



# IOWA DENTAL BOARD

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# ABOUT THE BOARD

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*The Board's mission is to ensure that all Iowans receive professional, competent, and safe dental health care of the highest quality. The Board does this by administering and enforcing the provisions of Iowa law that relate to the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting.*

The Iowa Dental Board is the state agency charged with the overall responsibility for regulating the professions of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting in the state of Iowa. In pursuit of this mission, the Iowa Dental Board performs these primary functions:

- Adopts rules and establishes standards for practitioners pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code.
- Issues licenses, registrations, and permits to qualified dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants.
- Sets standards for the licensure or registration of practitioners and applicable permits.
- Enforces Iowa laws that regulate the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting and investigates complaints concerning violations of the dental practice act and Board rules.
- Conducts disciplinary hearings and actively monitors the compliance of licensees with Board orders.
- Conducts infection control and sedation inspections.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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On May 14, 2018, Governor Kim Reynolds signed HF 2377 into law. This historic bill mandated sweeping changes to the manner in which opioids are prescribed in Iowa. The Iowa Dental Board's Opioid Task Force, created in 2017, helped write rules to implement the new law. This included mandatory use of the Prescription Monitoring Program within 48 hours of prescribing an opioid, a new disciplinary penalty for practitioners who prescribe excessive amounts of opioids, completion of one hour of continuing education on opioids during each renewal period, and mandatory electronic prescribing for all prescriptions, including controlled substances (beginning January 1, 2020). As an agency charged with ensuring that all Iowans receive professional, competent and safe dental care of the highest quality, the Iowa Dental Board was proud to be a part of these important efforts.

Additional highlights from 2018 include:

- Held 6 in-person Board meetings and 3 teleconferences.
- Issued 1,403 licenses, registrations and permits. **This is a 90% increase from 2010.**
- Renewed 2,187 dental licenses.
- Issued 44 public orders.
- Issued 17 confidential letters of information and 44 confidential letters of warning concerning licensee conduct or practice.
- Conducted 17 on-site sedation inspections for moderate and general anesthesia permit holders across the state.
- Eliminated an extensive investigative backlog.
- Created an Expanded Functions Task Force to review and evaluate expanded function rules and make recommendations for revisions to the Board.
- Convened an extensive review, in collaboration with the Anesthesia Credentials Committee, of moderate sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia rules.
- Hosted a free online jurisprudence course with more than 1,000 participants.
- Hosted presentations for fifteen community colleges and other entities.
- Revised our strategic plan to include goals regarding the investigation of complaints.
- Started working on database upgrades, with the ultimate goal of improving online licensure and renewal functions.
- Hosted quarterly phone calls with dental hygiene and dental assisting educators.
- Conducted an annual review of online infection control and jurisprudence exams.
- Participated in national discussions regarding licensure compacts and clinical exams.

All programs and activities of the Board are funded solely by fees, which have not increased since 2007. While this brief report provides an overview of how those funds were utilized, it also provides a glimpse into the hard work, dedication and countless hours the Board and staff commit to the protection of the public and regulation of the dental profession. Please visit our website, or contact us, if you would like to learn more about the vital work that we do.



Jill Stuecker, MPA, MA  
Executive Director, Iowa Dental Board

# BOARD MEMBERS

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The Iowa Dental Board is composed of five licensed dentists, two licensed dental hygienists, and two members who represent the public. Members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Iowa Senate. Appointments are for a three-year term. Board members are eligible to serve up to three terms or nine years. Members receive per diem and expenses when conducting Board business.

Annually, the Board elects officers: a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. Committees are appointed as required. The following committees are established pursuant to Iowa Code Section 153 and Iowa Administrative Code 650: the Dental Hygiene Committee, the Continuing Education Advisory Committee, the Anesthesia Credentials Committee, and the Iowa Practitioner Review Committee. The Iowa Dental Board may also appoint ad-hoc committees as deemed necessary.

<b><u>2017-2018 MEMBERS* &amp; OFFICERS</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
<b>Steven Bradley, D.D.S.</b> , Cascade, Chair	2010, 2013, 2016	April 30, 2019
<b>Thomas Jeneary, D.D.S.</b> , LeMars, Vice-Chair	2013, 2016	November 2018**
<b>William McBride, D.D.S.</b> , Dubuque, Secretary	2015, 2018	April 30, 2021
<b>Monica Foley, D.D.S.</b> , Bettendorf	2016	April 30, 2019
<b>Michael Davidson, D.D.S.</b> , Urbandale	2017	April 30, 2020
<b>Mary Kelly-Grief, R.D.H.</b> , Des Moines	2011, 2014, 2017	April 30, 2020
<b>Nancy Slach, R.D.H.</b> , West Branch	2012, 2015, 2018	April 30, 2021
<b>Lori Elmitt</b> , Johnston	2012, 2015, 2018	April 30, 2021
<b>Bruce Thorsen</b> , Clive	2017	April 30, 2020

\*Licensees and members of the public, who are interested in serving on the board may complete an application online at <https://openup.iowa.gov/>

\*\*Dr. Jeneary resigned from the Board in November 2018 following his election to the Iowa State House of Representatives.

## The Dental Hygiene Committee

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*All matters regarding the practice, discipline, education, examination, and licensure of dental hygienists will be initially directed to the dental hygiene committee. The committee shall have the authority to adopt recommendations regarding the practice, discipline, education, examination, and licensure of dental hygienists and shall carry out duties as assigned by the board.*

<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>APPOINTED</u></b>
<b>Mary Kelly-Grief, R.D.H.</b> , Chair	2011 - Present
<b>Nancy Slach, R.D.H.</b>	2012 - Present
<b>Monica Foley, D.D.S.</b>	2017 – June 2018
<b>Michael Davidson, D.D.S.</b>	June 2018 – Present

# BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board's website has information about meetings, <https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/meetings>, including meeting agendas, materials and minutes.

Please Note: Meeting minutes are not posted for public release until they are approved by the Board or committee at the subsequent meeting.

**2018 Meetings\***

January 25  
 April 6  
 April 27\*  
 June 8  
 August 3  
 September 28  
 October 12\*  
 November 16  
 November 27\*

\*Indicates teleconference.

**2019 Meetings\*\***

January 25  
 April 5  
 June 7  
 August 1-2  
 September 27  
 November 15

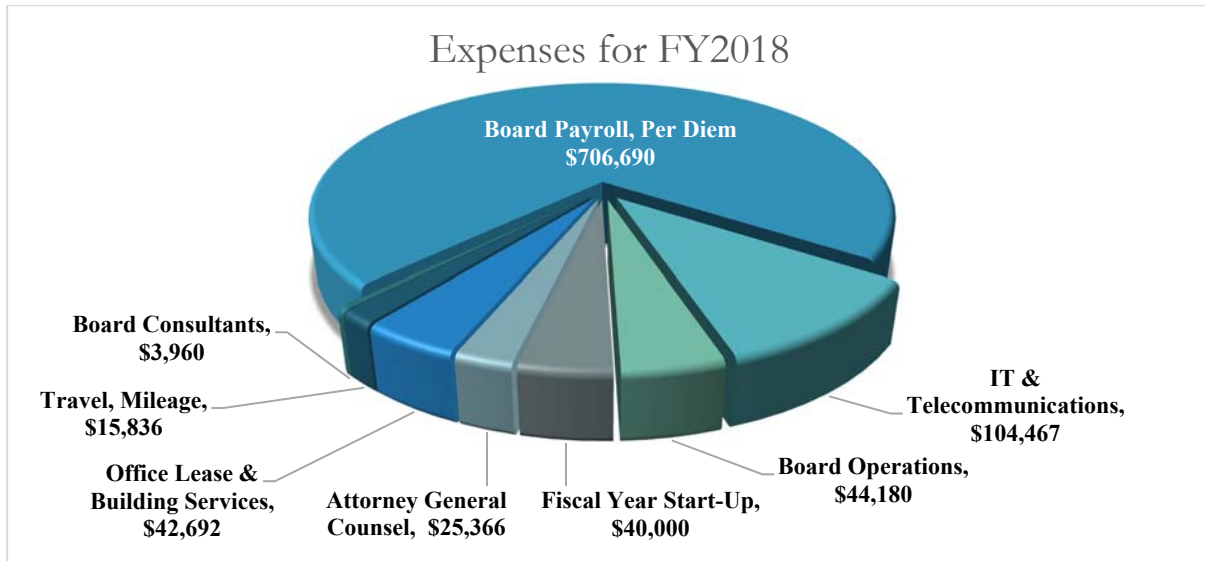
\*\*Subject to change. Agendas are typically posted 7-10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

## ONLINE SERVICES WEBSITE

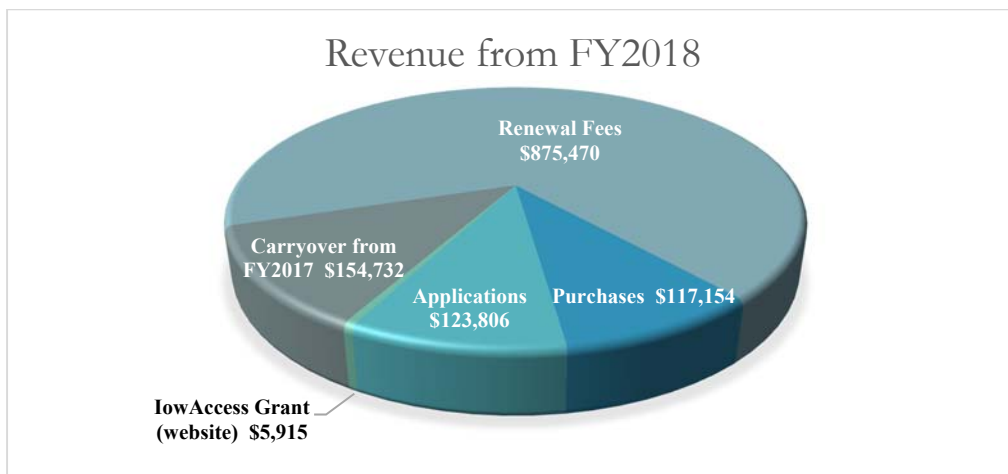
The online services website allows the Iowa Dental Board to provide services electronically. Beginning in 2018, the process of developing electronic renewal cards was initiated. Once implemented, the electronic cards will replace the printed cards with versions that may be printed by the licensee/registrant at their convenience. This will also allow licensees to update their license/registration status to interested parties, such as insurance companies, more quickly following the issuance of a new license/registration or renewal. The Board intends to roll out the new electronic cards in the first half of 2019.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IOWA DENTAL BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jill Stuecker Executive Director</p> <p>The Iowa Dental Board regulates the professions of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting in the state of Iowa. This card is to verify the status of the licensee listed below.</p> <p><b>John Allen Doe, D.D.S.</b>                  License #: DDS-XXXXX                  License Type: Dentist                  Status: Active                  Effective: 08/11/16 - 08/31/18</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     Expires                      Aug 31,                      2018                 </div> <p><small>Print Date: 11/08/18</small></p>	<p>The person whose name appears on this document may practice pursuant to board rules and state law.</p> <p>To verify the status of a licensee with the Iowa Dental Board, please visit: <a href="http://www.dentalboard.iowa.gov">www.dentalboard.iowa.gov</a>.</p> <p>IAC 650-10.2 requires this document to be displayed along with the original certificate of license at all permanent practice locations. This card indicates the current date of expiration for the license.</p> <p>IAC 650-10.6 requires licensees to notify the Board in writing, within 60 days, of a change to email address, primary mailing address or practice locations.</p> <p>To document a name change, please email or fax proof of legal name change to <a href="mailto:IDB@iowa.gov">IDB@iowa.gov</a> or fax to 515-281-7969.</p>
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# DENTAL BOARD BUDGET FY2018



The most recent fiscal year ran from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The Iowa Dental Board's expenses for FY2018 were \$969,107. The Board did not increase staff size in fiscal year 2018. IT & telecommunications includes costs of the annual maintenance agreement for the Dental Board's licensing database, server storage and maintenance, technical support from the state of Iowa and outside vendors, and telephones. Board operations include remaining costs such as office supplies, postage and membership dues.



The Board is not appropriated funds by the state of Iowa; rather, the Board is funded entirely by fees sufficient to cover the Board's operating expenses pursuant to Iowa Code Section 147.80. The Iowa Dental Board's total revenue for FY2018 was \$1,277,077. Remaining revenue from the previous fiscal year carries over to the next fiscal year. Fees for application and renewal have not been increased since FY2007.

The Board's anticipated revenue for FY2019 is \$1,243,557.

# STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2016, the Board created a five-year strategic plan to serve as a roadmap. The plan created a vision and core values, as well as strategic goals.

## VISION

The Iowa Dental Board strives to be a unified team respected for integrity, which is:

- Approachable, fair and flexible.
- Responsive to the public and stakeholders.
- Evidence-based and data-driven.
- Utilized as a resource.

## CORE VALUES

- MISSION-DRIVEN:** We make decisions through the lens of IDB’s mission.
- PROFESSIONAL:** We act diplomatically in carrying out and protecting IDB’s mission.
- OBJECTIVE:** We make decisions supported by data and evidence.
- TRANSPARENT:** We ensure licensees and the public understand the process by which decisions are made.
- INVESTED:** We demonstrate commitment to IDB and preparedness for decision making.
- OPEN-MINDED:** We consider all viewpoints.
- COMMITTED TO INTEGRITY:** We act honestly and consistent with values.

STRATEGIC GOALS				
Board Culture and Development	Communication and Education	Licensing	Examinations	Investigations
Develop a Culture and Process that Exemplify Evidence-Based Decision Making	Proactively and Consistently Communicate with Stakeholders	Continually Streamline and Improve the Licensing Process	Ensure Examinations are Relevant, Valid and Measure Competency	Investigate Cases in the Manner and Timeframes Outlined in the Board-Approved Procedure

# IOWA PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

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The Dental Board established the Iowa Practitioner Review Committee (IPRC) to evaluate, assist and monitor the recovery or rehabilitation of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants who self-report possible impairments.

Under Board rules, impairment means an inability to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting with reasonable safety and skill as a result of alcohol or drug abuse, dependency or addiction, or any mental or physical disorder or disability. Self-report means that the licensee has reported any possible impairment to the Board, prior to the Board receiving a complaint alleging an impairment.

Self-reports made by licensees are reviewed by the IPRC to determine eligibility for participation in the program. The IPRC then designs an individualized recovery or rehabilitation program to meet the specific needs of the licensee, providing ongoing monitoring and guidance. Participants sign contracts agreeing to adhere to strict guidelines, which often includes weekly urine analysis testing, a practice monitor and mandated treatment.

The goal of the program is to support practitioners who seek the program's assistance and to protect the public by carefully monitoring practitioners with diagnosed impairments that may affect their ability to practice. Participants who violate their contract may be reported to the Board for public action. The committee and program are defined in Iowa Administrative Code 650, Chapter 35.

The committee meets quarterly, and in 2018 met in-person with nine program participants. All in-state participants appear before the committee annually. The program is funded through licensure fees. Licensees pay a quarterly monitoring fee of \$100 and are responsible for all costs associated with drug screening, therapy and treatment.

Staff members of the Board manage the program. The members of the committee, in addition to legal counsel from the Attorney General's office, provide guidance on case issues. Members of the IPRC in 2018:

- Richard Ripps, D.D.S., Chair
- Gordon Anderson, Alcohol and Drug Counselor
- Fred Marsh, M.D.
- James Gallagher, M.D.
- Jill Stuecker, Board Executive Director

State law mandates that information in the possession of the IPRC be kept confidential. Accordingly, participation in the program is not a matter of public record.

**A total of 51 practitioners have participated in the program since its inception.  
In 2018 there were 12 practitioners under contract with the program.**

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# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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The Iowa Dental Board's administrative rules are located in Iowa Administrative Code 650. Before the Board can adopt a new rule or amend an existing rule, the intended action item must be noticed publicly, published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and made eligible for public comment. The proposed changes are also subject to review by the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). In addition, the public can petition the Board to adopt, amend or repeal an administrative rule.

**CHAPTER 1, “Administration”:** The amendment updated the definition of “overpayment” to coincide with the update to the definition of “fee” in Iowa Administrative Code 650--Chapter 15. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 1/26/2018 (ARC 3703C); Adopted: 6/8/2018 (ARC 3963C); Effective: 9/19/2018.

**CHAPTER 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene”:** The amendments updated the requirements for licensure of a foreign-trained dentist due to previously-approved rule waivers. The new requirements match the minimum standards used as the basis to approve the previous rule waivers, and updated references to minimum examination standards. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 1/26/2018 (ARC 3705C); Adopted: 6/8/2018 (ARC 3961C); Effective: 9/19/2018.

**CHAPTER 10, “General Requirements”; CHAPTER 16, “Prescribing, Administering, and Dispensing Drugs”:** The amendments updated the requirements for notifying the Board of name and address changes, struck the restriction on the ownership of dental practices, and established protocols for silver diamine fluoride when used in public health settings. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 4/6/2018 (ARC 3849C); Adopted: 8/3/2018 (ARC 3987C); Effective: 10/3/2018.

**CHAPTER 26, “Advertising”; CHAPTER 28, “Designation of Specialties”:** The amendments updated the requirements for references to specialty practice in advertising and other communications. Chapter 28 was rescinded and all requirements concerning communications related to specialty practice was included in Chapter 26, “Advertising”. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 4/16/2018 (ARC 3901C); Adopted: 9/28/2018 (ARC 4099C); Effective: 11/28/2018.

**CHAPTER 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene”; CHAPTER 20, “Dental Assistants”:** The amendments updated the process for the review of applications for license/registration by the License Registration Committee. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 4/6/2018 (ARC 4005C); Adopted: 11/16/2018 (ARC 4187C); Effective: 1/23/2019.

**CHAPTER 16, “Prescribing, Administering, and Dispensing Drugs”, CHAPTER 25, “Continuing Education”; and CHAPTER 30, “Discipline”:** At the October 2017 meeting, the Iowa Dental Board formed an Opioid Task Force to review the issues and concerns related to the use of opioids in dentistry and to implement the requirements of HF 2377. The amendments also update the rules for prescribing to better match the requirements established by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Agency, require one hour of continuing education in the area for opioids, and establish clearer measures for disciplinary action in cases where it is appropriate. Notice of Intended Action Approved: 11/16/2018 (ARC 4305C). Vote for adoption scheduled: 4/5/2019.

# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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## Rulemaking Discussed by the Board in 2018

**CHAPTER 27, “Standards of Practice and Principles of Professional Ethics”:** The proposed amendments would clarify requirements for notification to patients of retirement or discontinuation of practice in the community.

**CHAPTER 10, “General Requirements”; CHAPTER 15, “Fees”; CHAPTER 20, “Dental Assistants”; CHAPTER 23, “Expanded Functions”:** In 2018, the Expanded Functions Task Force and the Board reviewed the regulations concerning expanded functions. The Task Force proposed a number of changes to make the rules clearer and better fit the needs of dentistry in Iowa. The Board approved a Notice of Intended Action at the November 16, 2018 Board meeting.

**CHAPTER 29, “Sedation”:** In 2018, the Anesthesia Credentials Committee and the Board reviewed the rules related to sedation in the practice of dentistry. Following a year of intensive review and discussion, the Anesthesia Credentials Committee and the Board proposed rulemaking, which would rescind and replace the current chapter. The amendments would update the requirements for sedation in dental offices to reflect updated national standards, and take into consideration previous requests for rule waiver and implement similar standards in rule. A Notice of Intended Action was drafted for consideration by the Board at the January 2019 meeting.

## GOVDELIVERY

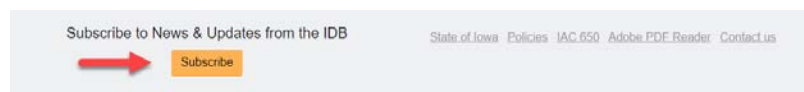
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Beginning in 2017, the Iowa Dental Board started using the services of GovDelivery. GovDelivery is a web service that allows the Board to more easily communicate with licensees/registrants and other interested parties.

Information necessary for licensees/registrants, such as notification of renewal, will automatically be sent to the email address on file as updates and notices are issued. Licensees/registrants interested in receiving communications on other topics may subscribe to the Board’s communications.

Anyone interested in signing up for communications from the Iowa Dental Board may visit the Board’s website, <https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/>. At the bottom of the home page, there is a link to subscribe to the Iowa Dental Board’s GovDelivery service. After entering an email address, one may select the topics of interest. Topics include:

- Rules, Regulations and Updates.
- Meetings.
- Public Orders.
- Information for Educators.
- News, Events and Press Releases from the Dental Board.



Subscribers may update their topic selections or unsubscribe at their convenience. Email addresses will not be released or shared with other parties.

# EXPANDED FUNCTIONS

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The Iowa Dental Board established rules for expanded functions in 2003. The original rules applied only to dental assistants and included nine expanded functions. In 2015, the Iowa Dental Board amended the rules to allow more services, and functions for dental hygienists were added. At that time, the Board established classifications for expanded functions practitioners: basic, Certified Level 1 and Certified Level 2.

Over the last several years, the Board has received additional comments and suggestions in response to expanded functions to improve access to care. In 2018, the Iowa Dental Board established a task force to review the rules and make recommendations for revisions.

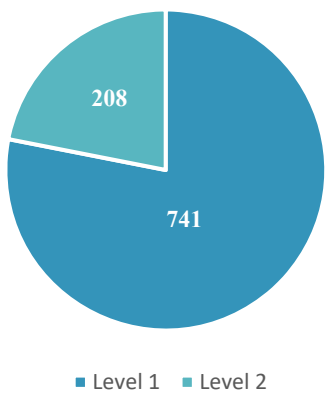
The task force included educators and representatives from dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting. The task force met five times and proposed a number of recommendations. At the November 16, 2018 meeting, the Board approved a Notice of Intended Action which included the following **proposed** revisions:

- Allowing dental assistants and dental hygienists to perform the following services within the scope of practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist following appropriate training:
  - Placement/removal of dry socket medication;
  - Placement of periodontal dressings;
  - Test pulp vitality;
  - Preliminary charting of existing dental restorations and teeth (added to dental assistant scope of practice);
  - Perform phlebotomy; and
  - Test glucose levels.
- Updating the language for Level 1 and Level 2 expanded functions to clarify the intent and purpose of the functions;
- Adding two new Level 1 expanded functions:
  - Placement of class 1 intermediate restorative material, including lingual endodontic access, following preparation of a tooth by the dentist; and
  - Recementation of provisional restorations.
- Adding three new Level 2 expanded functions;
  - Polishing of restorative material using a slow-speed handpiece;
  - Extraoral adjustment to acrylic dentures without making any adjustments to the prosthetic teeth; and
  - Placement of intracoronal temporary fillings following preparation of a tooth by a dentist.
- Creating clearer, minimum training requirements for Level 1 expanded functions to ensure more consistent training standards between training providers; and
- Implementing a process for obtaining certification as a Level 1 or Level 2 expanded functions dental assistant or dental hygienist.

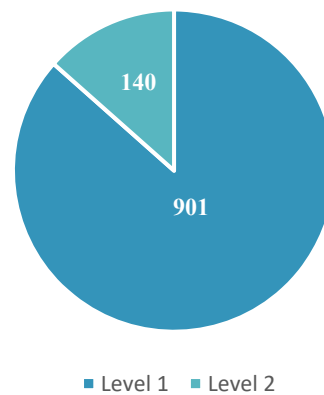
# EXPANDED FUNCTIONS

To obtain a better understanding of the use of expanded functions in Iowa, the Iowa Dental Board has started to gather information about expanded functions as part of the renewal process. In 2016 and 2018, dentists were asked if they would allow their staff to perform expanded functions. The data below show the number of dentists who indicated that they delegate, or would be willing to delegate, Level 1 or Level 2 expanded functions to their dental assistants or dental hygienists.

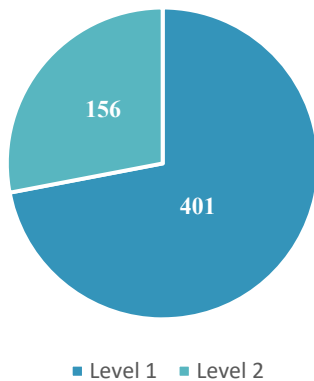
Dentists that Would Allow Dental Assistants to Perform Expanded Functions (2016)



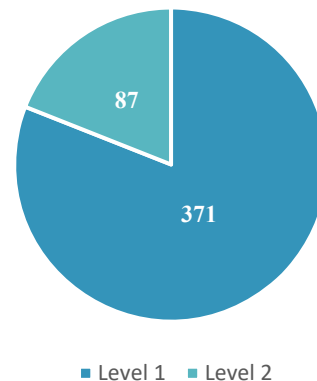
Dentists that Would Allow Dental Assistants to Perform Expanded Functions (2018)



Dentists that Would Allow Dental Hygienists to Perform Expanded Functions (2016)



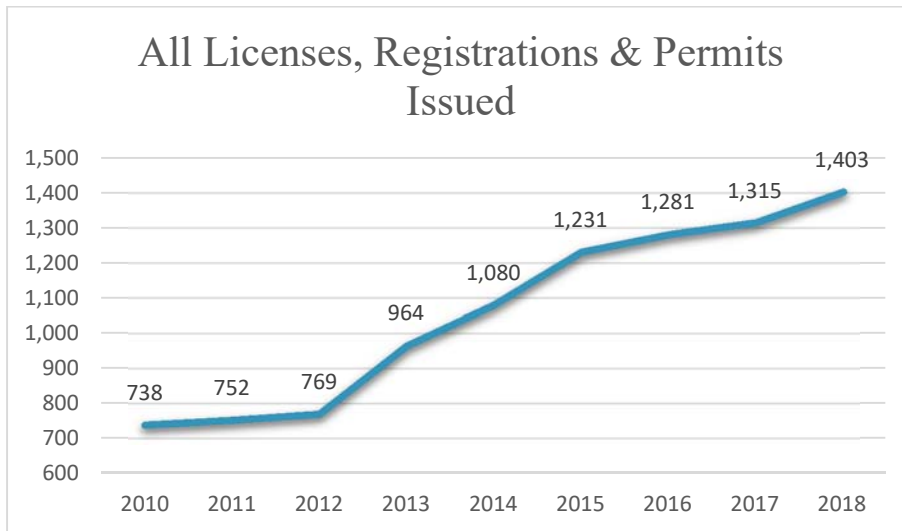
Dentists that Would Allow Dental Hygienists to Perform Expanded Functions (2018)



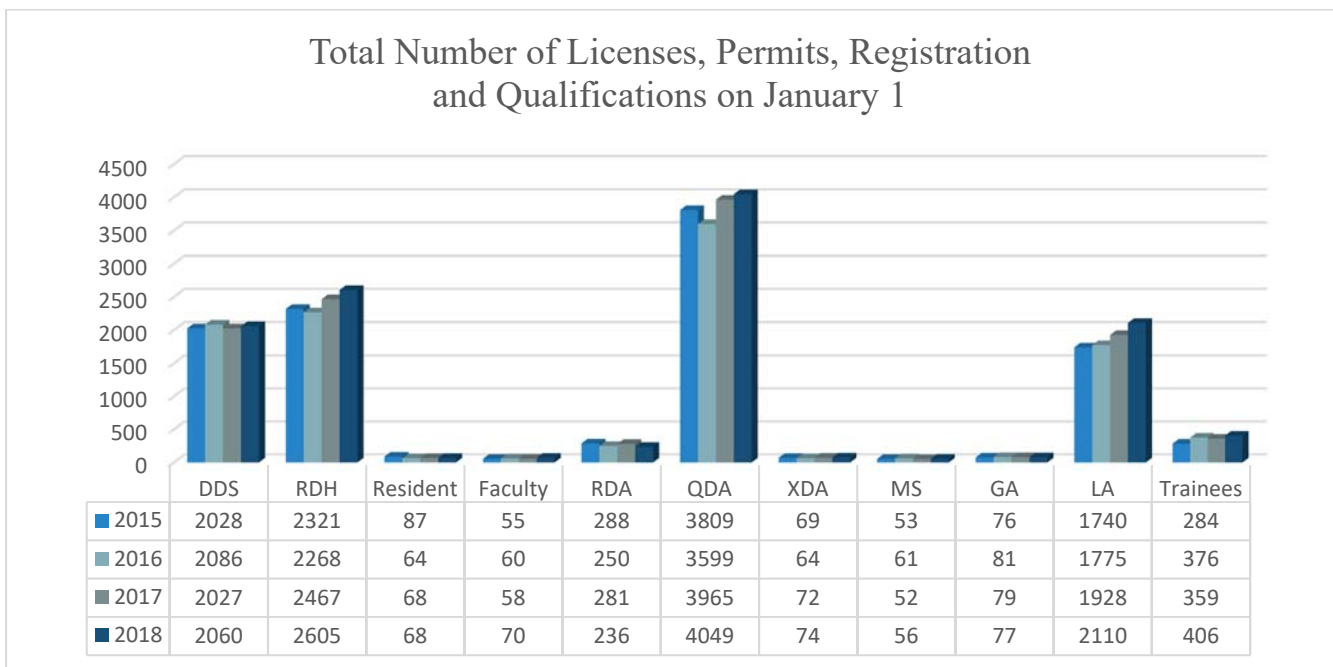
# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

**Please note:** Some data are limited to the periods of 2013 to 2018 because the Iowa Dental Board transitioned to a new licensure database (AMANDA) on June 3, 2013.

The following data include applications issued for all dental, dental hygiene, dental assistant, dental assistant trainee, and permit applications. Since 2010, there has been a 90% increase in the total number of licenses, registrations, permits and qualifications issued by the Iowa Dental Board.



The following chart shows the number of current licenses, registrations permits on January 1 of the calendar year.

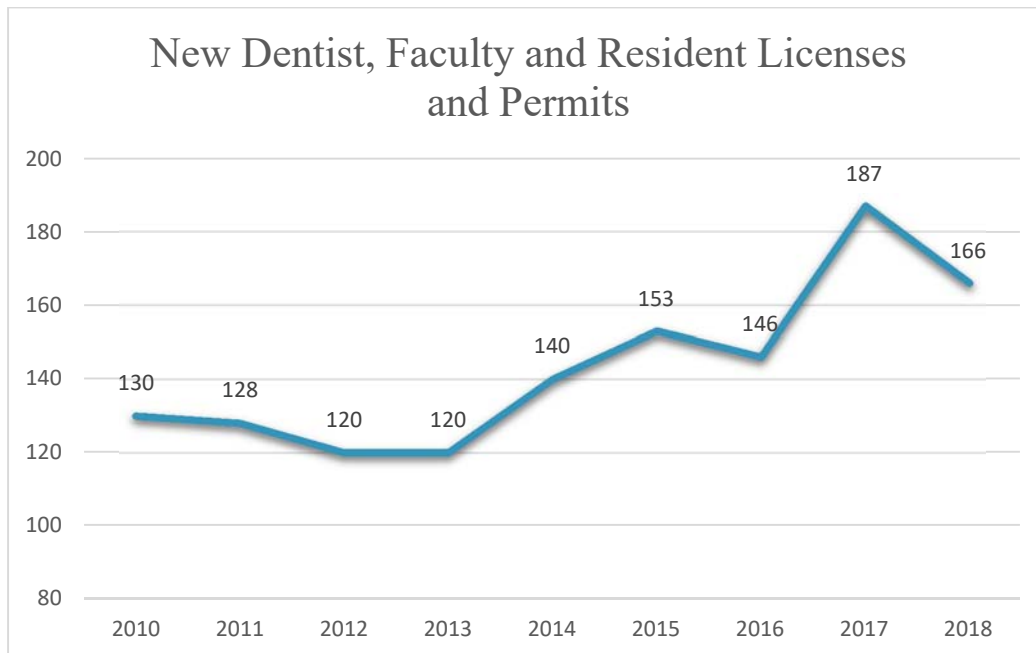
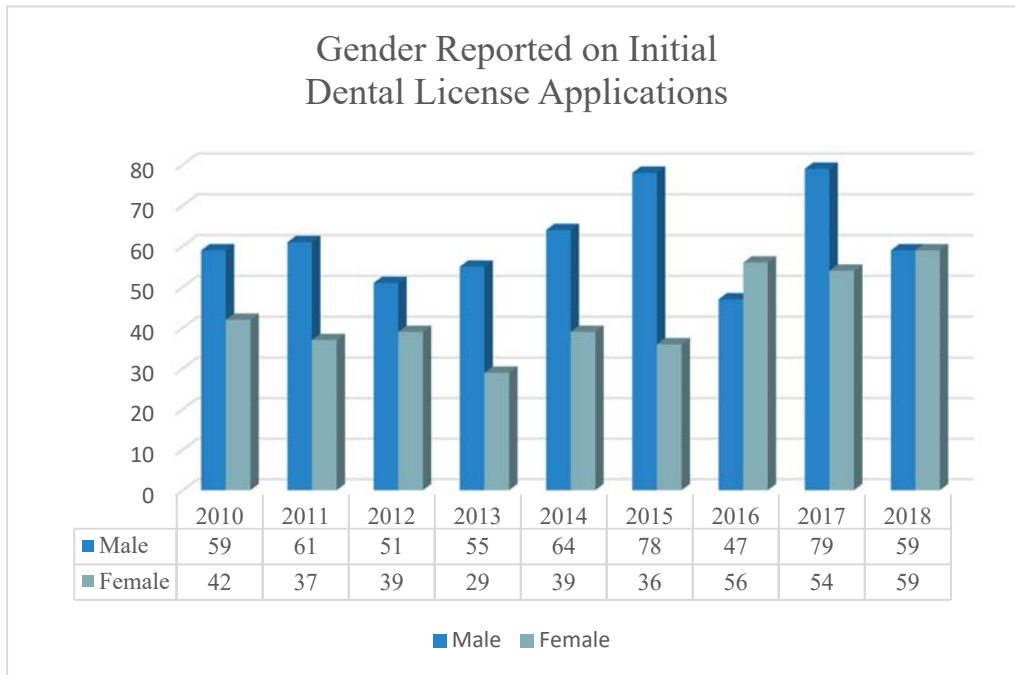


RDA = Registered Dental Assistant; QDA = Registered Dental Assistant with Qualification in Dental Radiography; XDA = Not-Registered with Qualification in Dental Radiography (licensed nurses).

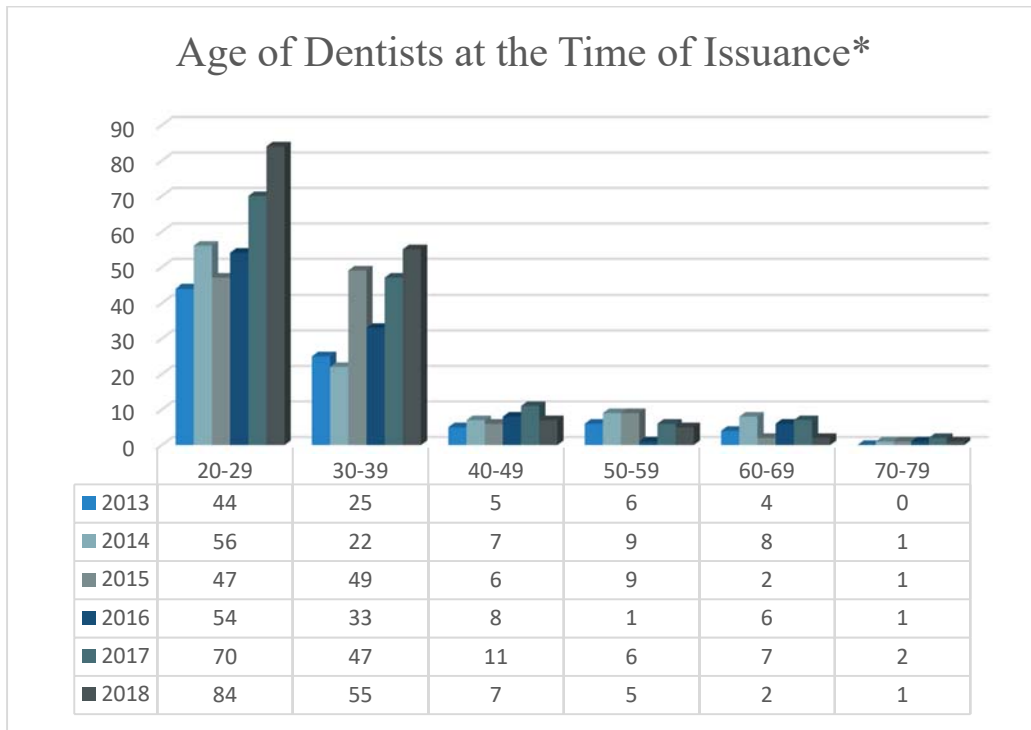
# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

## Initial Licensure: Dentists

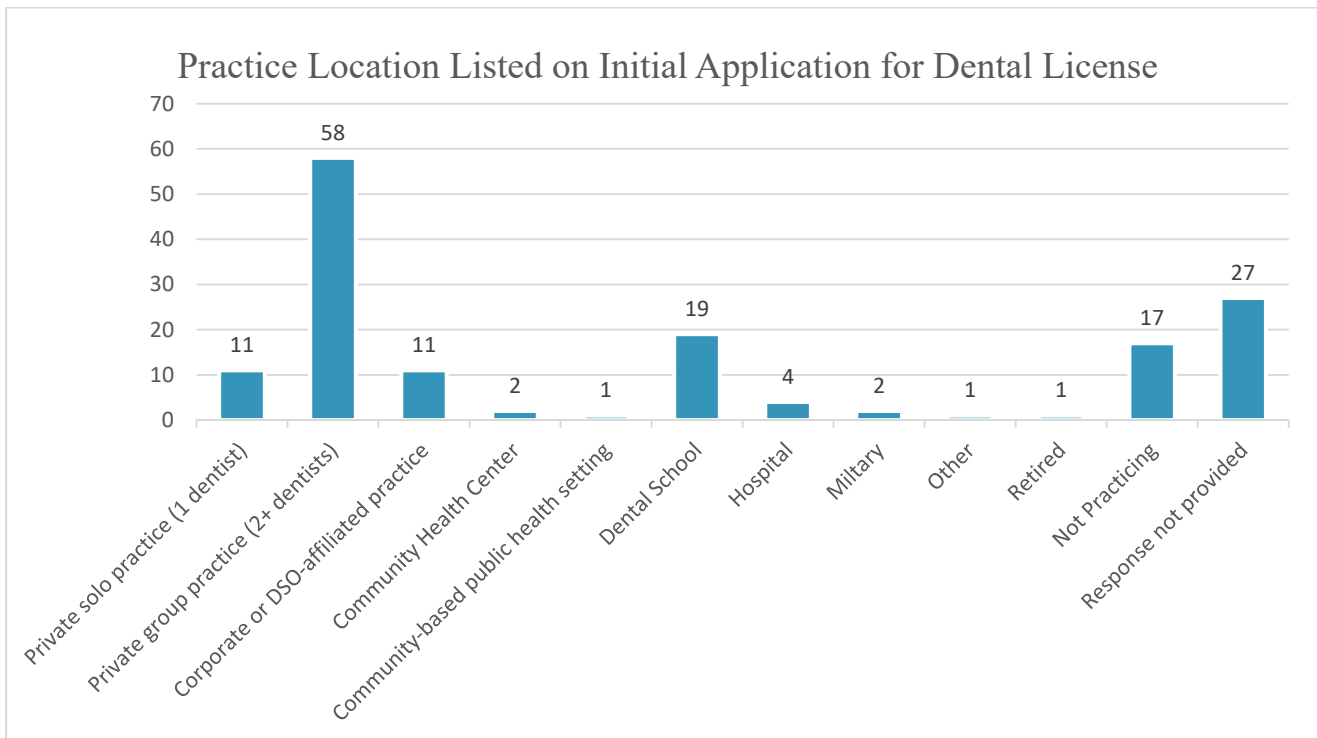
Although some dental professions, such as dental assisting and dental hygiene, are largely comprised of females, the number of males and females obtaining licenses to practice dentistry in Iowa in 2018 was evenly matched.



# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

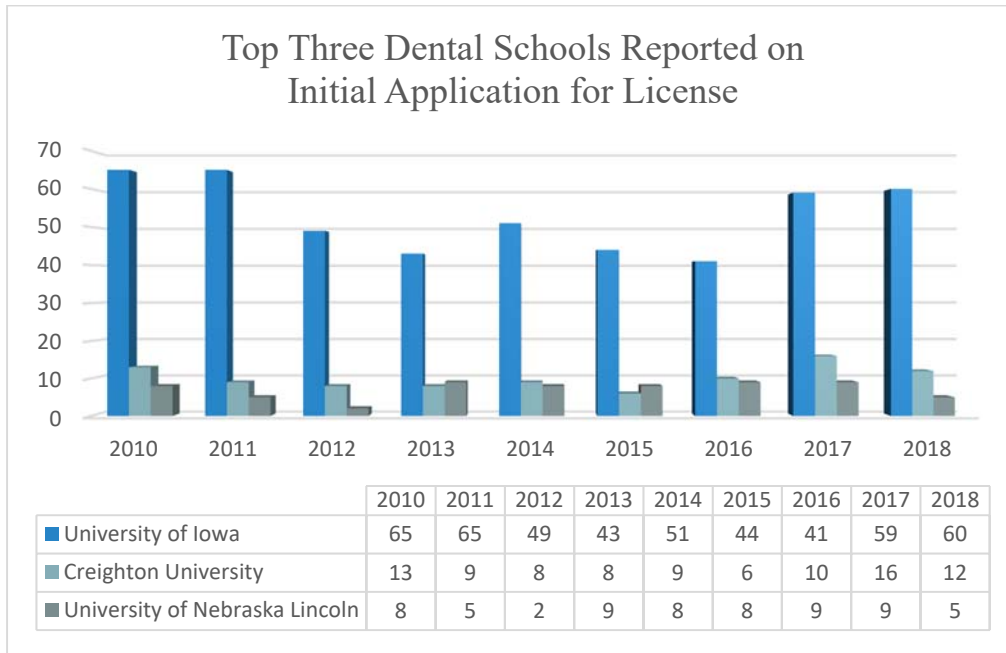


\*This information also includes data about the age at the time of reinstatement and reactivation of an Iowa license, in addition to applications for initial license.

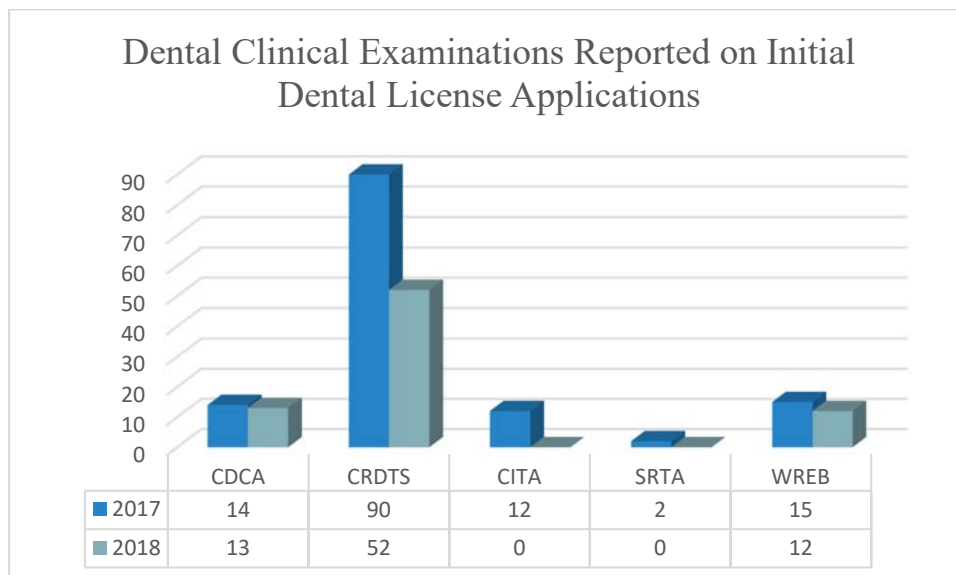


# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

In 2018, almost half (46.5%) of applicants for a new Iowa dental license graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. A consistent number of new licensees graduated from dental schools in Nebraska.



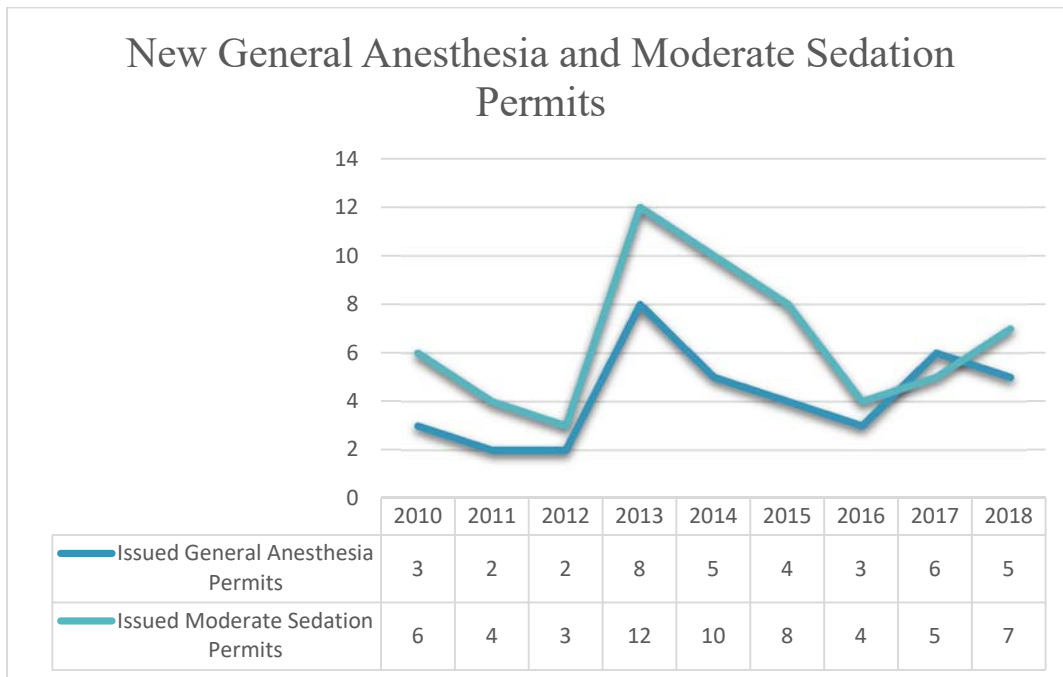
In January 2017, the Iowa Dental Board began accepting examination results from all of the regional clinical testing agencies for the purposes of licensure on the basis of examination.



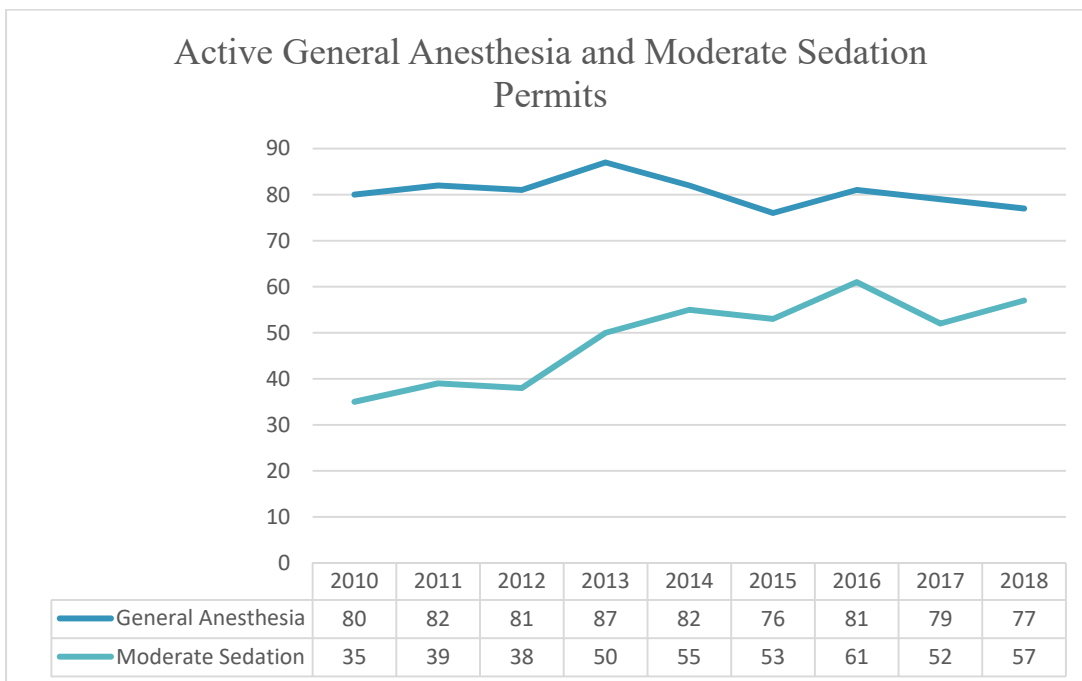


# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 650 – Chapter 29, dentists who wish to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia in Iowa, must obtain a sedation permit.



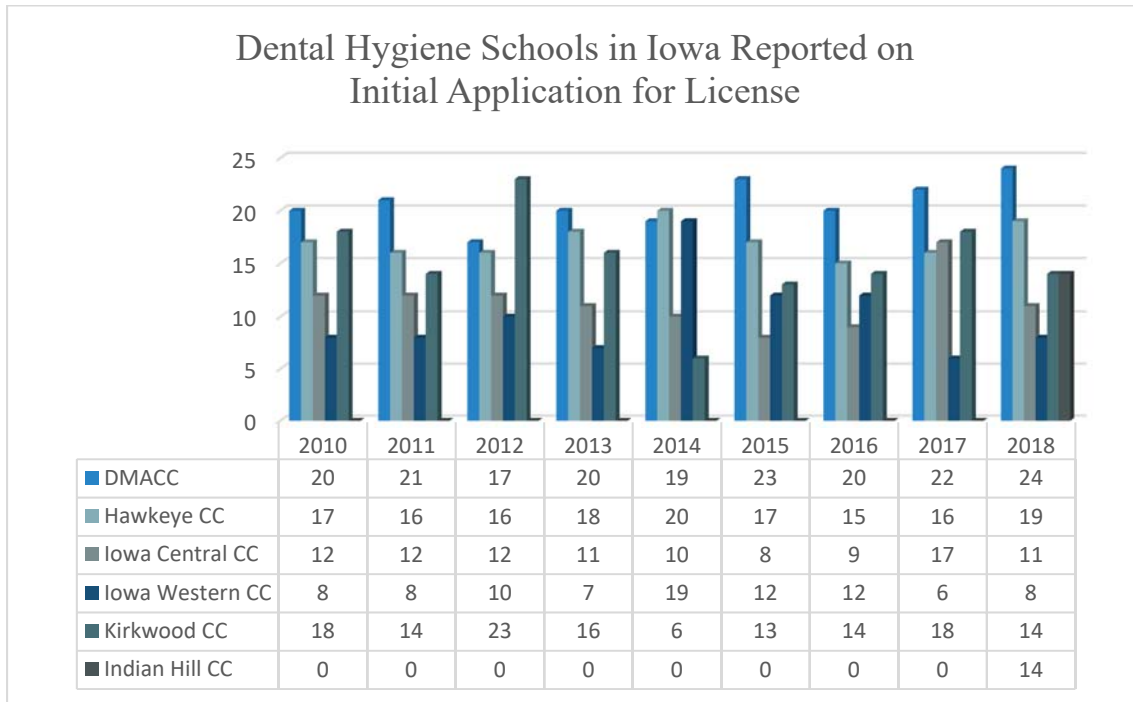
The following chart shows the number of active sedation permits on December 31 of each year.



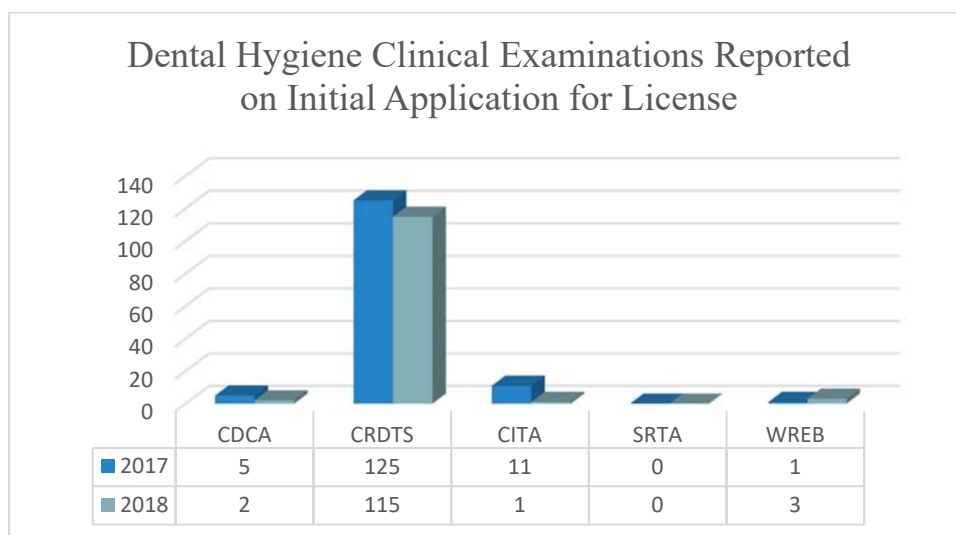
# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

## Initial Licensure: Dental Hygienists

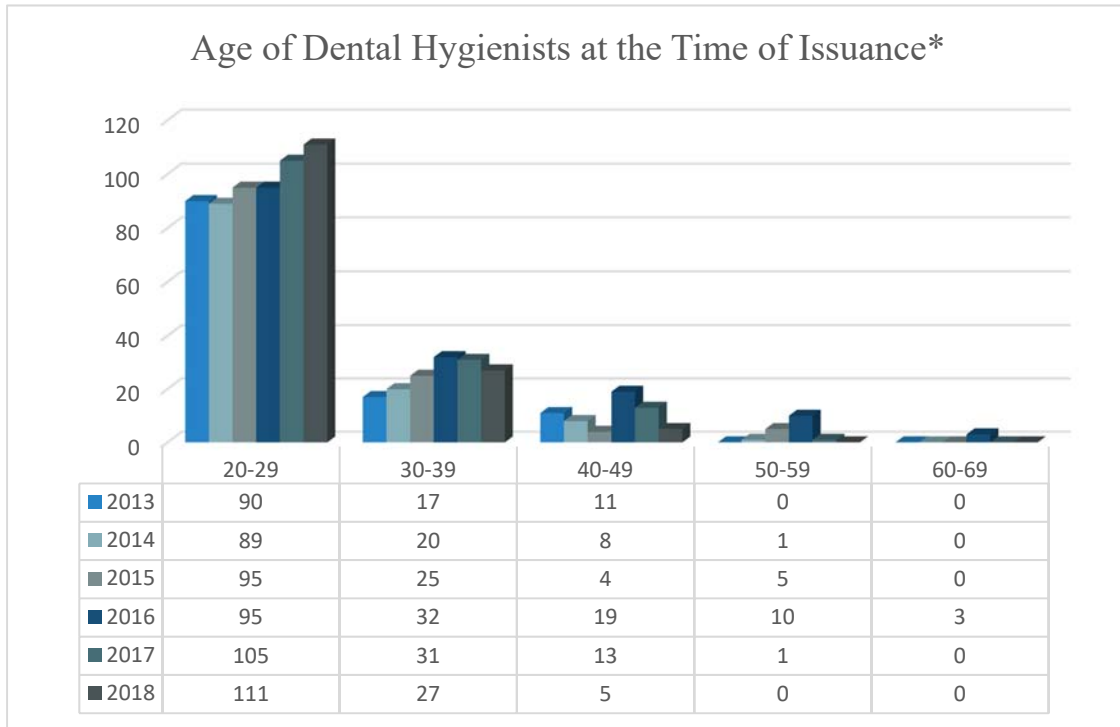
The dental hygiene program at Indian Hills Community College, located in Ottumwa, is the newest program in Iowa. In 2018, the first class of dental hygiene students graduated from the Indian Hills Community College program.



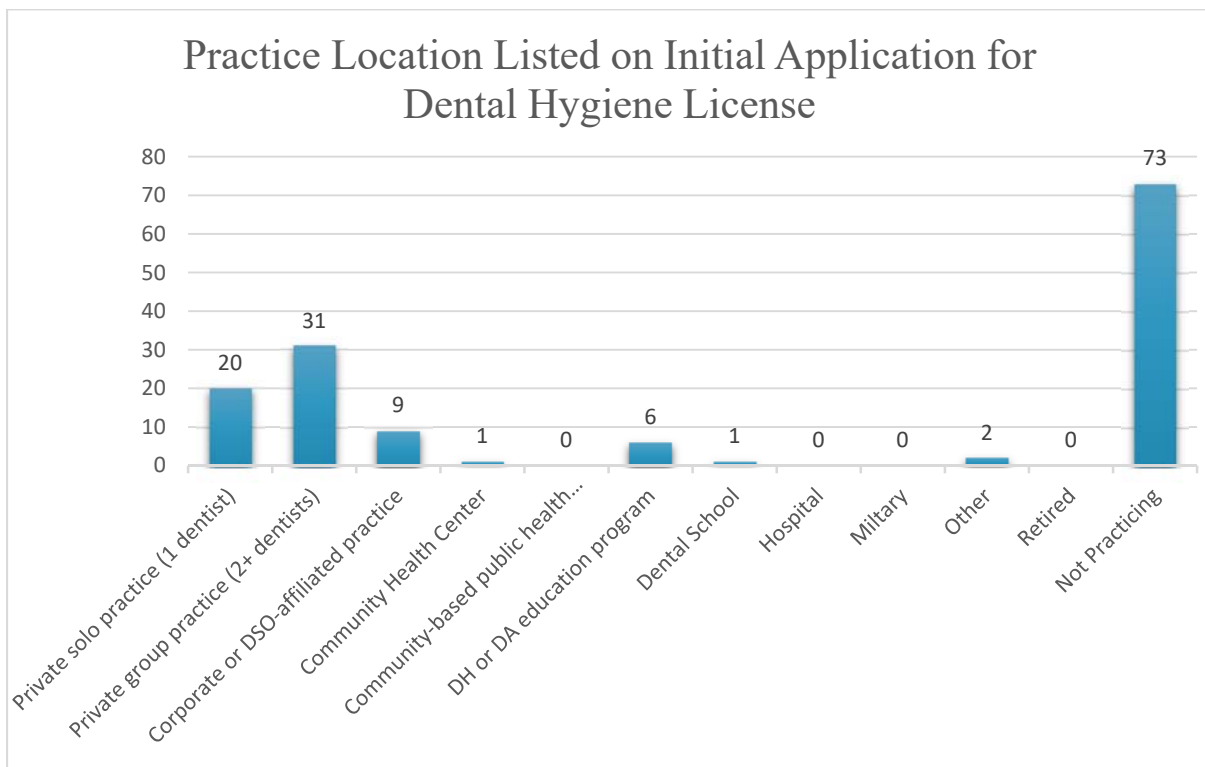
In January 2017, the Dental Hygiene Committee began accepting all regional clinical examinations for the purposes of application on the basis of examination. The following data show the clinical examinations reported on applications for initial license.



# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA



\*Includes applications for reinstatement and reactivation, in addition to applications for initial license.



# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

## Initial Registration: Dental Assistants

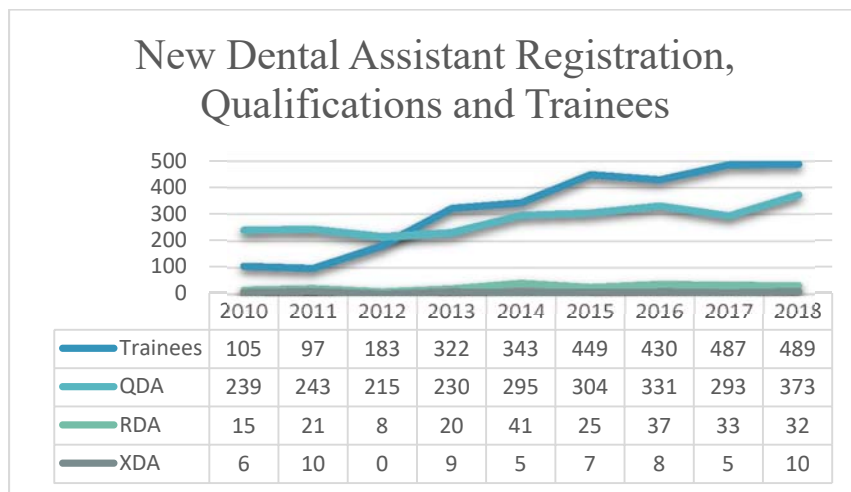
In Iowa, dental assistants may practice upon being issued registration as a dental assistant or being issued dental assistant trainee status pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code 650 – Chapter 20.

Iowa has several classifications for dental assistants:

- Registered dental assistants (RDA) may practice as a dental assistant in Iowa but are prohibited from taking dental radiographs.
- Registered/qualified dental assistants (QDA) may practice as a dental assistant in Iowa and may also take dental radiographs.
- Non-registered qualified assistants (XDA) are Iowa-licensed nurses who are eligible to take dental radiographs.
- Dental assistant trainees are dental assistants who work under personal supervision while they are being trained as dental assistants. Personal supervision requires that another licensee or registrant be in the room with them at all times. A requirement of registration is that a dental assistant trainee complete a minimum of six months of practice.

Since 2010, there has been a 59.6% increase in the number of registrations issued. During the same period, the number of dental assistant trainees increased by 465.7%.

Prior to becoming registered as a dental assistant, applicants must meet examination, education, and training requirements. Applicants are tested in the areas of infection control/hazardous materials, jurisprudence and dental radiography.

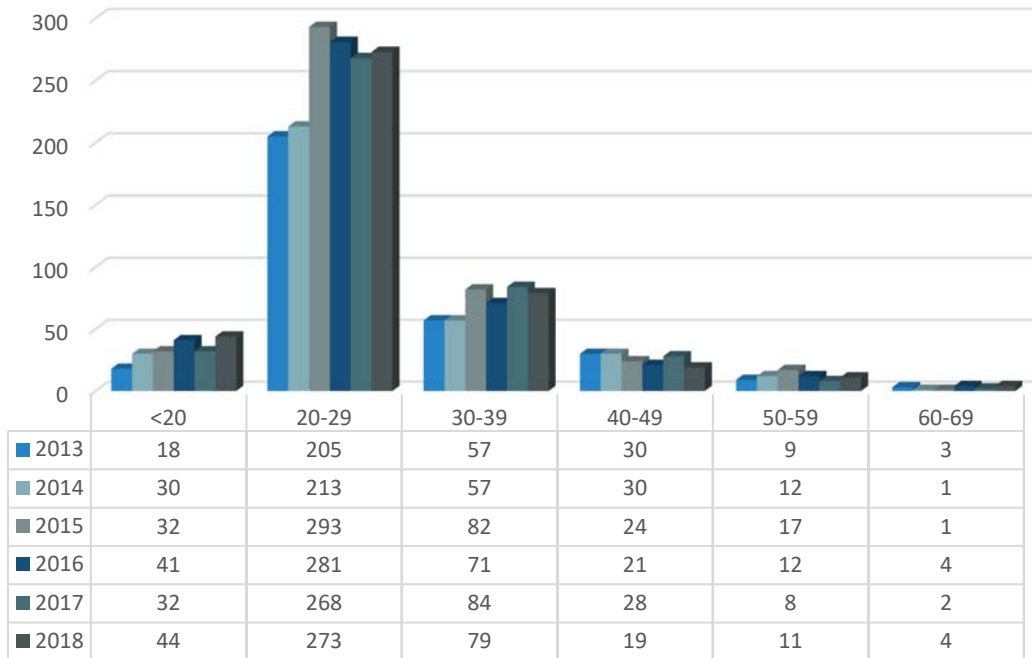


In some cases, dental assistant trainees apply for a restart of the dental assistant trainee status in order to complete the requirements for registration. Trainee restarts were issued as follows:

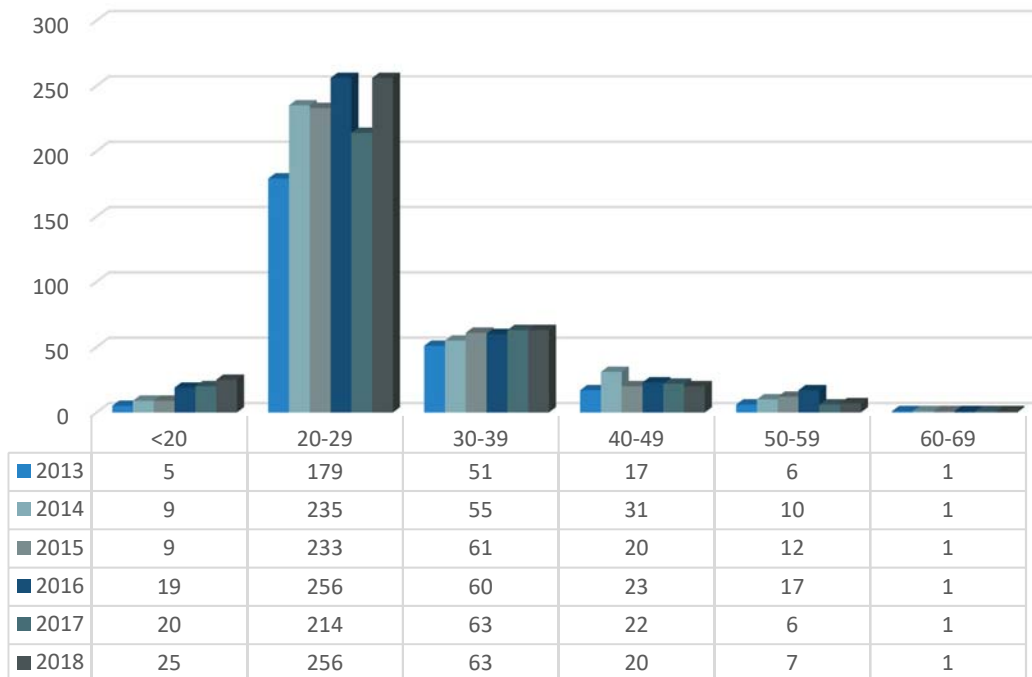
- 2014: 31
- 2015: 41
- 2016: 50
- 2017: 65
- 2018: 59

# LICENSURE & REGISTRATION DATA

## Age of Dental Assistant Trainees at the Time of Issuance

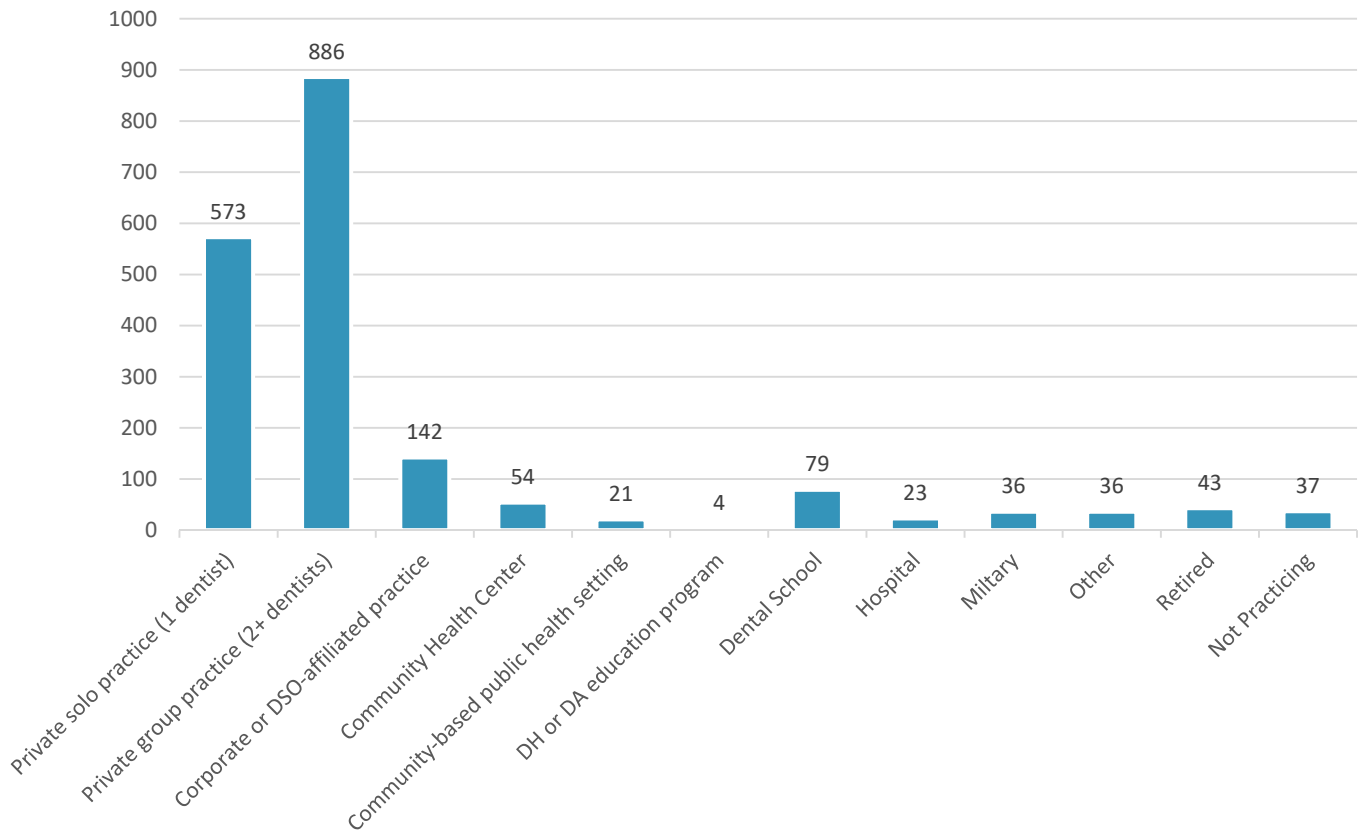


## Age of Dental Assistants at the Time of Registration

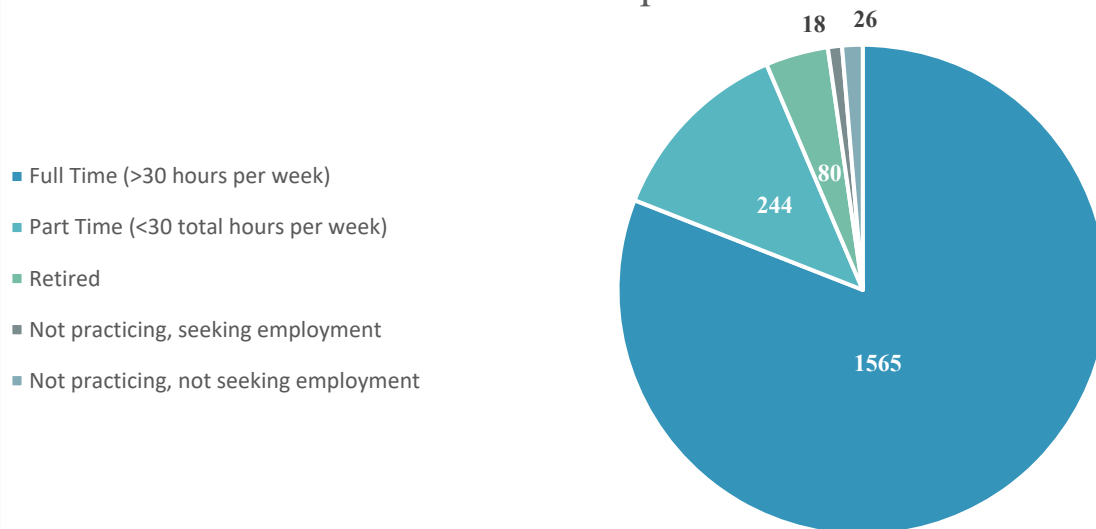


# PRACTICE DATA REPORTED AT RENEWAL

## Practice Settings for Dentists Reported at Renewal



## Clinical Practice Hours Reported at Renewal



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