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for and about Virginia's Healthcare Workforce

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This edition of the digital digest spotlights the workforce habits and preferences of dentists. Licensees of the Board of Dentistry, employers, job seekers and students will find this issue of interest.



Median Income

In 2021, the median income for Virginia's dentists was \$150k - \$160k.

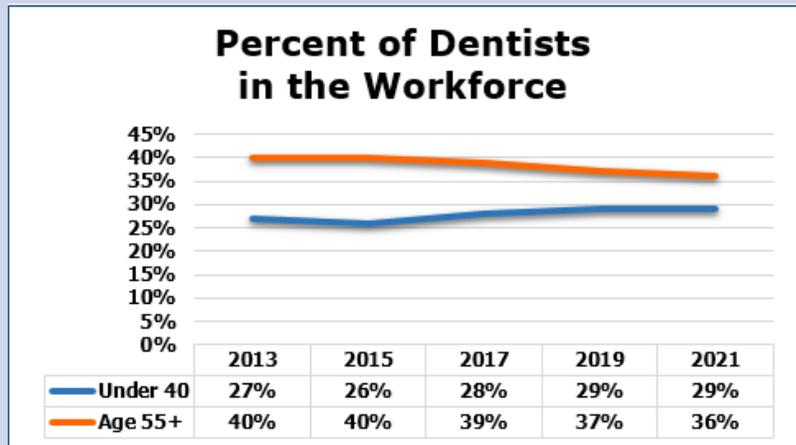
Benefits

Forty-six percent of those licensed received retirement benefits and 28% received paid vacation leave.

Dentist

In 2021, there were 7,764 [Dentists](#) in Virginia. Of that number, 5,857 were in the workforce and produced 4,589 FTEs. This workforce was 39% female and the median age of all dentists was 48.

Ninety-five percent of the workforce was employed, with 68% holding one full-time job. 95% of dentists reported being satisfied with their employment situation.



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Ninety three percent of dentists work in the private sector, including 50% who work at for-profit establishments.

Forty-three percent of all dentists work in Northern Virginia, 19% in Central Virginia and 16% in Hampton Roads.

65% of all dentists work at a solo dental practice as their primary work location, while another 20% work at a group dental practice.

Cash/self-pay and private insurance are the most commonly accepted forms of payment.

Trends 2013-2021

- The dental workforce has grown by about 100 licensed dentists, per year, for the last eight years.
- The median income of \$150k-\$160k remains unchanged since the last increase in 2018.
- The diversity index increased from 48% in 2013 to 57% in 2021.

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