



# Virginia Dentistry Workforce: Trends, Diversity, and Opportunities



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### Goals

Examine trends in Virginia's dentistry workforce

Dig deeper into workforce demographic and geographical distribution





## Goal 1: Virginia Oral Health Workforce





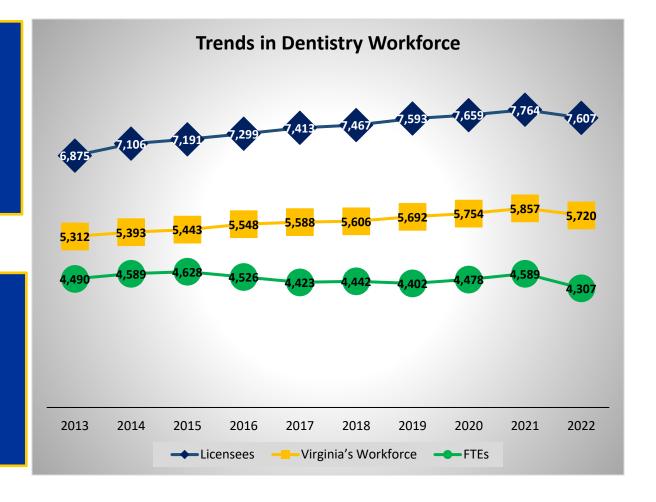
## Trends in Dentistry Licensees and Workforce



In 2022, 2% drop in total licensees and workforce

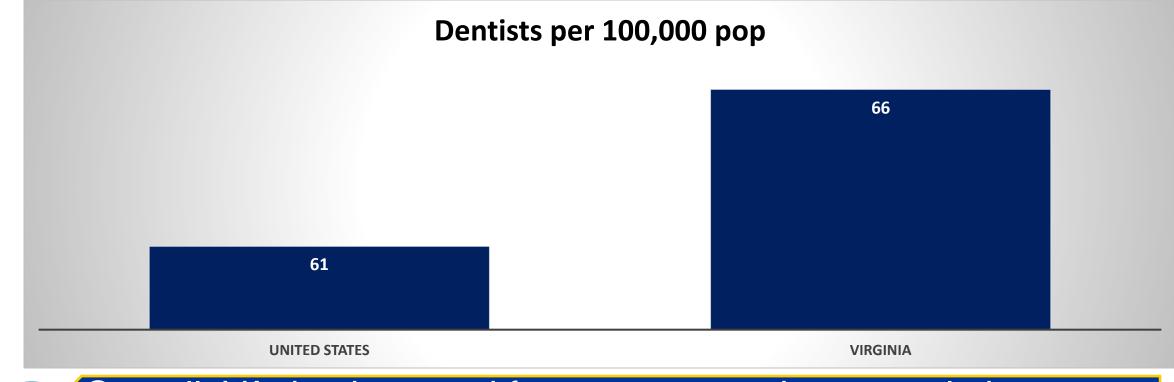


6% drop in FTEs in 2022









Overall, VA dentistry workforce appears adequate relative to national numbers



5,720 dentists, 5,290 dental hygienists, and 46 dental assistants II worked in VA in 2022





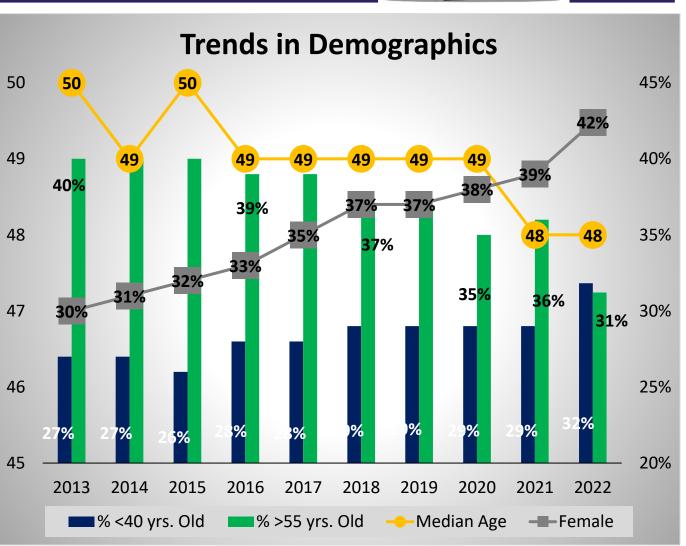


36% of US vs. 42% of VA dentists are female

Median age is declining



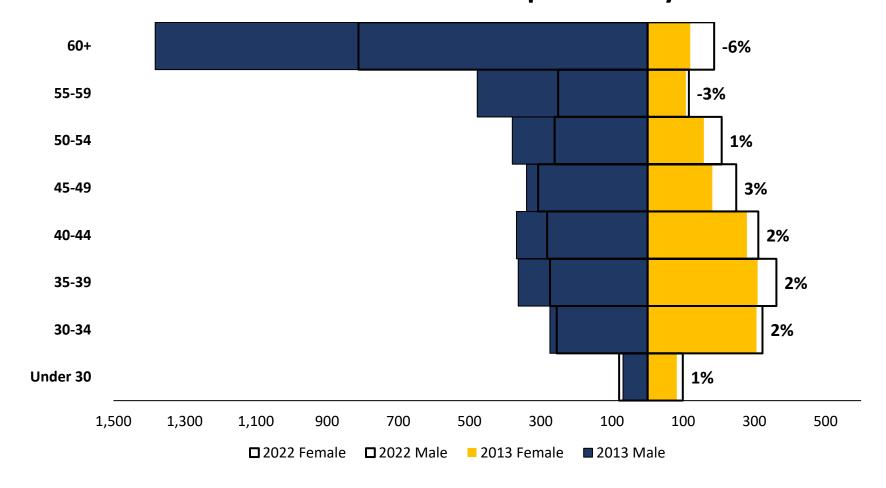
Younger age distribution







#### 2013 versus 2022 Dentist Population Pyramid





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#### Trends in Income and Debt



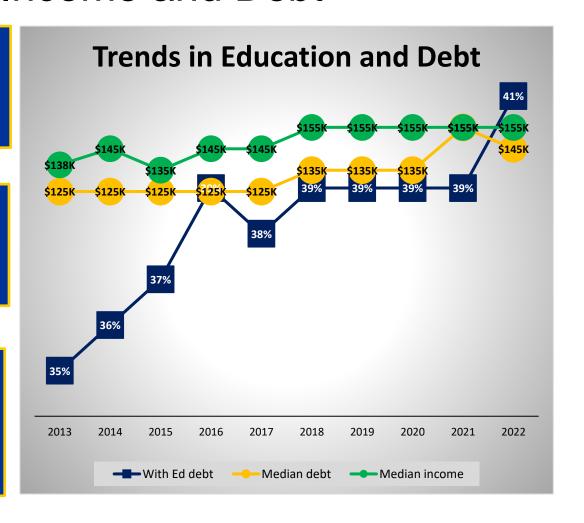
Median income stable since 2018



Increase in median education debt since 2013



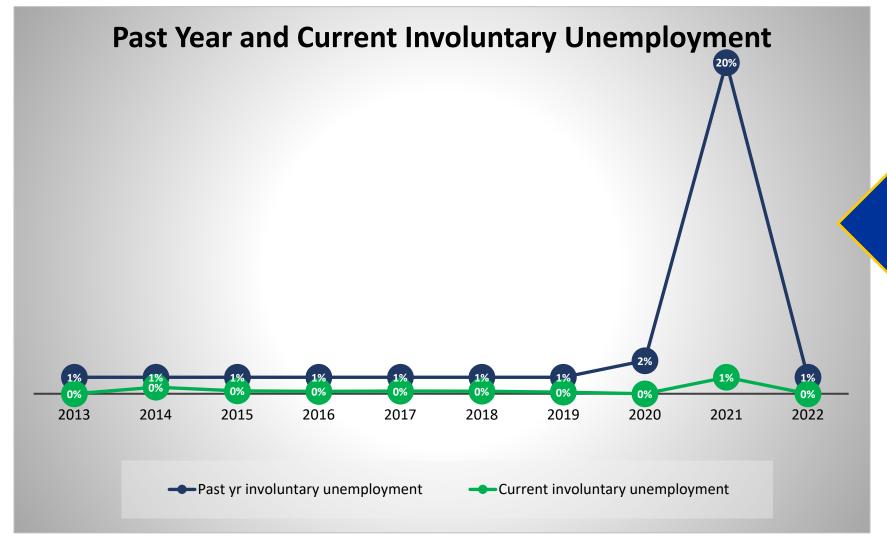
2 out of 5 dentists have education debt





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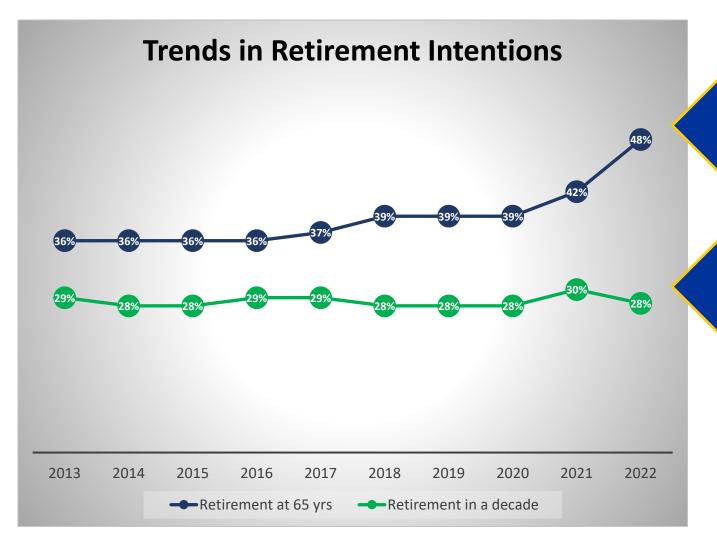




Unemployment returned to prepandemic level







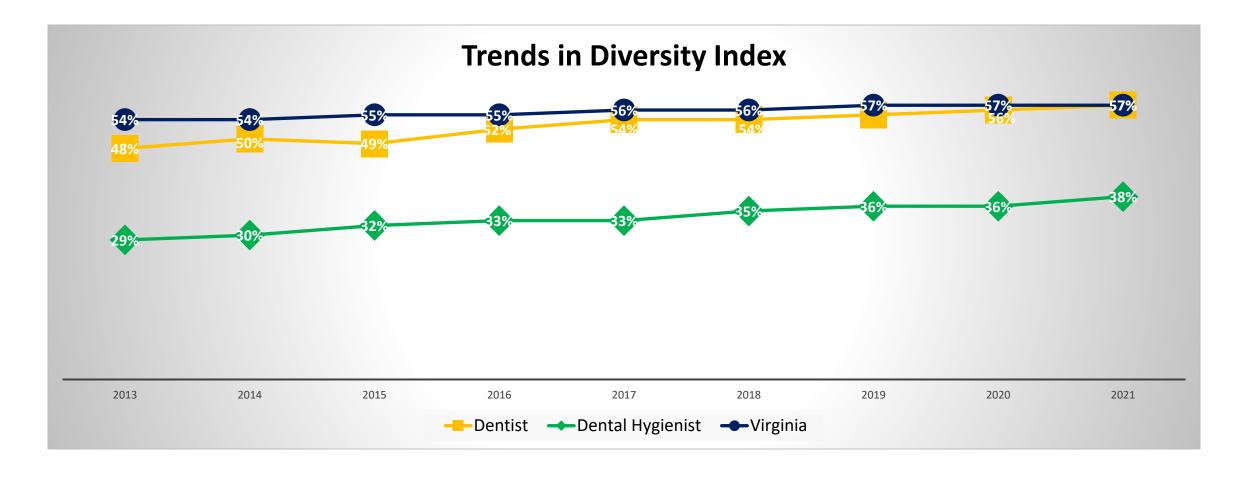
Increases in those expecting to retire by 65

Those expecting to retire in 10 yrs. remains stable





### Racial/Ethnic Diversity







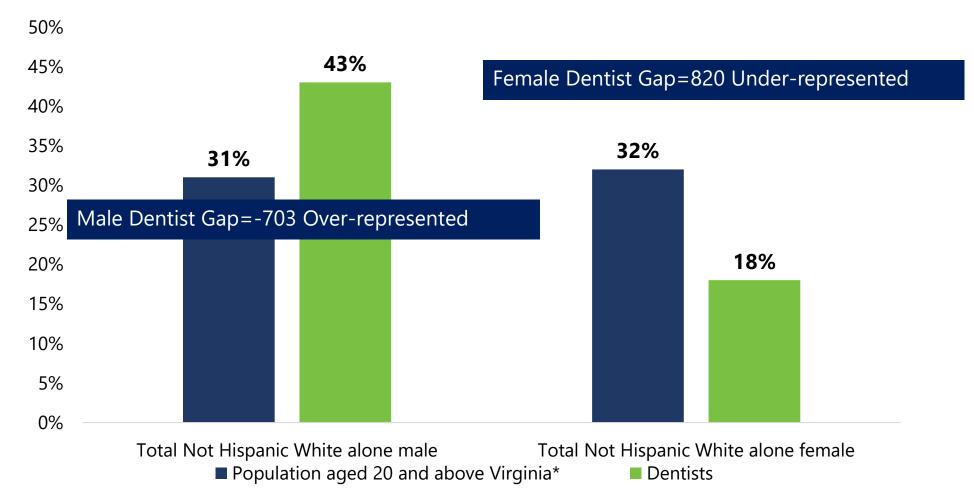
## Digging deeper – Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Gap= (% in population - % in workforce)\* no. in workforce





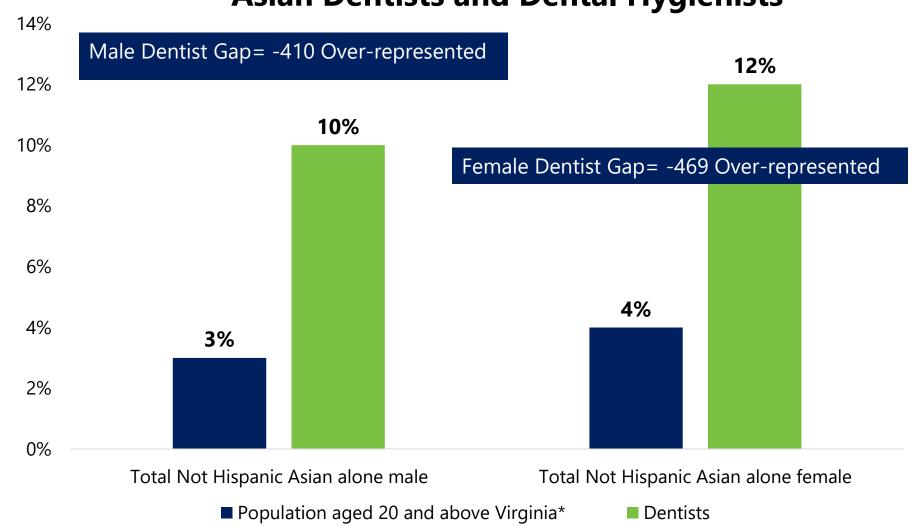
#### **White Dentists and Dental Hygienists**







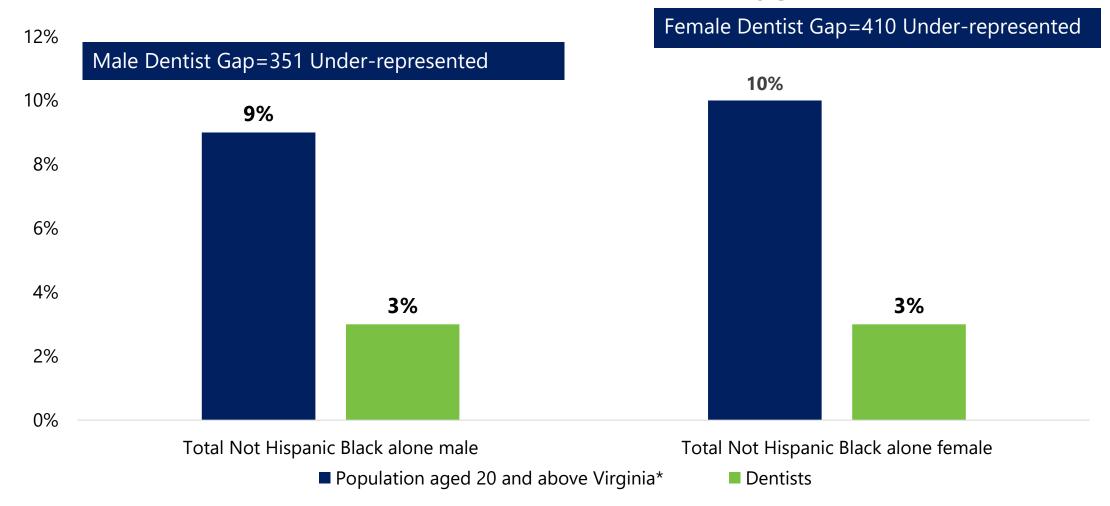
#### **Asian Dentists and Dental Hygienists**







#### **Black Dentists and Dental Hygienists**

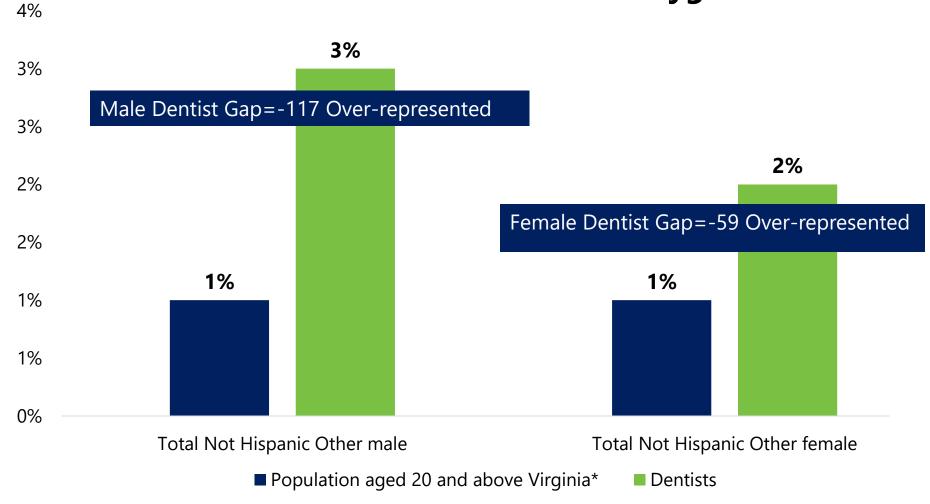








#### **Other Race Dentists and Dental Hygienists**

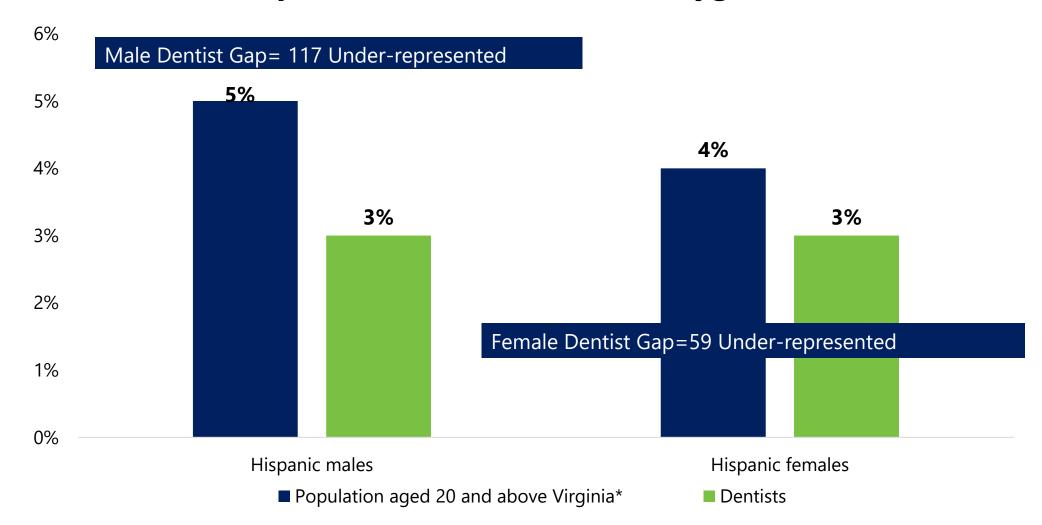






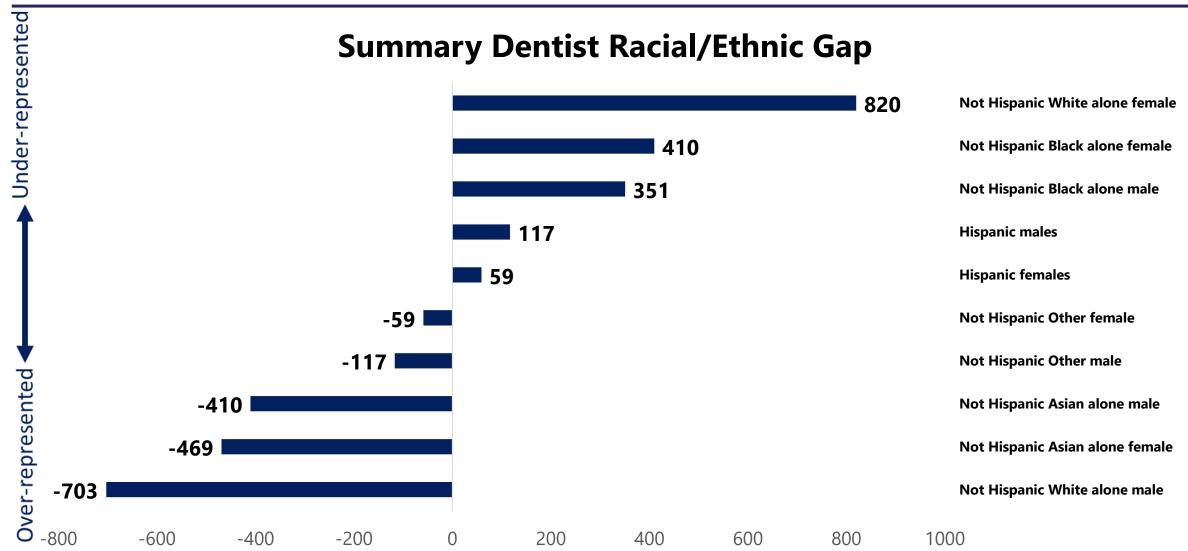


#### **Hispanic Dentists and Dental Hygienists**













## Digging deeper – Geographical Distribution

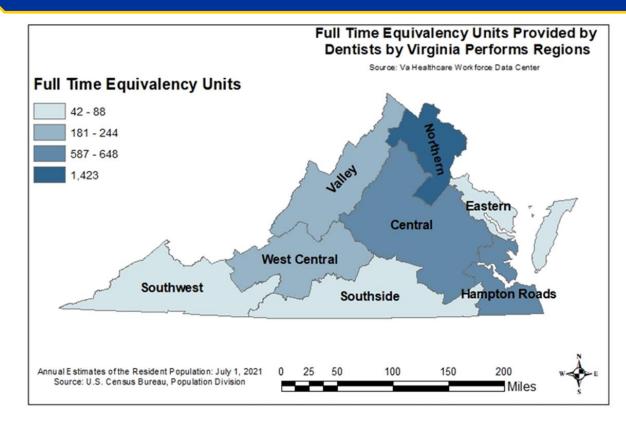




### Geographic Distribution

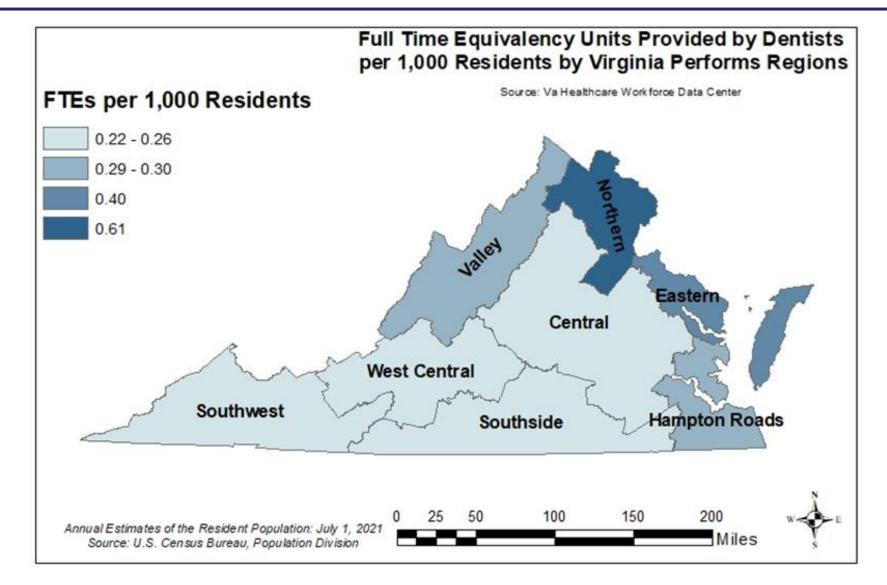


#### Highest concentration is in Northern VA



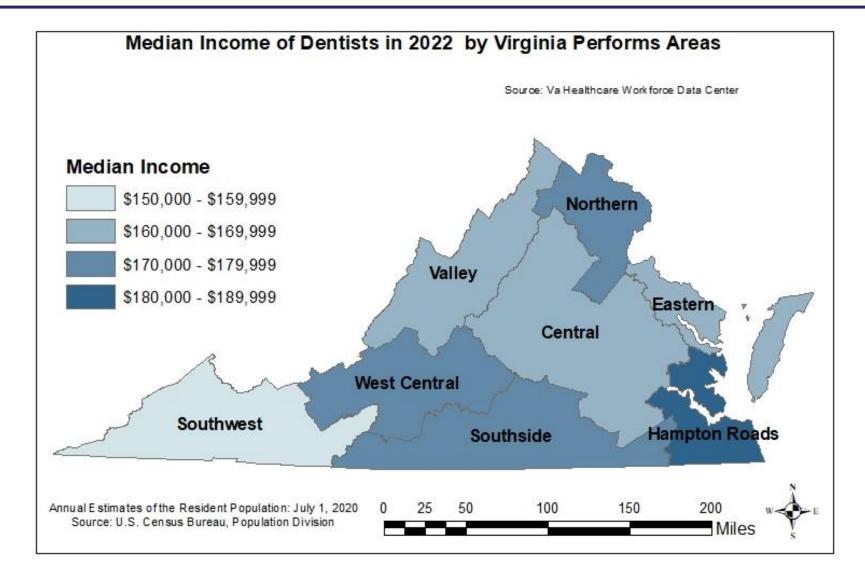






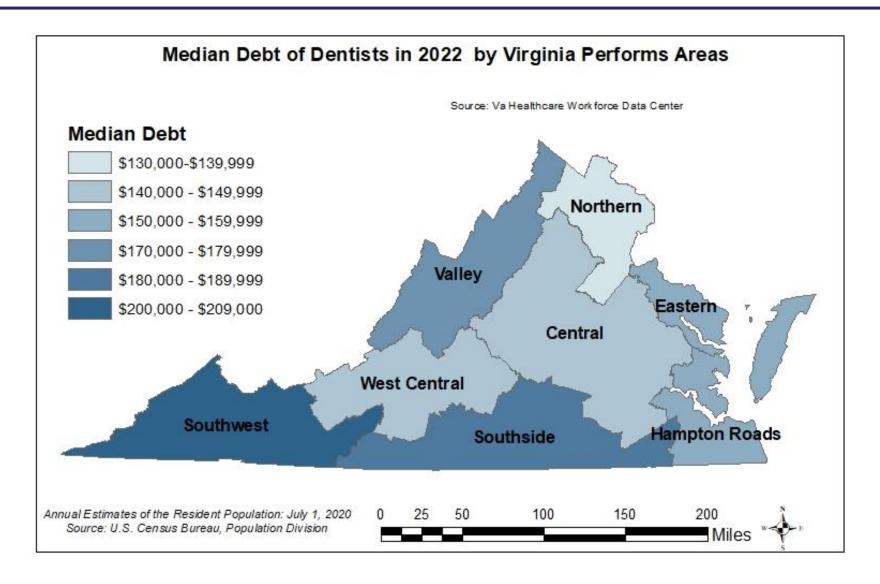








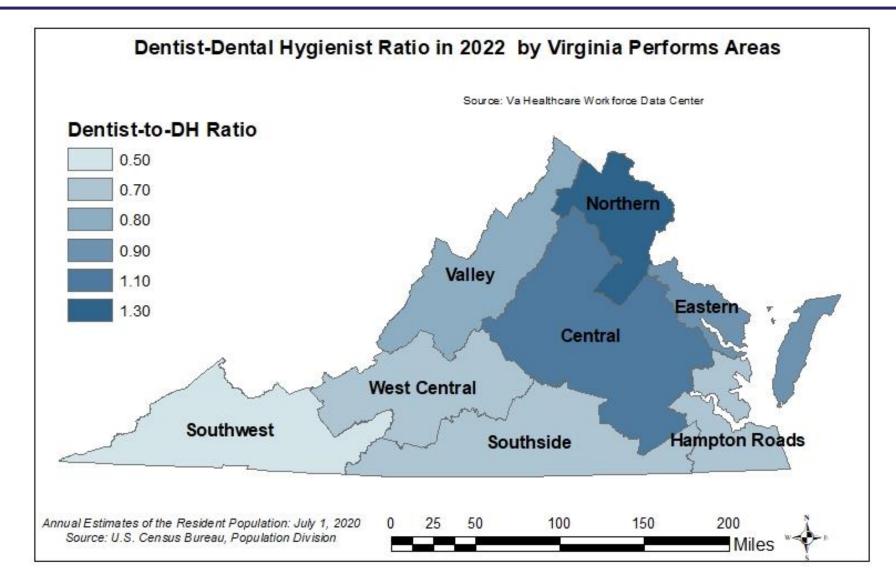






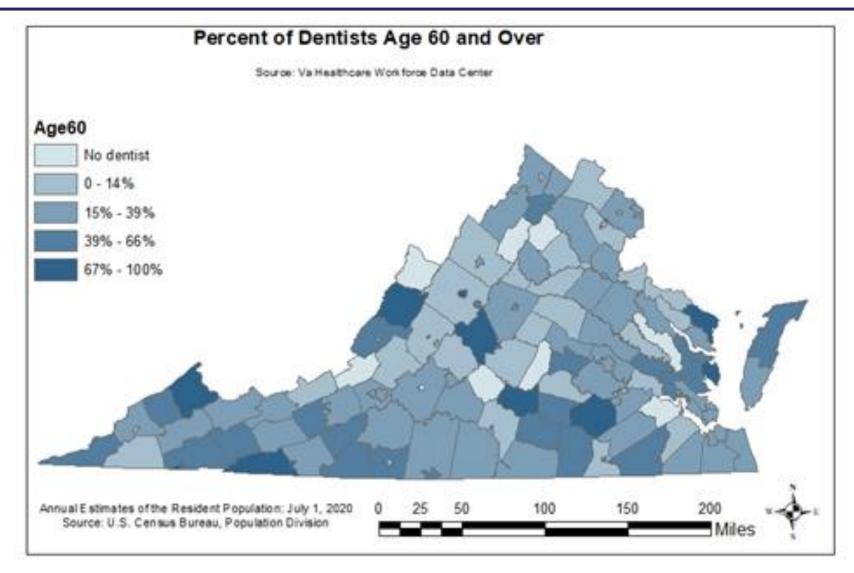






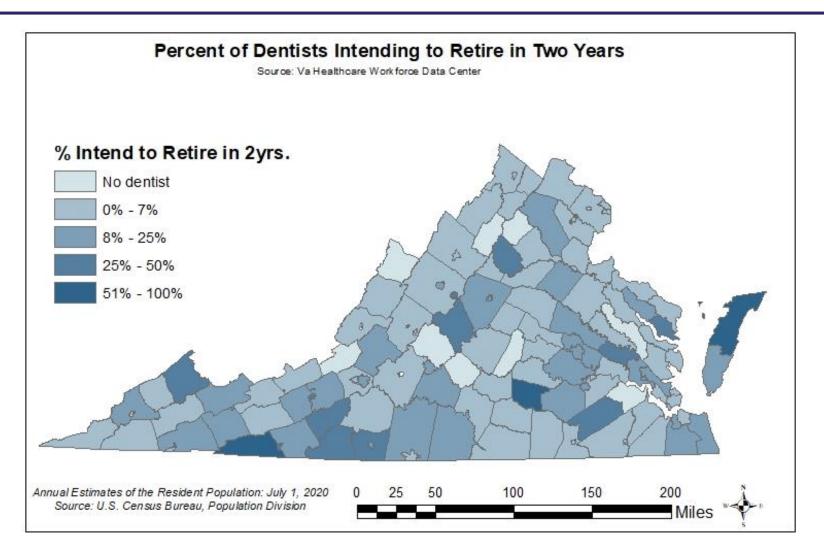
















### Conclusion



Opportunities in dentistry exist at several Virginia counties



Equity in oral health workforce and population access are important and have not been achieved yet



Your cohort has a lot to contribute to improving dentistry in VA!





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