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Introduction

Since the health of Vermonters depends, in part, on access to health care, we need to identify and address problems related to the supply of health care providers, including their distribution by geography and specialty. This effort depends largely on our capacity to collect timely and useful data. In this report we present detailed profiles of dentists practicing in Vermont; these data, along with data on other health care providers, can be used as the basis for policy analysis, shortage area designations, and recruitment and retention activities.

This is the first such survey of dentists in Vermont. Information on dentists who practice in Vermont will be updated every two years at the time of relicensing. Similar information is being collected from physicians, nurses, and other health professionals. Look for this and other, similar, reports at the Department of Health web site, <http://www.healthyvermonters.info> – look under “publications”.

Data Collection: This report includes dentists who renewed their license as of the end of September, 1999. In cooperation with the Secretary of State Office and the Vermont Dental Society, the Department of Health included a survey with the relicensing renewal form in the fall of 1999. A copy of this survey is included in Appendix C.

The surveys that were returned were compared against a list of all dentists who were relicensed. Follow-up mailings and phone calls were then made to those dentists residing in Vermont, or a neighboring state, who did not return a survey, to determine if they were seeing patients in Vermont, and if so, to complete the survey.

Included in this report are dentists who provide patient care in Vermont. A number of dentists maintain Vermont licenses even though they do not practice in Vermont. These dentists are excluded from this report.

Limitations: The surveys were reviewed for accuracy and consistency during the data entry and processing phases. Missing and/or inconsistent data items were evaluated as to their importance. For those data items that were determined to be essential, such as specialty or number of patient care hours, follow-up by phone and/or mail was conducted. Other data are reported as missing. In general, however, the information for this report was self-reported and was not further verified. Data in this report are, therefore, subject to the limitations associated with the use of mailed surveys. The possibility of misinterpretation of survey items is always present, and it is possible that a small number of inconsistencies have arisen from such occurrences.

Table Notes: Detailed notes and definitions are included in the Appendices. References to “Note(s)” in tables always refer to the Notes in Appendix B.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the survey or the report. Call or write the Department of Health, Public Health Statistics, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402, tel. (802) 863-7300.

Summary

- ◆ This report includes data reported by 347 dentists providing patient care in Vermont. This represents 290.2 full-time equivalents, of which 228.4 are in primary care.
- ◆ 272 dentists work mainly in primary care including:
 - 262 General
 - 10 Pediatric
- ◆ 75 dentists provide mainly specialty care including:
 - 21 Oral Surgery
 - 10 Endodontics
 - 28 Orthodontics
 - 12 Periodontics
 - 4 Prosthodontics
- ◆ Patient care hours per week (does *not* include administration, teaching, and research):
 - 29% 40 or more hours per week
 - 51% 30 to 39 hours per week
 - 20% less than 30 hours per week
- ◆ Eighty-eight of the dentists are 55 or older, and 22 of these are 65 and older, thus retirement could be a major consideration in the future.
- ◆ Three hundred and three, or 87%, of the 347 dentists are men.

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Demographic Characteristics

Table 1 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Summary of Active Providers

TOTAL	347	(100%)
Age groups:		
less than 35	38	(11%)
35 - 44	94	(27%)
45 - 54	127	(37%)
55 - 64	66	(19%)
65 and up	22	(6%)
Gender:		
Male	303	(87%)
Female	44	(13%)
Patient care hours:		
40 or more hours/week	100	(29%)
30 to 39 hours/week	176	(51%)
less than 30 hours/week	71	(20%)
Number of practice sites:		
One	301	(87%)
Two	30	(9%)
Three or more	16	(5%)
Tried to add an associate:		
Yes, with success	51	(14%)
Yes, pending	16	(4%)
Yes, without success	26	(7%)
Did not try	253	(73%)
Type of Practice:		
Primary Care Total	272	(78%)
General	262	(76%)
Pediatric	10	(3%)
Specialty Care Total	75	(22%)
Oral Surgery	21	(6%)
Endodontics	10	(3%)
Orthodontics	28	(8%)
Periodontics	12	(3%)
Prosthodontics	4	(1%)

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 2 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Age by Type of Practice and by Gender

	Total	Number in Age Group						Age 60+
		<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+	(%)
TOTAL	347	38	94	127	49	17	22	11%
MALES	303	25	75	116	48	17	22	13%
FEMALES	44	13	19	11	1	.	.	%.%
PRIMARY CARE	272	25	77	100	39	13	18	11%
General	262	24	77	94	37	12	18	11%
Pediatric	10	1	0	6	2	1	0	10%
SPECIALTY CARE	75	13	17	27	10	4	4	11%
Oral Surgery	21	4	4	8	4	0	1	5%
Endodontics	10	3	1	4	2	0	0	0%
Orthodontics	28	5	6	11	1	3	2	18%
Periodontics	12	1	4	4	2	1	0	8%
Prosthodontics	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	25%
	Total	Percent in Age Group						Age 60+
		<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+	(%)
TOTAL	100%	11%	27%	37%	14%	5%	6%	11%
MALES	100%	8%	25%	38%	16%	6%	7%	13%
FEMALES	100%	30%	43%	25%	2%	%.%	%.%	%.%
PRIMARY CARE	100%	9%	28%	37%	14%	5%	7%	11%
SPECIALTY CARE	100%	17%	23%	36%	13%	5%	5%	11%

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 3 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Age by Type of Practice for Each Gender

Type of Practice	Total	Number in Age Group						Age 60+
		<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+	(%)
TOTAL	347	38	94	127	49	17	22	11%
MALES	303	25	75	116	48	17	22	13%
PRIMARY CARE	236	17	59	91	38	13	18	13%
General	226	16	59	85	36	12	18	13%
Pediatric	10	1	0	6	2	1	0	10%
SPECIALTY CARE	67	8	16	25	10	4	4	12%
Oral Surgery	20	3	4	8	4	0	1	5%
Endodontics	6	1	0	3	2	0	0	0%
Orthodontics	25	3	6	10	1	3	2	20%
Periodontics	12	1	4	4	2	1	0	8%
Prosthodontics	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	25%
FEMALES	44	13	19	11	1	0	0	0%
PRIMARY CARE	36	8	18	9	1	0	0	0%
General	36	8	18	9	1	0	0	0%
SPECIALTY CARE	8	5	1	2	0	0	0	0%
Oral Surgery	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Endodontics	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0%
Orthodontics	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0%

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 4 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Age by County

County	Total	Number in Age Group						Age 60+ (%)
		<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+	
STATEWIDE TOTAL								
Total	347	38	94	127	49	17	22	11%
Primary Care	272	25	77	100	39	13	18	11%
Specialists	75	13	17	27	10	4	4	11%
Addison County								
Primary Care	10	1	0	3	4	1	1	20%
Specialists	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0%
Bennington County								
Primary Care	20	1	3	12	1	0	3	15%
Specialists	7	0	2	2	2	1	0	14%
Caledonia County								
Primary Care	14	1	3	5	3	0	2	14%
Specialists	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0%
Chittenden County								
Primary Care	75	9	28	28	5	4	1	7%
Specialists	37	9	12	6	6	1	3	11%
Essex County								
Primary Care	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%
Specialists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.
Franklin County								
Primary Care	13	1	7	4	1	0	0	0%
Grand Isle County								
Primary Care	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%
Specialists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.
Lamoille County								
Primary Care	15	4	4	4	1	1	1	13%
Orange County								
Primary Care	9	1	2	3	1	1	1	22%
Orleans County								
Primary Care	6	0	1	2	3	0	0	0%
Rutland County								
Primary Care	33	1	8	12	5	3	4	21%
Specialists	7	0	2	4	1	0	0	0%
Washington County								
Primary Care	27	3	4	13	5	1	1	7%
Specialists	6	1	1	4	0	0	0	0%
Windham County								
Primary Care	24	0	7	7	4	2	4	25%
Specialists	6	1	0	3	0	1	1	33%
Windsor County								
Primary Care	24	3	8	7	6	0	0	0%
Specialists	9	2	0	5	1	1	0	11%

Each provider is counted once in this table, in the county where they practice the most hours.

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 5 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Years in Clinical Practice

In Clinical Practice	Total	In Vermont
less than a year	3 (1%)	8 (3%)
1 or 2 years	7 (3%)	16 (7%)
3 or 4 years	4 (2%)	18 (7%)
5 to 9 years	22 (9%)	29 (12%)
10 to 14 years	31 (13%)	32 (13%)
15 to 19 years	42 (17%)	31 (13%)
20 years or more	137 (56%)	112 (46%)
unknown	101	101
Total	347	347
Median years:	22	18

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Distribution of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Table 6 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Numbers of Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs),
and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by County

Count FTEs Hours	TOTAL	GENERAL	PEDIATRIC	OTHER
STATEWIDE TOTAL	347 290.2 12018	262 221.7 9074	10 6.7 277	75 61.8 2667
Addison County	14 10.2 423	10 8.6 358	. . . .	4 1.6 66
Bennington County	28 21.7 893	20 16.1 660	. . . .	8 5.6 233
Caledonia County	22 15.3 626	17 12.6 518	2 .7 28	3 2.0 81
Chittenden County	113 91.1 3791	71 61.0 2507	4 3.2 132	38 26.9 1153
Essex County	1 1.0 40	1 1.0 40	.. ..	.. ..
Franklin County	19 12.0 492	13 10.3 418	. . . .	6 1.7 74
Grand Isle County	1 .9 35	1 .9 35	.. ..	.. ..
Lamoille County	22 12.1 507	16 11.4 472	1 .0 1	5 .7 34
Orange County	9 7.1 288	9 7.1 288	.. ..	.. ..
Orleans County	9 5.4 230	6 4.5 194	1 .6 23	2 .3 12
Rutland County	40 32.4 1319	32 25.4 1029	1 1.0 44	7 6.0 246
Washington County	47 32.7 1390	32 25.6 1054	1 .1 5	14 7.0 331
Windham County	31 24.0 999	24 19.6 799	. . . .	7 4.4 200
Windsor County	34 24.4 985	23 17.5 703	2 1.1 44	9 5.8 237

In this table providers may be counted in more than one county
(see note 4).

Table 7 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Numbers of Specialty Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs),
and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by County

Count FTEs Hours	SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL	ORAL SURGERY	ENDO- DONTICS	ORTHO- DONTICS	PERIO- DONTICS	PROSTHO- DONTICS
STATEWIDE TOTAL	75 61.8 2667	21 18.9 866	10 9.2 377	28 21.6 925	12 9.0 363	4 3.1 136
Addison County	4 1.6 66	1 1.0 42	. . . .	2 .4 17	1 .2 8	.. ..
Bennington County	8 5.6 233	2 1.7 69	1 .4 17	3 1.6 65	1 .8 32	1 1.0 50
Caledonia County	3 2.0 81	1 .9 38	. . . .	2 1.1 43	.. ..	.. ..
Chittenden County	38 26.9 1153	10 7.2 325	6 5.3 214	12 7.6 337	8 5.4 219	2 1.4 57
Essex County	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Franklin County	6 1.7 74	2 .8 40	. . . .	3 .7 29	1 .1 5	.. ..
Grand Isle County	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Lamoille County	5 .7 34	. . . .	. . . .	4 .6 31	1 .1 3	.. ..
Orange County	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Orleans County	2 .3 12	. . . .	. . . .	2 .3 12	.. ..	.. ..
Rutland County	7 6.0 246	2 1.9 82	1 .6 25	3 2.5 101	1 .9 38	.. ..
Washington County	14 7.0 331	3 3.0 157	1 1.0 41	8 2.6 117	2 .4 17	.. ..
Windham County	7 4.4 200	3 2.3 113	. . . .	3 1.5 63	1 .6 25	.. ..
Windsor County	9 5.8 237	. . . .	2 1.9 81	5 2.8 110	1 .4 17	1 .7 30

In this table providers may be counted in more than one county (see note 4).

Table 8 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Primary Care Dentistry FTE to Population Ratios by County

County	FTEs	Population	FTEs per 100,000	Population per FTE
STATEWIDE TOTAL	228.41	604210	37.80	2645
Addison County	8.63	35677	24.18	4136
Bennington County	16.11	36849	43.72	2287
Caledonia County	13.29	29509	45.04	2220
Chittenden County	64.21	145154	44.24	2260
Essex County	.99	6445	15.35	6513
Franklin County	10.34	44908	23.02	4344
Grand Isle County	.88	6762	12.96	7714
Lamoille County	11.43	22913	49.88	2005
Orange County	7.14	28017	25.50	3922
Orleans County	5.09	26059	19.54	5116
Rutland County	26.43	63210	41.81	2392
Washington County	25.70	57704	44.53	2246
Windham County	19.62	43940	44.64	2240
Windsor County	18.56	57063	32.52	3075

Only providers of General and Pediatric dentistry are included.
In this table providers are counted anywhere they work (Note 4).

Population data is for 1999, from post-2000-census re-estimates
(see Note 7).

One FTE is defined as 40 (or more) hours per week (see note 22).
The FTEs are rounded to two digits for display only.
The ratios were calculated using the unrounded values.

Table 9 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Total FTEs by Practice Setting

Type of Practice	FTEs in Setting					
	Solo Practice	Practice of 2 dentists	Practice of 3+ dentists	Extended Care	Volunteer	Other
General	128.9	61.2	30.0	.1	.	1.5
Pediatric	2.8	.8	3.1	.	.	.
Oral Surgery	5.8	3.9	9.0	.	.2	.
Endodontics	4.8	1.9	2.4	.	.	.
Orthodontics	10.6	3.2	7.8	.	.	.
Periodontics	3.8	1.6	3.6	.	.	.
Prosthodontics	2.7	.4

All worksites of each provider are counted in this table (see note 4).

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Training

Table 10 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Dental School Location by Type of Practice

Type of Practice	Total	Number Graduated from Dental School in Region						
		New England	Mid Atlant	South	Central	West	Canada	Unknown
TOTAL	347	51	82	37	54	3	7	113
PRIMARY CARE	272	30	68	34	46	2	5	87
General	262	28	66	32	44	2	5	85
Pediatric	10	2	2	2	2	0	0	2
SPECIALTY CARE	75	21	14	3	8	1	2	26
Oral Surgery	21	6	5	1	4	0	0	5
Endodontics	10	2	3	1	0	0	0	4
Orthodontics	28	6	4	1	2	1	1	13
Periodontics	12	5	1	0	2	0	1	3
Prosthodontics	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1

See note 12 for definition of regions.

Table 11 -- VT Dentists, 1999
UVM dental GPR Program Participation by Type of Practice

Type of Practice	Total	Ever Enrolled in UVM GPR Program		
		Yes	No	Unknown
TOTAL	347	20	213	114
PRIMARY CARE	272	17	169	86
General	262	16	161	85
Pediatric	10	1	8	1
SPECIALTY CARE	75	3	44	28
Oral Surgery	21	1	14	6
Endodontics	10	1	5	4
Orthodontics	28	0	14	14
Periodontics	12	1	8	3
Prosthodontics	4	0	3	1

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Practice Characteristics

Table 12 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Setting by Type of Practice

Type of Practice	Total	Number in Setting			
		Solo Practice	Practice of 2 dentists	Practice of 3+ dentists	Other
TOTAL	347 (100%)	190	91	64	2
General	262 (76%)	152	75	33	2
Pediatric	10 (3%)	5	1	4	.
Oral Surgery	21 (6%)	6	5	10	.
Endodontics	10 (3%)	5	2	3	.
Orthodontics	28 (8%)	14	5	9	.
Periodontics	12 (3%)	5	2	5	.
Prosthodontics	4 (1%)	3	1	.	.

Each provider is counted once in this table, in their type of practice, and in their main practice setting.

Table 13 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Setting by Age

Care Setting	Total		Number in Age Group					
			<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+
Total, all settings	347	(100%)	38	94	127	49	17	22
Solo Practice	190	(55%)	11	46	84	28	9	12
Group of 2 dentists	91	(26%)	12	26	26	15	5	7
Group of 3+ dentists	64	(18%)	15	21	16	6	3	3
Other	2	(1%)	.	1	1	.	.	.

Each provider is counted once in this table,
in their main practice setting.

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 14 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Setting by Gender

Care Setting	Total		Males		Females	
Total, all settings	347		303	(100%)	44	(100%)
Solo Practice	190		171	(56%)	19	(43%)
Group of 2 dentists	91		75	(25%)	16	(36%)
Group of 3+ dentists	64		55	(18%)	9	(20%)
Other	2		2	(1%)	0	(0%)

Each provider is counted once in this table,
in their main practice setting.

Percentages are based on 'Total' row.

Table 15 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Settings by County

County	Total	Number in Setting			
		Solo Practice	Practice of 2 dentists	Practice of 3+ dentists	Other
STATEWIDE TOTAL					
Total	347	190	91	64	2
Primary Care	272	157	76	37	2
Specialists	75	33	15	27	.
Addison County					
Primary Care	10	8	2	.	.
Specialists	1	1	.	.	.
Bennington County					
Primary Care	20	14	6	.	.
Specialists	7	4	3	.	.
Caledonia County					
Primary Care	14	8	2	4	.
Specialists	2	2	.	.	.
Chittenden County					
Primary Care	75	36	27	11	1
Specialists	37	9	5	23	.
Essex County					
Primary Care	1	.	1	.	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Franklin County					
Primary Care	13	9	4	.	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Grand Isle County					
Primary Care	1	1	.	.	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Lamoille County					
Primary Care	15	4	3	8	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Orange County					
Primary Care	9	6	3	.	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans County					
Primary Care	6	4	2	.	.
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Rutland County					
Primary Care	33	18	9	5	1
Specialists	7	7	.	.	.
Washington County					
Primary Care	27	18	4	5	.
Specialists	6	4	2	.	.
Windham County					
Primary Care	24	14	6	4	.
Specialists	6	2	.	4	.
Windsor County					
Primary Care	24	17	7	.	.
Specialists	9	4	5	.	.

Each provider is counted once in this table, in their main practice setting, and, independently, in their main county of practice (see note 9).

Table 16 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Average Patient Care Hours per Week,
by Type of Practice and Age

Type of Practice	Count	Average Patient Care Hours per Week				% Working Full Time (%)
		All Ages	Age < 45	Age 45-54	Age 55+	
ALL PROVIDERS	347	35	37	35	31	29%
PRIMARY CARE	272	34	36	35	31	27%
General	262	35	36	36	31	27%
Pediatric	10	28	45	28	21	20%
SPECIALTY CARE	75	36	38	36	30	36%
Oral Surgery	21	41	37	46	39	57%
Endodontics	10	38	34	42	37	60%
Orthodontics	28	33	39	29	30	18%
Periodontics	12	30	39	30	16	17%
Prosthodontics	4	34	45	.	23	50%

Full Time' is 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week in Vermont (see note 22).

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 17 -- VT Dentists, 1999

Average Patient Care Hours per Week,
by Provider Gender, Type of practice and Age

Type of Practice	Total	Average Patient Care Hours per Week				% Working Full Time
		All Ages	Age < 45	Age 45-54	Age 55+	(%)
MALES:						
ALL PRACTICE TYPES	303	35	38	36	31	30%
PRIMARY CARE	236	35	37	35	31	28%
General	226	35	37	36	31	28%
Pediatric	10	28	45	28	21	20%
SPECIALTY CARE	67	36	41	37	30	37%
Oral Surgery	20	43	41	46	39	60%
Endodontics	6	39	36	42	37	67%
Orthodontics	25	34	41	30	30	20%
Periodontics	12	30	39	30	16	17%
Prosthodontics	4	34	45	.	23	50%
FEMALES:						
ALL PRACTICE TYPES	44	32	33	32	15	20%
PRIMARY CARE	36	33	34	33	15	19%
General	36	33	34	33	15	19%
SPECIALTY CARE	8	28	28	31	.	25%
Oral Surgery	1	8	8	.	.	0%
Endodontics	4	35	33	42	.	50%
Orthodontics	3	26	29	20	.	0%

Full Time' is 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week in Vermont (see note 22).

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 18 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Average Patient Care Hours per Week,
by Provider Age, by County

County	Total	Average Patient Care Hours per Week				% Working Full Time (%)
		All Ages	Age < 45	Age 45-54	Age 55+	
STATEWIDE TOTAL						
Primary Care	272	34	36	35	31	27%
Specialists	75	36	38	36	30	36%
Addison County						
Primary Care	10	36	36	33	37	40%
Specialists	1	42	.	42	.	100%
Bennington County						
Primary Care	20	33	41	34	24	30%
Specialists	7	31	43	20	30	14%
Caledonia County						
Primary Care	14	37	39	34	37	64%
Specialists	2	37	.	37	.	0%
Chittenden County						
Primary Care	75	35	37	35	29	28%
Specialists	37	37	38	41	32	43%
Essex County						
Primary Care	1	40	40	.	.	0%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Franklin County						
Primary Care	13	32	31	36	23	15%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Grand Isle County						
Primary Care	1	35	35	.	.	0%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Lamoille County						
Primary Care	15	37	40	33	33	33%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Orange County						
Primary Care	9	32	33	38	26	22%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans County						
Primary Care	6	35	45	38	30	50%
Specialists	.	.	.	.	.
Rutland County						
Primary Care	33	33	32	34	33	12%
Specialists	7	38	42	36	36	29%
Washington County						
Primary Care	27	37	37	38	33	37%
Specialists	6	47	50	45	.	83%
Windham County						
Primary Care	24	34	36	39	28	17%
Specialists	6	32	17	40	27	17%
Windsor County						
Primary Care	24	31	34	30	28	13%
Specialists	9	26	31	26	23	11%

Each provider is counted once, in main county of practice.
'Full Time' is 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week in Vermont (see note 22).
See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 19 -- VT Dentists, 1999
In Practice with Dental Hygienists, by Specialty

Type of practice	Total Dentists	Dentists who work with Dental Hygienists	
TOTAL	347	264	(76%)
PRIMARY CARE	272	237	(87%)
General	262	229	(87%)
Pediatric	10	8	(80%)
SPECIALTY CARE	75	27	(36%)
Oral Surgery	21	1	(5%)
Endodontics	10	0	(0%)
Orthodontics	28	11	(39%)
Periodontics	12	12	(100%)
Prosthodontics	4	3	(75%)

This table counts dentists, not sites nor hygienists. Multiple hygienists in practice with the same dentist are counted as one, and multiple dentists may work with the same hygienist(s). Dentists may work with hygienists in one site but not in another. One dentist did not report whether (s)he works with hygienists, but (s)he was included in the denominator for the percentage.

Table 20 -- VT Dentists, 1999
In Practice with Dental Hygienists, by Setting

Practice Setting	Total Dentists	Dentists who work with Dental Hygienists	
TOTAL	347	264	(76%)
Solo Practice	190	137	(72%)
Practice of 2 Dentists	91	75	(82%)
Practice of 3+ Dentists	64	52	(81%)
Other	2	0	(0%)

This table counts dentists, not sites nor hygienists. Multiple hygienists in practice with the same dentist are counted as one, and multiple dentists may work with the same hygienist(s). Dentists may work with hygienists in one site but not in another. One dentist did not report whether (s)he works with hygienists, but (s)he was included in the denominator for the percentage.

Table 21 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Availability by Type of Practice

Type of Practice	Offices	Plan to Continue Practice	Accept New Patients	Accept New Medicaid Patients	Average weeks wait new patient	Average weeks wait cur patient
		(%)	(%)	(%)		
TOTAL	415	97%	88%	52%	4	3
PRIMARY CARE	296	97%	85%	43%	4	3
General	280	98%	84%	40%	4	3
Pediatric	16	88%	100%	94%	6	4
SPECIALTY CARE	119	97%	97%	75%	3	3
Oral Surgery	24	96%	96%	83%	2	1
Endodontics	11	91%	100%	22%	11	11
Orthodontics	63	98%	97%	85%	3	2
Periodontics	17	100%	94%	65%	3	2
Prosthodontics	4	100%	100%	25%	4	4

See Note 10 for information about practice availability.
Solo and Group settings only (see note 11).
Each site a provider practices in is counted separately.
'Plan to Continue Practice' is for 12 months following the survey.
Denominators for percentages do not include unknowns.

Table 22 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Practice Availability by County

County	Offices	Plan to Continue Practice	Accept New Patients	Accept New Medicaid Patients	Avg weeks wait - new patient	Avg weeks wait - cur patient
		(%)	(%)	(%)		
STATEWIDE TOTAL						
Primary Care	296	97%	85%	43%	4	3
Specialists	119	97%	97%	75%	3	3
Addison County						
Primary Care	10	90%	60%	10%	2	2
Specialists	4	100%	100%	100%	2	1
Bennington County						
Primary Care	20	100%	75%	25%	7	4
Specialists	8	88%	88%	63%	4	3
Caledonia County						
Primary Care	18	94%	83%	61%	3	3
Specialists	3	100%	100%	100%	2	2
Chittenden County						
Primary Care	88	95%	95%	44%	4	3
Specialists	52	96%	96%	80%	4	3
Essex County						
Primary Care	1	100%	100%	100%	1	6
Franklin County						
Primary Care	13	100%	92%	69%	4	3
Specialists	6	100%	100%	100%	3	2
Grand Isle County						
Primary Care	1	100%	100%	100%	2	1
Lamoille County						
Primary Care	16	94%	94%	69%	2	2
Specialists	5	100%	100%	75%	4	2
Orange County						
Primary Care	9	100%	67%	22%	4	3
Orleans County						
Primary Care	6	100%	83%	83%	2	2
Specialists	2	100%	100%	100%	2	1
Rutland County						
Primary Care	32	100%	75%	34%	6	2
Specialists	7	100%	86%	57%	1	2
Washington County						
Primary Care	33	94%	79%	36%	3	3
Specialists	14	100%	100%	86%	3	2
Windham County						
Primary Care	24	100%	79%	30%	3	3
Specialists	7	100%	100%	43%	2	1
Windsor County						
Primary Care	25	100%	88%	44%	3	2
Specialists	11	100%	100%	45%	3	2

See Note 10 for information about practice availability.
Solo and Group settings only (see note 11).
Each site a provider practices in is counted separately.
'Plan to Continue Practice' is for 12 months following the survey.

Table 23 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Tried to Add an Associate, by Type of Practice

Type of Practice	Total	Tried to Add an Associate			Did Not Try
		With Success	Pending	Without Success	
TOTAL	347	51 (15%)	16 (5%)	26 (7%)	253
General	262	29 (11%)	11 (4%)	25 (10%)	196
Pediatric	10	3 (30%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	7
Oral Surgery	21	8 (38%)	4 (19%)	1 (5%)	8
Endodontics	10	3 (30%)	1 (10%)	. (.%)	6
Orthodontics	28	5 (18%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	23
Periodontics	12	3 (25%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	9
Prosthodontics	4	. (.%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	4

Percentages are based on the row total.

Data is missing for one dentist, but (s)he is counted in the "Total" column.

Table 24 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Tried to Add an Associate, by Age

Age Group	Total	Tried to Add an Associate			Did Not Try
		With Success	Pending	Without Success	
Total	347	51 (15%)	16 (5%)	26 (7%)	253
Less than 35	38	10 (26%)	2 (5%)	1 (3%)	25
35-44	94	14 (15%)	6 (6%)	7 (7%)	67
45-54	127	16 (13%)	5 (4%)	8 (6%)	97
55-59	49	4 (8%)	2 (4%)	6 (12%)	37
60-64	17	2 (12%)	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	12
65 or more	22	5 (23%)	. (.%)	2 (9%)	15

Percentages are based on the row total.

Data is missing for one dentist, but (s)he is counted in the "Total" column.

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 25 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Tried to Add an Associate, by County

County	Total	Tried to Add an Associate			Did Not Try
		With Success	Pending	Without Success	
STATEWIDE TOTAL					
Primary Care	272	32 (12%)	11 (4%)	25 (9%)	203
Specialists	75	19 (25%)	5 (7%)	1 (1%)	50
Addison County					
Primary Care	10	2 (20%)	. (.%)	1 (10%)	7
Specialists	1	. (.%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	1
Bennington County					
Primary Care	20	1 (5%)	. (.%)	1 (5%)	17
Specialists	7	. (.%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	7
Caledonia County					
Primary Care	14	3 (21%)	. (.%)	1 (7%)	10
Specialists	2	. (.%)	. (.%)	1 (50%)	1
Chittenden County					
Primary Care	75	13 (17%)	4 (5%)	6 (8%)	52
Specialists	37	11 (30%)	4 (11%)	. (.%)	22
Essex County					
Primary Care	1	1 (**%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	.
Specialists	0				
Franklin County					
Primary Care	13	1 (8%)	1 (8%)	2 (15%)	9
Specialists	0				
Grand Isle County					
Primary Care	1	. (.%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	1
Specialists	0				
Lamoille County					
Primary Care	15	5 (33%)	. (.%)	2 (13%)	8
Specialists	0				
Orange County					
Primary Care	9	. (.%)	. (.%)	2 (22%)	7
Specialists	0				
Orleans County					
Primary Care	6	1 (17%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	5
Specialists	0				
Rutland County					
Primary Care	33	. (.%)	3 (9%)	4 (12%)	26
Specialists	7	. (.%)	1 (14%)	. (.%)	6
Washington County					
Primary Care	27	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	23
Specialists	6	2 (33%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	4
Windham County					
Primary Care	24	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	20
Specialists	6	3 (50%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	3
Windsor County					
Primary Care	24	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	3 (13%)	18
Specialists	9	3 (33%)	. (.%)	. (.%)	6

Percentages are based on the row total.

Data is missing for one dentist, but (s)he is counted in the "Total" column.

Table 26 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Plan to Retire, by Age

Plan to Retire	Total	Number in Age Group					
		<35	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65+
Total	347 (100%)	38	94	127	49	17	22
In less than one year	8 (2%)	2	.	1	.	3	2
In the next 1-5 years	24 (7%)	.	.	5	7	3	9
In the next 6-10 years	42 (12%)	.	1	24	9	6	2
More than 10 years	132 (38%)	14	55	51	12	.	.
Not sure	35 (10%)	4	10	11	5	1	4
No answer	106 (31%)	18	28	35	16	4	5

See Note 1 for description of age calculation.

Table 27 -- VT Dentists, 1999
Plan to Retire, by Practice Setting

Plan to Retire	Total	Number in Setting			
		Solo Practice	Practice of 2 dentists	Practice of 3+ dentists	Other
Total	347	190	91	64	2
In less than one year	8	4	3	1	.
In the next 1-5 years	24	14	7	3	.
In the next 6-10 years	42	28	7	6	1
More than 10 years	132	77	29	26	.
Not sure	35	14	14	6	1
No answer	106	53	31	22	.

Appendices

Appendix A. General Notes and Terms

Definition of Active Dentist

A dentist who was licensed or relicensed for the period 2000-2001 in Vermont, and who provided patient care hours in Vermont as reported in the survey, is considered an active dentist. Only *active* dentists are reported. Those who hold a Vermont license but are not actively in practice in Vermont are excluded from all tables.

Type of Practice

Dentists reported their type of practice using a list of predefined options that were provided on the survey form in question 2 (see Appendix C). Only general and pediatric dentistry were considered “primary care” in this report.

General Practitioner – includes general practice and family practice;

Oral and maxillofacial surgery;

Endodontics;

Orthodontics;

Pediatric dentistry – includes only those dentists certified as pediatric dentists;

Periodontics;

Prosthodontics; and

Public Health

Practice Setting

The practice setting is the context in which patient care is given. Practice settings were reported (labeled “practice type”) on pages 2 and 3 of the survey instrument (see Appendix C) and were categorized in the following way:

Solo practice;

Practice of 2 dentists;

Practice of 3 or more dentists;

Hospital dentistry (inpatient);

Nursing home;

Volunteer clinic; and

Other – all other settings.

Main setting

Main setting is the practice setting in which the dentist provides the greatest number of patient care hours.

Definition of Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Full time is defined as 40 patient care hours per week or more for 48 weeks. A dentist reporting more than 40 hours per week is defined as *one* FTE regardless of the number of hours. See the following examples:

Examples of FTE Calculation

		<u>Hours</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Example 1:	Site 1	10	0.25
	Site 2	10	0.25
	Total	20	0.50
Example 2:	Site 1	20	0.50
	Site 2	20	0.50
	Total	40	1.00
Example 3:	Site 1	35	0.50
	Site 2	35	0.50
	Total	70	1.00

In the first example, the dentist works half-time and has hours split equally between site 1 and 2. The pattern is the same in Example 2, except the hours total 40 for 1.0 FTE. In the third example the dentist spends 70 hours per week in patient care. This is calculated as 1.0 FTE total, and 0.5 FTE for each of the 35 weekly hours spent in site 1 and in site 2.

Main County

Main county is the county in which the dentist practices the greatest number of patient care hours.

Numerical precision

Most numbers are displayed in finite precision in that they are individually rounded. Thus, some rows or columns of numbers may not add exactly to the displayed total (to the last, rightmost digit). This applies to FTEs, percentages and hours, for example, whether the numerals displayed are decimal or whole numbers. Counts of dentists are exact integers, however, and should add up to displayed totals.

Tables displaying each dentist in a single cell vs. multiple-count tables

Most of the tables contain information that is individual-based (e.g., age, sex, and board certification). Each dentist is represented in only one cell in the table. Those with more than one practice site or setting, are counted only in the row and column representing their practice type, main setting, or main practice location.

Other tables may have some dentists counted in more than one row or column, if they work in more than one site, and thus the numbers in the “total” row or column may be less than the sum of the rows or columns. Wherever this is the case, it is stated in the notes specific to that table.

Appendix B.

Notes for specific tables (referred to by number)

1. **Calculation of Age**

For the survey of dentists, ages are calculated as of 9/30/99, based on the date of birth. For example, a person born in September 1959 is considered 40 years old, while a person born in October 1959 is considered 39 years old.

(Notes 2 and 3 skipped intentionally)

4. **Notes regarding tables listing provider Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and Hours by County (or HCA, or other areas):**

These tables count each provider who provides care in that town or county. The same provider may be counted in more than one town and more than one county.

Because of this inclusive approach taken in tallying provider across many practice locations, the numbers in the “Total” rows and “Total” columns will generally be less than the sum of the individual rows and columns. This applies to the county totals which sum the town-level provider counts and the state totals which sum the county-level counts. Unlike the totals for the counts of providers, however, the numbers listed in the “Total” rows and “Total” columns for the “FTE” and “Hours” statistics *do* equal the sums of the individual items (except for rounding error).

(Notes 5 and 6 skipped intentionally)

7. **Population Estimates**

Population estimates are for 1999. These estimates include corrections based on the 2000 census, and differ from some previously published population figures for 1999.

(Note 8 skipped intentionally)

9. **“Main” Setting, and “Main” County determined independently**

Each provider’s main practice setting and main county of practice are determined independently, and are used to determine the row and column in the table in which the provider will be counted.

10. **Notes regarding Availability of Care**

The survey form allowed the provider to answer the “availability” questions (e.g., whether they accept new patients) separately for each site. Therefore, in the tables about availability of care, the unit of counting is neither the provider nor the site, but rather the provider - site association.

Dentists were not asked about Medicare patients, since Medicare does not cover dental care.

11. **Office settings only**

Only office settings are counted. Included are private practices (both solo and group). Volunteer work is not counted here.

12. **Geographical Regions**

States were grouped into the following regions:

Northeast:

New England: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI

Mid Atlantic: NY, NJ, PA

South:

South Atlantic: DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL

East South Central: KY, TN, AL, MS

West South Central: AR, OK, LA, TX

North Central:

East North Central: OH, IN, IL, MI, WI

West North Central: MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS

West:

Mountain: MT, WY, CO, NM, ID, UT, AZ, NV

Pacific: WA, OR, CA, AK, HI

(Notes 13 through 21 skipped intentionally)

22. **Patient Care Hours**

"Full Time" is defined here as 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week in Vermont, for 48 weeks per year. Average weekly hours (based on 48 weeks per year) were computed for providers who worked more or less than 48 weeks per year.



VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SURVEY OF DENTISTS

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(Please print legibly using a dark blue or black pen and uppercase letters; fill in small check boxes entirely)

Vermont License Number

Gender

Month

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male	Female

Date of Birth:

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First Name

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Middle Name

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Last Name

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Daytime Phone Number

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(Please fill in check boxes completely using a dark blue or black pen)

1. Please fill in all of the boxes below that describe your practice as a dentist:

- ☐ Provide patient care in Vermont
- ☐ Provide patient care outside Vermont
- ☐ Retired from active practice
- ☐ Other: _____

Check box example:

- ☐ Scans well
- ☐ Does not scan well

IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE PATIENT CARE IN VERMONT, PLEASE STOP HERE AND RETURN SURVEY

2. Which of the following best describes your primary practice? (Please fill in only one box)

- ☐ General practitioner
- ☐ Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- ☐ Endodontics
- ☐ Orthodontics
- ☐ Pediatric dentistry
- ☐ Periodontics
- ☐ Prosthodontics
- ☐ Public health

3. Were you ever enrolled in the Fletcher Allen Health Care/UVM dental GPR program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Please enter the two letter state code for the dental school where you earned your DDS/DMD degree:

		State
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5. In what year did you first start working as a dentist?

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6. In what year did you first start working as a dentist IN VERMONT?

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7. Have you tried adding an associate to your practice during the last two years?

- ☐ Yes - with success
- ☐ Yes - pending
- ☐ Yes - without success
- ☐ No

8. Do you plan to retire or leave your practice of dentistry in Vermont?

- ☐ In less than one year
- ☐ In the next 1-5 years
- ☐ In the next 6-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years from now
- ☐ Don't know/not sure

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Vermont License Number

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(Please re-enter your license number for scanning purposes)

Please enter site information FOR EACH LOCATION where you treat patients IN VERMONT. If you provide care at two locations in the same town, please enter a separate site for each. Hours spent TREATING PATIENTS should include diagnosis, treatment planning, direct care and clinical report.

SITE ONE - (Enter the town for each Vermont location where you work, not a mailing address)

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1. Please enter the total number of weeks you work TREATING PATIENTS in a year.

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 Weeks Per Year

2. Please enter the average HOURS PER WEEK you spend TREATING PATIENTS during the weeks you worked.

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 Hours Per Week

3. On average, how many WEEKS will it take a NEW PATIENT and a PATIENT OF RECORD to get an appointment to see you at this site? (If not accepting new patients, enter 99; enter 01 for patient waits of one week or less.)

New Patient:

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 Weeks

Patient of Record:

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 Weeks

4. Please fill in only ONE practice type:

- ☐ Solo practice
- ☐ Practice of 2 dentists
- ☐ Practice of 3 or more dentists
- ☐ Hospital dentistry (inpatient)
- ☐ Nursing home
- ☐ Volunteer clinic
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Please fill in 'Yes' or 'No' for all the questions below:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No I plan to continue at this site for the next 12 months
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I am working with dental hygienists at this site
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new patients at this site
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new Medicaid patients at this site

SITE TWO - (Enter the town for each Vermont location where you work, not a mailing address)

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1. Please enter the total number of weeks you work TREATING PATIENTS in a year.

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 Weeks Per Year

2. Please enter the average HOURS PER WEEK you spend TREATING PATIENTS during the weeks you worked.

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 Hours Per Week

3. On average, how many WEEKS will it take a NEW PATIENT and a PATIENT OF RECORD to get an appointment to see you at this site? (If not accepting new patients, enter 99; enter 01 for patient waits of one week or less.)

New Patient:

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 Weeks

Patient of Record:

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 Weeks

4. Please fill in only ONE practice type:

- ☐ Solo practice
- ☐ Practice of 2 dentists
- ☐ Practice of 3 or more dentists
- ☐ Hospital dentistry (inpatient)
- ☐ Nursing home
- ☐ Volunteer clinic
- ☐ Other: _____

5. Please fill in 'Yes' or 'No' for all the questions below:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No I plan to continue at this site for the next 12 months
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I am working with dental hygienists at this site
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new patients at this site
- ☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new Medicaid patients at this site

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Vermont License Number

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(Please re-enter your license number for scanning purposes)

Please enter site information FOR EACH LOCATION where you treat patients IN VERMONT. If you provide care at two locations in the same town, please enter a separate site for each. Hours spent TREATING PATIENTS should include diagnosis, treatment planning, direct care and clinical report.

SITE THREE - (Enter the town for each Vermont location where you work, not a mailing address)

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1. Please enter the total number of weeks you work TREATING PATIENTS in a year.

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Weeks Per Year

2. Please enter the average HOURS PER WEEK you spend TREATING PATIENTS during the weeks you worked.

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Hours Per Week

3. On average, how many WEEKS will it take a NEW PATIENT and a PATIENT OF RECORD to get an appointment to see you at this site? (If not accepting new patients, enter 99; enter 01 for patient waits of one week or less.)

New Patient:

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Weeks

Patient of Record:

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Weeks

4. Please fill in only ONE practice type:

- ☐ Solo practice
☐ Practice of 2 dentists
☐ Practice of 3 or more dentists
☐ Hospital dentistry (inpatient)
☐ Nursing home
☐ Volunteer clinic
☐ Other: _____

5. Please fill in 'Yes' or 'No' for all the questions below:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No I plan to continue at this site for the next 12 months
☐ Yes ☐ No I am working with dental hygienists at this site
☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new patients at this site
☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new Medicaid patients at this site

SITE FOUR - (Enter the town for each Vermont location where you work, not a mailing address)

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1. Please enter the total number of weeks you work TREATING PATIENTS in a year.

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Weeks Per Year

2. Please enter the average HOURS PER WEEK you spend TREATING PATIENTS during the weeks you worked.

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Hours Per Week

3. On average, how many WEEKS will it take a NEW PATIENT and a PATIENT OF RECORD to get an appointment to see you at this site? (If not accepting new patients, enter 99; enter 01 for patient waits of one week or less.)

New Patient:

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Weeks

Patient of Record:

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Weeks

4. Please fill in only ONE practice type:

- ☐ Solo practice
☐ Practice of 2 dentists
☐ Practice of 3 or more dentists
☐ Hospital dentistry (inpatient)
☐ Nursing home
☐ Volunteer clinic
☐ Other: _____

5. Please fill in 'Yes' or 'No' for all the questions below:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No I plan to continue at this site for the next 12 months
☐ Yes ☐ No I am working with dental hygienists at this site
☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new patients at this site
☐ Yes ☐ No I will accept new Medicaid patients at this site

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