

# Georgia's Dental Workforce

**A Summary of Dentists  
and Dental Hygienists in Georgia**

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# Introduction

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This report summarizes the data gathered from a 1998 survey of licensed dentists and dental hygienists in Georgia. Response rates for the dentist and dental hygiene surveys were 56.0% and 57.5% respectively, a large enough sample for us to make generalizations about Georgia's dental workforce.

The report includes national, state, and regional profiles of the state's dental workforce. Additionally, extensive tables are included, providing data summaries for Georgia and regions within the state. Regional comparisons also are included.

In any survey, missing data are an issue. Some survey recipients do not respond to all items; some responses are incorrectly marked. While the response we received allows us to make generalizations, we caution you to refrain from using the raw numbers included in the tables. Draw your conclusions from the distribution of responses—the percentages—that are listed for each survey item.

The collection and analysis of health workforce data is an evolving process in the state of Georgia. This report represents a first step in using the data to inform the decision-making process regarding the dental workforce and the populations these practitioners serve.

# Dentists

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# Dentists: A National Profile

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## Career Profile

- ◆ In 1995, more than 153,000 professional active dentists were practicing in the U.S.
- ◆ Approximately 92 percent of active dentists were in private practice in 1995.
- ◆ Eighty percent of all dentists in 1995 practiced general dentistry; the remainder practiced a dental specialty.
- ◆ In 1995, forty-eight percent of dental specialists cited orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics or oral and maxillofacial surgery as their area of practice, research or administration.

## Dental Practice

- ◆ Among dentists out of dental school less than four years, approximately 42 percent own their own practice; by six years of graduation, this figure increases to 53 percent.
- ◆ On average, dentists worked 37.1 hours per week in 1995, spending 33.3 hours a week (about 90 percent of their time in practice) treating patients. Those working fewer hours are often older dentists who are limiting their hours.

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- ◆ In 1995, 69.4% of the nation's private practitioners were working in a practice with no other dentists; 19.2% were working in a practice with one more dentists; and 11.5% worked with two or more dentists.
- ◆ The average number of dental patient visits per week in 1995 (including hygiene appointments) was 83.4, or an annual average of about 4,007.
- ◆ On average, dentists work with and supervise about four staff members (two full-time and two part-time). In 1995, 97.8% of all dentists employed at least one staff member, 14.6% employed one or two and 51.6% employed three to six people.

## Dental Education

- ◆ The number of first-year students in dental schools has decreased from a high of 6,301 in 1978 to 4,255 in 1996.
- ◆ Approximately 38 percent of the first-year students in dental school in 1996-97 were women. Minorities comprised approximately 35 percent of the first-year class in 1996-97 (5.7% Black, 4.9% Hispanic, 0.5% American Indian, 23.4% Asian).

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- ◆ Enrollment trends over the past two decades suggest that the proportion of women in dentistry will continue to increase. Projections indicate that by the year 2000, more than 26,000 women will be active practitioners, almost twice the present number.

The demand for dental services will continue to grow. Due to the success of preventive dentistry in reducing the incidence of oral disease, the growing older population will retain their teeth longer, and will be even more aware of the importance of regular dental care. Demand for dentists' newer services, such as cosmetic dentistry, also will contribute to this growth.

**SOURCE:** American Dental Association, Survey Center. *1996 Survey of Dental Practice, 1995 Distribution of Dentists in the U.S. by Region and State* and *1996-97 Surveys of Predoctoral Dental Educational Institutions*; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and the U.S. Department of Labor.

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# Dentists: A State Profile

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## Career Profile

- ◆ In 1998, nearly 4,400 dentists were licensed by the state of Georgia.
- ◆ The average dentist in Georgia is a 47-year-old white male in private practice.
- ◆ Minorities comprise 8.7% of dentists in Georgia, the majority of which are African American (5.8%).
- ◆ Approximately 2.5% of licensed dentists in Georgia are of hispanic ethnicity, regardless of race.
- ◆ Females comprise 13.7% of all dentists licensed in the state.

## Dental Practice

- ◆ Approximately 73 percent of dentists practice general dentistry. The remainder (27 percent) practice specialties such as Orthodontics (7.5%), Oral Surgery (4.5%) and Periodontics (4.5%).
- ◆ Nearly 90 percent of dentists licensed in Georgia are practicing full-time. Of these, 14.8% are practicing in states other than Georgia.

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- ◆ The primary setting for most full-time dentists in Georgia is the practitioner's office (84.0%). The remaining 16 percent cited settings such as the hospital, freestanding clinic, military health facility or other health facility.
- ◆ Nearly 66 percent of Georgia's licensed dentists own a solo practice while 25.8% practice with other dentists. Approximately seven percent of dentists in the state are employed by county, state or federal government.
- ◆ Approximately 85.5% of dentists who own a solo practice employ 2 to 3 dental hygienists and 2 to 3 dental assistants. Eighty-seven percent of dentists who practice in a partnership or group work with at least 2 to 3 hygienists and 4 to 5 dental assistants.
- ◆ Of the full-time dentists licensed in Georgia, 11.5% also practice at satellite locations. Seventy-four percent of these satellite practices are located in the state.
- ◆ Women represent approximately 14 percent of Georgia's dentists, but only ten percent of dentists in solo practice. The percentage of female dentists increases in employment settings such as partnerships (20.2%) and county, state, and federal government (21.7%).
- ◆ In the solo practice employment setting, African Americans dentists represent roughly the same percentage as they do in the state. However, similar to females, the percentage of African American dentists increases in employment settings such as partnerships (8.5%) and federal government (12.0%).

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## Dental Education

- ◆ The Medical College of Georgia is home to the state's only dental school. Since graduating its first class in 1973, the school has produced more than 1,300 dentists.
- ◆ Of the 53 dentists graduated by the Medical College of Georgia in 1997-98, approximately 19% were minority and 38% were female.

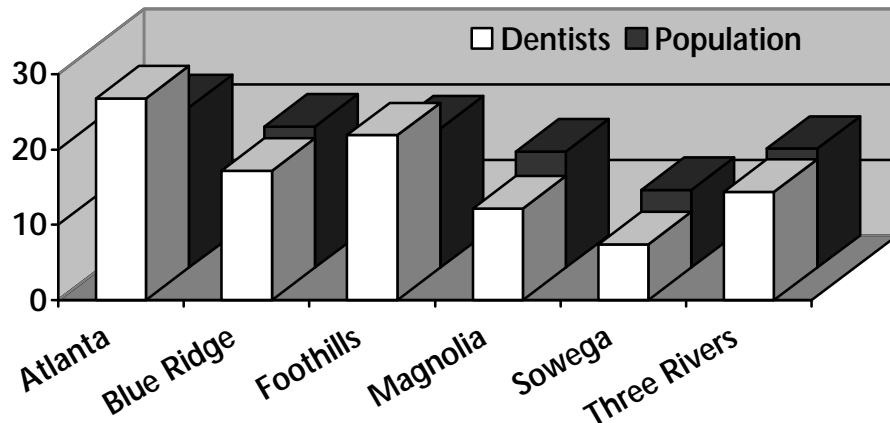
# Dentists: A Regional Profile

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For the purpose of this report, regional profiles are analyzed based on Georgia Statewide Area Health Education Center (AHEC) catchment areas. There are six AHEC regions in the state of Georgia. While each AHEC is essentially a microcosm of the state, as evidenced in the tables in this report, certain notable differences do exist.

## Comparisons

- ◆ The following chart compares the distribution of dentists across AHECs to the distribution of the state's population. For example, while Atlanta is home to 21.3% of Georgia's population, 26.8% of the dentists in the state practice in this AHEC.



- ◆ In two AHECs, Sowega and Magnolia Coastlands, 45 percent of dentists are over the age of 50, compared to 39.3% for the state.

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- ◆ In terms of percentages, more minority dentists practice in the Atlanta AHEC than in the state as a whole. Nearly 15 percent of Atlanta's dentists are minority (11.7% are African American). Minorities represent 8.7% of Georgia's dentists. Conversely, in Sowega and Blue Ridge, minorities comprise 5.4% and 5.8%, respectively.
- ◆ Female dentists comprise 13.7% in the state. Higher percentages are noted in the Atlanta (17.7%) and Foothills (17.3%) AHEC regions. The lowest percentage of female dentists can be found in Sowega (7.9%) and Three Rivers (9.3%).
- ◆ Solo practices are more prominent in the Sowega AHEC at nearly 73 percent, compared to 63.9% for the state. In the Atlanta area, only 58.4% of dentists own a solo practice. The region has higher percentages of non-solo practices (16.4%) and partnerships or groups (13.5%) than the other AHECs and the state.
- ◆ Sowega AHEC also has a greater percentage of dentists who practice general dentistry than the other AHECs and the entire state. Approximately 82 percent of dentists are general practitioners in Sowega, compared to the state's percentage of 72.6.
- ◆ In Georgia, the primary employment setting for dentists is mainly the practitioner's office (84%). Slightly higher percentages are noted in Atlanta (89.2%) and Blue Ridge (89.9%).

# Dental Hygienists

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## Career Profile

- ◆ There are approximately 100,000 active dental hygienists in the U.S. today.
- ◆ According to the 1993-94 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* and the "Monthly Labor Review," published by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the end of the decade. Dental hygiene will continue to be in the top 10 growth disciplines in the health care professions through the year 2005.
- ◆ The majority of dental hygienists are employed by general dentists. Additionally, dental specialists (such as periodontists or pediatric dentists) employ dental hygienists. Most hygienists work chairside, although they often participate in the business aspects of the practice.
- ◆ On average, dentists work with about 4 staff members (2 full-time and 2 part-time). The number of personnel employed by general dentists has risen from an average of 3.3 positions per practice in 1986 to 4.0 positions in 1994.

# Dental Hygienists: A National Profile

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- ◆ In 1995, 63.4% of general dentists employed at least one dental hygienist, and 39.6% employed two or more hygienists.

## Dental Hygiene Education

- ◆ The American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation accredits approximately 234 dental hygiene education programs in the United States.
- ◆ The majority of community college-based dental hygiene programs take two years to complete, with graduates receiving associate degrees. University-based dental hygiene programs may offer baccalaureate and master's degrees, which generally require at least two years of further schooling.
- ◆ Approximately 97 percent of the students enrolled in dental hygiene programs in 1996-97 were women.
- ◆ Minority students represented approximately 12 percent of enrollees in dental hygiene programs in 1996-97.

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## Career Profile

- ◆ In 1998, more than 4,400 dental hygienists were licensed in the state of Georgia.
- ◆ The average licensed dental hygienist in Georgia is a 47-year-old white female who works in a practitioner's office.
- ◆ The employment status for dental hygienists in Georgia is extremely flexible. Only 52 percent claim active full-time status at an average of 36.7 hours per week. Thirty-four percent of hygienists in Georgia work part-time, an average of 19.4 hours per week.
- ◆ Minorities comprise 3.8% of hygienists in Georgia, the majority of which are African Americans (2.6%).
- ◆ Approximately 0.8% of licensed dental hygienists in Georgia are of hispanic ethnicity, regardless of race.
- ◆ Males constitute less than one percent of all hygienists licensed in the state.
- ◆ The majority of hygienists in Georgia work in private practice. Eighty-seven percent of full-time hygienists and 94 percent who are part-time work in a practitioner's office.

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- ◆ The older a dental hygienist becomes, the more likely she is to work part-time. Of part-time hygienists in Georgia, 60 percent are over the age of 40. Only 47 percent of full-time hygienists are in this age group. Twenty-one percent of full-time hygienists are between 20 and 29 years of age, but only 5.6% of part-timers are in this age group.

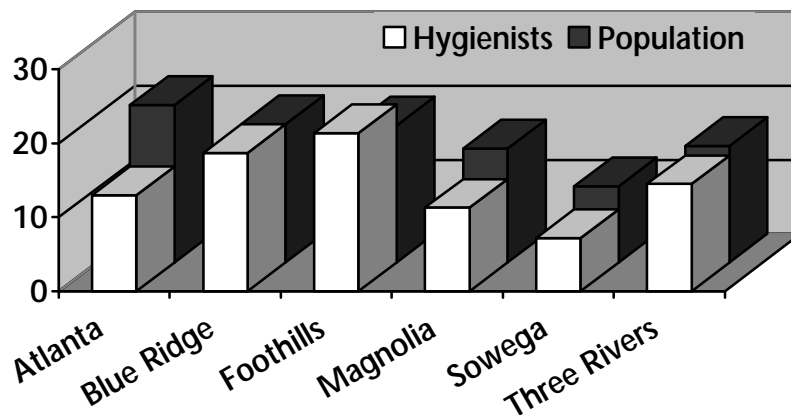
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- ◆ Twenty-five percent of dental hygienists in Atlanta are over the age of 50, compared to the state's percentage of 12.6.
- ◆ Also in Atlanta, the percentage of minority dental hygienists increases from 3.8% for the entire state to nine percent, the majority of which are African Americans (7.5%). Conversely, in the Foothills region, the percentage of licensed minority dental hygienists is 1.9%.
- ◆ Male hygienists are rare in Georgia at only 0.8%. The percentage increases in Blue Ridge and Foothills, but only slightly, to 1.3% for both. The Three Rivers and Sowega AHECs report no male hygienists. \*
- ◆ A large percentage of dental hygienists in Georgia work part-time (34.2%). This percentage increases in Foothills (nearly 39 percent). In the Sowega region, the percentage is lower at 28.5%.
- ◆ In Georgia, the majority of dental hygienists work in the practitioner's office (74.8%). This is the approximate percentage for the AHEC regions, except for the Sowega AHEC (80.7%).

\*NOTE: Male hygienists may in fact practice in these regions, but they were not among the hygienists who responded to this survey.

# Tables

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## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in Georgia

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	46	2.0
60-69	233	10.0
50-59	639	27.3
40-49	833	35.6
30-39	476	20.4
20-29	110	4.7
Total	2,337	100.0
Valid Cases	2,337	95.5
Missing Cases	110	4.5

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	22	0.9
Asian	46	1.9
African American	139	5.8
Pacific Islander	2	0.1
Caucasian	2,177	91.2
Total	2,386	100.0
Valid Cases	2,386	97.5
Missing Cases	61	2.5

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	2,090	86.3
Female	333	13.7
Total	2,423	100.0
Valid Cases	2,423	99.0
Missing Cases	24	1.0

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	1,752	72.6
Endodontics	75	3.1
Oral Pathology	10	0.4
Oral Surgery	109	4.5
Orthodontics	180	7.5
Pediatric Dentistry	89	3.7
Periodontics	108	4.5
Prosthodontics	59	2.5
Dental Public Health	30	1.2
Total	2,412	100.0
Valid Cases	2,412	98.6
Missing Cases	35	1.4

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	2,168	89.3
Active-Part-time	151	6.2
Retired	53	2.2
Not Practicing	55	2.3
Total	2,427	100.0
Valid Cases	2,427	99.2
Missing Cases	20	0.8

Active Full-time Hrs a Week	Total	Percent
0-29	126	5.8
30-40	1,142	52.7
Over 40	900	41.5
Total	2,168	100.0

Active Part-time Hrs a Week	Total	Percent
0-8	25	16.6
9-16	27	17.9
17-24	56	37.1
25-32	39	25.8
Over 32	4	2.6
Total	151	100.0

Employment Location	Total	Percent
Full-time in Georgia	1,848	85.2
Full-time non-Georgia	320	14.8
Total	2,168	100.0

Employment Location	Total	Percent
Part-time in Georgia	122	80.8
Part-time non-Georgia	29	19.2
Total	151	100.0

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
Full-time w/Satellite in GA	185	69.3
Full-time w/Satellite non-GA	61	22.8
Part-time w/Satellite in GA	5	1.9
Part-time w/Satellite non-GA	8	3.0
Retired	1	0.4
Total	260	100.0
Valid Cases	260	97.4
Missing Cases	7	2.6

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in Georgia

Employment Type	Total	Percent
<b>Active Full-time</b>		
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	1,385	65.6
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	278	13.2
Employee of Individual Practitioner	96	4.5
Employee of Partnership/Group	171	8.1
County Government	10	0.5
State Government	50	2.4
Federal Government	85	4.0
Other	36	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	2,111	97.4
Missing Cases	57	2.7

Employment Type	Total	Percent
<b>Active Part-time</b>		
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	51	37.5
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	29	21.3
Employee of Individual Practitioner	21	15.4
Employee of Partnership/Group	17	12.5
Local Government	1	0.8
County Government	1	0.8
State Government	4	2.9
Federal Government	5	3.7
Other	7	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	136	90.0
Missing Cases	15	10.0

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
<b>Active Full-time</b>		
Practitioner's Office	1,766	84.0
Hospital	24	1.1
Nursing Home	2	0.1
Free Standing Clinic	149	7.1
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	9	0.4
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	61	2.9
Health Facility on Military Base	52	2.5
V.A. / Public Health	12	0.6
Other Federal Health Facility	27	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	2,102	96.9
Missing Cases	66	3.1

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
<b>Active Part-time</b>		
Practitioner's Office	115	82.1
Hospital	2	1.4
Free Standing Clinic	11	7.9
Other Non Federal Health Facility	7	5.0
V.A. / Public Health	2	1.4
Other Federal Health Facility	3	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	140	92.7
Missing Cases	11	7.3

Employees in Practice	Total	Percent
1 Dentist	1,381	64.2
2 to 3 Dentists	607	28.2
4 to 5 Dentists	80	3.7
6 to 7 Dentists	21	1.0
8 to 9 Dentists	19	0.9
10 Dentists or more	43	2.0
<b>Total Dentists</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	2,151	87.9
Missing Cases	296	12.0

Employees in Practice	Total	Percent
1 Dental Hygienist	617	36.2
2 to 3 Dental Hygienists	892	52.4
4 to 5 Dental Hygienists	153	9.0
6 to 7 Dental Hygienists	22	1.3
8 to 9 Dental Hygienists	5	0.3
10 Dental Hygienists or more	14	0.8
<b>Total Dental Hygienists</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	1,703	69.6
Missing Cases	744	30.4

Employees in Practice	Total	Percent
1 Dental Assistant	799	43.8
2 to 3 Dental Assistants	705	38.6
4 to 5 Dental Assistants	176	9.7
6 to 7 Dental Assistants	64	3.5
8 to 9 Dental Assistants	22	1.2
10 Dental Assistants or more	59	3.2
<b>Total Dental Assistants</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	1,825	74.6
Missing Cases	622	25.4

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Atlanta AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	11	2.1
60-69	62	11.9
50-59	141	27.0
40-49	179	34.2
30-39	111	21.2
20-29	19	3.6
Total	523	100.0
Valid Cases	523	95.4
Missing Cases	25	4.6

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	6	1.1
Asian	10	1.9
African American	63	11.7
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	459	85.3
Total	538	100.0
Valid Cases	538	98.2
Missing Cases	10	1.8

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	447	82.3
Female	96	17.7
Total	543	100.0
Valid Cases	543	99.1
Missing Cases	5	0.9

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	481	88.4
Active-Part-time	41	7.5
Retired	11	2.0
Not Practicing	11	2.0
Total	544	100.0
Valid Cases	544	99.3
Missing Cases	4	0.7

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	36.4
Active Part-time	19.2
Retired	0.0
No Status	30.5
Inactive	5.5

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	299	58.4
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	84	16.4
Employee of Individual Practitioner	35	6.8
Employee of Partnership/Group	69	13.5
County Government	8	1.6
State Government	3	0.6
Federal Government	6	1.2
Other	8	1.6
Total	512	100.0
Valid Cases	512	93.4
Missing Cases	36	6.6

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	456	89.2
Hospital	7	1.4
Nursing Home	1	0.2
Free Standing Clinic	27	5.3
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	5	0.9
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	7	1.4
Health Facility on Military Base	3	0.6
V.A. / Public Health	1	0.2
Other Federal Health Facility	4	0.8
Total	511	100.0
Valid Cases	511	93.2
Missing Cases	37	7.2

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	384	71.0
Endodontics	17	3.1
Oral Pathology	4	0.7
Oral Surgery	22	4.1
Orthodontics	32	6.0
Pediatric Dentistry	20	3.7
Periodontics	31	5.7
Prosthodontics	19	3.5
Dental Public Health	12	2.2
Total	541	100.0
Valid Cases	541	98.7
Missing Cases	7	1.3

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Atlanta AHEC	22	40.0
In GA, outside of Atlanta AHEC	33	60.0
Out of State	0	0.0
No County Listed	4	7.3
Total	55	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Three Rivers AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	11	3.9
60-69	30	10.7
50-59	80	28.5
40-49	97	34.5
30-39	53	18.9
20-29	10	3.5
Total	281	100.0
Valid Cases	281	95.6
Missing Cases	13	4.4

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	4	1.4
Asian	1	0.4
African American	14	4.9
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	265	93.3
Total	284	100.0
Valid Cases	284	96.6
Missing Cases	10	3.4

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	262	90.7
Female	27	9.3
Total	289	100.0
Valid Cases	289	98.3
Missing Cases	5	1.7

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	264	90.7
Active-Part-time	18	6.2
Retired	4	1.4
Not Practicing	5	1.7
Total	291	100.0
Valid Cases	291	99.0
Missing Cases	3	1.0

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	36.5
Active Part-time	20.6
Retired	0.0
No Status	25.7
Inactive	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	192	68.3
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	39	13.9
Employee of Individual Practitioner	18	6.4
Employee of Partnership/Group	16	5.7
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	4	1.4
Federal Government	4	1.4
Other	8	2.8
Total	281	100.0
Valid Cases	281	95.6
Missing Cases	13	4.4

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	235	84.5
Hospital	5	1.8
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	27	9.7
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	1	0.4
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	5	1.8
Health Facility on Military Base	2	0.7
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	2	0.7
Total	278	100.0
Valid Cases	278	94.6
Missing Cases	16	5.4

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	219	75.3
Endodontics	11	3.8
Oral Pathology	1	0.3
Oral Surgery	11	3.8
Orthodontics	21	7.2
Pediatric Dentistry	7	2.4
Periodontics	12	4.1
Prosthodontics	7	2.4
Dental Public Health	2	0.7
Total	291	100.0
Valid Cases	291	99.0
Missing Cases	3	1.0

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Three Rivers AHEC	21	53.8
In GA, outside of Three Rivers	11	28.2
Out of State	6	15.4
No County Listed	1	2.6
Total	39	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Blue Ridge AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	6	1.8
60-69	41	12.3
50-59	81	24.2
40-49	112	33.5
30-39	78	23.4
20-29	16	4.8
Total	334	100.0
Valid Cases	334	95.2
Missing Cases	17	4.8

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	3	0.9
Asian	8	2.3
African American	8	2.3
Pacific Islander	1	0.3
Caucasian	324	94.2
Total	344	100.0
Valid Cases	344	98.0
Missing Cases	7	2.0

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	301	86.0
Female	49	14.0
Total	350	100.0
Valid Cases	350	99.7
Missing Cases	1	0.3

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	309	88.8
Active-Part-time	22	6.3
Retired	13	3.7
Not Practicing	4	1.1
Total	348	100.0
Valid Cases	348	99.1
Missing Cases	3	0.9

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	35.6
Active Part-time	19.1
Retired	0.0
No Status	21.7
Inactive	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	226	69.8
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	48	14.8
Employee of Individual Practitioner	19	5.9
Employee of Partnership/Group	24	7.4
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	2	0.6
Federal Government	2	0.6
Other	3	0.9
Total	324	100.0
Valid Cases	324	92.3
Missing Cases	27	7.7

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	285	89.9
Hospital	3	0.9
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	22	6.9
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	2	0.6
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	4	1.3
Health Facility on Military Base	1	0.3
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
Total	317	100.0
Valid Cases	317	90.3
Missing Cases	34	9.7

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	267	76.7
Endodontics	7	2.0
Oral Pathology	0	0.0
Oral Surgery	17	4.9
Orthodontics	26	7.4
Pediatric Dentistry	17	4.9
Periodontics	10	2.9
Prosthodontics	2	0.6
Dental Public Health	2	0.6
Total	348	100.0
Valid Cases	348	99.1
Missing Cases	3	0.9

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Blue Ridge AHEC	23	65.7
In GA, outside of Blue Ridge	8	22.8
Out of State	1	2.9
No County Listed	3	8.6
Total	35	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Foothills AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	3	0.7
60-69	34	7.8
50-59	86	19.8
40-49	175	40.3
30-39	100	23.0
20-29	36	8.3
Total	434	100.0
Valid Cases	434	96.9
Missing Cases	14	3.1

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	6	1.3
Asian	14	3.1
African American	19	4.3
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	407	91.3
Total	446	100.0
Valid Cases	446	99.6
Missing Cases	2	0.4

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	368	82.7
Female	77	17.3
Total	445	100.0
Valid Cases	445	99.3
Missing Cases	3	0.7

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	403	91.0
Active-Part-time	22	4.9
Retired	8	1.8
Not Practicing	10	2.3
Total	443	100.0
Valid Cases	443	98.9
Missing Cases	5	1.1

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	37.1
Active Part-time	15.7
Retired	8.8
No Status	21.4
Inactive	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	272	64.8
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	46	10.6
Employee of Individual Practitioner	20	4.8
Employee of Partnership/Group	39	9.3
County Government	2	0.5
State Government	19	4.5
Federal Government	14	3.3
Other	8	1.9
Total	420	100.0
Valid Cases	420	93.8
Missing Cases	28	6.2

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	336	81.4
Hospital	4	1.0
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	33	8.0
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	1	0.2
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	23	5.5
Health Facility on Military Base	8	1.9
V.A. / Public Health	4	1.0
Other Federal Health Facility	4	1.0
Total	413	100.0
Valid Cases	413	92.2
Missing Cases	35	7.8

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	328	74.7
Endodontics	9	2.1
Oral Pathology	1	0.2
Oral Surgery	22	5.0
Orthodontics	29	6.6
Pediatric Dentistry	18	4.1
Periodontics	15	3.4
Prosthodontics	13	3.0
Dental Public Health	4	0.9
Total	439	100.0
Valid Cases	439	98.0
Missing Cases	9	2.0

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Foothills AHEC	26	51.0
In GA, outside of Foothills AHEC	17	33.3
Out of State	7	13.7
No County Listed	1	2.0
Total	51	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Magnolia Coastlands AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	8	3.3
60-69	22	9.2
50-59	78	32.6
40-49	63	26.4
30-39	57	23.8
20-29	11	4.6
Total	239	100.0
Valid Cases	239	96.4
Missing Cases	9	3.6

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	0	0.0
Asian	5	2.1
African American	16	6.6
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	220	91.3
Total	241	100.0
Valid Cases	241	97.2
Missing Cases	7	2.8

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	218	88.3
Female	29	11.7
Total	247	100.0
Valid Cases	247	99.6
Missing Cases	1	0.4

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	225	91.1
Active-Part-time	13	5.3
Retired	7	2.8
Not Practicing	2	0.8
Total	247	100.0
Valid Cases	247	99.6
Missing Cases	1	0.4

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	38.3
Active Part-time	21.4
Retired	0.0
No Status	45.0
Inactive	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	145	63.0
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	27	11.7
Employee of Individual Practitioner	13	5.7
Employee of Partnership/Group	15	6.5
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	10	4.3
Federal Government	10	4.3
Other	10	4.3
Total	230	100.0
Valid Cases	230	92.7
Missing Cases	18	7.3

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	196	84.5
Hospital	2	0.9
Nursing Home	1	0.4
Free Standing Clinic	9	3.9
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	0	0.0
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	12	5.2
Health Facility on Military Base	6	2.6
V.A. / Public Health	2	0.9
Other Federal Health Facility	4	1.7
Total	232	100.0
Valid Cases	232	93.5
Missing Cases	16	6.5

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	192	78.0
Endodontics	10	4.1
Oral Pathology	0	0.0
Oral Surgery	10	4.1
Orthodontics	12	4.9
Pediatric Dentistry	6	2.4
Periodontics	11	4.5
Prosthodontics	3	1.2
Dental Public Health	2	0.8
Total	246	100.0
Valid Cases	246	99.2
Missing Cases	2	0.8

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Magnolia AHEC	20	80.0
In GA, outside of Magnolia AHEC	2	8.0
Out of State	3	12.0
No County Listed	0	0.0
Total	25	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dentists in the Sowega AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	2	1.4
60-69	16	11.0
50-59	47	32.4
40-49	52	35.9
30-39	20	13.8
20-29	8	5.5
Total	145	100.0
Valid Cases	145	95.4
Missing Cases	7	4.6

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	1	0.7
Asian	0	0.0
African American	7	4.7
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	141	94.6
Total	149	100.0
Valid Cases	149	98.0
Missing Cases	3	2.0

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	139	92.1
Female	12	7.9
Total	151	100.0
Valid Cases	151	99.3
Missing Cases	1	0.7

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	138	90.8
Active-Part-time	9	5.9
Retired	2	1.3
Not Practicing	3	2.0
Total	152	100.0
Valid Cases	152	100.0
Missing Cases	0	0

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	36.0
Active Part-time	21.7
Retired	3.0
No Status	0.0
Inactive	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	105	72.9
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	16	11.1
Employee of Individual Practitioner	3	2.1
Employee of Partnership/Group	6	4.1
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	8	5.6
Federal Government	4	2.8
Other	2	1.4
Total	144	100.0
Valid Cases	144	94.7
Missing Cases	8	5.3

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	118	81.9
Hospital	3	2.1
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	14	9.7
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	0	0.0
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	6	4.1
Health Facility on Military Base	1	0.7
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	2	1.4
Total	144	100.0
Valid Cases	144	94.7
Missing Cases	8	5.3

Specialty Area	Total	Percent
General Practice	124	82.1
Endodontics	3	2.0
Oral Pathology	0	0.0
Oral Surgery	5	3.3
Orthodontics	9	6.0
Pediatric Dentistry	4	2.6
Periodontics	5	3.3
Prosthodontics	1	0.7
Dental Public Health	0	0.0
Total	151	100.0
Valid Cases	151	99.3
Missing Cases	1	0.7

Satellite Practice	Total	Percent
In Sowega AHEC	10	83.3
Not in Sowega, in GA	0	0.0
Out of State	2	16.7
No County Listed	0	0.0
Total	12	100.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce Dentists: Regional Comparisons

Age	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
70-over	2.1	3.9	1.8	0.7	3.3	1.4
60-69	11.9	10.7	12.3	7.8	9.2	11.0
50-59	27.0	28.5	24.2	19.8	32.6	32.4
40-49	34.2	34.5	33.5	40.3	26.4	35.9
30-39	21.2	18.9	23.4	23.0	23.8	13.8
20-29	3.6	3.5	4.8	8.3	4.6	5.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	95.4	95.6	95.2	96.9	96.4	95.4
Missing Cases	4.6	4.4	4.8	3.1	3.6	4.6

Race	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Native American	1.1	1.4	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.7
Asian	1.9	0.4	2.3	3.1	2.1	0.0
African American	11.7	4.9	2.3	4.3	6.6	4.7
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Caucasian	85.3	93.3	94.2	91.3	91.3	94.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	98.2	96.6	98.0	99.6	97.2	98.0
Missing Cases	1.8	3.4	2.0	0.4	2.8	2.0

Gender	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Male	82.3	90.7	86.0	82.7	88.3	92.1
Female	17.7	9.3	14.0	17.3	11.7	7.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	99.1	98.3	99.7	99.3	99.6	99.3
Missing Cases	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.7

Employment Status	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Active-Full-time	88.4	90.7	88.8	91.0	91.1	90.8
Active-Part-time	7.5	6.2	6.3	4.9	5.3	5.9
Retired	2.0	1.4	3.7	1.8	2.8	1.3
Not Practicing	2.0	1.7	1.1	2.3	0.8	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	99.3	99.0	99.1	98.9	99.6	100.0
Missing Cases	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.4	0

Average Hours	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Active Full-time	36.4	36.50	35.61	37.07	38.27	36.04
Active Part-time	19.2	20.56	19.05	15.68	21.38	21.67
Retired	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.75	0	3.0
No Status	30.5	25.67	21.67	21.40	45	0.0
Inactive	5.45	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce Dentists: Regional Comparisons

Employment Type	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	58.4	68.3	69.8	64.8	63.0	72.9
Non-Solo Practice (Self-Employed)	16.4	13.9	14.8	10.6	11.7	11.1
Employee of Individual Practitioner	6.8	6.4	5.9	4.8	5.7	2.1
Employee of Partnership/Group	13.5	5.7	7.4	9.3	6.5	4.1
County Government	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
State Government	0.6	1.4	0.6	4.5	4.3	5.6
Federal Government	1.2	1.4	0.6	3.3	4.3	2.8
Other	1.6	2.8	0.9	1.9	4.3	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	93.4	95.6	92.3	93.8	92.7	94.7
Missing Cases	6.6	4.4	7.7	6.2	7.3	5.3

Primary Setting	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Practitioner's Office	89.2	84.5	89.9	81.4	84.5	81.9
Hospital	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.1
Nursing Home	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	5.3	9.7	6.9	8.0	3.9	9.7
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	1.4	1.8	1.3	5.5	5.2	4.1
Health Facility on Military Installation	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.9	2.6	0.7
V.A. / Public Health	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0.8	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.7	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	93.2	94.6	90.3	92.2	93.5	94.7
Missing Cases	7.2	5.4	9.7	7.8	6.5	5.3

Specialty Area	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
General Practice	71.0	75.3	76.7	74.7	78.0	82.1
Endodontics	3.1	3.8	2.0	2.1	4.1	2.0
Oral Pathology	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Oral Surgery	4.1	3.8	4.9	5.0	4.1	3.3
Orthodontics	6.0	7.2	7.4	6.6	4.9	6.0
Pediatric Dentistry	3.7	2.4	4.9	4.1	2.4	2.6
Periodontics	5.7	4.1	2.9	3.4	4.5	3.3
Prosthodontics	3.5	2.4	0.6	3.0	1.2	0.7
Dental Public Health	2.2	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	98.7	99.0	99.1	98.0	99.2	99.3
Missing Cases	1.3	1.0	0.9	2.0	0.8	0.7

Satellite Practice	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
In AHEC	40.0	53.8	65.7	51.0	80.0	83.3
In Georgia, outside of AHEC	60.0	28.2	22.8	33.3	8.0	0.0
Out of State	0.0	15.4	2.9	13.7	12.0	16.7
No County Listed	7.3	2.6	8.6	2.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Age	Total	Percent
60 and over	74	3.0
50-59	301	12.3
40-49	842	34.4
30-39	819	33.5
20-29	411	16.8
Total	2,447	100.0
Valid Cases	2,447	98.1
Missing Cases	48	1.9

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	17	0.7
Asian	10	0.4
African American	66	2.6
Pacific Islander	2	0.1
Caucasian	2,378	96.2
Total	2,473	100.0
Valid Cases	2,473	99.1
Missing Cases	22	0.9

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	20	0.8
Female	2,461	99.2
Total	2,481	100.0
Valid Cases	2,481	99.4
Missing Cases	14	0.6

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	1,280	51.6
Active-Part-time	849	34.2
Retired	21	0.8
Not Practicing	331	13.3
Total	2,481	100.0
Valid Cases	2,481	99.4
Missing Cases	14	0.6

Full-time Hours Per Week	Total	Percent
0-29	87	6.8
30-40	1,151	90.0
Over 40	41	3.2
Total	1,279	100.0
Part-time Hours Per Week	Total	Percent
0-8	109	12.8
9-16	192	22.6
17-24	340	40.0
25-32	192	22.6
Over 32	16	2.0
Total	849	100.0

Primary Setting-Active Full-time	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	1,124	88.6
Hospital	7	0.5
Free Standing Clinic	13	1.0
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	19	1.5
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	38	3.0
Health Facility on Military Base	19	1.5
VA/Public Health	1	0.1
Other Federal Health Facility	5	0.4
School/Educational	33	2.6
Other Type Setting	10	0.8
Total	1,269	100.0
Valid Cases	1,269	99.2
Missing Cases	10	0.8

Primary Setting-Active Part-time	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	802	95.5
Hospital	1	0.1
Free Standing Clinic	1	0.1
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	2	0.2
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	6	0.7
Health Facility on Military Base	3	0.4
VA/Public Health	2	0.2
Other Federal Health Facility	2	0.2
School/Educational	17	2.0
Other Type Setting	4	0.5
Total	840	100.0
Valid Cases	840	98.9
Missing Cases	9	1.1

Employment Type-Full-time	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	932	73.4
Employee of Partnership/Group	239	18.8
Local Government	1	0.1
County Government	6	0.5
State Government	45	3.5
Federal Government	24	1.9
Other	22	1.7
Total	1,269	100.0
Valid Cases	1,269	99.2
Missing Cases	10	0.8

Employment Type-Part-time	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	644	76.8
Employee of Partnership/Group	164	19.5
State Government	15	1.8
Federal Government	5	0.6
Other	11	1.3
Total	839	100.0
Valid Cases	839	98.8
Missing Cases	10	1.2

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Age	Total	Percent
70-over	0	0.0
60-69	11	3.5
50-59	68	21.8
40-49	114	36.5
30-39	79	25.3
20-29	40	12.8
Total	312	100.0
Valid Cases	312	96.0
Missing Cases	13	4.0

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	2	0.6
Asian	3	0.9
African American	24	7.5
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	293	91.0
Total	322	100.0
Valid Cases	322	99.1
Missing Cases	3	0.9

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	3	0.9
Female	319	99.1
Total	322	100.0
Valid Cases	322	99.1
Missing Cases	3	0.9

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	165	50.8
Active-Part-time	109	33.5
Retired	1	0.3
Not Practicing	50	15.4
Total	325	100.0
Valid Cases	325	100.0
Missing Cases	0	0.0

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	197	71.1
Employee of Partnership/Group	61	22.0
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	4	1.4
State Government	4	1.4
Federal Government	3	1.1
Other	8	2.9
Total	277	100.0
Valid Cases	277	85.2
Missing Cases	48	14.8

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	252	91.6
Hospital	0	0.0
Nursing Home	1	0.4
Free Standing Clinic	2	0.7
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	2	0.7
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	11	4.0
Health Facility on Military Base	2	0.7
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	1	0.4
School/Educational	3	1.1
Other/Miscellaneous	1	0.4
Total	275	100.0
Valid Cases	275	84.6
Missing Cases	50	15.4

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	34.4
Active Part-time	19.9
Retired	0.0
No Status	0.0
Inactive	1.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dental Hygienists in the Three Rivers AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	0	0.0
60-69	10	2.8
50-59	36	10.1
40-49	111	31.2
30-39	132	37.0
20-29	67	18.8
Total	356	100.0
Valid Cases	356	98.1
Missing Cases	7	1.9

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	4	1.1
Asian	2	0.5
African American	6	1.7
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	351	96.7
Total	363	100.0
Valid Cases	363	99.7
Missing Cases	1	0.3

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	0	0.0
Female	361	100.0
Total	361	100.0
Valid Cases	361	99.4
Missing Cases	2	0.6

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	204	56.4
Active-Part-time	122	33.7
Retired	2	0.5
Not Practicing	34	9.4
Total	362	100.0
Valid Cases	362	99.7
Missing Cases	1	0.3

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	241	74.4
Employee of Partnership/Group	67	20.7
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	1	0.3
State Government	4	1.2
Federal Government	5	1.2
Other	6	1.9
Total	324	100.0
Valid Cases	324	89.2
Missing Cases	39	10.7

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	301	92.9
Hospital	2	0.6
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	2	0.6
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	4	1.2
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	3	0.3
Health Facility on Military Base	4	1.2
V.A. / Public Health	1	0.3
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
School/Educational	6	1.9
Other/Miscellaneous	1	0.3
Total	324	100.0
Valid Cases	324	89.2
Missing Cases	39	10.7

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	34.3
Active Part-time	20.1
Retired	0.0
No Status	30.0
Inactive	1.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dental Hygienists in the Blue Ridge AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	3	0.6
60-69	15	3.2
50-59	55	11.9
40-49	152	32.9
30-39	154	33.3
20-29	83	18.0
Total	462	100.0
Valid Cases	462	98.9
Missing Cases	5	1.1

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	2	0.4
Asian	2	0.4
African American	10	2.2
Pacific Islander	1	0.2
Caucasian	450	96.8
Total	465	100.0
Valid Cases	465	99.6
Missing Cases	2	0.4

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	6	1.3
Female	460	98.7
Total	466	100.0
Valid Cases	466	99.8
Missing Cases	1	0.2

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	250	53.8
Active-Part-time	166	35.7
Retired	2	0.4
Not Practicing	47	10.1
Total	465	100.0
Valid Cases	465	99.6
Missing Cases	2	0.4

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	320	76.2
Employee of Partnership/Group	86	20.5
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	6	1.4
Federal Government	0	0.0
Other	8	1.9
Total	420	100.0
Valid Cases	420	89.9
Missing Cases	47	10.1

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	388	93.5
Hospital	1	0.2
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	6	1.4
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	7	1.7
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	6	1.4
Health Facility on Military Base	0	0.0
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
School/Educational	5	1.2
Other/Miscellaneous	2	0.5
Total	415	100.0
Valid Cases	415	88.9
Missing Cases	52	11.1

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	33.9
Active Part-time	19.8
Retired	0.0
No Status	23.0
Inactive	0.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dental Hygienists in the Foothills AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	0	0.0
60-69	9	1.7
50-59	69	13.2
40-49	175	33.5
30-39	191	36.5
20-29	79	15.1
Total	523	100.0
Valid Cases	523	97.9
Missing Cases	11	2.1

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	3	0.6
Asian	1	0.2
African American	6	1.1
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	516	98.1
Total	526	100.0
Valid Cases	526	98.5
Missing Cases	8	1.5

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	7	1.3
Female	526	98.7
Total	533	100.0
Valid Cases	533	99.8
Missing Cases	1	0.2

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	265	50.0
Active-Part-time	205	38.7
Retired	8	1.5
Not Practicing	52	9.8
Total	530	100.0
Valid Cases	530	99.3
Missing Cases	4	0.7

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	347	73.4
Employee of Partnership/Group	95	20.0
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	15	3.2
Federal Government	5	1.1
Other	11	2.3
Total	473	100.0
Valid Cases	473	88.6
Missing Cases	61	11.4

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	430	91.1
Hospital	0	0.0
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	4	0.8
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	8	1.7
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	7	1.5
Health Facility on Military Base	5	1.1
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
School/Educational	13	2.7
Other/Miscellaneous	5	1.1
Total	472	100.0
Valid Cases	472	88.4
Missing Cases	62	13.1

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	35.2
Active Part-time	20.6
Retired	0.0
No Status	23.8
Inactive	0.6

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dental Hygienists in the Magnolia Coastlands AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	1	0.4
60-69	10	3.6
50-59	20	7.3
40-49	82	29.8
30-39	96	34.9
20-29	66	24.0
Total	275	100.0
Valid Cases	275	97.9
Missing Cases	6	2.1

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	2	0.7
Asian	1	0.4
African American	8	2.9
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	268	96.0
Total	279	100.0
Valid Cases	279	99.3
Missing Cases	2	0.7

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	1	0.4
Female	278	99.6
Total	279	100.0
Valid Cases	279	99.3
Missing Cases	2	0.7

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	138	49.5
Active-Part-time	103	36.9
Retired	2	0.7
Not Practicing	36	12.9
Total	279	100.0
Valid Cases	279	99.3
Missing Cases	2	0.7

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	180	73.2
Employee of Partnership/Group	47	19.1
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	14	5.7
Federal Government	2	0.8
Other	3	1.2
Total	246	100.0
Valid Cases	246	87.5
Missing Cases	35	12.5

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	221	91.3
Hospital	2	0.8
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	0	0.0
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	3	1.2
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	6	2.5
Health Facility on Military Base	1	0.4
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
School/Educational	7	2.9
Other/Miscellaneous	2	0.8
Total	242	100.0
Valid Cases	242	86.1
Missing Cases	39	13.9

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	34.7
Active Part-time	19.9
Retired	0.0
No Status	32.5
Inactive	0.0

## Georgia's Dental Workforce 1998 Survey Summary: Dental Hygienists in the Sowega AHEC

Age	Total	Percent
70-over	1	0.6
60-69	6	3.4
50-59	18	10.1
40-49	51	28.7
30-39	66	37.0
20-29	36	20.2
Total	178	100.0
Valid Cases	178	98.9
Missing Cases	2	1.1

Race	Total	Percent
Native American	2	1.1
Asian	1	0.6
African American	3	1.7
Pacific Islander	0	0.0
Caucasian	173	96.6
Total	179	100.0
Valid Cases	179	99.4
Missing Cases	1	0.6

Gender	Total	Percent
Male	0	0.0
Female	178	100.0
Total	178	100.0
Valid Cases	178	98.9
Missing Cases	2	1.1

Employment Status	Total	Percent
Active-Full-time	97	54.2
Active-Part-time	51	28.5
Retired	3	1.7
Not Practicing	28	15.6
Total	179	100.0
Valid Cases	179	99.4
Missing Cases	1	0.6

Employment Type	Total	Percent
Employee of Individual Practitioner	121	80.7
Employee of Partnership/Group	18	12.0
Local Government	0	0.0
County Government	0	0.0
State Government	7	4.7
Federal Government	2	1.3
Other	2	1.3
Total	150	100.0
Valid Cases	150	83.3
Missing Cases	30	16.7

Primary Setting	Total	Percent
Practitioner's Office	138	92.6
Hospital	2	1.3
Nursing Home	0	0.0
Free Standing Clinic	0	0.0
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	0	0.0
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
Health Facility on Military Base	2	1.3
V.A. / Public Health	0	0.0
Other Federal Health Facility	0	0.0
School/Educational	6	4.0
Other/Miscellaneous	1	0.7
Total	149	100.0
Valid Cases	149	82.8
Missing Cases	31	17.2

Average Hours Worked Per Week	Average
Active Full-time	35.0
Active Part-time	20.5
Retired	0.0
No Status	30.0
Inactive	1.4

## Georgia's Dental Workforce Dental Hygienists: Regional Comparisons

Age	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
70-over	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.6
60-69	3.5	2.8	3.2	1.7	3.6	3.4
50-59	21.8	10.1	11.9	13.2	7.3	10.1
40-49	36.5	31.2	32.9	33.5	29.8	28.7
30-39	25.3	37.0	33.3	36.5	34.9	37.0
20-29	12.8	18.8	18.0	15.1	24.0	20.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	96.0	98.1	98.9	97.9	97.9	98.9
Missing Cases	4.0	1.9	1.1	2.1	2.1	1.1

Race	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Native American	0.6	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.1
Asian	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6
African American	7.5	1.7	2.2	1.1	2.9	1.7
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Caucasian	91.0	96.7	96.8	98.1	96.0	96.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	99.1	99.7	99.6	98.5	99.3	99.4
Missing Cases	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.5	0.7	0.6

Gender	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Male	0.9	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.0
Female	99.1	100.0	98.7	98.7	99.6	100.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	99.1	99.4	99.8	99.8	99.3	98.9
Missing Cases	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.1

Employment Status	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Active-Full-time	50.8	56.4	53.8	50.0	49.5	54.2
Active-Part-time	33.5	33.7	35.7	38.7	36.9	28.5
Retired	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.5	0.7	1.7
Not Practicing	15.4	9.4	10.1	9.8	12.9	15.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Valid Cases	100.0	99.7	99.6	99.3	99.3	99.4
Missing Cases	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.6

Average Hours	Atlanta	3 Rivers	Blue Ridge	Foothills	Magnolia	Sowega
Active Full-time	34.4	34.3	33.9	35.2	34.7	35.0
Active Part-time	19.9	20.1	19.8	20.6	19.9	20.5
Retired	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
No Status	0.0	30.0	23.0	23.8	32.5	30.0
Inactive	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.4

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<b>Employment Type</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>3 Rivers</b>	<b>Blue Ridge</b>	<b>Foothills</b>	<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>Sowega</b>
Employee of Individual Practitioner	71.1	74.4	76.2	73.4	73.2	80.7
Employee of Partnership/Group	22.0	20.7	20.5	20.0	19.1	12.0
Local Government	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
County Government	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
State Government	1.4	1.2	1.4	3.2	5.7	4.7
Federal Government	1.1	1.5	0.0	1.1	0.8	1.3
Other	2.9	1.9	1.9	2.3	1.2	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	85.2	89.2	89.9	88.6	87.5	83.3
Missing Cases	14.8	10.7	10.1	11.4	12.5	16.7

<b>Primary Setting</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>3 Rivers</b>	<b>Blue Ridge</b>	<b>Foothills</b>	<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>Sowega</b>
Practitioner's Office	91.6	92.9	93.5	91.1	91.3	92.6
Hospital	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.8	1.3
Free Standing Clinic	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Group Pre-paid Health Plan Facility	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.8	0.0	0.0
Other Non-Federal Health Facility	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.2	0.0
Health Facility on Military Base	4.0	0.3	1.4	1.5	2.5	0.0
VA/Public Health	0.7	1.2	0.0	1.1	0.4	1.3
Other Federal Health Facility	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School/Educational	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Type Setting	1.1	1.9	1.2	2.7	2.9	4.0
Other/Miscellaneous	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Valid Cases	84.6	89.2	88.9	88.4	86.1	82.8
Missing Cases	15.4	10.7	11.1	13.1	13.9	17.2