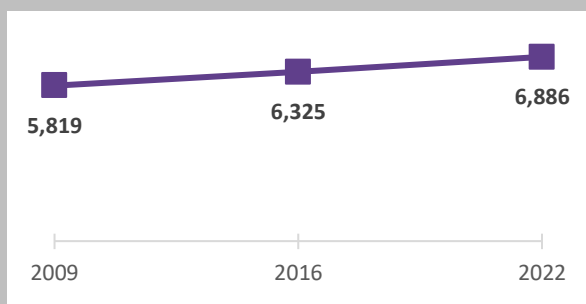


# WASHINGTON ORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE Data Snapshot: Dentists

The following statistics are from the Washington Oral Health Workforce (WOHW) Data Tracking Program dashboard <https://familymedicine.uw.edu/chws/resources/wohw/>, a program of the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies. More information about Washington’s oral health workforce is available on the dashboard.

## Washington Dentists: Supply Size and Distribution

**Number of Dentists with Washington Licenses in 2009, 2016, and 2022**

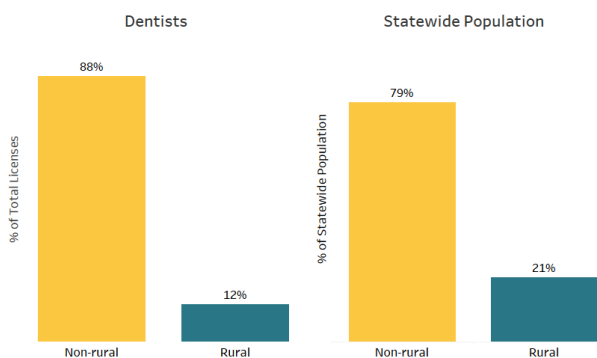


**Number of Dentists with Washington Licenses by State of Mailing Address (2022)**

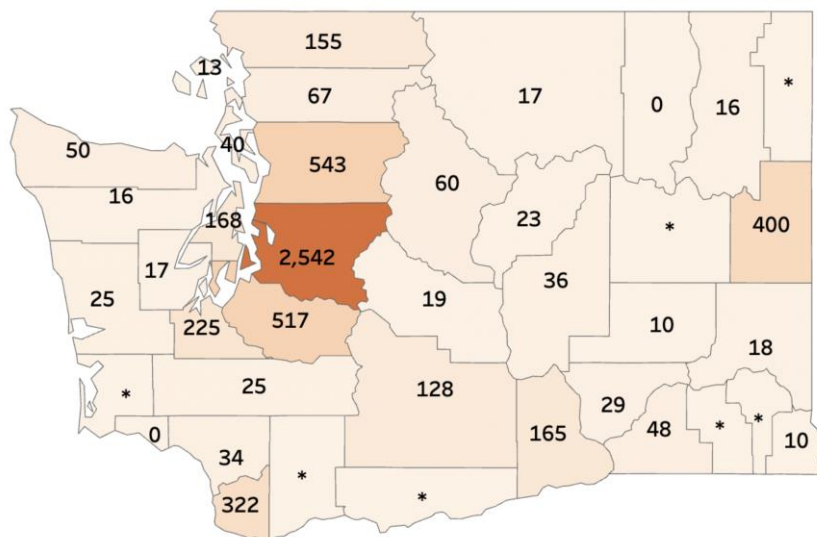
State* of License Mailing Address	#	%
<b>Northwest states:</b>		
WA	5,756	84.7%
ID	68	1.0%
OR	250	3.7%
CA	187	2.8%
<b>Other state</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,798</b>	

\* Does not include licenses with addresses in Canada, U.S. Territories, or missing addresses

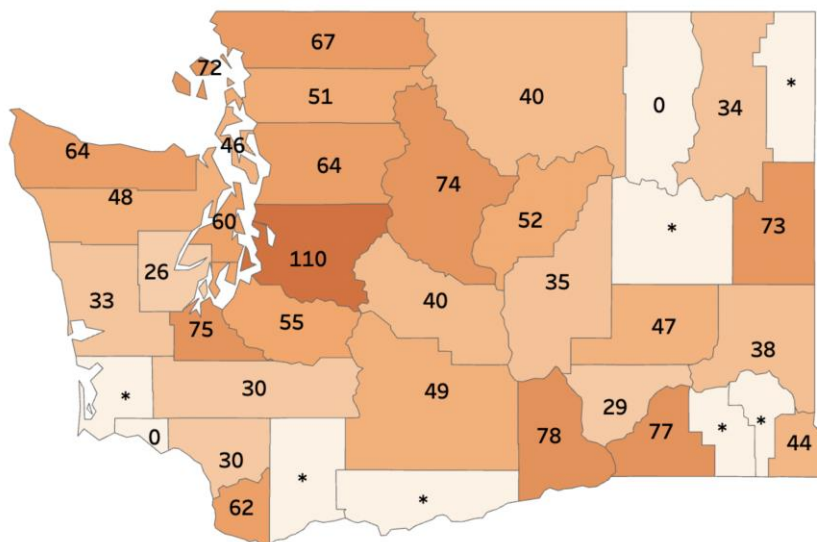
**Percent of Washington Dentists and Population by Rural/Urban County Category in 2022**



**Number\* of Dentists by County of Mailing Address (2022)**



**Number\* of Dentists by County of Mailing Address per 100,000 Population (2022)**



Statewide Number of Dentists with Mailing Addresses in Washington per 100,000 Population (2022): 73

\*Measures for locations with 1 - 9 dentists are not shown to protect confidentiality. 0 indicates there are no DAs with mailing addresses in this location. Distribution by Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) and by Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) are available on the WOHW dashboard.

Data sources: 2022 dental occupation data are from the December 2022 Washington State health professions license files, which contain licensee name, mailing address, birthdate, and gender. Note that practice status and location are not available in license records and may differ from license mailing address. Information on other data sources used to produce these statistics is available from the WOHW Dashboard.



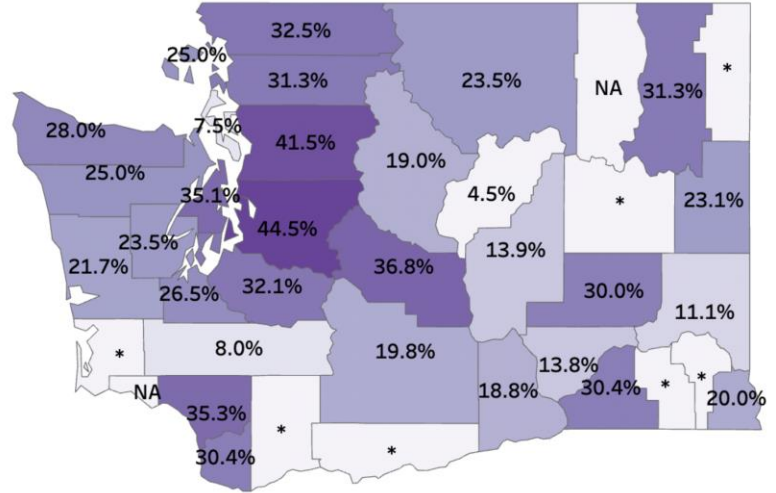
### Washington Dentists: Age and Gender

Statewide Age and Gender of Dentists with Washington Licenses in 2009, 2016 and 2022

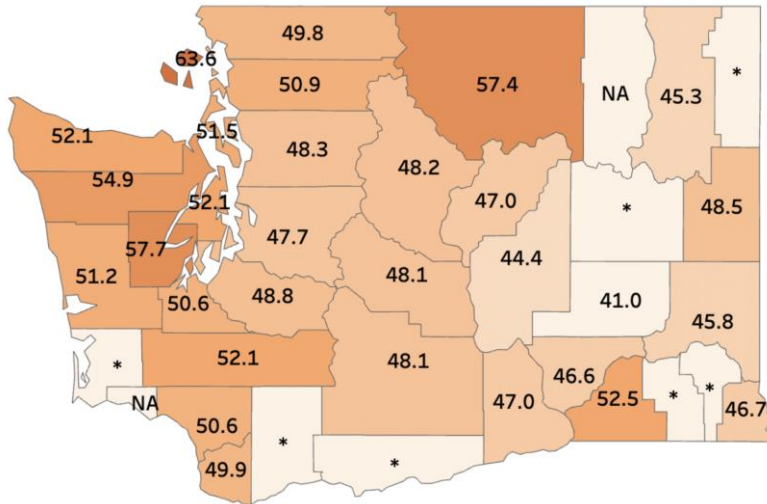
	2009	2016	2022
<b>Age</b>			
Average age (years)	48.1	48.4	48.6
Percent age 55 and older	*	*	29.7%
<b>Gender</b>			
Percent female	22.3%	29.5%	36.0%

\*Data not available

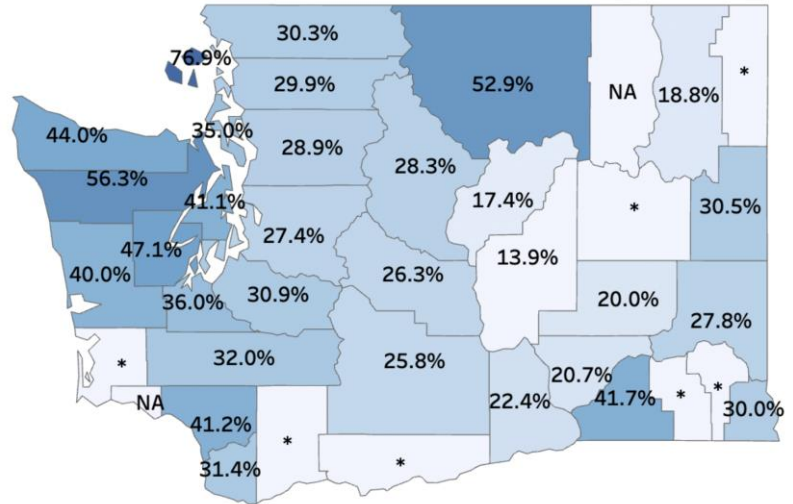
Statewide Percentage of Dentists with a Washington Mailing Address Who Are Female (2022)



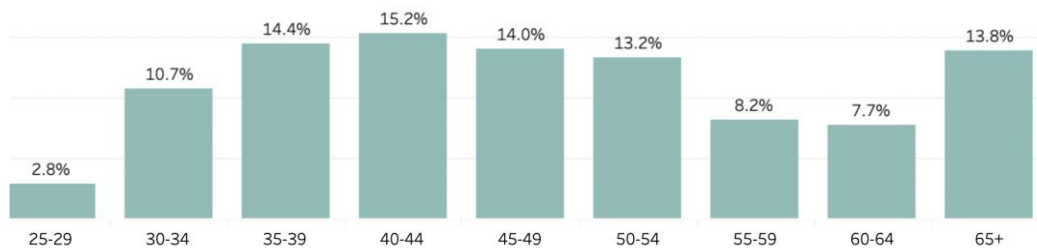
Statewide Average Age of Dentists with a Washington Mailing Address (2022)



Statewide Percentage of Dentists with a Washington Mailing Address Who Are Age 55 and Older (2022)



Dentists by Age Group, Statewide (n = 5,756) (2022)



The goal of the Washington Oral Health Workforce (WOHW) Tracking Program is to provide relevant information about Washington’s oral health workforce that can be used to guide practice and policy to help ensure the state’s population has access to needed oral health care.

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More information can be found at <https://familymedicine.uw.edu/chws/resources/wohw/>.