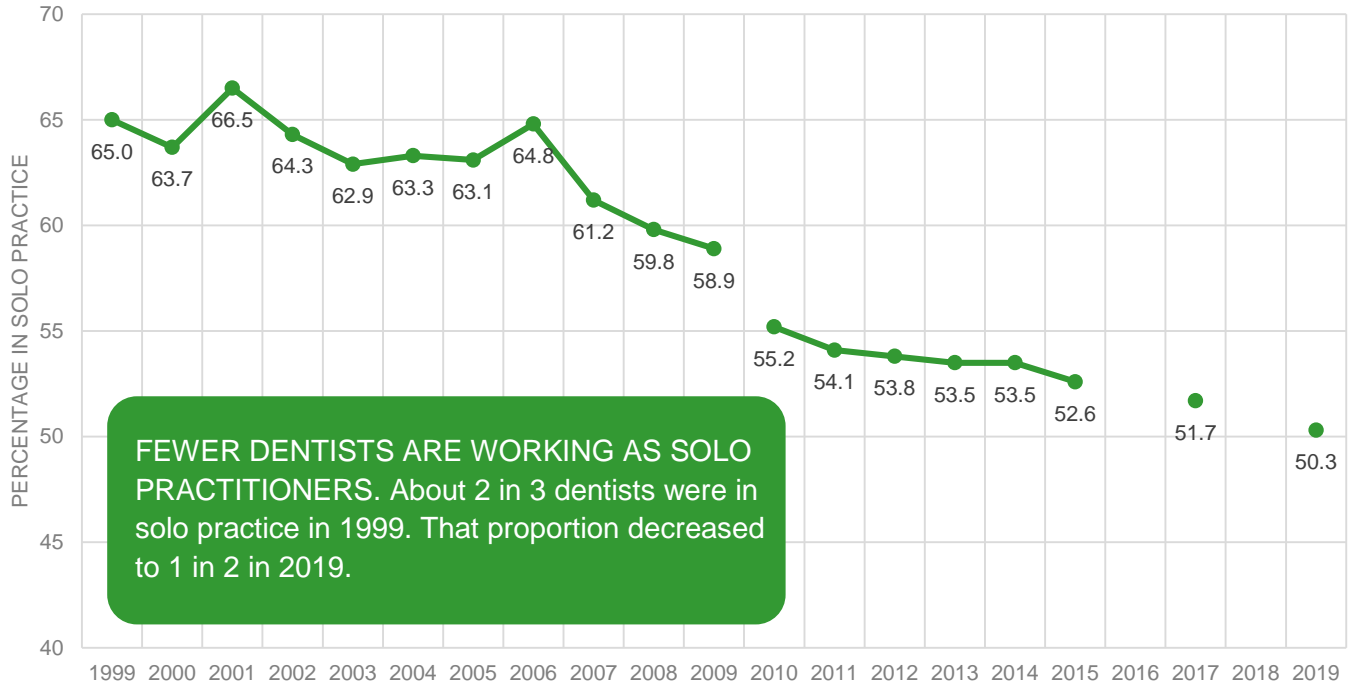
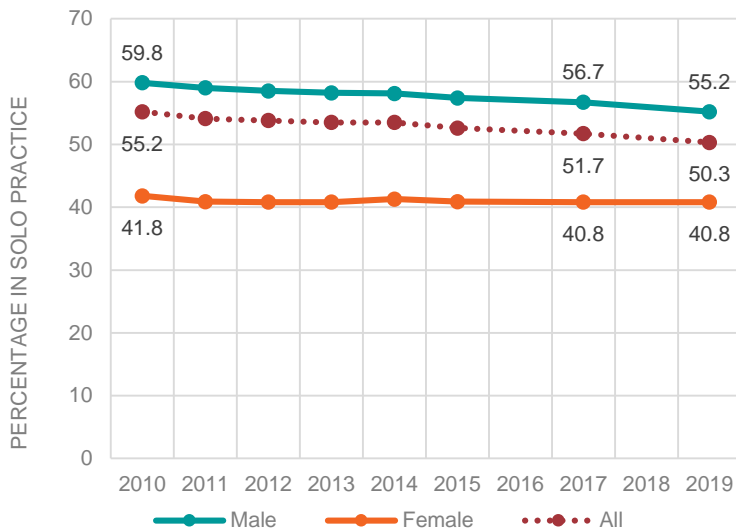


How Many Dentists Are in Solo Practice?

ALL DENTISTS



BY GENDER



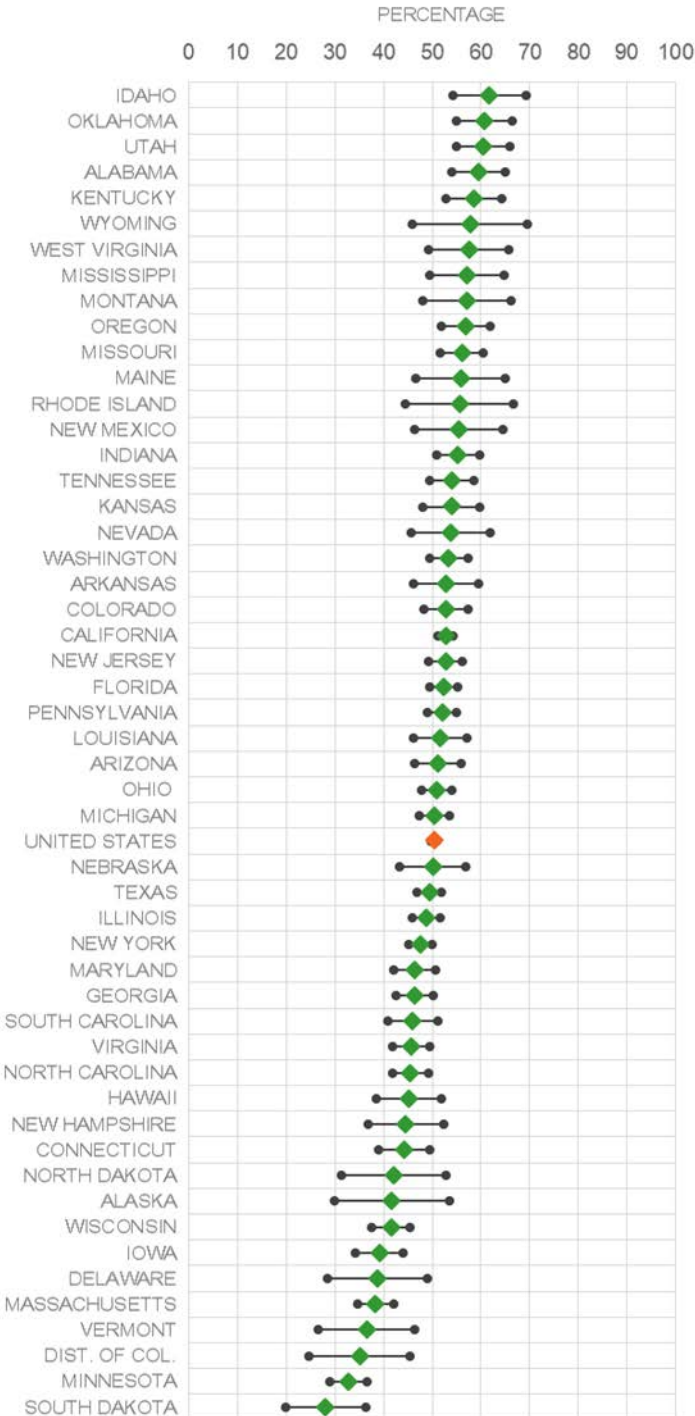
FEMALE VS. MALE DENTISTS

Female dentists are less likely to be in solo practice. Female dentists will make up a larger proportion of the dentist workforce in the future. In 2019, 50.6% of dental school graduates were female.

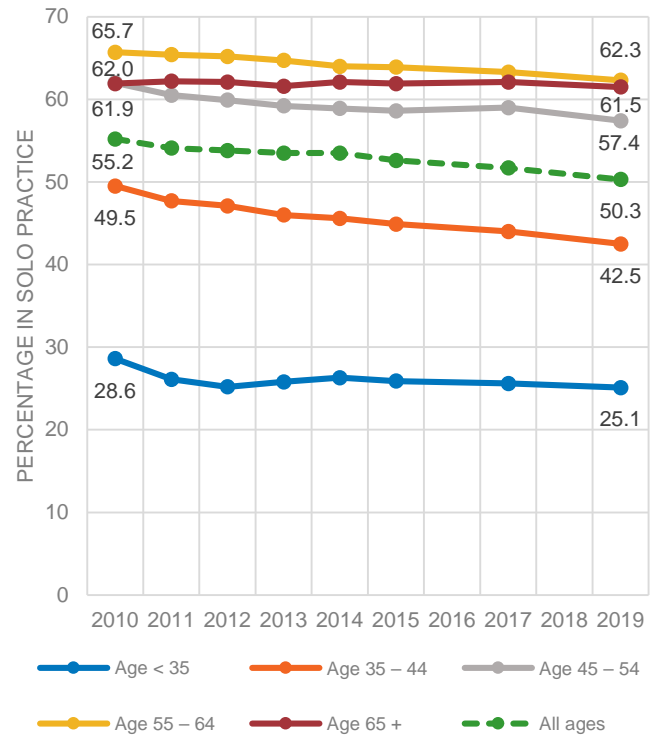
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How Many Dentists Are in Solo Practice?

BY STATE 2019



BY AGE



DENTISTS ARE INCREASINGLY PRACTICING IN GROUPS, PARTICULARLY YOUNGER DENTISTS.

In 2019, only 1 in 4 dentists under 35 was in solo practice.

Notes: In graph By State, the diamond-shaped data points represent the estimated share of the dentist workforce composed of solo dentists. "Whisker" data points represent the 95% confidence interval for the estimated share. Results are for dentists in private practice only. A solo dentist works in a dental practice with no other dentists. Historical results have been reweighted; percentages for years 2010 – 2017 will not match the previous version of this release.

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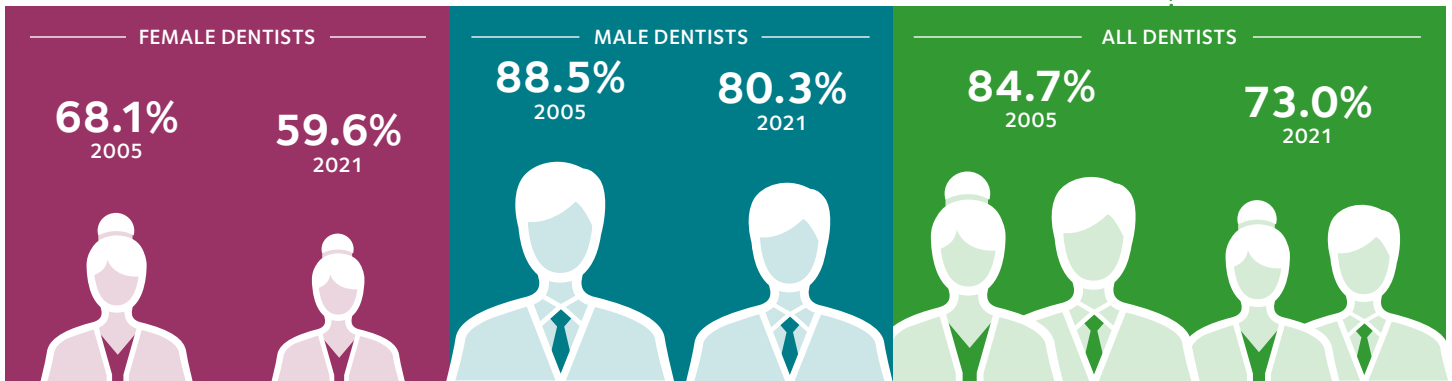
Practice Ownership Among Dentists Continues to Decline

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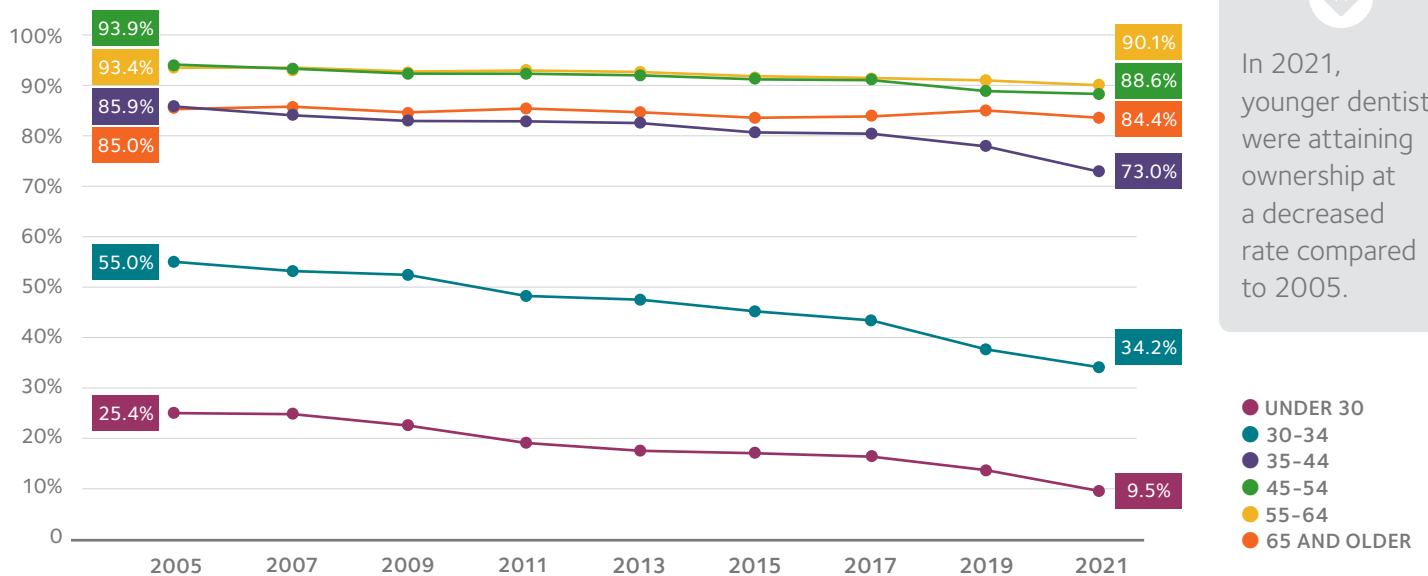
Practice ownership among dentists in private practice has been declining over the years, dropping from **84.7% in 2005** to **73.0% in 2021**.

PERCENTAGE OF DENTISTS IN PRIVATE PRACTICES WHO ARE OWNERS, BY GENDER



Female dentists have been **consistently less likely** than male dentists to own their practice.

PERCENTAGE OF DENTISTS IN PRIVATE PRACTICES WHO ARE OWNERS, BY AGE GROUP



In 2021, younger dentists were attaining ownership at a decreased rate compared to 2005.

Source: ADA Health Policy Institute analysis of Distribution of Dentists survey and Survey of Dental Graduates. Notes: Results are weighted to adjust for nonresponse bias.