Dentist Workforce Report 2025

Based on 2024-2025 Licensure Renewals and New Licensees



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Overview: Georgia's Dentist Workforce

2025

ABOUT

This document provides a comprehensive summary of the characteristics of dentists practicing in Georgia in 2025. It includes key demographic information such as age and gender, and data on employment characteristics, including hours worked and geographic distribution. The data visualizations, summaries, and conclusions are based on the data provided by the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

These figures aim to highlight disparities in dentist availability, which can affect access to dental care services.

OVERVIEW

In 2025, Georgia had 5,704 actively practicing dentists, equating to a rate of 51.0 per 100,000 residents, based on the 2024 Census population estimate of 11,180,878. In 2025, 21 counties in Georgia had no practicing dentists, affecting a combined population of approximately 164,375 residents.

At the time this report was prepared, the American Dental Association (ADA)² had not released a national average of dentists per 100,000 people for 2025. However, the most recent data available from the ADA, published in 2023, reported 202,304 practicing dentists in the United States, equating to a ratio of 60.4 dentists per 100,000 people.

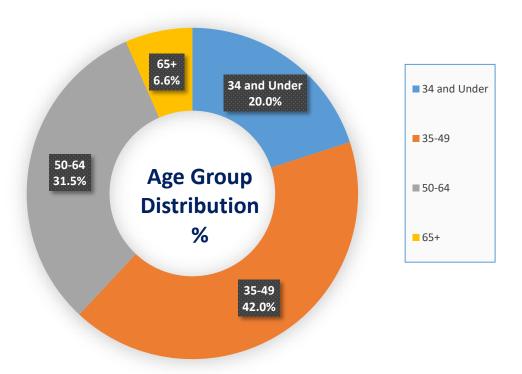
¹ U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Georgia

² American Dental Association: U.S. Dentist Demographics Dashboard

2025

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION

According to the 2025 Dentist Census data, 4,626 dentists reported their age. The average age of actively practicing licensed dentists in Georgia is 46. The largest age group within the workforce is 35 to 49, accounting for 42.0%, while the smallest group, those aged 60-64, represents 6.6% of the workforce.



The American Dental Association (ADA)³ publishes several reports on dental workforce demographics. Based on their sources, examining workplace demographics, such as age groups, provides valuable insights into several key areas, including:

- Workforce Sustainability & Planning predicts retirement trends and future staffing needs.
- **Knowledge Transfer & Mentorship** a mix of experienced professionals mentoring early-career professionals.
- **Education & Licensing Policy** continuing education requirements, license renewal, and retention initiatives.
- Adaptability & Innovation early career professionals can often bring new technologies, digital tools, and updated techniques.

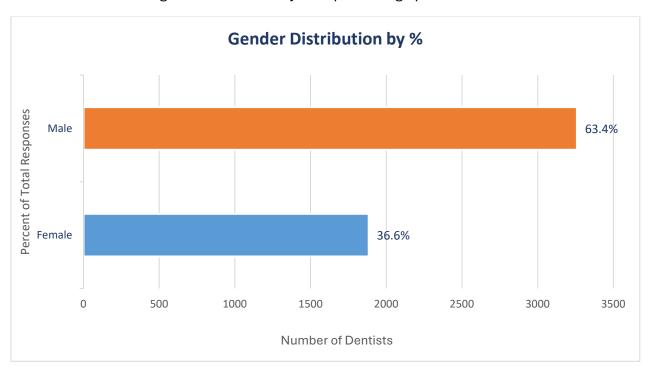
³ American Dental Association: Demographics

Distribution of Dentists by Gender

2025

GENDER DISTRIBUTION

As we continue to analyze findings from the 2025 Dentists Census, data from the 5,143 actively practicing dentists in Georgia who reported their gender shows that 36.6% identified as female and 63.4% as male. This represents a significant gender gap, with male dentists outnumbering female dentists by 24.1 percentage points.



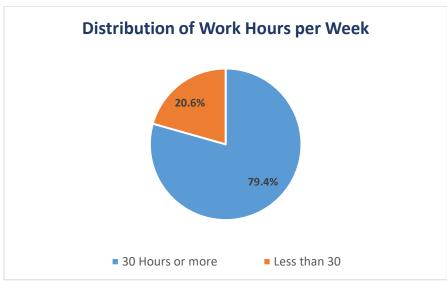
Distribution of Work Hours Per Week

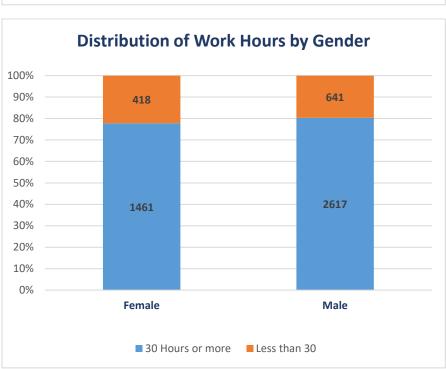
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WORK HOURS ANALYSIS

In addition to demographic characteristics, the 2025 Dentist Census also provides insight into the distribution of weekly work hours among actively practicing dentists.

Understanding the number of hours dentists work each week offers valuable context for assessing workforce capacity and availability. The Dentists Census data categorizes work hours into two groups: less than 30 hours per week and 30 or more hours per week.





Based on responses from 5,139 dentists, 79.4% reported working 30 hours or more per week, while 20.6% reported working fewer than 30 hours per week.

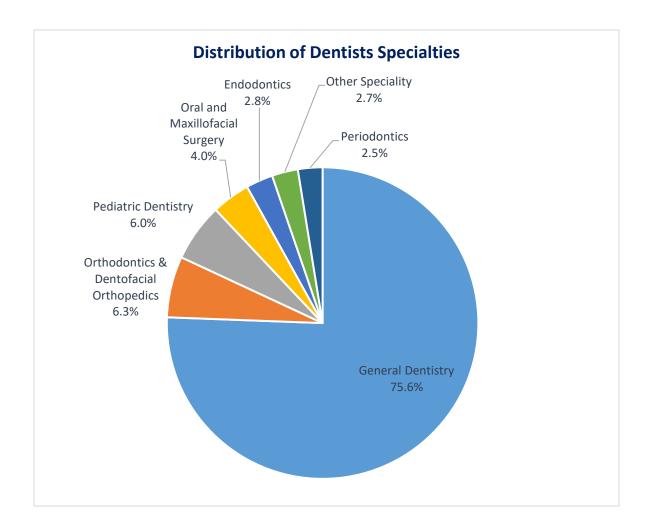
A closer look at the distribution of work hours by gender among the 5,137 dentists who reported both gender and work hours show that 80.3% of those working 30 hours or more are male, while 77.7% are female. Although a smaller portion of both genders work less than 30 hours per week, males still slightly outnumber females in this category as well.

2025

SPECIALTY DISTRIBUTION

In the 2025 Dentist Census, 5,142 dentists reported a specialty⁴, covering a range of fields including Dental Public Health, Endodontics, General Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics.

In 2025, most dentists (75.6%) were practicing General Dentistry, followed by Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics as the next most common specialty⁵ at 6.3%.



⁴ National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards: Recognized Dental Specialties

⁵ Percentages are rounded to one decimal place. The "Other Specialty" category includes Prosthodontics (0.01%); Dental Public Health (0.01%); Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (0.001%); and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (0.0001%).

Distribution of Practicing Dentists by County

2025

DISTRIBUTION per 100,000 POPULATION

The 2025 Census data for dentists practicing in Georgia are presented below, charted across the state's 159 counties to reflect the total number of dentists per 100,000 population.

COUNTY	2024 POPULATION CENSUS (ESTIMATE)	GENERAL DENTISTS	GENERAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL DENTISTS	TOTAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	OTHER PRACTICE TYPE
STATE OF GEORGIA	11,180,878	3,887	34.8	5,704	51.0	1,817
Appling	18,669	2	10.7	2	10.7	0
Atkinson	8,435	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Bacon	11,045	2	18.1	2	18.1	0
Baker	2,732	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Baldwin	43,644	13	29.8	15	34.4	2
Banks	20,318	0	0.0	1	4.9	1
Barrow	96,294	22	22.8	25	26.0	3
Bartow	117,508	25	21.3	37	31.5	12
Ben Hill	16,945	8	47.2	8	47.2	0
Berrien	18,666	1	5.4	1	5.4	0
Bibb	157,056	62	39.5	92	58.6	30
Bleckley	12,626	2	15.8	2	15.8	0
Brantley	18,795	1	5.3	1	5.3	0
Brooks	16,344	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Bryan	51,105	15	29.4	24	47.0	9
Bulloch	85,454	21	24.6	32	37.4	11
Burke	24,472	2	8.2	2	8.2	0
Butts	27,127	3	11.1	3	11.1	0
Calhoun	5,441	3	55.1	3	55.1	0
Camden	59,099	19	32.1	23	38.9	4
Candler	11,130	1	9.0	1	9.0	0
Carroll	129,911	39	30.0	47	36.2	8
Catoosa	68,940	13	18.9	24	34.8	11
Charlton	13,021	1	7.7	1	7.7	0
Chatham	307,336	121	39.4	197	64.1	76
Chattahoochee	8,548	1	11.7	1	11.7	0
Chattooga	25,306	4	15.8	4	15.8	0

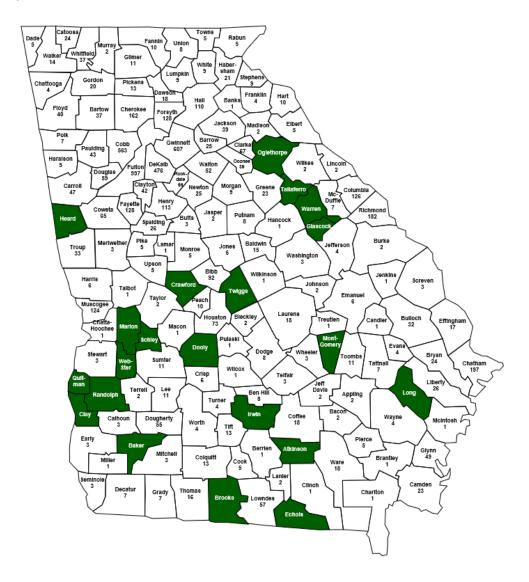
COUNTY	2024 POPULATION CENSUS (ESTIMATE)	GENERAL DENTISTS	GENERAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL DENTISTS	TOTAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	OTHER PRACTICE TYPE
Cherokee	293,513	98	33.4	162	55.2	64
Clarke	129,995	53	40.8	67	51.5	14
Clay	2,815	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Clayton	297,703	33	11.1	42	14.1	9
Clinch	6,871	1	14.6	1	14.6	0
Cobb	787,538	383	48.6	563	71.5	180
Coffee	43,851	14	31.9	18	41.0	4
Colquitt	46,977	11	23.4	13	27.7	2
Columbia	167,472	73	43.6	126	75.2	53
Cook	17,984	5	27.8	5	27.8	0
Coweta	158,233	46	29.1	65	41.1	19
Crawford	12,349	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Crisp	19,468	6	30.8	6	30.8	0
Dade	16,068	4	24.9	5	31.1	1
Dawson	33,748	13	38.5	18	53.3	5
Decatur	29,391	5	17.0	7	23.8	2
DeKalb	770,307	324	42.1	476	61.8	152
Dodge	19,630	8	40.8	8	40.8	0
Dooly	11,186	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Dougherty	82,418	37	44.9	55	66.7	18
Douglas	151,887	42	27.7	59	38.8	17
Early	10,444	3	28.7	3	28.7	0
Echols	3,698	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Effingham	73,148	13	17.8	17	23.2	4
Elbert	20,152	4	19.8	5	24.8	1
Emanuel	23,224	6	25.8	6	25.8	0
Evans	10,869	3	27.6	4	36.8	1
Fannin	25,854	10	38.7	10	38.7	0
Fayette	125,107	80	63.9	128	102.3	48
Floyd	101,390	26	25.6	40	39.5	14
Forsyth	280,096	80	28.6	128	45.7	48
Franklin	25,208	4	15.9	4	15.9	0
Fulton	1,090,354	616	56.5	997	91.4	381
Gilmer	33,327	10	30.0	11	33.0	1
Glascock	3,008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Glynn	86,540	35	40.4	49	56.6	14
Gordon	60,765	17	28.0	20	32.9	3

COUNTY	2024 POPULATION CENSUS (ESTIMATE)	GENERAL DENTISTS	GENERAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL DENTISTS	TOTAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	OTHER PRACTICE TYPE
Grady	26,271	7	26.6	7	26.6	0
Greene	21,091	20	94.8	23	109.1	3
Gwinnett	1,003,869	393	39.1	607	60.5	214
Habersham	49,665	18	36.2	21	42.3	3
Hall	221,745	76	34.3	110	49.6	34
Hancock	8,683	1	11.5	1	11.5	0
Haralson	32,404	5	15.4	5	15.4	0
Harris	36,929	6	16.2	6	16.2	0
Hart	28,052	8	28.5	10	35.6	2
Heard	12,119	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Henry	259,315	81	31.2	113	43.6	32
Houston	174,897	51	29.2	73	41.7	22
Irwin	9,155	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Jackson	93,825	29	30.9	39	41.6	10
Jasper	17,219	2	11.6	2	11.6	0
Jeff Davis	15,119	1	6.6	2	13.2	1
Jefferson	15,019	3	20.0	4	26.6	1
Jenkins	8,836	1	11.3	1	11.3	0
Johnson	9,178	2	21.8	2	21.8	0
Jones	29,047	5	17.2	5	17.2	0
Lamar	20,690	1	4.8	1	4.8	0
Lanier	10,464	2	19.1	2	19.1	0
Laurens	50,287	15	29.8	18	35.8	3
Lee	34,073	11	32.3	11	32.3	0
Liberty	68,607	18	26.2	26	37.9	8
Lincoln	8,049	2	24.8	2	24.8	0
Long	20,439	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Lowndes	122,082	40	32.8	57	46.7	17
Lumpkin	36,016	8	22.2	9	25.0	1
Macon	11,831	1	8.5	1	8.5	0
Madison	32,771	1	3.1	2	6.1	1
Marion	7,635	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
McDuffie	21,764	7	32.2	7	32.2	0
McIntosh	11,800	1	8.5	1	8.5	0
Meriwether	21,439	3	14.0	3	14.0	0
Miller	5,824	1	17.2	1	17.2	0
Mitchell	20,329	3	14.8	3	14.8	0
Monroe	31,437	5	15.9	5	15.9	0
Montgomery	8,566	0	0.0	0	0.0	0

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Morgan	21,940	8	36.5	9	41.0	1
Murray	41,316	1	2.4	2	4.8	1
Muscogee	201,830	85	42.1	124	61.4	39
Newton	124,010	19	15.3	25	20.2	6
Oconee	44,751	27	60.3	39	87.1	12
Oglethorpe	16,172	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Paulding	188,549	35	18.6	43	22.8	8
Peach	29,213	10	34.2	10	34.2	0
Pickens	36,580	10	27.3	13	35.5	3
Pierce	20,669	5	24.2	5	24.2	0
Pike	20,669	5	24.2	5	24.2	0
Polk	44,610	7	15.7	7	15.7	0
Pulaski	10,180	1	9.8	1	9.8	0
Putnam	23,383	6	25.7	8	34.2	2
Quitman	2,323	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Rabun	17,711	5	28.2	5	28.2	0
Randolph	6,085	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Richmond	206,303	97	47.0	182	88.2	85
Rockdale	97,610	42	43.0	66	67.6	24
Schley	4,503	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Screven	14,325	3	20.9	3	20.9	0
Seminole	9,274	3	32.3	3	32.3	0
Spalding	70,292	19	27.0	26	37.0	7
Stephens	27,498	7	25.5	9	32.7	2
Stewart	4,809	3	62.4	3	62.4	0
Sumter	28,972	11	38.0	11	38.0	0
Talbot	5,755	1	17.4	1	17.4	0
Taliaferro	1,620	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tattnall	24,275	6	24.7	7	28.8	1
Taylor	7,783	1	12.8	2	25.7	1
Telfair	11,000	3	27.3	3	27.3	0
Terrell	8,698	1	11.5	2	23.0	1
Thomas	46,054	12	26.1	16	34.7	4
Tift	41,708	9	21.6	13	31.2	4
Toombs	27,488	9	32.7	11	40.0	2
Towns	13,184	4	30.3	5	37.9	1
Treutlen	6,420	1	15.6	1	15.6	0
Troup	71,513	24	33.6	33	46.1	9
Turner	9,023	3	33.2	4	44.3	1

COUNTY	2024 POPULATION CENSUS (ESTIMATE)	GENERAL DENTISTS	GENERAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL DENTISTS	TOTAL DENTISTS RATE PER 100,000	OTHER PRACTICE TYPE
Twiggs	7,728	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Union	27,601	7	25.4	8	29.0	1
Upson	28,358	4	14.1	5	17.6	1
Walker	69,340	12	17.3	14	20.2	2
Walton	109,792	44	40.1	52	47.4	8
Ware	36,222	15	41.4	18	49.7	3
Warren	5,148	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Washington	19,834	3	15.1	3	15.1	0
Wayne	32,132	3	9.3	4	12.4	1
Webster	2,315	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Wheeler	7,076	3	42.4	3	42.4	0
White	29,668	8	27.0	9	30.3	1
Whitfield	105,070	26	24.7	37	35.2	11
Wilcox	8,904	1	11.2	1	11.2	0
Wilkes	9,567	2	20.9	2	20.9	0
Wilkinson	8,667	1	11.5	1	11.5	0
Worth	20,262	3	14.8	4	19.7	1

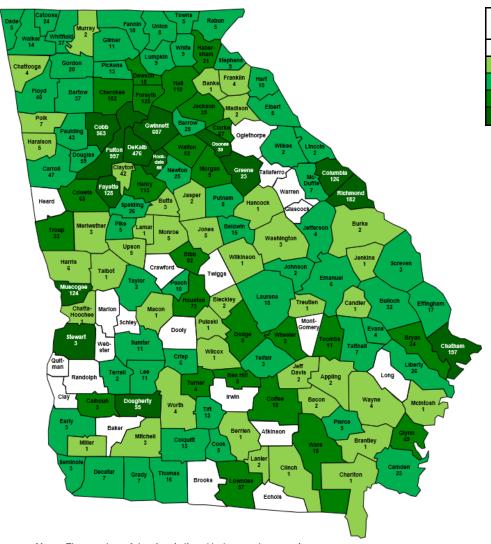
A closer look at the 2025 Dentist Census reveals which counties in Georgia had no actively practicing dentists that year. The accompanying map offers a visual overview of these areas. Of Georgia's 159 counties, 21 have no practicing dentists in 2025, representing approximately 13.2% of the state's total counties. By comparison, the 2021 Dentist Census showed 22 counties without any practicing dentists, or about 13.8% of the state's total counties. This reflects a slight decrease of 0.6 percentage points in counties without dental access over the four-year period. The availability of dentists by county is based on addresses reported by the dentists, which may be either a practice address or another publicly reported address.



Rate of Dentists per 100,000 Population

2025

The 2025 Dentist Census data shows that 21 out of 159 counties lacked active practicing dentists, while the remaining 146 counties of varying population sizes had active dentists. The chart below illustrates the availability of dentists relative to population size, using color to highlight areas with higher or lower service rates.



 Rate per 100,000
 Number of Counties

 0
 21

 1 - 19.9
 42

 20 - 39.9
 57

 40 - 59.9
 25

 ≥60
 14

Note: The number of dentists is listed below each county's name.

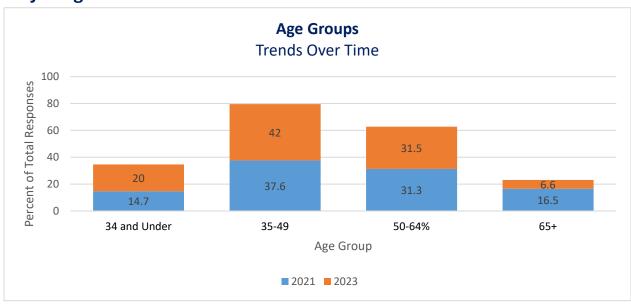
Overall, metro cities such as Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, and Macon have large numbers of dentists, whereas rural areas such as Clay, Quitman, and Randolph are underserved.

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION TRENDS OVER TIME

The chart below reflects dentists who reported their age. A detailed analysis of age distribution from 2021 to 2025 reveals the following findings:

Category (by Age)	2021 (%)	2025 (%)	Change in (%)
34 and under	14.7	20.0	+36.1 △
35 – 49	37.6	42.0	+11.7
50 – 64	31.3	31.5	+0.6
65+	16.5	6.6	-60.0

Key Insights



1. Age Group 34 and under:

 The percentage of dentists aged 34 and under increased from 14.7% in 2021 to 20.0% in 2025 – a 36.1% rise.

2. Age Group 35-49

Dentists aged 35 to 49 grew from 37.6% to 42.0%.

3. Age groups 50-64

 The percentage of dentists aged 50 to 64 remained relatively unchanged, moving slightly from 31.3% to 31.5%.

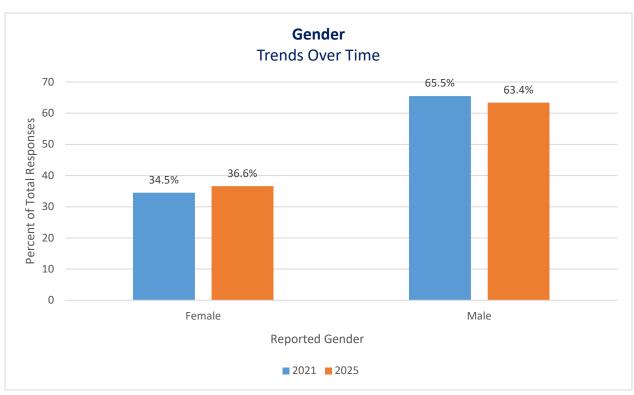
4. Age group 65+

Dentists aged 65 and older dropped significantly from 16.5% to 6.6%, a 60% decrease.

GENDER DISTRIBUTION TRENDS OVER TIME

The chart below reflects dentists who identified as male or female. A detailed analysis of gender distribution from 2021 to 2025 reveals the following findings.

Category (by Gender)	2021 (%)	2025 (%)	Change in (%)	
Female	34.5	36.6	+6.1% △	
Male	65.5	63.4	-3.2% ▼	



Key Insights

1. Increase in Female Dentists

 The percentage of female dentists grew by 6.1%, from 34.5% in 2021 to 36.6% in 2025.

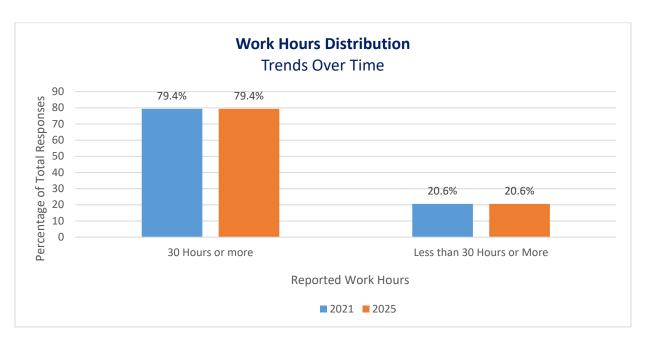
2. Decrease in Male Dentists

 The percentage of male dentists declined by 3.2%, from 2021, 65.5%, to 63.4% in 2025.

WORK HOURS DISTRIBUTION TRENDS OVER TIME

Dentists reported working either 30 hours or more per week or less than 30 hours. The chart below highlights a detailed analysis of the work-hour distribution from 2021 to 2025.

Category (per week)	2021 (%)	2025 (%)	Change in (%)
30 Hours or More	79.4	79.4	0.0
Less than 30 Hours	20.6	20.6	0.0



Key Insights

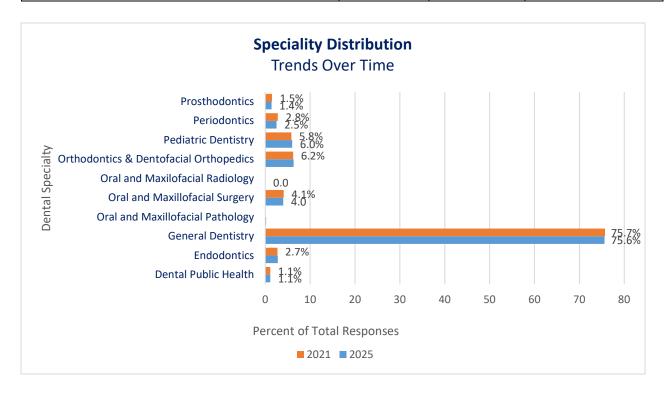
1. Stability in Work Patterns:

- The data indicates that the work hours distribution among dentists has remained unchanged over the four-year period (2021-2025).
- Most dentists work 30 or more hours per week.

SPECIALTY DISTRIBUTION TRENDS OVER TIME

The Dentist Census outlines the specialties in which dentists practice. A comparison of practice areas between 2021 and 2025 highlights changes in dentists work.

Category (Specialty) ⁶	2021 (%)	2025 (%)	Change (%)
Dental Public Health	1.1	1.1	0.0
Endodontics	2.7	2.8	+3.7
General Dentistry	75.7	75.6	-0.1
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	n/a	0.1	Newly reported
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	n/a	0.0	Newly reported
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	4.1	4.0	-2.4
Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics	6.2	6.3	+1.6
Pediatric Dentistry	5.8	6.0	+3.4
Periodontics	2.8	2.5	-10.7
Prosthodontics	1.5	1.4	-6.7



⁶ Percentages are rounded to one decimal place and may appear in the chart above as 0.0. Actual Percentage: Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (0.02%); Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (0.18%).

⁷ National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards: Recognized Dental Specialties

1. Dominant Specialty: General Dentistry

 General Dentistry represents much of the data and remains almost unchanged.

2. Growth Areas

 Endodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, and Orthodontics show modest growth ranging from 1.6% to 3.7%.

3. Declining Areas

 Periodontics (-10.7%), and Prosthodontics (-6.7%) have noteworthy declines.

4. Emergence of Previously Unreported Specialties:

 Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology now each have newly reported percentages that were not reported in 2021.

Unknown Data

About Unknown Data

The data in this document is based on self-reported responses from dentists across the previously discussed categories. Any missing or unreported information has been excluded, so the figures reflect only those who provided responses. The charts below illustrate the number and percentage of dentists who did not submit data in each category for 2025. These percentages are calculated using the total number of actively practicing dentists in Georgia: 5,704.

Age Groups (Unknown)

No Response	Percentage
957	18.9%

Gender (Unknown)

No Response	Percentage
1130	9.8%

Work Hours (Unknown)

No Response	Percentage
1143	9.9%

Work Hours by Gender (Unknown)

No Response	Percentage
1147	9.9%

Specialties (Unknown)

No Response	Percentage
1145	9.9%

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