

Table 1: Current Employment Status of Dentists, 1990 – 2014[Return to Table of Contents](#)

<i>Type of Dentist</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
General Practitioners																
Sole proprietor	81.8	76.1	77.2	74.3	75.8	74.8	73.1	75.3	71.1	69.5	67.6	72.8	70.6	67.7	71.2	70.5
Partner	10.7	16.0	11.8	12.5	13.2	12.7	14.2	13.0	14.7	13.2	14.7	14.8	13.8	14.6	12.7	13.8
Employee	4.6	5.4	7.3	9.4	7.7	8.7	8.2	7.9	10.7	12.5	13.2	8.4	10.9	13.0	12.1	12.3
Independent contractor	3.0	2.5	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.8	4.6	3.9	3.5	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Specialists																
Sole proprietor	73.1	71.5	71.8	71.0	71.8	66.6	66.9	68.0	66.5	64.2	64.0	63.3	64.9	63.2	65.4	65.6
Partner	21.0	20.9	19.7	17.7	21.2	21.5	21.4	20.2	22.3	22.5	22.9	25.0	20.4	21.7	20.9	20.4
Employee	--*	4.7	4.9	6.2	4.8	7.4	7.7	8.3	7.8	9.3	8.1	7.4	9.1	10.2	7.8	7.9
Independent contractor	--	--	3.7	5.1	--	4.5	4.1	--	--	--	5.0	4.3	5.6	--	5.9	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All Dentists																
Sole proprietor	80.5	75.3	76.2	73.7	75.1	73.3	72.0	73.9	70.3	68.6	66.9	70.9	69.5	66.9	70.0	69.6
Partner	12.3	16.8	13.2	13.4	14.7	14.3	15.4	14.3	16.1	14.9	16.1	16.8	15.1	15.9	14.3	15.1
Employee	4.4	5.3	6.8	8.8	7.1	8.5	8.1	7.9	10.2	11.9	12.3	8.2	10.5	12.5	11.3	11.4
Independent contractor	2.9	2.6	3.8	4.1	3.1	3.9	4.5	3.9	3.5	4.7	4.7	4.1	4.9	4.7	4.4	3.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, 2015 *Survey of Dental Practice*.

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Note: All results are weighted. For details, see Methodology section.

* There were too few observations to allow for reliable statistical analysis.