



2017 Dentist Workforce Report

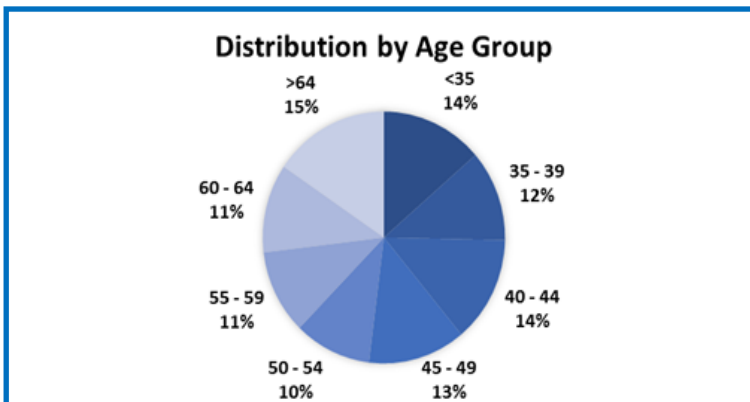
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Characteristics of Licensed Dentists Practicing in Georgia, 2017

In 2017 there were 4,693 dentists actively practicing in the state of Georgia. The rate per 100,000 population was 45.5. There were 23 counties in Georgia (a population of 199,317) with no dentist. The Occupational Outlook Handbook projections show that the dentist occupation is expected to grow 19% in the United States by 2026. This is due to an aging population, popularity of cosmetic dental services, and an increase in access to healthcare.

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook, Dentists, accessed June 7, 2018 from www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dentists.htm#tab-6

Chart 1



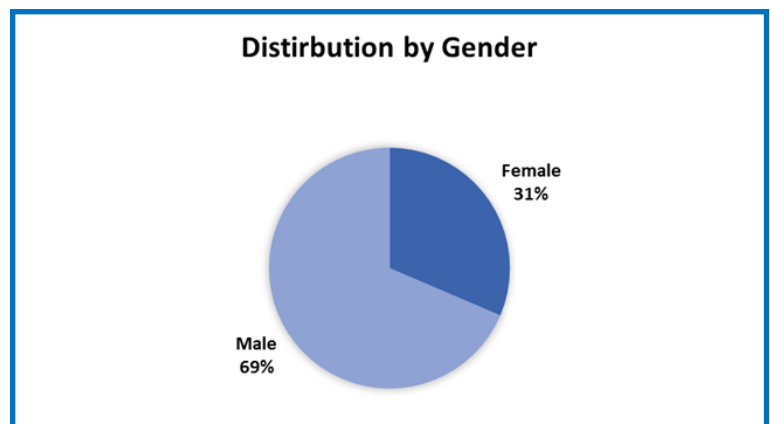
Distribution of Dentists by Age Group

The 2017 Dental Survey indicated the average age of licensed dentists actively practicing in Georgia was 51 years and the largest single age group was greater than 64 (15%), nearly as large as the 40-44 and the less than 35 age groups (14%). The age group with the fewest number of licensed dentists was 50-54 (10%).

Distribution of Dentists by Gender

Of the 4,693 survey respondents in 2017, 3,211 (69%) were male and 1,472 (31%) were female. According to the American Dental Association (ADA), the number of female dentists increased nationally from 26.2% in 2012 to 31.0% in 2017, an increase of 4.8%. Male dentists declined from 73.8% in 2012 to 69.0% in 2017, a decrease of 4.8%.

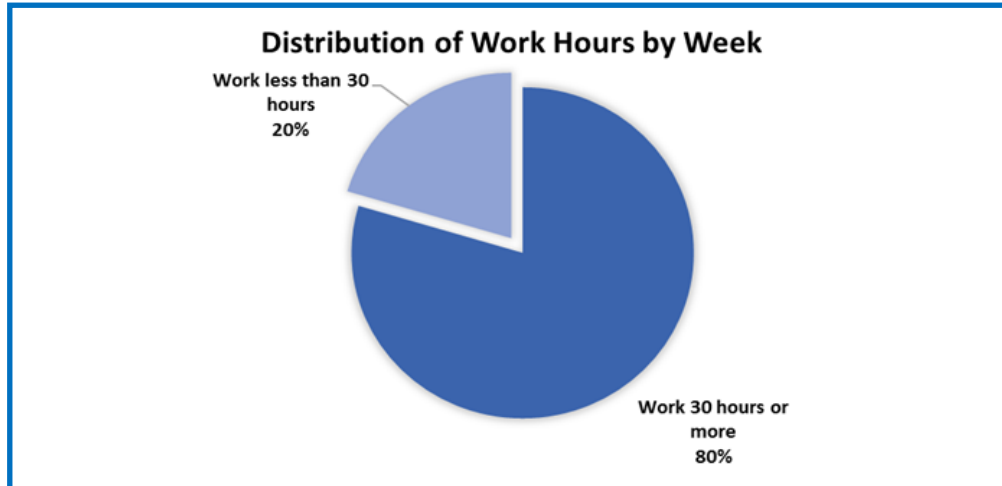
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Source: American Dental Association, Supply of Dentist, accessed June 8, 2018 from www.ada.org

Distribution of Dentists by Work Hours, Georgia 2017

Chart 3

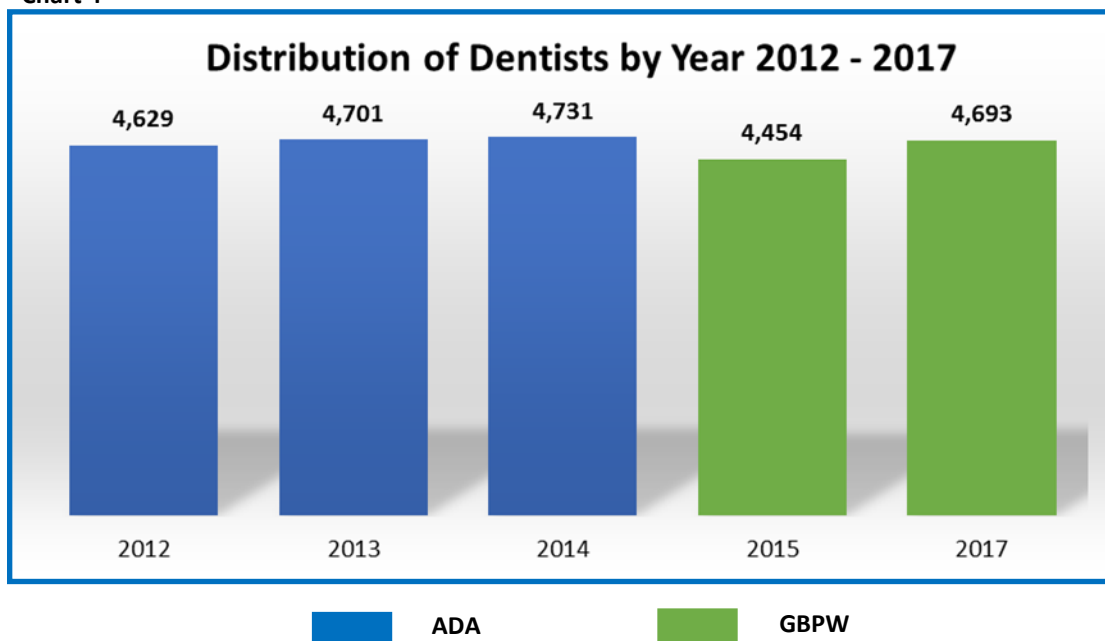


80% of dentists worked 30 hours or more a week and 20% worked less than 30 hours a week.

Distribution of Dentists, Georgia 2012—2017

The distribution of dentists from 2012—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 Georgia Board for Physician Workforce (GBPW) utilizes data from the Georgia Dental Board licensure survey which includes practicing dentist only. The GBPW did not report on dentist supply and distribution prior to 2015.

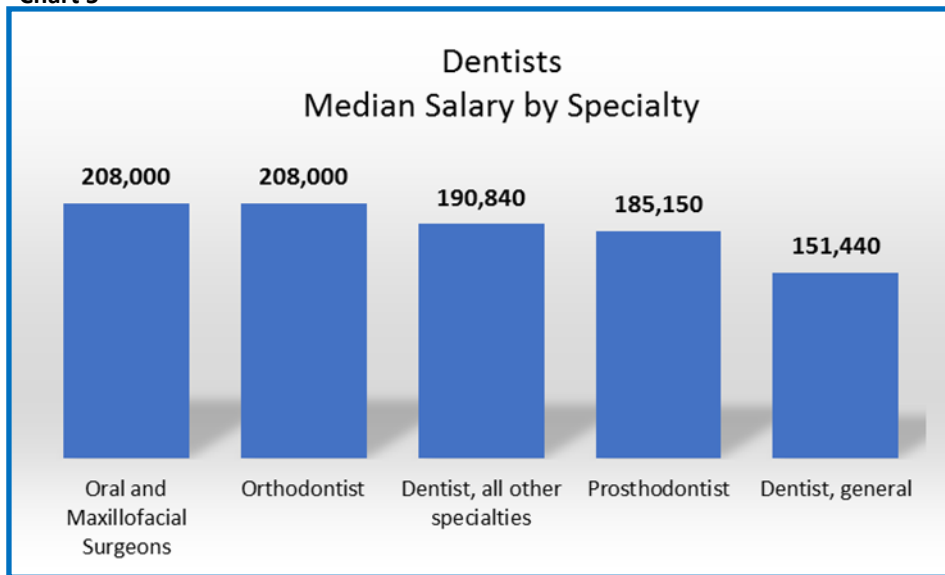
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Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute Analysis of ADA Masterfile, accessed on June 8, 2018 from www.ada.org/en/science-research/health-policy-institute/data-center/supply-of-dentists.

Dentists Median Salaries by Specialty, U.S. 2017

Chart 5



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

Distribution of Dentists by Age Group, Gender, and Work Hours, Georgia 2015 and 2017

Chart 6

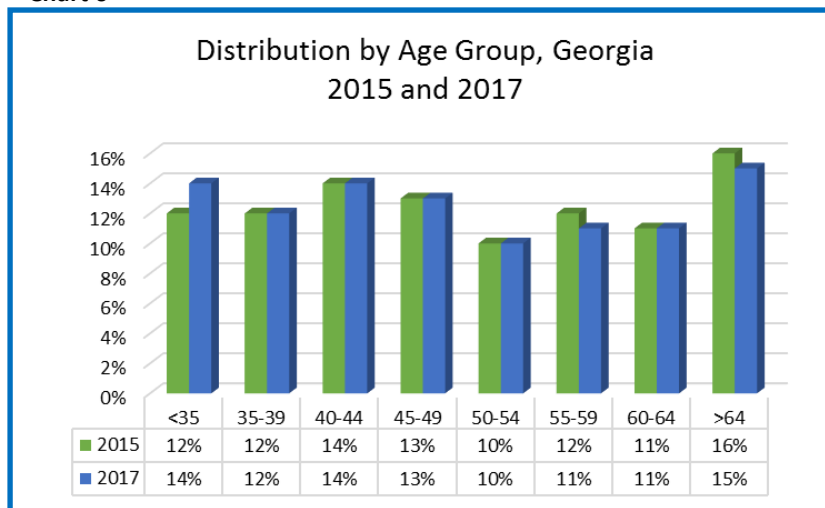


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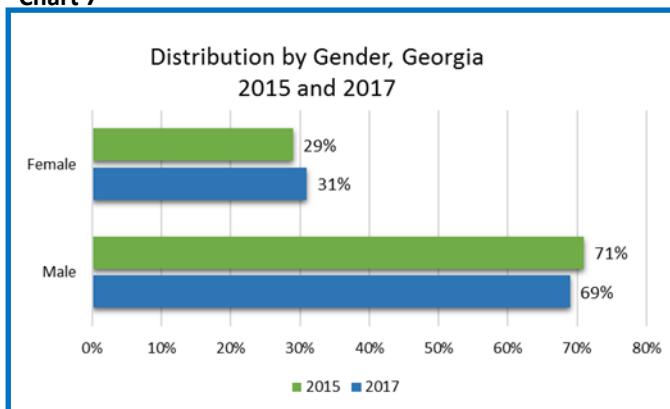
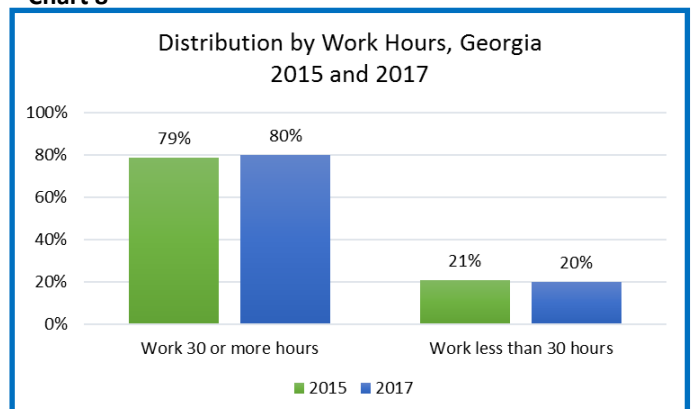
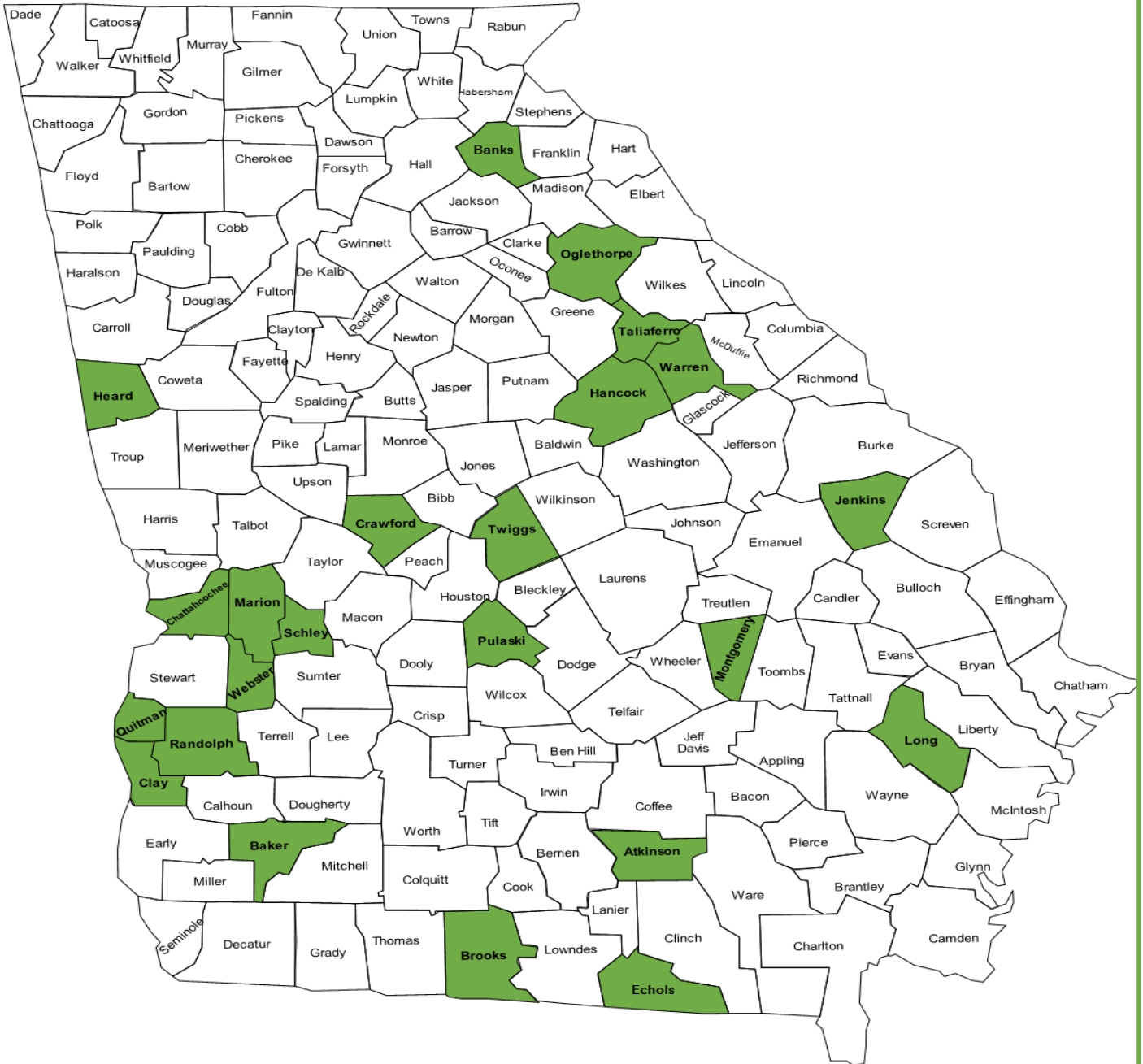


Chart 8





Distribution of Counties with No Dentists Georgia 2017



Atkinson Baker Banks Brooks Chattahoochee Clay Crawford Echols

Hancock Heard Jenkins Long Marion Montgomery Oglethorpe Pulaski

Quitman Randolph Schley Taliaferro Twiggs Warren Webster

Based on 2017 Data, Georgia Board of Dentistry

Distribution of Dentists by General Dentistry and Other Specialty Services* Georgia 2017

Table 1

County	General Dentistry	Other	Total Dentists
Appling	2	0	2
Atkinson	0	0	0
Bacon	2	0	2
Baker	0	0	0
Baldwin	16	3	19
Banks	0	0	0
Barrow	17	1	18
Bartow	34	10	44
Ben Hill	6	0	6
Berrien	3	0	3
Bibb	66	24	90
Bleckley	2	0	2
Brantley	1	0	1
Brooks	0	0	0
Bryan	16	7	23
Bulloch	20	8	28
Burke	1	0	1
Butts	3	1	4
Calhoun	3	0	3
Camden	16	3	19
Candler	1	0	1
Carroll	32	7	39
Catoosa	13	6	19
Charlton	1	0	1
Chatham	121	51	172
Chattahoochee	0	0	0
Chattooga	8	1	9
Cherokee	87	39	126
Clarke	49	16	65
Clay	0	0	0
Clayton	35	11	46
Clinch	1	0	1
Cobb	309	109	418
Coffee	13	4	17
Colquitt	9	2	11
Columbia	57	29	86
Cook	5	0	5
Coweta	41	13	54
Crawford	0	0	0

County	General Dentistry	Other	Total Dentists
Crisp	6	0	6
Dade	2	0	2
Dawson	8	3	11
Decatur	7	1	8
DeKalb	295	90	385
Dodge	8	0	8
Dooly	2	0	2
Dougherty	33	15	48
Douglas	33	15	48
Early	3	0	3
Echols	0	0	0
Effingham	9	0	9
Elbert	4	1	5
Emanuel	6	2	8
Evans	1	0	1
Fannin	7	0	7
Fayette	66	25	91
Floyd	22	15	37
Forsyth	61	25	86
Franklin	5	0	5
Fulton	607	244	851
Gilmer	11	1	12
Glascok	1	0	1
Glynn	36	8	44
Gordon	12	1	13
Grady	6	1	7
Greene	8	4	12
Gwinnett	334	112	446
Habersham	15	6	21
Hall	76	28	104
Hancock	0	0	0
Haralson	7	0	7
Harris	5	0	5
Hart	5	0	5
Heard	0	0	0
Henry	65	21	86
Houston	36	15	51
Irwin	2	0	2
Jackson	22	4	26

* In table 1 Other Specialty Services includes the following practice types: Dental Public Health, Endodontists, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontists & Dentofacial Orthopedists, Pediatric Dentists, Periodontists, and Prosthodontists.

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Table 1, cont.

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Jasper	2	0	2
Jeff Davis	1	0	1
Jefferson	4	0	4
Jenkins	0	0	0
Johnson	2	0	2
Jones	5	0	5
Lamar	2	0	2
Lanier	1	0	1
Laurens	15	4	19
Lee	8	0	8
Liberty	15	3	18
Lincoln	2	0	2
Long	0	0	0
Lowndes	37	13	50
Lumpkin	7	2	9
Macon	2	1	3
Madison	1	0	1
Marion	0	0	0
Mcduffie	6	0	6
Mcintosh	2	0	2
Meriwether	5	1	6
Miller	1	0	1
Mitchell	4	0	4
Monroe	5	0	5
Montgomery	0	0	0
Morgan	8	1	9
Murray	2	0	2
Muscogee	78	27	105
Newton	14	2	16
Oconee	16	4	20
Oglethorpe	0	0	0
Paulding	26	4	30
Peach	11	0	11
Pickens	9	1	10
Pierce	4	0	4
Pike	3	0	3
Polk	6	1	7
Pulaski	0	0	0
Putnam	3	1	4
Quitman	0	0	0
Rabun	7	0	7

County	General Dentistry	Other	Total Dentists
Randolph	0	0	0
Richmond	95	61	156
Rockdale	47	23	70
Schley	0	0	0
Screven	2	0	2
Seminole	5	0	5
Spalding	19	3	22
Stephens	8	2	10
Stewart	1	0	1
Sumter	10	3	13
Talbot	1	0	1
Taliaferro	0	0	0
Tattnall	4	0	4
Taylor	1	0	1
Telfair	2	0	2
Terrell	1	0	1
Thomas	12	5	17
Tift	10	3	13
Toombs	8	2	10
Towns	4	0	4
Treutlen	1	0	1
Troup	25	6	31
Turner	3	0	3
Twiggs	0	0	0
Union	7	0	7
Upson	5	1	6
Walker	9	0	9
Walton	31	5	36
Ware	15	2	17
Warren	0	0	0
Washington	4	1	5
Wayne	6	2	8
Webster	0	0	0
Wheeler	1	0	1
White	3	0	3
Whitfield	25	11	36
Wilcox	3	0	3
Wilkes	2	0	2
Wilkinson	1	0	1
Worth	2	0	2

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