



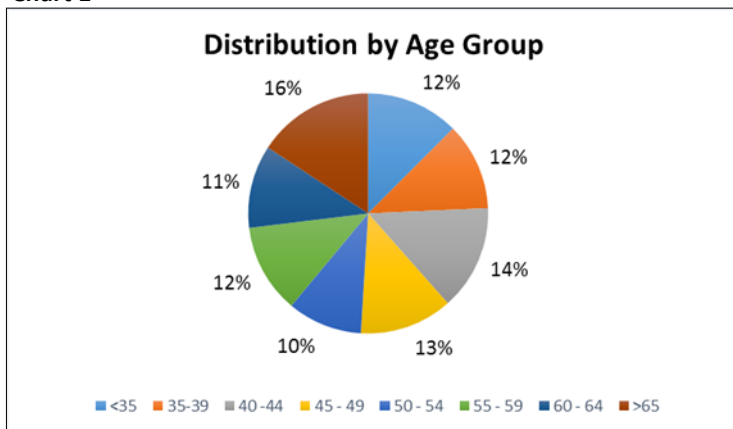
Georgia Board for Physician Workforce 2015 Dentist Workforce Report

Characteristics of Licensed Dentists Practicing in Georgia, 2015

The 2015 data shows there were 4,454 dentists actively practicing in the state of Georgia. The rate per 100,000 population was 43.6. There were 19 counties in Georgia with no dentist. This represented a population of 157,027. The Occupational Outlook Handbook projections show the dentist occupation is expected to grow 18% in the U.S. by 2024 due to an aging population, popularity of cosmetic dental services and an increase in access to healthcare.

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook, Dentists, retrieved March 8, 2017 from www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dentists.htm#tab-6

Chart 1



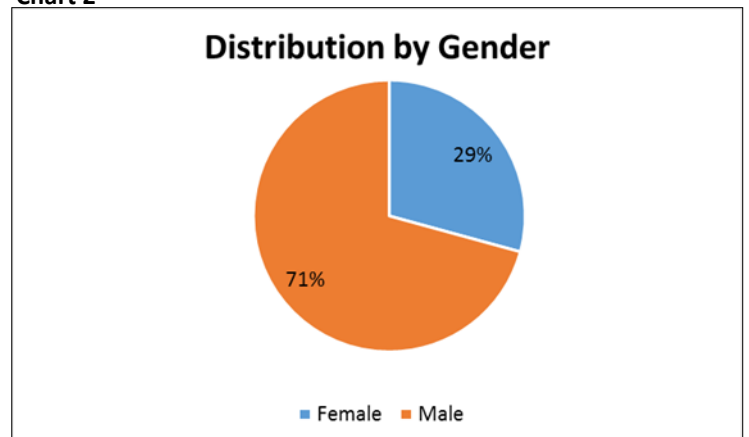
Distribution of Dentists by Age Group

Data obtained from the 2015 Dental Survey indicated the average age of licensed dentists actively practicing in Georgia was just over 50 years and the largest single age group was greater than 65 (16%), nearly as large was the 40-44 age group (14%). The age group with the least amount of licensed dentists was 50-54 (10%). (See Chart 1)

Distribution of Dentists by Gender

Of the 4,454 survey respondents in 2015, 3,151 (70.7%) were male and 1,303 (29.3%) were female. According to the American Dental Association (ADA) the number of female dentists increased nationally from 26.2% in 2012 to 29.9% in 2015, an increase of 3.7%. Male dentists declined from 73.8% in 2012 to 71.1% in 2015, a decrease of 2.7%.

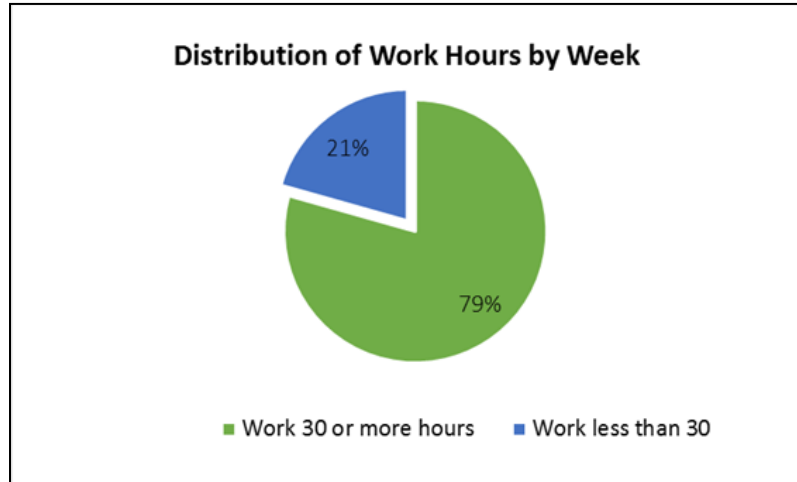
Chart 2



Source: American Dental Association, Supply of Dentist, retrieved March 8, 2017 from www.ada.org

Distribution of Dentists by Work Hours, Georgia 2015

Chart 3

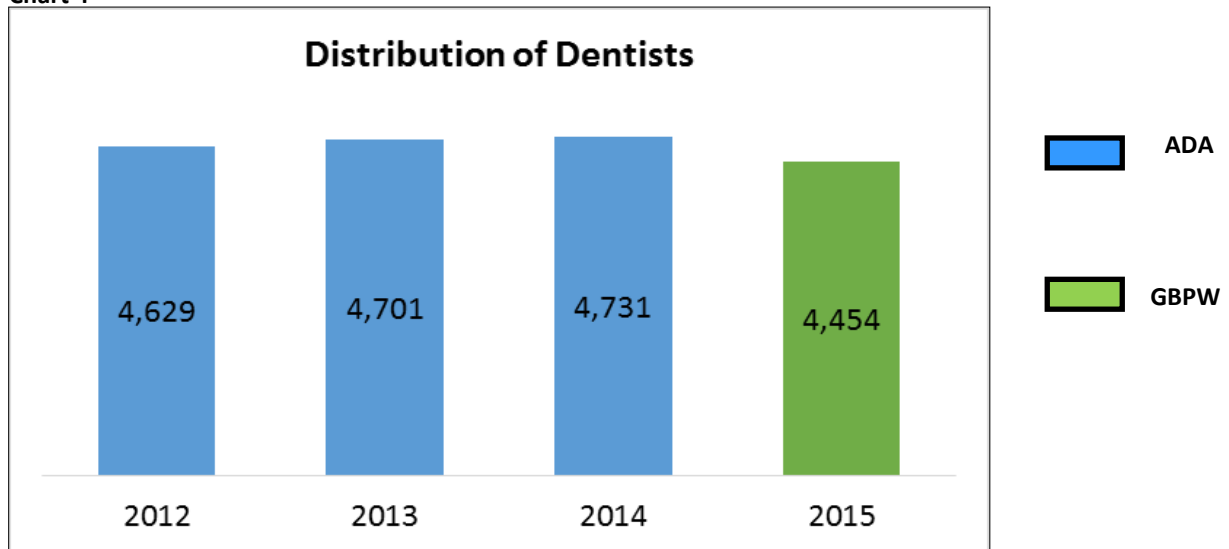


79% of dentists worked 30 hours or more a week and 21% worked less than 30 hours a week.

Distribution of Dentists, Georgia 2012—2015

The distribution of dentists from 2011—2014 was reported by the American Dental Association. The ADA's count of dentists was higher and included dentists who were both practicing and non-practicing in Georgia. The GBPW data came from the 2015 Georgia Dental board licensure survey and included practicing dentists only. The GBPW did not report on dentist supply and distribution prior to 2015.

Chart 4



Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute Analysis of ADA Masterfile. Retrieved on March 7, 2017 from www.ada.org/en/science-research/health-policy-institute/data-center/supply-of-dentists.

Total Dentists and Distribution of Specialty Services by County Georgia 2015

Table 1

County	Total Dentists	General Dentistry	Other
Appling	2	2	0
Atkinson	0	0	0
Bacon	2	2	0
Baker	0	0	0
Baldwin	19	16	3
Banks	0	0	0
Barrow	14	13	1
Bartow	35	27	8
Ben Hill	6	6	0
Berrien	2	2	0
Bibb	83	60	23
Bleckley	2	2	0
Brantley	1	1	0
Brooks	1	1	0
Bryan	21	16	5
Bulloch	24	17	7
Burke	2	2	0
Butts	6	6	0
Calhoun	3	3	0
Camden	18	15	3
Candler	1	1	0
Carroll	36	28	8
Catoosa	16	12	4
Charlton	1	1	0
Chatham	166	117	49
Chattahoochee	0	0	0
Chattooga	8	6	2
Cherokee	108	72	36
Clarke	68	49	19
Clay	0	0	0
Clayton	43	32	11
Clinch	1	1	0
Cobb	400	302	98
Coffee	18	14	4
Colquitt	10	8	2
Columbia	53	35	18
Cook	5	5	0
Coweta	48	36	12
Crawford	0	0	0

County	Total Dentists	General Dentistry	Other
Crisp	6	6	0
Dade	1	1	0
Dawson	10	8	2
Decatur	9	8	1
Dekalb	270	207	63
Dodge	7	7	0
Dooly	3	3	0
Dougherty	51	37	14
Douglas	53	37	16
Early	4	4	0
Echols	0	0	0
Effingham	9	9	0
Elbert	6	5	1
Emanuel	7	5	2
Evans	2	2	0
Fannin	5	5	0
Fayette	89	62	27
Floyd	37	22	15
Forsyth	84	59	25
Franklin	4	4	0
Fulton	851	623	228
Gilmer	10	9	1
Glascocock	1	1	0
Glynn	40	31	9
Gordon	14	13	1
Grady	6	5	1
Greene	11	7	4
Gwinnett	449	332	117
Habersham	18	14	4
Hall	90	64	26
Hancock	0	0	0
Haralson	6	6	0
Harris	4	4	0
Hart	6	6	0
Heard	0	0	0
Henry	80	59	21
Houston	50	36	14
Irwin	2	2	0
Jackson	23	19	4

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Table 1, cont.

County	Total Dentists	General Dentistry	Other
Jasper	2	2	0
Jeff Davis	1	1	0
Jefferson	2	2	0
Jenkins	0	0	0
Johnson	2	2	0
Jones	5	5	0
Lamar	2	2	0
Lanier	1	1	0
Laurens	17	13	4
Lee	7	7	0
Liberty	27	21	6
Lincoln	2	2	0
Long	0	0	0
Lowndes	51	37	14
Lumpkin	7	6	1
Macon	2	1	1
Madison	1	1	0
Marion	0	0	0
Mcduffie	8	7	1
Mcintosh	3	3	0
Meriwether	3	3	0
Miller	3	3	0
Mitchell	3	3	0
Monroe	4	4	0
Montgomery	1	1	0
Morgan	8	7	1
Murray	2	2	0
Muscogee	104	78	26
Newton	19	17	2
Oconee	15	13	2
Oglethorpe	0	0	0
Paulding	26	21	5
Peach	7	7	0
Pickens	8	7	1
Pierce	4	3	1
Pike	2	2	0
Polk	7	6	1
Pulaski	2	2	0
Quitman	0	0	0

County	Total Dentists	General Dentistry	Other
Putnam	4	3	1
Rabun	7	7	0
Randolph	1	0	1
Richmond	177	105	72
Rockdale	60	37	23
Schley	0	0	0
Screven	3	3	0
Seminole	3	3	0
Spalding	22	20	2
Stephens	12	9	3
Stewart	2	2	0
Sumter	13	11	2
Talbot	1	1	0
Taliaferro	0	0	0
Tattnall	2	2	0
Taylor	1	1	0
Telfair	3	2	1
Terrell	1	1	0
Thomas	17	11	6
Tift	13	11	2
Toombs	11	9	2
Towns	3	3	0
Troup	29	24	5
Turner	4	4	0
Twiggs	0	0	0
Union	7	7	0
Upson	6	5	1
Walker	12	12	0
Walton	32	29	3
Ware	15	13	2
Warren	0	0	0
Washington	4	4	0
Wayne	6	5	1
Webster	0	0	0
Wheeler	2	2	0
White	8	8	0
Whitfield	41	28	13
Wilcox	1	1	0
Wilkes	3	3	0
Wilkinson	1	1	0
Worth	2	2	0

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