctorate Degree	51	4.9%	34	8.6%
MD or DO, Unspecified	61	5.9%	23	5.8%
Total Respondents	1,036	100.0%	396	100.0%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 4. Timing of decision to pursue career in dentistry

Time Period	Respondents	Percentage
Before High School	670	17.1%
During High School	1,045	26.7%
First Year of Undergraduate Studies	385	9.8%
Second Year of Undergraduate Studies	573	14.6%
Third Year of Undergraduate Studies	465	11.9%
Fourth Year of Undergraduate Studies	247	6.3%
After Graduating from College	529	13.5%
Total Respondents	3,914	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 5. Factors that influenced seniors to become a dentist, ranked

What Influenced Respondents to Become a Dentist	Responses	Percentage	Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Personal Dental Experience	2,086	52.2%	1,039	49.8%	703	33.7%	344	16.5%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is a Dentist	1,484	37.1%	925	62.3%	363	24.5%	196	13.2%
Your Family Dentist	1,297	32.4%	547	42.2%	510	39.3%	240	18.5%
Family Member/Relative/Friend Who is Not a Dentist	899	22.5%	476	52.9%	278	30.9%	145	16.1%
Family/Friend's Dental Experience	763	19.1%	280	36.7%	276	36.2%	207	27.1%
Workforce Supply and Demand Trends	667	16.7%	160	24.0%	246	36.9%	261	39.1%
Visit to a Dental School	350	8.8%	93	26.6%	126	36.0%	131	37.4%
Websites on Careers in Dentistry	306	7.7%	87	28.4%	110	35.9%	109	35.6%
Participation in a Summer/Post-Baccalaureate Program	300	7.5%	80	26.7%	129	43.0%	91	30.3%
Other	236	5.9%	150	63.6%	53	22.5%	33	14.0%
Career Day School Visit by a Dentist	199	5.0%	75	37.7%	63	31.7%	61	30.7%
High School or College Counselor	185	4.6%	61	33.0%	62	33.5%	62	33.5%
Specific Recruitment by a Dental School	71	1.8%	25	35.2%	22	31.0%	24	33.8%
Total Respondents	3,998							

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

Reasons Why Respondents Pursued a Dental Career	Responses	Percentage	Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Service to Others	2,143	53.6%	1,053	49.1%	584	27.3%	506	23.6%
Enjoy Working with Hands	1,679	42.0%	584	34.8%	620	36.9%	475	28.3%
Control of Work Schedule	1,589	39.8%	465	29.3%	571	35.9%	553	34.8%
Salary Expectations	1,395	34.9%	284	20.4%	459	32.9%	652	46.7%
Opportunity for Self-Employment	1,341	33.6%	457	34.1%	457	34.1%	427	31.8%
Artistic, Creative and Aesthetic Aspects of Dentistry	1,339	33.5%	456	34.1%	478	35.7%	405	30.2%
Service to Vulnerable and Low-Income Populations	683	17.1%	236	34.6%	245	35.9%	202	29.6%
Variety of Career Options	649	16.2%	184	28.4%	212	32.7%	253	39.0%
Family Expectations	374	9.4%	139	37.2%	116	31.0%	119	31.8%
Community Status and Prestige	299	7.5%	71	23.7%	101	33.8%	127	42.5%
Service to My Own Race/Ethnic Group	134	3.4%	29	21.6%	51	38.1%	54	40.3%
Other	61	1.5%	37	60.7%	11	18.0%	13	21.3%
Total Respondents	3,995							

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Table 7. Seniors' reasons for choosing to attend their dental school, ranked

Reasons Why Respondents Chose to Attend Their Dental School	Responses	Percentage	Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Academic reputation	1,507	37.4%	638	42.3%	472	31.3%	397	26.3%
Proximity to family/friends	1,469	36.4%	583	39.7%	523	35.6%	363	24.7%
Location (e.g., good weather, good transit, cultural/recreational opportunities)	1,338	33.2%	416	31.1%	532	39.8%	390	29.1%
Less expensive than other schools (e.g., due to in-state tuition, financial aid, etc.)	1,273	31.6%	541	42.5%	434	34.1%	298	23.4%
Culture at the school/program (e.g., size, social opportunities)	934	23.2%	301	32.2%	354	37.9%	279	29.9%
Specific opportunities (such as clinical procedures performed or the chance to work with specific technologies or faculty)	916	22.7%	342	37.3%	342	37.3%	232	25.3%
The only school that offered me a place	729	18.1%	461	63.2%	113	15.5%	155	21.3%
Community of students/faculty who are similar to me and whom I feel comfortable around	675	16.7%	240	35.6%	230	34.1%	205	30.4%
Campus visit	468	11.6%	160	34.2%	140	29.9%	168	35.9%
Curriculum	441	10.9%	136	30.8%	165	37.4%	140	31.7%
Community of students/faculty who are diverse and different from me	358	8.9%	103	28.8%	133	37.2%	122	34.1%
Other	140	3.5%	90	64.3%	30	21.4%	20	14.3%
Time to degree	56	1.4%	22	39.3%	12	21.4%	22	39.3%
Total Respondents	4,033							

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Table 8a. Importance of service to one's own racial/ethnic group, by race/ethnicity and gender

Race/Ethnicity	Respondents	Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third	
		Respondents	Percentage	Respts	Pct	Respts	Pct
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	1	33.3%	0.0%	2	66.7%	
Male	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Female	3	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Asian	22	4	18.2%	9	40.9%	9	40.9%
Male	11	2	18.2%	5	45.5%	4	36.4%
Female	11	2	18.2%	4	36.4%	5	45.5%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0		--		--		--
Black or African American	33	7	21.2%	14	42.4%	12	36.4%
Male	6	0	0.0%	4	66.7%	2	33.3%
Female	27	7	25.9%	10	37.0%	10	37.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Hispanic or Latino	40	7	17.5%	12	30.0%	21	52.5%
Male	11	4	36.4%	5	45.5%	2	18.2%
Female	28	2	7.1%	7	25.0%	19	67.9%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Male	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Female	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
White	18	4	22.2%	11	61.1%	3	16.7%
Male	13	2	15.4%	8	61.5%	3	23.1%
Female	5	2	40.0%	3	60.0%	0	0.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Two or More Races	2	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%
Male	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Female	2	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	6	2	33.3%	2	33.3%	2	33.3%
Male	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Female	1	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	4	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%
Nonresident Alien	10	3	30.0%	2	20.0%	5	50.0%
Male	3	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%
Female	6	2	33.3%	2	33.3%	2	33.3%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Total Respondents	134	29	21.6%	51	38.1%	54	40.3%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 8b. Importance of service to vulnerable and low-income populations, by race/ethnicity and gender

Race/Ethnicity	Respondents	Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third	
		Respondents	Percentage	Respts	Pct	Respts	Pct
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	2	28.6%	3	42.9%	2	28.6%
Male	2	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Female	5	2	40.0%	2	40.0%	1	20.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Asian	180	71	39.4%	55	30.6%	54	30.0%
Male	72	25	34.7%	24	33.3%	23	31.9%
Female	106	46	43.4%	30	28.3%	30	28.3%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Black or African American	68	26	38.2%	27	39.7%	15	22.1%
Male	18	8	44.4%	7	38.9%	3	16.7%
Female	48	18	37.5%	18	37.5%	12	25.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	87	36	41.4%	25	28.7%	26	29.9%
Male	31	13	41.9%	8	25.8%	10	32.3%
Female	55	23	41.8%	17	30.9%	15	27.3%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Male	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Female	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
White	255	73	28.6%	100	39.2%	82	32.2%
Male	96	29	30.2%	37	38.5%	30	31.3%
Female	157	44	28.0%	63	40.1%	50	31.8%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	2	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
Two or More Races	13	7	53.8%	4	30.8%	2	15.4%
Male	3	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%
Female	10	7	70.0%	1	10.0%	2	20.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	0	0	--	0	--	0	--
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	34	11	32.4%	14	41.2%	9	26.5%
Male	2	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
Female	4	1	25.0%	2	50.0%	1	25.0%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	28	10	35.7%	10	35.7%	8	28.6%
Nonresident Alien	39	10	25.6%	17	43.6%	12	30.8%
Male	16	3	18.8%	7	43.8%	6	37.5%
Female	22	7	31.8%	9	40.9%	6	27.3%
Transgender/Other/Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	1	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%
Total Respondents	683	236	34.6%	245	35.9%	202	29.6%

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Table 9. Seniors' agreement or disagreement with the following statements about their preparedness to practice dentistry

	Respondents	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Agree and Strongly Agree
1. I am confident that I have acquired the clinical skills required to begin practice in general dentistry.	4,081	38.3%	53.5%	5.5%	2.8%	91.8%
2. I have a fundamental understanding of common conditions and their management.	4,081	42.1%	54.4%	1.3%	2.1%	96.5%
3. I have basic skills in clinical decision-making and the application of evidence-based information to dental practice.	4,079	44.8%	51.6%	1.6%	2.1%	96.4%
4. I can assess the treatment needs of individuals with special needs.	4,079	27.5%	58.5%	11.2%	2.8%	86.0%
5. I understand the ethical and professional values that are expected of the profession.	4,079	56.2%	40.7%	1.0%	2.1%	96.9%
6. I understand the legal and regulatory context within which dental care services may be provided.	4,080	29.7%	57.8%	9.8%	2.7%	87.5%
7. I believe that continuing education requirements are necessary for practitioners.	4,081	65.5%	31.3%	1.1%	2.1%	96.8%
8. I have the communication skills necessary to interact with patients and health professionals.	4,082	57.1%	39.5%	1.4%	2.0%	96.6%
9. I believe I am adequately prepared to work with diverse, multicultural staff and/or patients.	4,080	52.7%	43.5%	1.6%	2.2%	96.2%
10. I am prepared to lead a successful team; I can hire and retain staff, create a positive work culture, manage conflicts, etc.	4,080	33.1%	51.7%	11.8%	3.4%	84.8%
11. I am prepared to manage a successful business; I can manage finances, enact a business plan, ensure efficient scheduling and billing, obtain appropriate credentialing, etc.	4,080	18.9%	40.5%	28.5%	12.1%	59.4%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class
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Table 10. Seniors' perceptions of clinical experiences in selected areas of education and training

	Respondents	Inadequate	Appropriate	Excessive
Dentistry for individuals with special needs	4,019	27.9%	67.1%	5.1%
Endodontic therapy	4,016	32.7%	62.4%	4.9%
Examination and diagnosis	4,017	1.1%	78.9%	20.0%
Extraction	4,016	8.2%	77.5%	14.3%
Fixed prostheses	4,016	14.2%	76.2%	9.6%
Geriatric dentistry	4,015	14.9%	75.4%	9.7%
Pediatric dental care	4,016	20.9%	69.8%	9.3%
Periodontal therapy	4,017	5.5%	72.1%	22.4%
Preventive	4,018	1.2%	78.0%	20.8%
Removable prostheses	4,017	11.6%	75.6%	12.9%
Restoration of implant	4,016	35.5%	59.2%	5.3%
Restorative - direct restorations	4,016	2.7%	81.5%	15.8%
Surgical placement of implant	4,016	65.4%	31.6%	3.0%
Treatment planning	4,017	2.5%	77.8%	19.7%

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Table 11. Seniors' confidence in their skills and abilities in selected clinical areas

	Respondents	Highly confident	Moderately confident	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	Moderately and Highly confident
Restoration of teeth	4,062	57.1%	38.4%	4.1%	0.4%	95.5%
Health promotion and disease prevention	4,061	52.4%	42.3%	4.9%	0.4%	94.7%
Local anesthesia and pain and anxiety control, including consideration of the impact of prescribing practices and substance abuse disorder	4,062	46.5%	45.4%	7.4%	0.6%	91.9%
Patient assessment, diagnosis, comprehensive treatment planning, prognosis and informed consent	4,064	44.0%	47.8%	7.6%	0.5%	91.8%
Recognizing the complexity of patient treatment and identifying when referral is indicated	4,063	45.5%	45.9%	8.2%	0.5%	91.4%
Evaluation of the outcomes of treatment, recall strategies and prognosis	4,062	38.5%	50.2%	10.5%	0.8%	88.7%
Periodontal therapy	4,061	41.2%	46.9%	11.0%	0.9%	88.1%
Communicating and managing dental laboratory procedures in support of patient care	4,062	36.5%	49.1%	13.3%	1.1%	85.6%
Screening and risk assessment for head and neck cancer	4,059	34.9%	50.0%	14.0%	1.2%	84.8%
Replacement of teeth, including fixed, removable and dental implant prosthodontic therapies	4,062	36.1%	47.3%	15.0%	1.6%	83.4%
Dental emergencies	4,062	32.3%	49.4%	16.3%	2.0%	81.7%
Pulpal therapy	4,061	29.0%	46.3%	20.3%	4.3%	75.4%
Oral mucosal and osseous disorders	4,060	21.5%	42.6%	28.9%	6.9%	64.2%
Hard and soft tissue surgery	4,060	22.8%	39.6%	26.1%	11.5%	62.4%
Malocclusion and space management	4,061	18.6%	39.2%	30.4%	11.7%	57.8%

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Table 12. Seniors' confidence in their skills and abilities in other aspects of dental practice

	Respondents	Highly confident	Moderately confident	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	Moderately and Highly confident
Ethics	4,032	56.6%	38.6%	4.4%	0.4%	95.2%
Dental care for racially, ethnically or culturally diverse groups	4,032	52.2%	41.2%	6.0%	0.6%	93.4%
Behavioral and social determinants of health	4,036	39.1%	52.0%	8.3%	0.6%	91.1%
Evidence-based dentistry	4,032	43.5%	47.2%	8.7%	0.6%	90.7%
Cultural competency	4,035	42.8%	47.8%	8.8%	0.6%	90.6%
Dental care for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) groups	4,032	50.7%	39.6%	8.4%	1.4%	90.3%
Dental care for individuals in rural communities	4,034	41.4%	46.5%	10.5%	1.7%	87.9%
Integrating dental care with medical care	4,032	37.8%	49.1%	11.9%	1.2%	86.9%
Dental care for individuals with HIV/AIDS	4,034	38.9%	44.9%	14.1%	2.1%	83.8%
Dental health policy	4,032	32.4%	47.2%	16.5%	3.9%	79.6%
Therapeutics and prescription writing	4,033	28.1%	49.8%	19.2%	2.9%	77.9%
Dental materials	4,031	27.4%	48.4%	20.3%	3.8%	75.8%
Dental care for individuals with physical or mental disabilities	4,033	27.0%	46.8%	22.1%	4.1%	73.8%
Dental care for individuals with development disabilities	4,035	27.8%	44.7%	22.5%	5.0%	72.5%
Organization and financing of health services	4,032	26.7%	44.5%	21.5%	7.3%	71.2%
Practice administration	4,032	23.2%	39.3%	25.5%	12.0%	62.5%

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Table 13a. Other health professions students that seniors interacted with in selected educational activities

Professions	Respondents	Percentage	Preclinical				
			Classroom activities	activities	Clinical activities	Research activities	Volunteer activities
Allopathic/osteopathic medicine students	1,302	43.7%	78.1%	52.5%	38.0%	8.7%	37.8%
Nursing students	2,019	67.7%	77.8%	52.0%	36.9%	9.2%	34.3%
Occupational therapy students	723	24.3%	83.7%	60.2%	37.9%	11.2%	39.7%
Pharmacy students	1,904	63.9%	76.7%	53.1%	40.3%	9.3%	33.3%
Physical therapy students	985	33.0%	84.6%	58.7%	37.0%	8.9%	37.5%
Physician assistant students	648	21.7%	79.5%	60.3%	40.4%	10.5%	39.7%
Psychology students	255	8.6%	81.6%	54.1%	46.3%	14.9%	43.5%
Public health students	886	29.7%	78.3%	54.4%	41.8%	14.3%	46.0%
Social work students	908	30.5%	78.9%	53.2%	38.9%	10.4%	34.9%
Speech pathology students	261	8.8%	82.0%	58.6%	41.4%	14.9%	39.5%
Veterinary medicine students	177	5.9%	89.3%	65.0%	37.9%	11.3%	46.3%
Other	39	1.3%	35.9%	33.3%	20.5%	5.1%	38.5%
Total Respondents (answered "Yes")	2,981						

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Table 13b. Seniors' agreement or disagreement that working with other health professions students was beneficial

Experience working with other health professions students helped me gain a better understanding of the roles of other professions in caring for patients.

	Respondents	Percentage
Strongly Agree	769	26.0%
Agree	1,672	56.6%
Disagree	359	12.1%
Strongly Disagree	156	5.3%
Total Respondents	2,956	

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 14a. Other oral health professions students that seniors interacted with in selected educational activities

Professions	Respondents	Percentage	Classroom activities	Preclinical activities	Clinical activities	Research activities	Volunteer activities
Dental assisting students	1,769	74.1%	38.0%	28.2%	88.3%	5.1%	31.8%
Dental hygiene students	1,816	76.1%	45.5%	29.9%	84.9%	4.5%	35.3%
Dental laboratory technology students	225	9.4%	61.8%	55.1%	72.0%	14.7%	44.0%
Dental therapy students	139	5.8%	75.5%	51.1%	75.5%	15.8%	49.6%
Total Respondents (answered "Yes")	2,387						

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Table 14b. Seniors' agreement or disagreement that working with other oral health professions students was beneficial

Experience of working with other oral health professions students helped me gain a better understanding of their roles in caring for the oral health of patients.

	Respondents	Percentage
Strongly Agree	797	33.8%
Agree	1,394	59.1%
Disagree	122	5.2%
Strongly Disagree	46	1.9%
Total Respondents	2,359	

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 15. Seniors' agreement or disagreement with the following statements about their well-being

	Respondents	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Agree and Strongly Agree
Usually, I can manage my amount of dental school work well.	3,974	19.9%	74.2%	5.1%	0.8%	94.1%
I can cope with the pressure of my dental school work.	3,986	24.0%	68.3%	6.4%	1.3%	92.3%
There are days when I feel tired before I arrive at dental school.	3,985	39.4%	52.1%	7.0%	1.6%	91.5%
I always find new and interesting aspects in my dental school work.	3,987	24.6%	64.7%	8.9%	1.8%	89.3%
Sometimes I feel overwhelmed by my dental school work.	3,975	24.9%	64.2%	9.3%	1.6%	89.1%
I find my dental school work to be a positive challenge.	3,983	19.3%	67.7%	10.3%	2.6%	87.0%
I felt progressively more engaged throughout dental school.	3,974	15.7%	60.2%	19.8%	4.3%	75.9%
After a day of dental school, I usually feel worn out and weary.	3,973	20.4%	54.8%	23.0%	1.8%	75.2%
Over time, one can become disconnected from dental school work.	3,974	12.2%	59.1%	25.6%	3.1%	71.3%
After a day of dental school, I tend to need more time than in the past to relax and feel better.	3,984	23.4%	47.0%	25.1%	4.5%	70.4%
During my dental school work, I often feel emotionally drained.	3,984	22.3%	44.9%	28.6%	4.2%	67.2%
When I am at dental school, I usually feel energized.	3,974	9.4%	56.1%	28.2%	6.3%	65.5%
The practice of dentistry is the only thing I can imagine myself doing professionally.	3,973	18.6%	42.2%	32.1%	7.1%	60.8%
After a day of dental school, I have enough energy for my leisure activities.	3,974	6.8%	53.3%	33.0%	6.9%	60.1%
It happens more and more often that I talk about my dental school work in a negative way.	3,984	17.1%	37.6%	35.9%	9.3%	54.7%
Lately, I tend to think less while at dental school and do my dental school work almost mechanically.	3,984	9.1%	42.7%	41.9%	6.3%	51.8%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

Table 16. How seniors funded their dental school educations

	Respondents	Percentage	Percentage of dental school education funded								
			1% to 10%	11% to 20%	21% to 25%	26% to 35%	36% to 50%	51% to 65%	66% to 75%	76% to 90%	91% to 100%
Loans	3,293	79.8%	2.4%	2.9%	1.6%	2.6%	7.1%	5.3%	8.8%	25.5%	43.7%
Gifts and/or financial support from parents, relatives, or friends	1,991	48.3%	33.4%	13.9%	2.8%	7.0%	10.1%	4.0%	3.2%	6.0%	19.5%
Grants and/or scholarships	1,721	41.7%	59.0%	13.7%	3.2%	4.9%	3.7%	1.7%	3.0%	3.1%	7.6%
Savings from self and/or savings or earned income from spouse	722	17.5%	65.5%	15.9%	3.7%	5.1%	4.4%	1.2%	0.1%	1.0%	2.9%
Part Time Employment	385	9.3%	80.3%	10.1%	2.3%	3.4%	2.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Other	104	2.5%	40.4%	15.4%	3.8%	7.7%	8.7%	4.8%	3.8%	2.9%	12.5%
Total Respondents	4,125										

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Table 17. Seniors' current educational debt repayment strategy, by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Aggressive repayment, possibly overpaying on most expensive loan whenever possible	1,706	52.5%	64.3%	51.2%	34.0%	46.5%	50.0%
Minimize monthly payments to protect income and help with monthly cash flow	1,181	36.3%	21.4%	40.0%	34.0%	38.9%	37.5%
Trying to qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program	163	5.0%	0.0%	5.3%	14.6%	7.6%	12.5%
Using a service commitment program like National Health Service Corps, National Institutes of Health, armed forces, etc.	108	3.3%	14.3%	2.4%	13.2%	3.8%	0.0%
Other (please specify)	91	2.8%	0.0%	1.1%	4.2%	3.1%	0.0%
Total Respondents	3,249	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 17. Seniors' current educational debt repayment strategy, by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
Aggressive repayment, possibly overpaying on most expensive loan whenever possible	1,706	52.5%	54.9%	39.5%	46.8%	68.7%
Minimize monthly payments to protect income and help with monthly cash flow	1,181	36.3%	34.8%	48.7%	41.9%	26.5%
Trying to qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program	163	5.0%	3.8%	7.9%	8.1%	0.7%
Using a service commitment program like National Health Service Corps, National Institutes of Health, armed forces, etc.	108	3.3%	3.0%	2.6%	1.6%	1.4%
Other (please specify)	91	2.8%	3.5%	1.3%	1.6%	2.7%
Total Respondents	3,249	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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Table 18. Average and median entering debt of graduating seniors with entering debt, 1996–2018

	Entering Debt		Entering Debt in 2018 Dollars	
	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt	Average Entering Debt	Median Entering Debt
1996	\$14,650	\$8,000	\$23,528	\$12,848
1997	\$19,823	\$8,500	\$30,953	\$13,272
1998	\$27,749	N/A	\$42,569	N/A
1999	\$21,589	\$10,000	\$32,556	\$15,080
2000	\$25,029	\$12,000	\$36,684	\$17,588
2001	\$28,413	\$15,000	\$40,265	\$21,257
2002	\$25,298	\$15,000	\$35,227	\$20,887
2003	\$33,207	\$15,000	\$45,245	\$20,438
2004	\$42,830	\$20,000	\$57,107	\$26,667
2005	\$44,382	\$17,050	\$57,448	\$22,070
2006	\$52,370	\$20,000	\$65,301	\$24,938
2007	\$52,481	\$20,000	\$63,790	\$24,310
2008	\$31,775	\$16,000	\$37,242	\$18,753
2009	\$35,281	\$17,000	\$40,782	\$19,651
2010	\$31,101	\$20,000	\$35,606	\$22,897
2011	\$35,670	\$20,000	\$40,032	\$22,446
2012	\$37,219	\$20,000	\$40,582	\$21,807
2013	\$45,397	\$20,000	\$48,689	\$21,450
2014	\$46,854	\$24,000	\$49,478	\$25,344
2015	\$34,866	\$25,000	\$36,552	\$26,209
2016	\$32,702	\$25,000	\$34,054	\$26,034
2017	\$51,333	\$30,000	\$52,492	\$30,677
2018	\$34,759	\$28,000	\$34,759	\$28,000

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

2. 2018 dollars were calculated using an average of consumer price index figures from July 2017 to June 2018 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 19. Average amount of educational debt* of graduating dental students by all schools combined and by type of school, 1990 and 1996-2018

	Graduating Debt			Graduating Debt in 2018 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	\$106,598	\$71,091	\$118,839
1996	\$75,748	\$60,441	\$101,627	\$121,651	\$97,068	\$163,212
1997	\$81,688	\$66,669	\$107,985	\$127,551	\$104,100	\$168,613
1998	\$84,089	\$70,752	\$105,474	\$129,000	\$108,540	\$161,806
1999	\$99,608	\$79,880	\$128,273	\$150,207	\$120,457	\$193,433
2000	\$87,605	\$68,841	\$111,602	\$128,400	\$100,898	\$163,572
2001	\$105,574	\$81,586	\$132,704	\$149,611	\$115,617	\$188,057
2002	\$107,503	\$85,840	\$136,060	\$149,694	\$119,529	\$189,459
2003	\$118,748	\$93,622	\$147,967	\$161,797	\$127,562	\$201,608
2004	\$122,263	\$99,553	\$155,234	\$163,020	\$132,739	\$206,981
2005	\$129,639	\$104,483	\$161,500	\$167,805	\$135,243	\$209,045
2006	\$145,465	\$124,700	\$174,241	\$181,382	\$155,490	\$217,264
2007	\$157,074	\$136,438	\$186,218	\$190,921	\$165,838	\$226,345
2008	\$170,367	\$142,671	\$204,734	\$199,679	\$167,218	\$239,959
2009	\$173,582	\$149,555	\$208,921	\$200,646	\$172,873	\$241,495
2010	\$178,054	\$157,973	\$209,740	\$203,843	\$180,853	\$240,118
2011	\$180,557	\$157,525	\$218,695	\$202,639	\$176,790	\$245,441
2012	\$196,051	\$171,534	\$230,071	\$213,765	\$187,032	\$250,858
2013	\$215,145	\$189,112	\$249,034	\$230,744	\$202,823	\$267,090
2014	\$220,892	\$193,865	\$258,125	\$233,264	\$204,723	\$272,582
2015	\$223,984	\$192,572	\$264,364	\$234,819	\$201,887	\$277,152
2016	\$219,463	\$200,717	\$242,745	\$228,538	\$209,017	\$252,783
2017	\$242,760	\$203,218	\$287,405	\$248,242	\$207,807	\$293,895
2018	\$237,791	\$213,111	\$267,162	\$237,791	\$213,111	\$267,162

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

- Notes:
1. N/A indicates data is not available.
 2. 2018 dollars were calculated using an average of consumer price index figures from July 2017 to June 2018 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

Table 20. Graduating dental seniors' educational debt*, 1996–2018

	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%
2018	16.6%	2.5%	3.2%	6.5%	7.6%	11.6%	11.8%	11.9%	9.0%	9.9%	5.8%	3.0%	0.6%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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 21. Level of seniors' educational debt*, by type of school

Level of Debt	All Schools		Public Schools		Private and Private State-Related Schools	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Seniors with No Debt	630	16.6%	317	15.4%	313	18.1%
Seniors with Debt	3,160	83.4%	1,743	84.6%	1,417	81.9%
Up To \$49,999	95	2.5%	29	1.4%	66	3.8%
\$50,000-\$99,999	123	3.2%	76	3.7%	47	2.7%
\$100,000-\$149,999	247	6.5%	166	8.1%	81	4.7%
\$150,000-\$199,999	287	7.6%	218	10.6%	69	4.0%
\$200,000-\$249,999	439	11.6%	335	16.3%	104	6.0%
\$250,000--\$299,999	448	11.8%	325	15.8%	123	7.1%
\$300,000-\$349,999	450	11.9%	271	13.2%	179	10.3%
\$350,000-\$399,999	341	9.0%	160	7.8%	181	10.5%
\$400,000-\$449,999	377	9.9%	111	5.4%	266	15.4%
\$450,000-\$499,999	218	5.8%	39	1.9%	179	10.3%
\$500,000-\$549,999	113	3.0%	13	0.6%	100	5.8%
\$550,000+	22	0.6%	0	0.0%	22	1.3%
Total Respondents	3,790	100%	2,060	100%	1,730	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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

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

Table 22. Average graduating educational debt* of 1996–2018 graduates with debt, by type of school

	Graduating Educational Debt			Graduating Educational Debt in 2018 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	\$135,300	\$106,241	\$186,949
1997	\$94,182	\$75,830	\$126,469	\$147,060	\$118,404	\$197,474
1998	\$97,961	\$80,216	\$128,947	\$150,281	\$123,058	\$197,816
1999	\$105,150	\$83,029	\$137,961	\$158,564	\$125,206	\$208,042
2000	\$105,969	\$82,963	\$136,319	\$155,315	\$121,596	\$199,799
2001	\$115,951	\$90,255	\$144,569	\$164,316	\$127,902	\$204,871
2002	\$122,491	\$97,370	\$155,984	\$170,564	\$135,584	\$217,202
2003	\$132,532	\$103,149	\$167,676	\$180,578	\$140,543	\$228,462
2004	\$135,721	\$110,686	\$171,928	\$180,964	\$147,583	\$229,240
2005	\$141,521	\$114,296	\$175,841	\$183,185	\$147,945	\$227,608
2006	\$162,155	\$137,792	\$196,636	\$202,193	\$171,815	\$245,188
2007	\$172,627	\$148,777	\$206,956	\$209,825	\$180,836	\$251,551
2008	\$187,394	\$158,217	\$222,944	\$219,636	\$185,439	\$261,302
2009	\$189,678	\$162,377	\$230,478	\$219,251	\$187,694	\$266,413
2010	\$197,366	\$174,967	\$232,780	\$225,952	\$200,308	\$266,495
2011	\$203,374	\$177,795	\$245,497	\$228,247	\$199,539	\$275,521
2012	\$221,713	\$192,199	\$263,382	\$241,745	\$209,565	\$287,179
2013	\$241,097	\$209,150	\$283,978	\$258,578	\$224,314	\$304,568
2014	\$247,227	\$216,437	\$289,897	\$261,074	\$228,559	\$306,134
2015	\$255,567	\$219,116	\$302,724	\$267,930	\$229,716	\$317,368
2016	\$262,119	\$238,582	\$291,668	\$272,958	\$248,448	\$303,729
2017	\$287,331	\$239,895	\$341,190	\$293,819	\$245,312	\$348,894
2018	\$285,184	\$251,869	\$326,133	\$285,184	\$251,869	\$326,133

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Note: 2018 dollars were calculated using an average of consumer price index figures from July 2017 to June 2018 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 23. Level of educational debt* of graduates by race/ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	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	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	22.2%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	22.2%
Asian	878	18.7%	2.1%	0.3%	2.3%	6.5%	7.7%	11.4%	11.4%	10.5%
Black or African American	149	4.7%	0.7%	0.7%	2.7%	5.4%	6.7%	15.4%	10.7%	13.4%
Hispanic or Latino	305	11.8%	2.6%	0.7%	3.6%	12.5%	6.2%	11.8%	13.4%	9.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	12.5%
White	2,034	15.2%	1.2%	0.9%	3.2%	5.6%	8.3%	11.3%	11.6%	13.6%
Two or More Races	89	14.6%	2.2%	2.2%	4.5%	5.6%	6.7%	16.9%	12.4%	9.0%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	99	14.1%	6.1%	4.0%	7.1%	8.1%	1.0%	4.0%	9.1%	11.1%
Nonresident Alien	219	38.8%	1.8%	0.0%	4.1%	6.8%	6.8%	14.2%	15.5%	5.0%
Total Respondents	3,790	16.6%	1.7%	0.8%	3.2%	6.5%	7.6%	11.6%	11.8%	11.9%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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.

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Table 23. Level of educational debt* of graduates by race/ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	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%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	878	8.1%	9.8%	5.9%	4.4%	0.9%
Black or African American	149	17.4%	12.1%	6.7%	3.4%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	305	10.8%	10.2%	4.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	25.0%	12.5%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%
White	2,034	9.4%	10.5%	6.2%	2.7%	0.4%
Two or More Races	89	5.6%	4.5%	10.1%	4.5%	1.1%
Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	99	7.1%	18.2%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0%
Nonresident Alien	219	2.7%	2.3%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%
Total Respondents	3,790	9.0%	9.9%	5.8%	3.0%	0.6%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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.

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Table 24. Type of loans reported by graduating seniors

Type of Loan	Respondents	Percentage
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	2,511	76.6%
Federal Grad PLUS	2,310	70.4%
Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL)	570	17.4%
Institutional Loans	340	10.4%
Private Loans	338	10.3%
Personal Loans from Family	255	7.8%
State Loan Programs	176	5.4%
Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)	91	2.8%
Residency and Relocation Loans	69	2.1%
Other Loans	41	1.3%
Total Respondents	3,279	

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 25. Type of scholarship or grant that seniors reported having received in selected years 1990-2018

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%
2018	6.7%	27.5%	9.5%	5.4%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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 included in this table.

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Table 26. Factors and ranking of what influenced respondents to choose their primary professional activity

Factors that Influenced Respondents to Choose Their Primary Professional Activity	Responses		Ranked First		Ranked Second		Ranked Third		Ranked First or Second	
	Responses	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Opportunity for professional development	800	34.1%	300	37.5%	295	36.9%	205	25.6%	595	74.4%
Income expectations	655	28.0%	203	31.0%	253	38.6%	199	30.4%	456	69.6%
Influence of a mentor or role model	632	27.0%	273	43.2%	192	30.4%	167	26.4%	465	73.6%
The location I want to live in	617	26.3%	224	36.3%	182	29.5%	211	34.2%	406	65.8%
Degree of autonomy and control over the work I do	585	25.0%	250	42.7%	161	27.5%	174	29.7%	411	70.2%
Opportunity to work with other dentists in the office	573	24.5%	159	27.7%	230	40.1%	184	32.1%	389	67.8%
Level of educational debt	542	23.1%	267	49.3%	161	29.7%	114	21.0%	428	79.0%
Flexibility of my schedule	362	15.5%	111	30.7%	133	36.7%	118	32.6%	244	67.4%
Job security	322	13.7%	111	34.5%	116	36.0%	95	29.5%	227	70.5%
Ability to find a position	318	13.6%	110	34.6%	117	36.8%	91	28.6%	227	71.4%
Desire to serve the underserved	197	8.4%	82	41.6%	64	32.5%	51	25.9%	146	74.1%
Desire to face challenges	146	6.2%	38	26.0%	52	35.6%	56	38.4%	90	61.6%
The number of hours I'll need to put in	122	5.2%	39	32.0%	39	32.0%	44	36.1%	78	64.0%
Opportunity to think creatively	116	5.0%	43	37.1%	33	28.4%	40	34.5%	76	65.5%
Ability to influence dental policy/practice in general	102	4.4%	31	30.4%	38	37.3%	33	32.4%	69	67.7%
Expectations from my family	89	3.8%	29	32.6%	29	32.6%	31	34.8%	58	65.2%
Opportunity to think analytically	79	3.4%	20	25.3%	28	35.4%	31	39.2%	48	60.7%
Other	79	3.4%	53	67.1%	14	17.7%	12	15.2%	67	84.8%
Total Respondents	2,343									

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Note: Percentages total to more than 100% because respondents could select more than one answer choice.

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Table 27. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by gender

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	Male		Female	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Private Practice Dentist	1,891	47.9%	985	51.6%	871	44.6%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,415	35.9%	615	32.2%	776	39.7%
Armed Forces	185	4.7%	129	6.8%	54	2.8%
Unsure	124	3.1%	45	2.4%	67	3.4%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	120	3.0%	47	2.5%	71	3.6%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	97	2.5%	37	1.9%	60	3.1%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.8%	15	0.8%	12	0.6%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	25	0.6%	7	0.4%	17	0.9%
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	8	0.4%	6	0.3%
State or Local Government Employee	14	0.4%	7	0.4%	7	0.4%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	13	0.3%	8	0.4%	4	0.2%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	12	0.3%	3	0.2%	6	0.3%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.1%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%
Total Respondents	3,945	100%	1,908	100%	1,953	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 27. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by gender

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	Transgender or Other		Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Private Practice Dentist	1,891	47.9%	6	33.3%	29	43.9%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,415	35.9%	3	16.7%	21	31.8%
Armed Forces	185	4.7%	0	0.0%	2	3.0%
Unsure	124	3.1%	4	22.2%	8	12.1%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	120	3.0%	0	0.0%	2	3.0%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	97	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.8%	2	11.1%	1	1.5%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	25	0.6%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	14	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	13	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	12	0.3%	3	16.7%	0	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	1.5%
Total Respondents	3,945	100%	18	100%	66	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 28. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Private Practice Dentist	1,891	47.9%	21.4%	48.5%	32.7%	42.2%	66.7%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,415	35.9%	21.4%	36.3%	46.4%	40.4%	11.1%
Armed Forces	185	4.7%	0.0%	3.5%	3.9%	2.4%	11.1%
Unsure	124	3.1%	0.0%	3.7%	2.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	120	3.0%	28.6%	2.3%	6.5%	3.3%	0.0%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	97	2.5%	0.0%	3.6%	5.2%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.8%	14.3%	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	25	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	14	0.4%	14.3%	0.1%	0.7%	0.3%	11.1%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	13	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	12	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	3,945	100%	14	920	153	332	9

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 28. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by race/ethnicity

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	White	Two or More Races	Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	Nonresident Alien
Private Practice Dentist	1,891	47.9%	48.2%	49.5%	49.3%	61.3%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,415	35.9%	36.2%	33.3%	25.4%	24.2%
Armed Forces	185	4.7%	6.0%	5.4%	3.0%	1.3%
Unsure	124	3.1%	2.7%	2.2%	6.0%	3.8%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	120	3.0%	3.1%	1.1%	6.0%	1.7%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	97	2.5%	1.9%	2.2%	1.5%	3.3%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	30	0.8%	0.5%	3.2%	1.5%	0.0%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	25	0.6%	0.5%	1.1%	1.5%	1.7%
Other Type of Student	14	0.4%	0.2%	1.1%	0.0%	0.4%
State or Local Government Employee	14	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	13	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	12	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	5	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	3.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	3,945	100%	2,117	93	67	240

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

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

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Table 29. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by level of educational debt

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	Level of Educational Debt						
			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
Private Practice Dentist	1,813	48.4%	35.2%	42.6%	33.3%	40.3%	43.6%	48.4%	47.0%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,356	36.2%	42.4%	16.4%	14.8%	36.1%	38.3%	38.7%	40.8%
Armed Forces	166	4.4%	13.2%	24.6%	37.0%	10.1%	8.6%	3.8%	1.4%
Unsure	114	3.0%	2.7%	3.3%	0.0%	1.7%	2.5%	1.7%	3.5%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	112	3.0%	1.3%	6.6%	11.1%	1.7%	3.7%	2.8%	2.8%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	94	2.5%	2.5%	3.3%	0.0%	6.7%	1.2%	2.8%	2.5%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	23	0.6%	0.5%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	23	0.6%	0.3%	1.6%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Other Type of Student	13	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	3.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
State or Local Government Employee	13	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	9	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	7	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	4	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	3,747	100%	630	61	27	119	243	287	434

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Notes:

1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
2. Refer to Table 11 for information on seniors' educational debt by type of school.

Table 29. Seniors' immediate plans after graduation by level of educational debt

Immediate Plans	Respondents	Percentage	\$250,000-	\$300,000-	\$350,000-	\$400,000-	\$450,000-	\$500,000-	\$550,000+
			\$299,999	\$349,999	\$399,999	\$449,999	\$499,999	\$549,999	\$550,000+
Private Practice Dentist	1,813	48.4%	54.7%	47.3%	55.3%	58.0%	56.1%	61.6%	66.7%
Dental Graduate Student/Resident/Intern	1,356	36.2%	33.0%	39.2%	30.2%	31.5%	34.6%	27.7%	28.6%
Armed Forces	166	4.4%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
Unsure	114	3.0%	3.6%	3.8%	4.7%	2.7%	1.9%	3.6%	0.0%
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	112	3.0%	4.3%	2.5%	4.7%	1.9%	4.2%	3.6%	0.0%
Other Position Related to Dentistry	94	2.5%	2.0%	2.7%	2.4%	2.4%	2.8%	1.8%	0.0%
Other Federal Service (i.e., VA)	23	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	1.1%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%
Other Nonprofit Clinic	23	0.6%	0.7%	1.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%
Other Type of Student	13	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
State or Local Government Employee	13	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Faculty/Staff Member at a Dental School	9	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Public Health Commissioned Corps	7	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Position Not Related to Dentistry	4	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	3,747	100%	446	444	338	371	214	112	21

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Notes:

1. Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.
2. Refer to Table 11 for information on seniors' educational debt by type of school.

Table 30. Intended types of private practice, by gender

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	Male		Female	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	1,111	58.8%	555	56.3%	538	61.8%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	302	16.0%	146	14.8%	148	17.0%
Establish a new private practice	109	5.8%	68	6.9%	41	4.7%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	99	5.2%	65	6.6%	31	3.6%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	93	4.9%	62	6.3%	31	3.6%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	85	4.5%	39	4.0%	43	4.9%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.0%	44	4.5%	31	3.6%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	14	0.7%	5	0.5%	7	0.8%
Other	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
Total Respondents	1,891	100%	985	100%	871	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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 responses collected in and after 2015 with those collected in previous years.

Table 30. Intended types of private practice, by gender

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	Transgender or Other		Do Not Wish to Report/Unknown	
			Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	1,111	58.8%	2	33.3%	16	55.2%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	302	16.0%	2	33.3%	6	20.7%
Establish a new private practice	109	5.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	99	5.2%	2	33.3%	1	3.4%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	93	4.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	85	4.5%	0	0.0%	3	10.3%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.4%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	14	0.7%	0	0.0%	2	6.9%
Other	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Respondents	1,891	100%	6	100%	29	100%

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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 responses collected in and after 2015 with those collected in previous years.

Table 31. Intended types of private practice, by race/ethnicity

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	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	1,111	58.8%	100.0%	54.9%	52.0%	56.7%	66.7%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	302	16.0%	0.0%	20.0%	32.0%	18.4%	16.7%
Establish a new private practice	109	5.8%	0.0%	10.3%	6.0%	9.2%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	99	5.2%	0.0%	1.8%	2.0%	3.5%	16.7%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	93	4.9%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	85	4.5%	0.0%	5.4%	4.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.0%	0.0%	2.7%	2.0%	4.3%	0.0%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	14	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%	2.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Other	2	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
Total Respondents	1,891	100%	3	446	50	141	6

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Notes:

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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 responses collected in and after 2015 with those collected in previous years.

Table 31. Intended types of private practice, by race/ethnicity

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	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	1,111	58.8%	61.9%	40.0%	51.5%	59.2%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	302	16.0%	12.1%	22.2%	15.2%	21.8%
Establish a new private practice	109	5.8%	3.1%	8.9%	9.1%	5.4%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	99	5.2%	7.4%	2.2%	6.1%	4.1%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	93	4.9%	6.3%	11.1%	3.0%	2.0%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	85	4.5%	4.1%	8.9%	6.1%	2.7%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.0%	4.6%	6.7%	3.0%	4.1%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	14	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	3.0%	0.7%
Other	2	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	1,891	100%	1,020	45	33	147

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 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 responses collected in and after 2015 with those collected in previous years.

Table 32. Intended types of private practice, by debt

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	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
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	1,069	59.0%	57.0%	53.8%	33.3%	60.4%	66.0%	69.1%	58.8%	67.6%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	293	16.2%	14.8%	11.5%	11.1%	16.7%	16.0%	11.5%	15.7%	13.5%
Establish a new private practice	95	5.2%	8.1%	7.7%	0.0%	4.2%	5.7%	2.9%	2.5%	3.3%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	93	5.1%	4.5%	15.4%	11.1%	4.2%	8.5%	6.5%	5.4%	2.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	88	4.9%	7.2%	7.7%	0.0%	2.1%	0.9%	2.2%	7.8%	3.7%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	84	4.6%	4.5%	0.0%	33.3%	4.2%	1.9%	2.2%	5.4%	5.3%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.2%	1.8%	3.8%	11.1%	8.3%	0.9%	4.3%	3.9%	3.3%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	13	0.7%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.5%	1.2%
Other	2	0.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	1,813	100%	223	26	9	48	106	139	204	244

Source: American Dental Education Association, ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors, 2018 Graduating Class

Notes:

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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 responses collected in and after 2015 with those collected in previous years.

Table 32. Intended types of private practice, by debt

Type of Private Practice	Respondents	Percentage	\$300,000 -	\$350,000 -	\$400,000 -	\$450,000 -	\$500,000 -	\$550,000
			\$349,999	\$399,999	\$449,999	\$499,999	\$549,999	or more
Employed as an associate dentist in an existing private practice with a sole proprietor	1,069	59.0%	60.5%	51.3%	51.2%	54.2%	60.3%	42.9%
Employed in a corporate-owned group practice	293	16.2%	16.7%	22.5%	19.1%	12.5%	22.1%	14.3%
Establish a new private practice	95	5.2%	5.2%	8.6%	4.2%	6.7%	7.4%	7.1%
Purchase an existing private practice as the sole proprietor	93	5.1%	4.3%	4.8%	7.0%	6.7%	1.5%	0.0%
Purchase an existing private practice as a partner	88	4.9%	7.1%	3.7%	5.1%	3.3%	2.9%	7.1%
Employed as an independent contractor in a private practice	84	4.6%	3.3%	4.3%	6.5%	5.8%	4.4%	7.1%
Employed in a group practice that has multiple locations	76	4.2%	2.4%	4.3%	6.0%	10.8%	1.5%	21.4%
Employed in a group practice that has a single location	13	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	2	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	1,813	100%	210	187	215	120	68	14

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Table 33. Where seniors plan to practice after graduation

		State/District 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/District	AK	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AL	7.4%	48.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AZ	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	49.0%	6.1%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	
	CA	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	2.7%	66.5%	0.7%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%	1.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	
	CO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	
	CT	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	DC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	FL	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	2.3%	2.3%	1.7%	0.6%	0.0%	54.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	
	GA	0.9%	5.3%	0.0%	0.9%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	1.8%	52.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	HI	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	41.7%	0.0%	0.0%	
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	3.2%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	48.4%	0.0%	
	ID	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	17.7%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.5%	
	IL	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	2.2%	2.2%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	
	IN	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KY	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	
	LA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	
MD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%	3.9%	2.4%	0.8%	0.8%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
MI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	2.3%	2.9%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%		
MN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%		

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		State/District 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/District	MO	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%	
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	16.7%	0.0%	
	NC	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	2.7%	1.3%	0.7%	0.7%	2.0%	0.0%	1.3%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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%	10.0%	0.0%	
	NE	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NJ	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%	0.7%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	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%	3.5%	14.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	NY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	4.7%	0.9%	2.6%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	
	OH	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	OR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	2.0%	
	PA	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.2%	0.6%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	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	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	
	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	3.7%	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
TX	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	2.8%	2.8%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.5%		
UT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	6.4%	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%		
VA	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	1.7%	0.8%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.8%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

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		State/District 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/District	WA	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%
	WV	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%	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 US or PR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.1%	1.7%	2.2%	0.4%	0.0%	2.6%	1.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
	Other US 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	0.4%	0.9%	0.3%	2.4%	10.8%	2.1%	1.2%	1.0%	0.2%	4.1%	2.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.3%

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		State/District 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/District	AK	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AL	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	7.4%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	AR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%
	AZ	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CA	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%
	CO	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CT	2.9%	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%	0.0%
	DC	16.7%	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%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	
	GA	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	0.9%	2.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	5.9%	0.0%	
	IL	62.6%	2.8%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	
	IN	3.7%	67.1%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	KY	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	47.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	
	LA	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	42.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
	MA	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	44.2%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
MD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	31.5%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	0.0%		
ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	54.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
MI	5.2%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	1.2%	0.6%	60.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	2.3%	0.0%		
MN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	67.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%		

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		State/District 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/District	MO	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	55.6%	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%	55.6%	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%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.7%	2.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	63.3%	0.0%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
	NE	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	1.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	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%	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%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
	OH	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	2.3%	0.0%
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
	PA	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.6%	0.0%	1.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	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	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8%	0.0%
	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%	0.0%
	TN	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%	7.4%	0.0%
TX	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	
UT	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	8.5%	0.0%	
VA	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	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%	

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		State/District 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/District	WA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	
	WI	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	4.4%	4.4%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	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%	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%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside US or PR	3.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	3.0%	0.4%	0.0%	3.9%	1.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	0.4%	
	Other US 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%	0.0%
	Percentage of Total	4.6%	1.8%	0.5%	1.1%	0.6%	1.9%	1.7%	0.3%	3.6%	1.9%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	4.2%	0.2%	

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		State/District 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/District	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	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	3.7%
	AR	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%
	AZ	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	CA	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	3.4%	1.6%	0.7%	1.1%	1.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%
	CO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.5%	0.0%	0.0%	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%	0.0%	0.0%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	0.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	11.9%	1.7%	0.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%
	GA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.9%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	4.4%
	HI	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	2.8%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.6%	1.7%
	IN	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	4.9%	0.0%	2.4%
	KS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	5.3%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%
	LA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.3%
	MA	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%	0.0%	5.8%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
MD	0.8%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	17.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	1.6%	
ME	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
MI	0.0%	0.6%	1.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	
MN	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%	

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		State/District 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/District	MO	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%
	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	2.7%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NE	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
	NH	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%	0.0%
	NJ	0.0%	0.0%	51.6%	0.0%	0.0%	19.6%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NM	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	54.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	49.1%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	0.0%	0.4%	3.5%	0.4%	0.4%	65.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	67.4%	0.8%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
	OK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%
	PA	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.6%	0.6%	5.5%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	58.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	Puerto Rico	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	30.6%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	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%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	4.4%	2.9%	0.0%	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	54.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	SD	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	0.0%
	TN	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	44.4%
TX	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	
UT	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	4.3%	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	
VA	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	0.8%	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	
VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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		State/District Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation														
Senior's Home State/District		NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OK	OR	PA	Puerto Rico	RI	SC	SD	TN
		WA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	WV	0.0%	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%
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside US or PR	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	10.3%	3.9%	0.0%	0.4%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
	Other US Armed Forces Location	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Percentage of Total	1.1%	0.2%	3.0%	0.6%	1.3%	9.2%	3.9%	1.2%	1.3%	5.0%	0.5%	0.2%	2.1%	0.2%	1.1%

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		State/District Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation									
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside US or PR	Other US Armed Forces Location
Senior's Home State/District	AK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AL	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AR	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	AZ	7.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%	5.1%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
	CA	2.1%	0.5%	1.1%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
	CO	3.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	CT	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	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%
	DE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	FL	4.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	GA	0.9%	0.9%	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%
	HI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ID	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	IL	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
	IN	1.2%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KS	9.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	KY	3.5%	3.5%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	LA	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MA	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
MD	3.2%	0.8%	2.4%	0.8%	0.8%	1.6%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	
ME	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
MI	1.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	1.7%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	
MN	2.5%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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		State/District Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation									Other US Armed Forces Location
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside US or PR	
Senior's Home State/District	MO	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	MS	11.1%	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%	0.0%	0.0%
	NC	0.7%	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	ND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NH	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NJ	1.3%	0.0%	2.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%
	NM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NV	17.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	NY	2.2%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%
	OH	2.3%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OK	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	OR	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%
	PA	3.9%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
	Puerto Rico	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%
	RI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	SC	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%
	SD	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%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TX	73.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
UT	14.9%	23.4%	2.1%	2.1%	4.3%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	
VA	5.9%	0.0%	47.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	1.7%	
VT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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		State/District Where Seniors Plan to Work Immediately After Graduation									
		TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY	Outside US or PR	Other US Armed Forces Location
Senior's Home State/District	WA	3.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	71.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%
	WI	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	39.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%
	WV	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	WY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%
	Outside US or PR	6.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	4.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	24.6%	0.0%
	Other US 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	7.4%	0.6%	2.7%	0.2%	3.6%	1.0%	0.2%	0.2%	1.9%	0.4%

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Table 34. 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	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Definitely Yes	337	9.3%	128	3.3%	518	13.1%
Probably Yes	1,599	43.9%	661	17.2%	1,886	47.9%
Probably Not	1,199	32.9%	1,670	43.5%	1,270	32.2%
Definitely Not	506	13.9%	1,384	36.0%	267	6.8%
Total Respondents	3,641	100%	3,843	100%	3,941	100%

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

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Table 35. 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	
	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage	Respondents	Percentage
Immediately Following Graduation	95	4.9%	187	23.9%	645	27.1%
Mid-Career	489	25.3%	231	29.5%	601	25.3%
Later in Career	936	48.4%	180	23.0%	422	17.7%
After Retirement	138	7.1%	30	3.8%	43	1.8%
Throughout Career	274	14.2%	156	19.9%	668	28.1%
Total Respondents	1,932	100%	784	100%	2,379	100%

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Table 36. Seniors' perception of the number of years of postdoctoral education that should be required

Number of Years	Respondents	Percentage
None	1,718	44.0%
Less than one year	255	6.5%
One year	1,261	32.3%
Two years	196	5.0%
Three years	79	2.0%
More than three years	60	1.5%
No opinion	336	8.6%
Total Respondents	3,905	100%

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Table 37. Seniors' pursuit of dental postdoctoral or advanced education program

	Respondents	Percentage
Applied	1,846	47.0%
Did Not Apply	2,084	53.0%
Total Respondents	3,930	100%

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Table 38. Seniors' first choice of advanced education specialty program

First Choice Program	Respondents	Percentage
GPR	103	42.0%
AEGD	69	28.2%
Orthodontics	9	3.7%
Endodontics	6	2.4%
Pediatric Dentistry	6	2.4%
Oral Surgery	5	2.0%
Periodontics	5	2.0%
Prosthodontics	4	1.6%
Oral Pathology	1	0.4%
Dental Public Health	0	0.0%
Oral Radiology	0	0.0%
Total Respondents	245	100%

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