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Introduction

Overview

We maintain a register of dental professionals who meet our standards and can lawfully practise dentistry in the UK.

Everyone who joins the register must be suitably qualified, or pass an assessment, and meet health, character and English language requirements to be considered fit to practise as a member of the dental team.

There are several routes to registration:

- A recognised UK qualification.
- A relevant European diploma.
- A recognised overseas qualification.
- An assessment of suitability to register, via a GDC panel assessment of skills and knowledge.
- A pass in Parts 1 and 2 of the Overseas Registration Examination.

Specialist lists

We maintain lists of dentists who are suitably qualified or experienced to be considered specialists in specific areas of dentistry.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

All dental professionals must keep their skills and knowledge up to date during their career. Undertaking CPD is a requirement of registration with the GDC. These requirements vary by dental profession, but all dental professionals must complete at least ten hours of CPD over each two year period.

Registration Statistics 2022

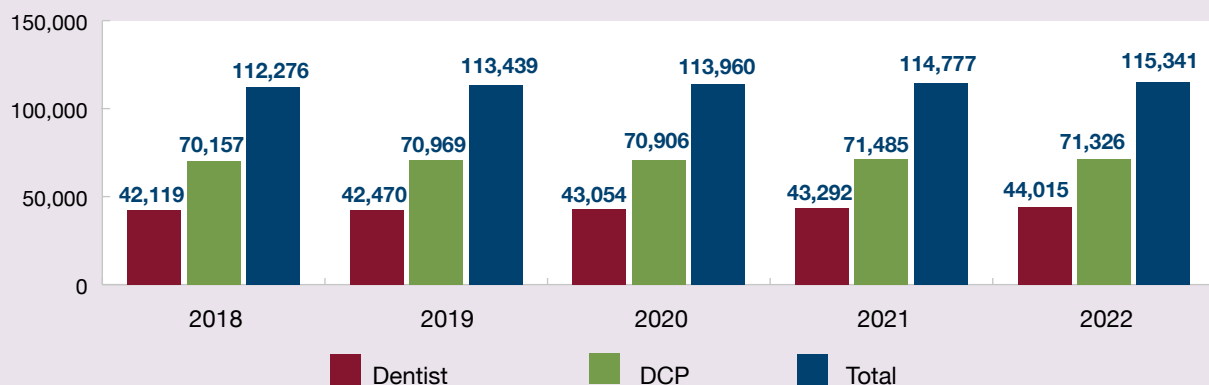
The total number of dentists and DCPs on the register as at 31 December 2022

This table shows the total number of individuals on the dentist and DCP registers. There was a 0.6% increase in the total number of dental professionals from 114,777 at the end of 2021 to 115,451 at the end of 2022.¹

Registration type	Number of dental professionals	% of total
Dentist	44,125	38%
DCP	71,326	62%
Total	115,451	100%

The number of dentists on the register has increased slightly over each of the last five years. The total number of DCPs on the register reduced slightly in 2020 and 2022.

Total number of dentists and DCPs on the register 2018 – 2022



The composition of the register by dental grouping as of 31 December 2022

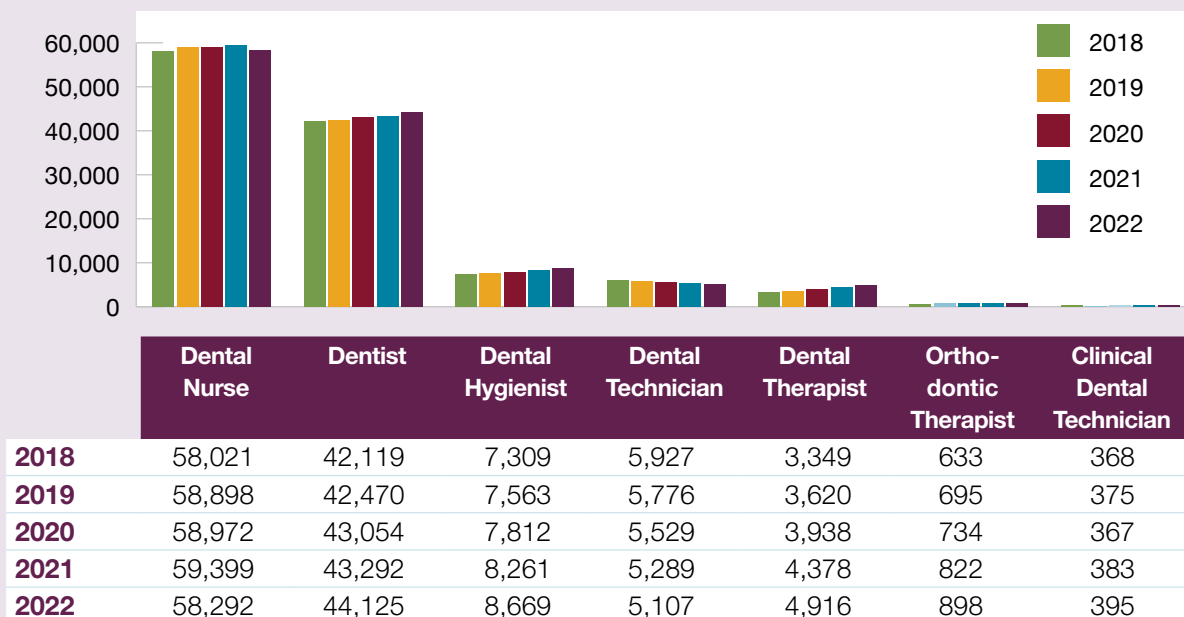
Registration title	Number of dental professionals	% of titles on register	Number added in 2021	% added in 2021
Dental Nurse	58,292	47.5%	3,779	51%
Dentist	44,125	36%	1,968	27%
Dental Hygienist	8,699	7%	747	10%
Dental Technician	5,107	4%	127	2%
Dental Therapist	4,916	4%	677	9%
Orthodontic Therapist	898	1%	160	1%
Clinical Dental Technician	395	<1%	6	<1%
Total	122,432	100%	7,364	100%

¹ 129 Dentists are also registered as DCPs therefore are included in both numbers in the table

This table includes the number of registered titles. As some individuals have more than one title, for example a dental hygienist may also be a dental therapist, the total number by title is higher than the number of individuals on the register.

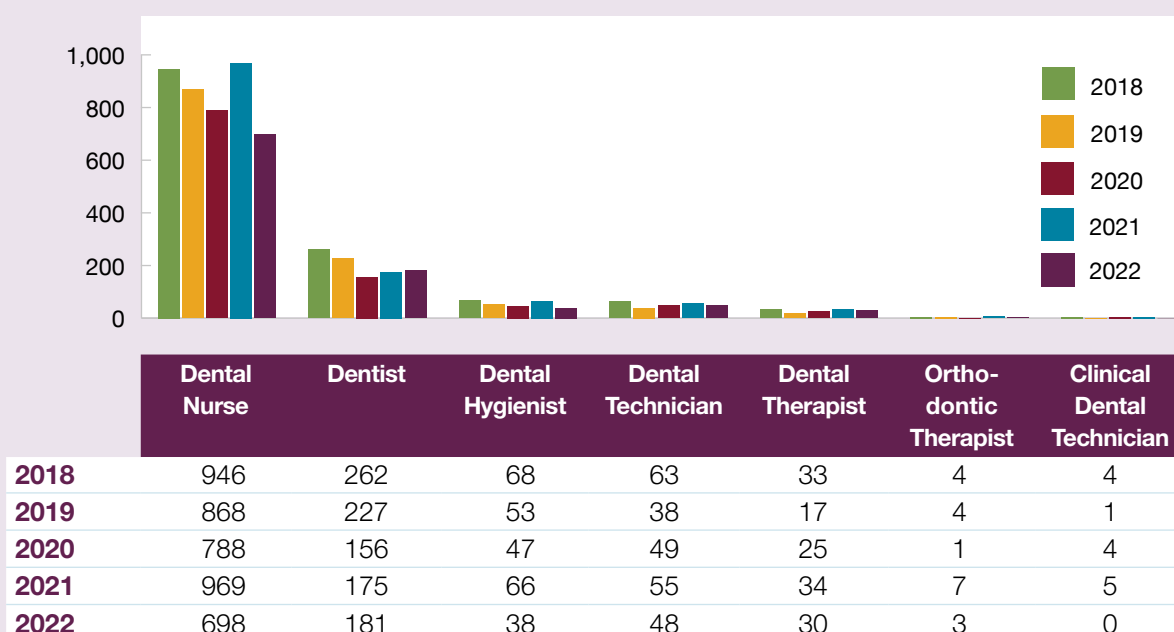
There was a 0.5% increase in the overall number of registered titles in 2022, from 121,824 in 2021 to 122,432 in 2022.

Number of dental professionals on the register 2018 – 2022 by profession



Restorations to the register from 2018 – 2022 by title

Restoration is the process an individual who has previously been registered with the GDC goes through to re-join the register. During 2022, there were 998 dental professionals who re-joined the registers through the restoration process:





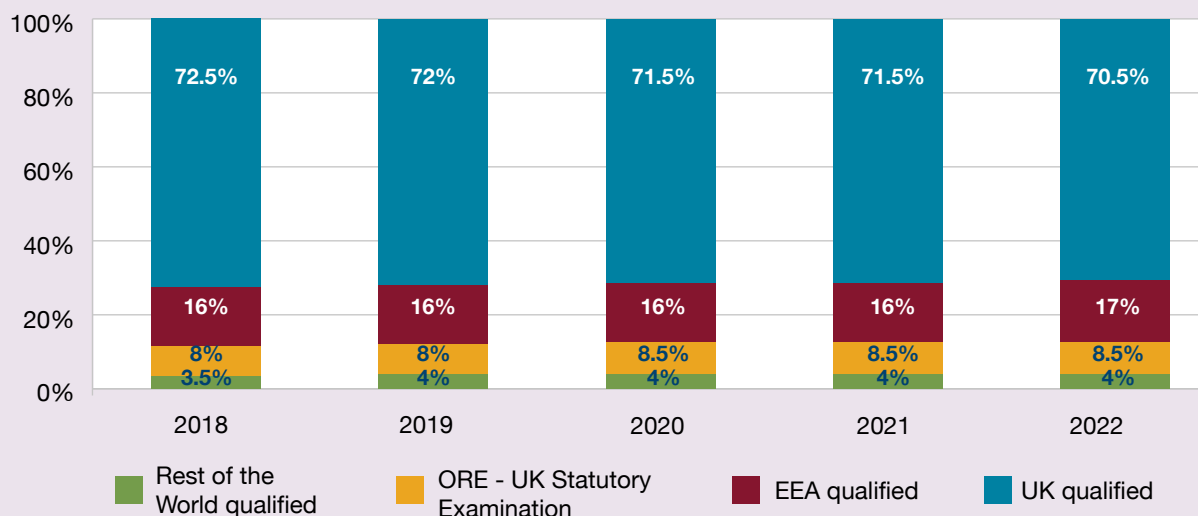
Dental professionals on the register as at 31 December 2022 by region of qualification

Dentists, by region of qualification

Region of qualification	Amount	% of total
UK qualified	31,134	70.5%
EEA qualified	7,573	17%
ORE – UK Statutory Examination	3,801	8.5%
Rest of the world qualified	1,617	4%
Total	44,125	100%

ORE – UK Statutory Examination and Rest of the world qualified both represent overseas qualified dentists who are registered to practise in the UK. They both hold a primary dental qualification equivalent from a Non-EEA country. The ORE is a statutory examination and the Rest of the world qualified have demonstrated suitability via the registration assessment route.

Dentists on the register by region of qualification 2018 – 2022

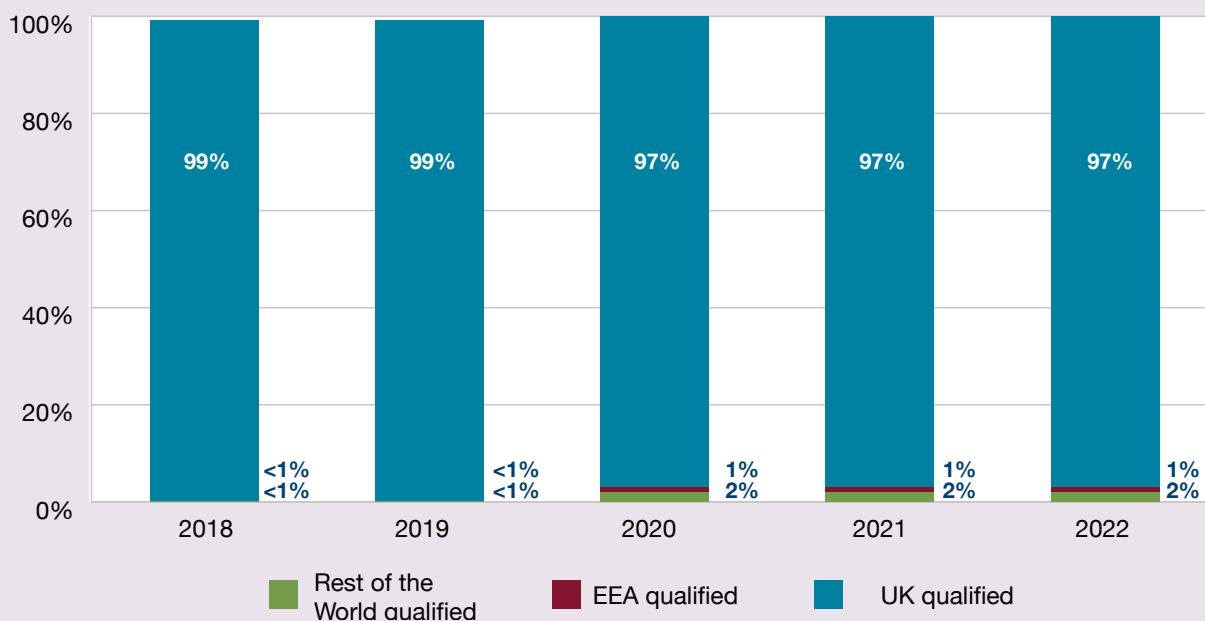


Dentists, by region of qualification

Registration type	UK qualified	EEA qualified	Rest of world qualified	Total
Dental Nurse	58,098	143	52	58,293
Dental Hygienist	7,272	407	1,021	8,700
Dental Technician	4,891	194	22	5,107
Dental Therapist	4,079	<3	836	4,916
Orthodontic Therapist	861	<3	36	898
Clinical Dental Technician	393	<3	<3	395
Total	75,594	746	1,969	78,309



DCPs on the register by region of qualification 2018 – 2022



Dentists and DCPs added to the register in 2022, by region of qualification

New additions to the dentist register in 2022, by region of qualification

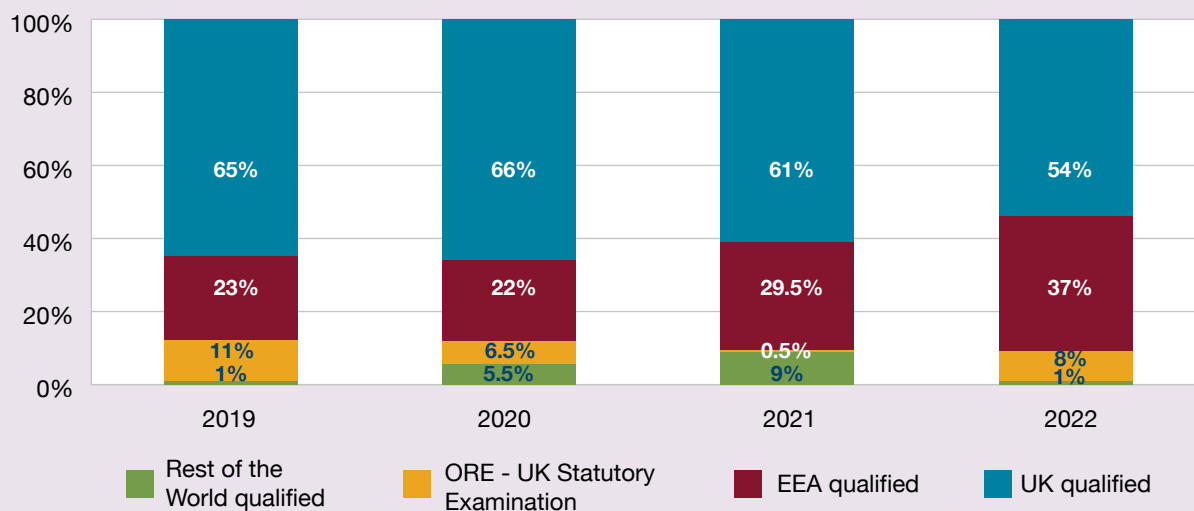
Region of qualification	Number of dental professionals	% of total
UK qualified	1,061	54%
EEA qualified	729	37%
ORE – UK Statutory Examination	160	8%
Rest of the world qualified	18	1%
Total	1,968	100%

New additions to the DCP register in 2022, by region of qualification

DCP title	UK qualified	EEA qualified	Rest of world qualified	Total
Dental Nurse	3,760	8	14	3,782
Dental Hygienist	396	13	347	756
Dental Therapist	312	1	371	684
Dental Technician	119	4	4	127
Orthodontic Therapist	44	0	17	61
Clinical Dental Technician	6	0	0	6
Total	4,637	26	753	5,416

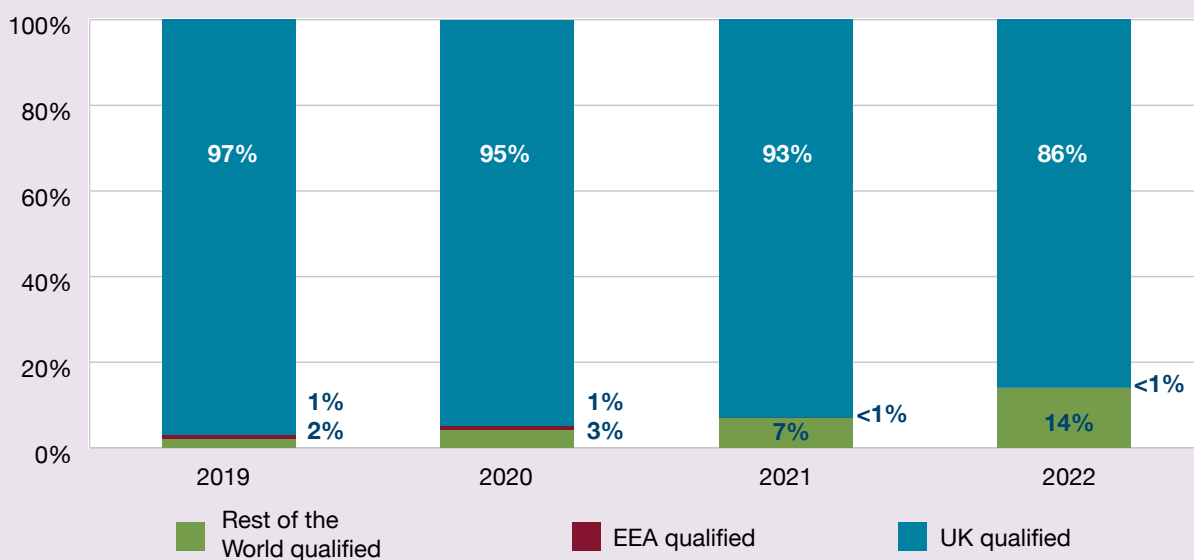


New additions to the dentist register by region of qualification 2019 – 2022



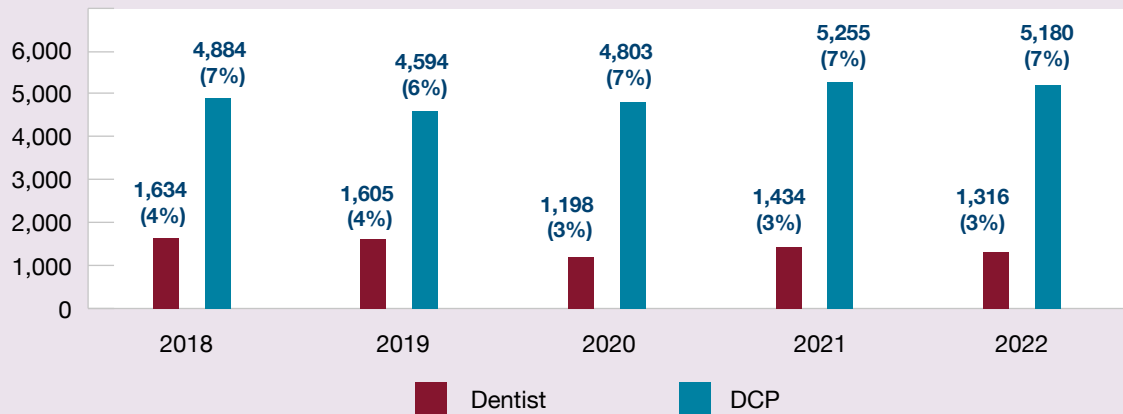
Due to the pandemic, the ORE Part 2 was not held between February 2020 and December 2021.

New additions to DCP register by country of qualifications 2019 – 2022



The significant increase in ‘rest of world qualified’ registrants in 2020 – 2022 is due to the increase in overseas qualified dentists applying for registration as a dental hygienist and/or a dental therapist. This followed an increase in awareness of this route to DCP registration for overseas qualified dentists, at a time when the ORE was suspended due to COVID restrictions.

Removals from the register 2018 – 2022



Dentists and DCPs removed from the register in 2022

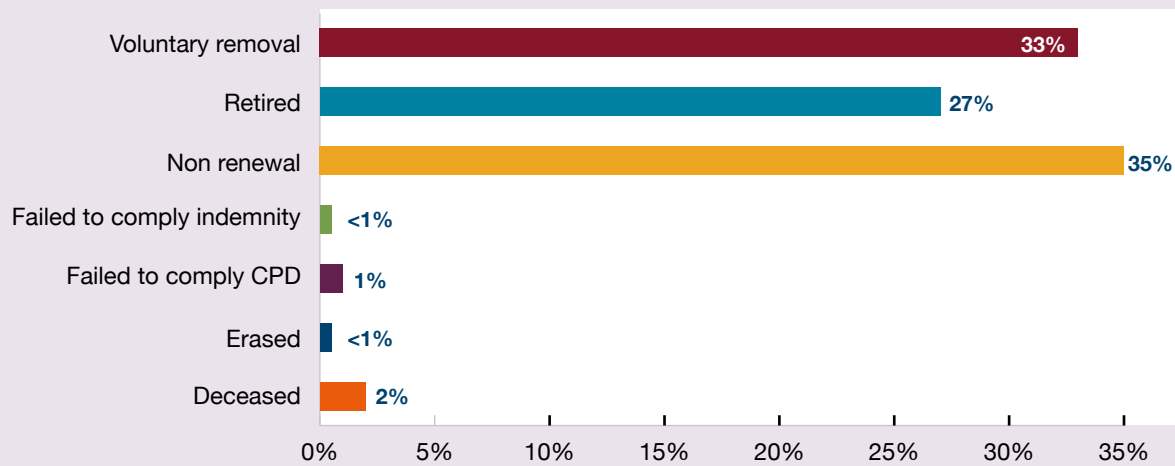
Removal from the Dentist register in 2022

Removal reason	Dentists	% of Total
Deceased	23	2%
Erased	10	<1%
Failed to comply – CPD	18	1%
Failed to comply – Indemnity	8	<1%
Non renewal	465	35%
Retired	360	27%
Voluntary removal	432	33%
Total	1,316	100%

There was a 8% decrease in the overall number of dentist removals, from 1,434 in 2021 to 1,316 in 2022.

89 of the 1,316 removals went on to the restore to the register in the same year.

Dentist removals from the register in 2022 by removal reason



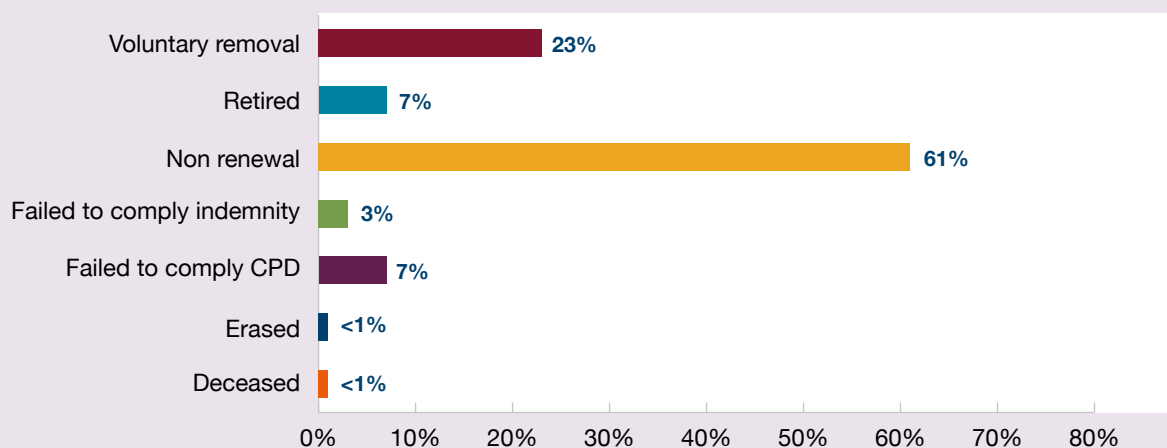
Removals from the DCP register in 2022

Removal reason	DCPs	% of Total
Deceased	10	<1%
Erased	5	<1%
Failed to comply CPD	351	7%
Failed to comply indemnity	152	3%
Non renewal	3,156	61%
Retired	338	6.5%
Voluntary removal	1,168	22.5%
Total	5,180	100%

There was a 1.4% decrease in the overall number of DCP removals, from 5,255 in 2021 to 5,180 in 2022.

Of the 5,180 removals 164 went onto restore to the register in the same year.

DCP Removals from the register in 2022 by removal reason





The composition of specialist lists at the end of 2018 to 2022²

Specialty Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Orthodontics	1,396	1,378	1,361	1,392	1,395
Oral Surgery	741	731	721	751	749
Prosthodontics	443	439	441	450	453
Periodontics	385	376	376	387	395
Endodontics	296	303	306	319	321
Restorative Dentistry	301	292	293	302	300
Special Care Dentistry	307	289	287	295	277
Paediatric Dentistry	240	238	238	247	251
Dental Public Health	105	96	92	94	88
Oral Medicine	72	69	69	70	66
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	35	34	34	35	35
Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology	28	28	28	30	31
Oral Microbiology	8	7	7	6	6
Total	4,357	4,280	4,253	4,378	4,367

² Note on specialist lists: there was a decrease of 0.3% in the number of speciality titles at the end of 2022, from 4,378 titles in 2021 to 4,367 titles in 2022.



Register profile – equality and diversity

The charts below show our registrant profile analysed with reference to the Equality Act protected characteristics³. All dental professionals are given the option to provide and update this information voluntarily.

Several of the characteristics do not have full responses on the charts, categorised as 'unknown'. Providing this data is not mandatory, although we encourage people to provide this information to help us improve our services and processes and ensure that any potential discrimination or inequities can be identified and removed.

We will publish additional data sets with regards to equality and diversity in future publications as we build further data in this area.

[Our EDI Strategy for 2021–2023](#) sets out our objectives to ensure that we are an active champion of diversity, equality and inclusion inside our organisation and the sector we regulate.

Registrants with disabilities as of 31 December 2022

Less than 1% of dentists or DCPs identified as having a disability. The numbers here are exceptionally small, which may be due to the understanding of what is meant by the term 'disability.' Under the Equality Act 2010, a disability is described as a physical or mental impairment that has substantial and long-term negative effect on the ability to carry out normal activities. This could include long-term health conditions, depression, and anxiety, and neurodivergent conditions.

³ Age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

The composition of the register by gender of dentists and DCPs as of 31 December 2022⁴

Registration type	Male	% of total	Female	% of total	Total
Dentist	21,179	48.0%	22,946	52.0%	44,125
DCP	5,160	7.2%	66,166	92.8%	71,326
Total	26,144	22.8%	88,633	77.2%	114,777

The gender composition of dentists and DCPs added to the registers in 2022⁵

Registration title	Female	% of total	Male	% of total	Total
Dental Nurse	3,683	97%	96	3%	3,779
Dentist	1,156	59%	812	41%	1,968
Dental Hygienist	641	86%	106	14%	747
Dental Therapist	538	79%	139	21%	677
Dental Technician	77	61%	50	39%	127
Orthodontic Therapist	55	92%	5	8%	60
Clinical Dental Technician	3	50%	3	50%	6
Total	6,153		1,211		7,364

Female dentists and DCPs added to the register 2019 to 2022

Registration Title	2019	2020	2021	2022
Dental Nurse	98%	98%	98%	97%
Dentist	63%	62%	58%	59%
Dental Hygienist	90%	87%	86%	86%
Dental Therapist	89%	87%	84%	79%
Dental Technician	57%	59%	63%	61%
Orthodontic Therapist	96%	90%	88%	92%
Clinical Dental Technician	29%	0%	36%	50%

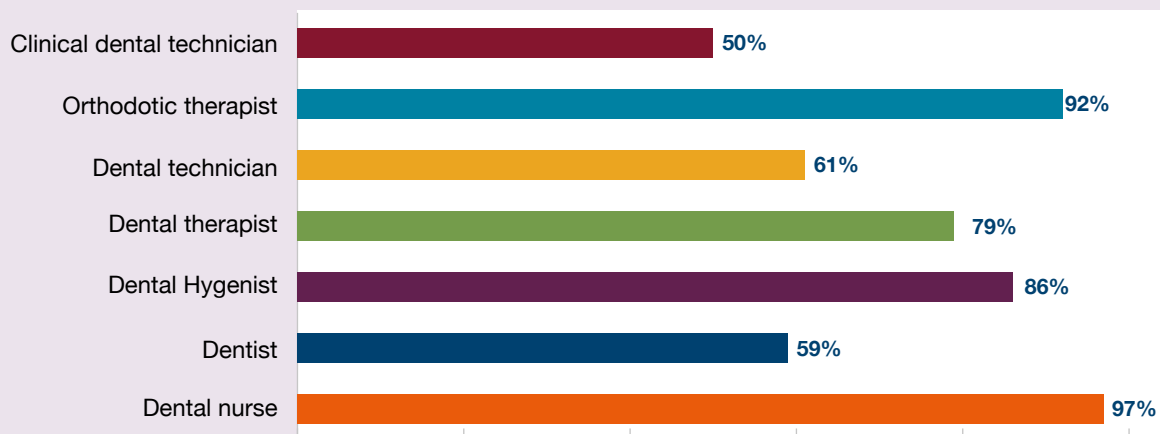
4 Percentages represent the proportion of gender composition to the overall register. The numbers presented in this table match table one.

5 Restorations are not included.



The proportion of the total additions in 2022, who are female:

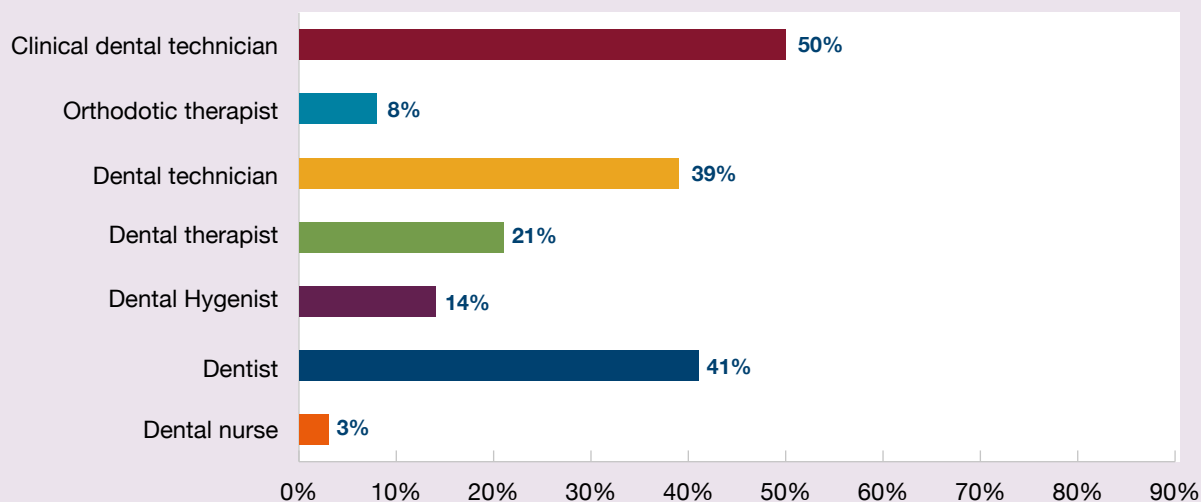
Females dentists and DCPs added to the register in 2022



Male dentists and DCPs added to the register 2019 to 2022

Registration Title	2019	2020	2021	2022
Dental Nurse	2%	2%	2%	3%
Dentist	37%	38%	42%	41%
Dental Hygienist	10%	13%	14%	14%
Dental Therapist	11%	13%	16%	21%
Dental Technician	41%	39%	37%	39%
Orthodontic Therapist	4%	10%	12%	8%
Clinical Dental Technician	71%	100%	64%	50%

Males dentists and DCPs added to the register in 2022



Register profile – equality and diversity 2019 to 2022

Dentist age groupings 2019 to 2022

Age Group	2019	2020	2021	2022
16-21	0%	0%	0%	0%
22-30	19%	19%	18.3%	18.7%
31-40	30%	30%	30.0%	30.2%
41-50	25%	25%	25.4%	25.3%
51-60	18%	18%	18.2%	17.8%
61-65	5%	5%	4.8%	4.8%
Over 65	3%	3%	3.2%	3.2%

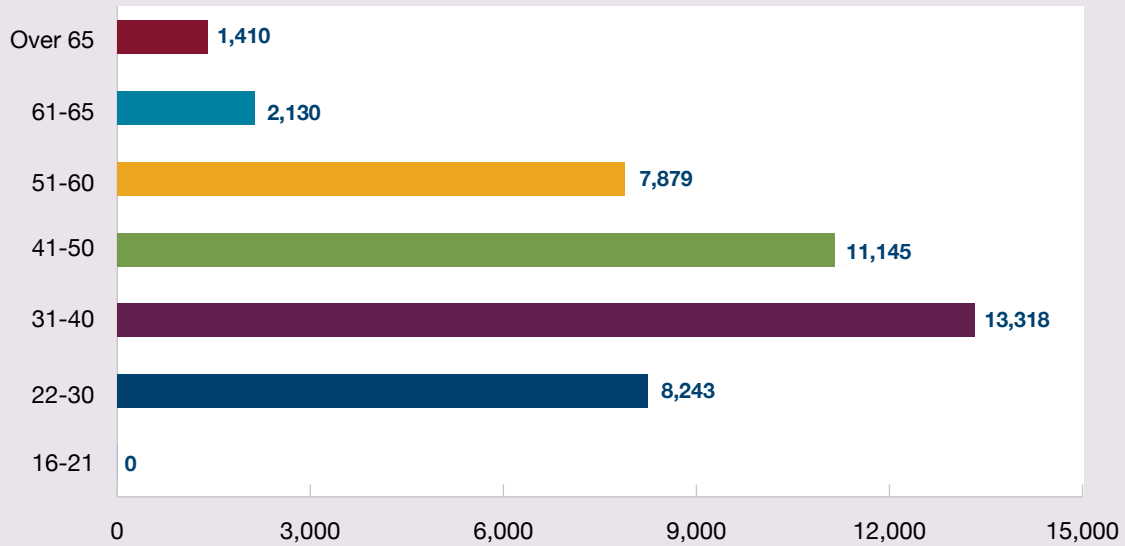
DGP age groupings 2019 to 2022

Age Group	2019	2020	2021	2022
16-21	3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%
22-30	26%	25.3%	24.6%	23.7%
31-40	32%	32.0%	32.4%	32.8%
41-50	21%	21.4%	21.6%	21.9%
51-60	14%	14.4%	14.6%	14.8%
61-65	3%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
Over 65	1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

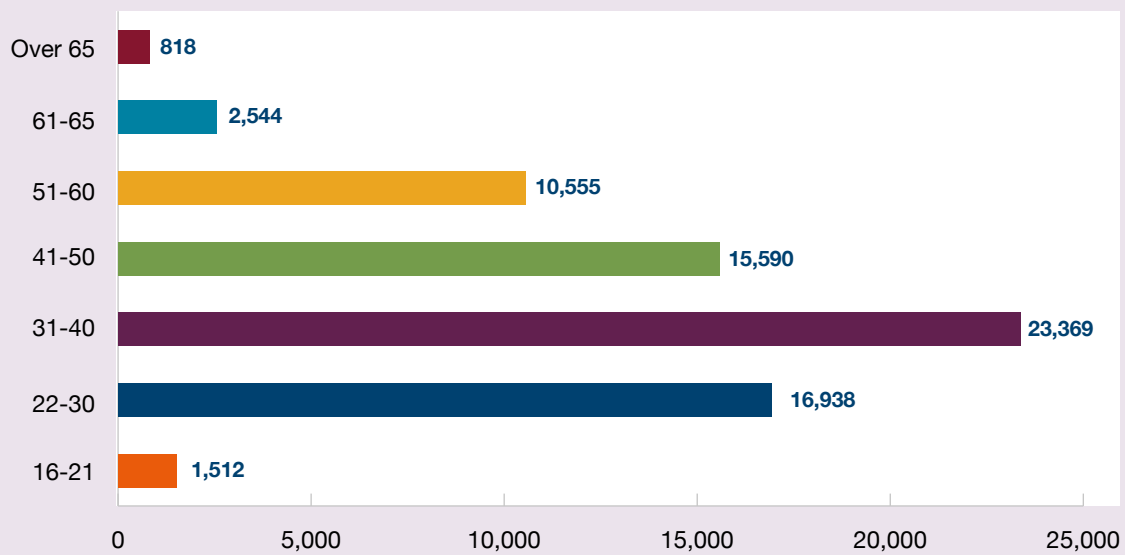


Dental professional age groupings as of 31 December 2022

Dentist - Age groupings as at 31 December 2022



DCP - Age groupings as at 31 December 2022



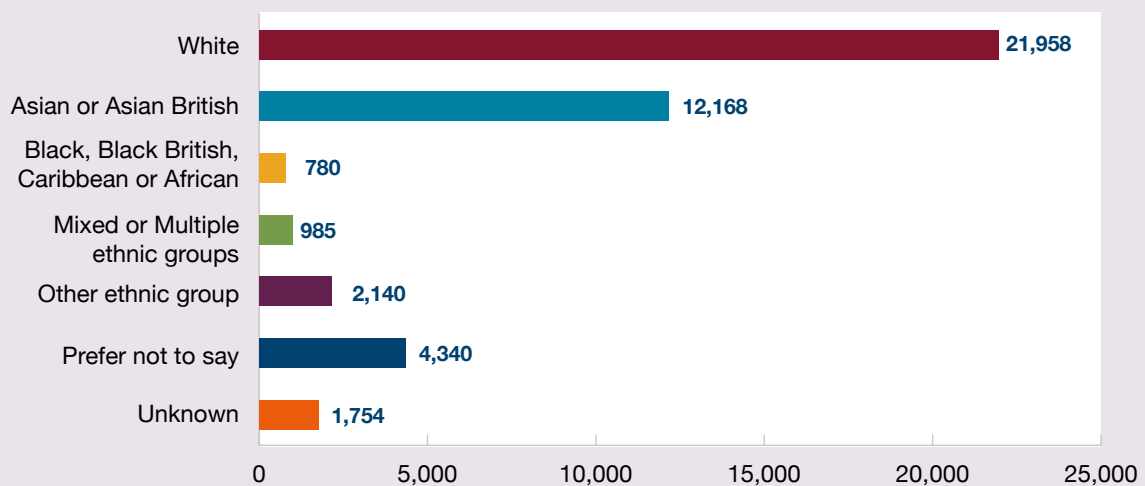


Dental professional ethnic groupings as at 31 December 2022

Dentist ethnic groupings 2019 to 2022

Ethnic Group	2019	2020	2021	2022
White	52%	52%	50%	49.5%
Asian or Asian British	23.5%	24%	24%	27.5%
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	1.5%	2%	2%	2%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	3%	3%	3%	2%
Other ethnic group	2%	2%	2%	5%
Prefer not to say	6%	6%	6%	10%
Unknown	12%	11%	13%	4%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

Dentist ethnic groupings as at 31 December 2022

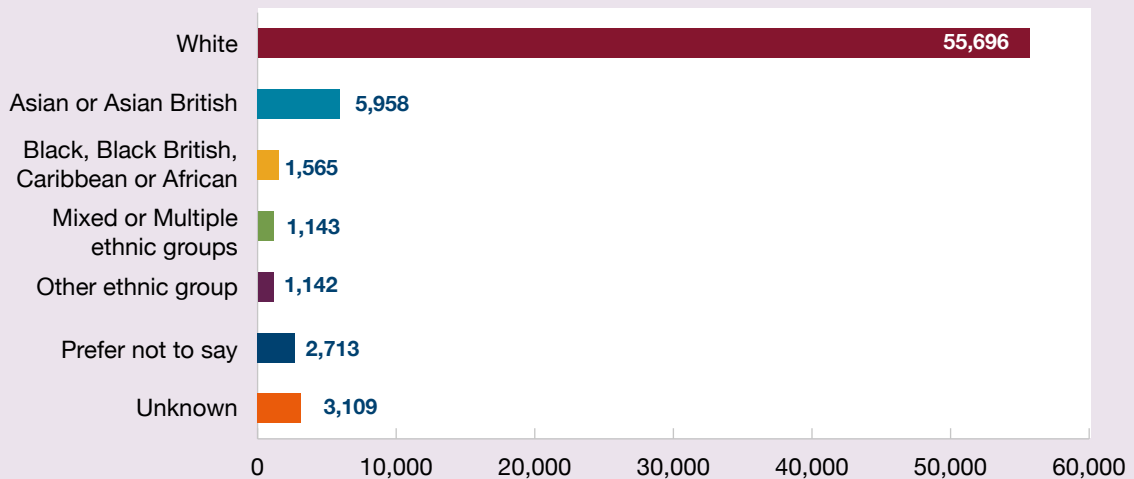




DCP registrant ethnic groupings 2019 to 2022

Ethnic Group	2019	2020	2021	2022
White	75%	76%	71%	78%
Asian or Asian British	5%	6%	6%	8%
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	2%	2%	2%	2%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1%	1%	1%	2%
Other ethnic group	1%	2%	1%	2%
Prefer not to say	2%	3%	2%	4%
Unknown	13%	11%	16%	4%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

DCP – ethnic groupings as at 31 December 2022

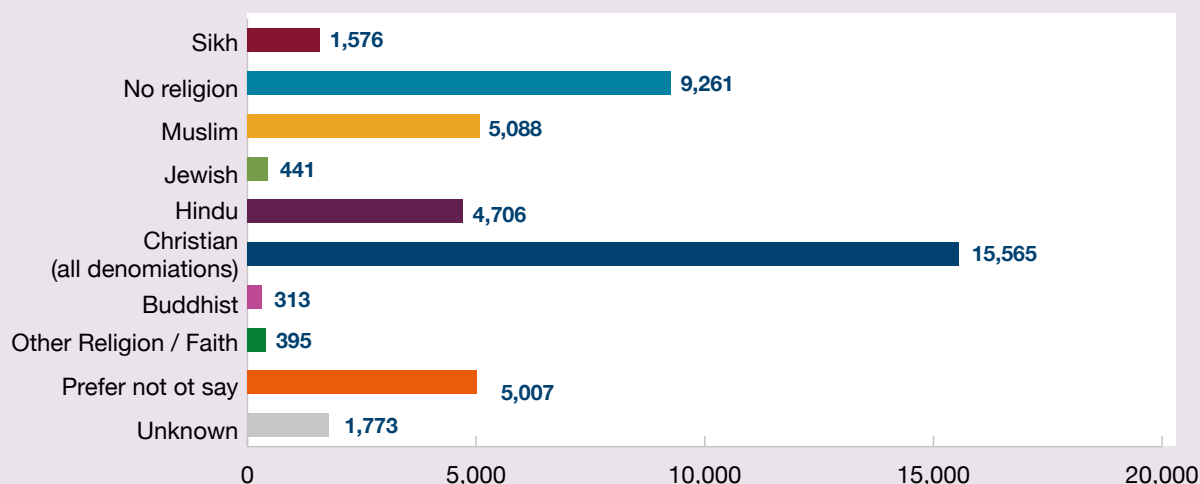




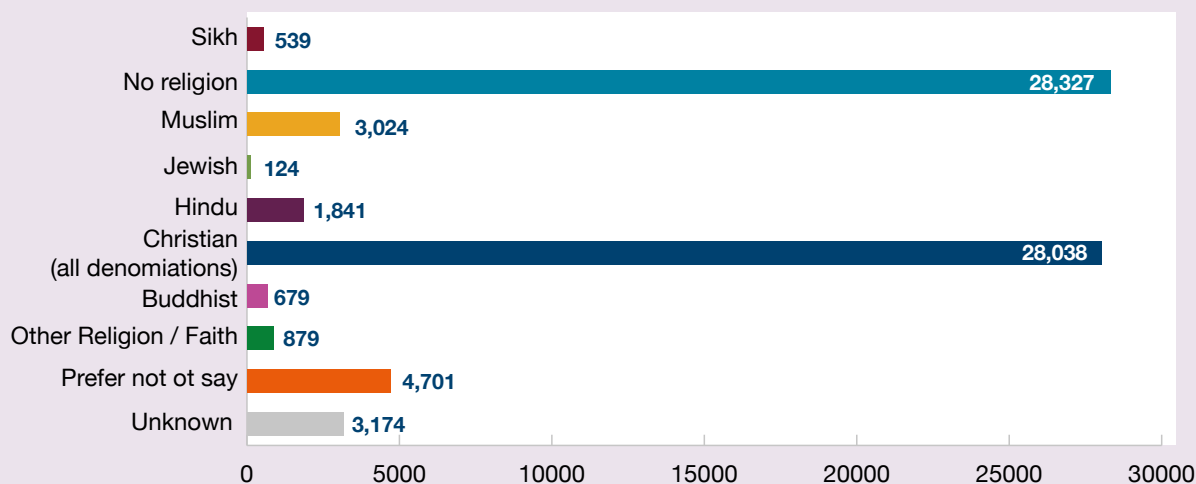
Due to recent changes in the way we capture data for the following tables, it is not possible to show trend data for these characteristics. This will be resolved in future publications.

Dental professional grouping by religion as at 31 December 2022

Dentist - Religious groupings as at 31 December 2022



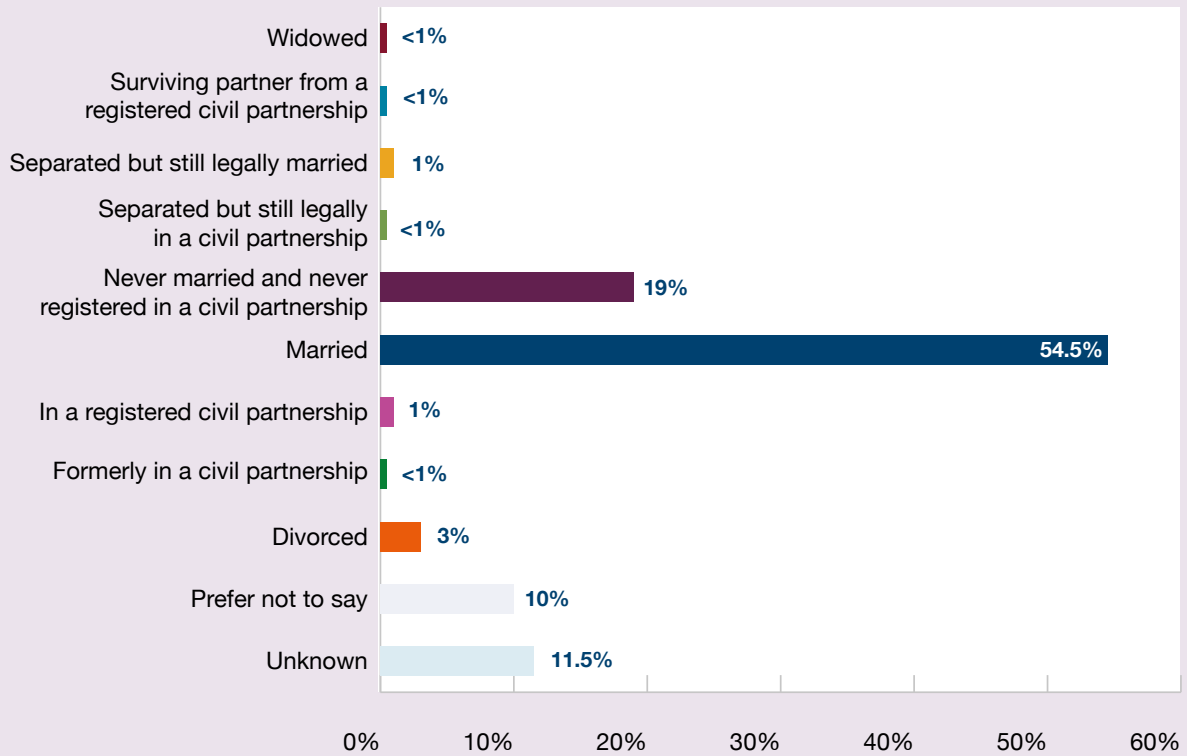
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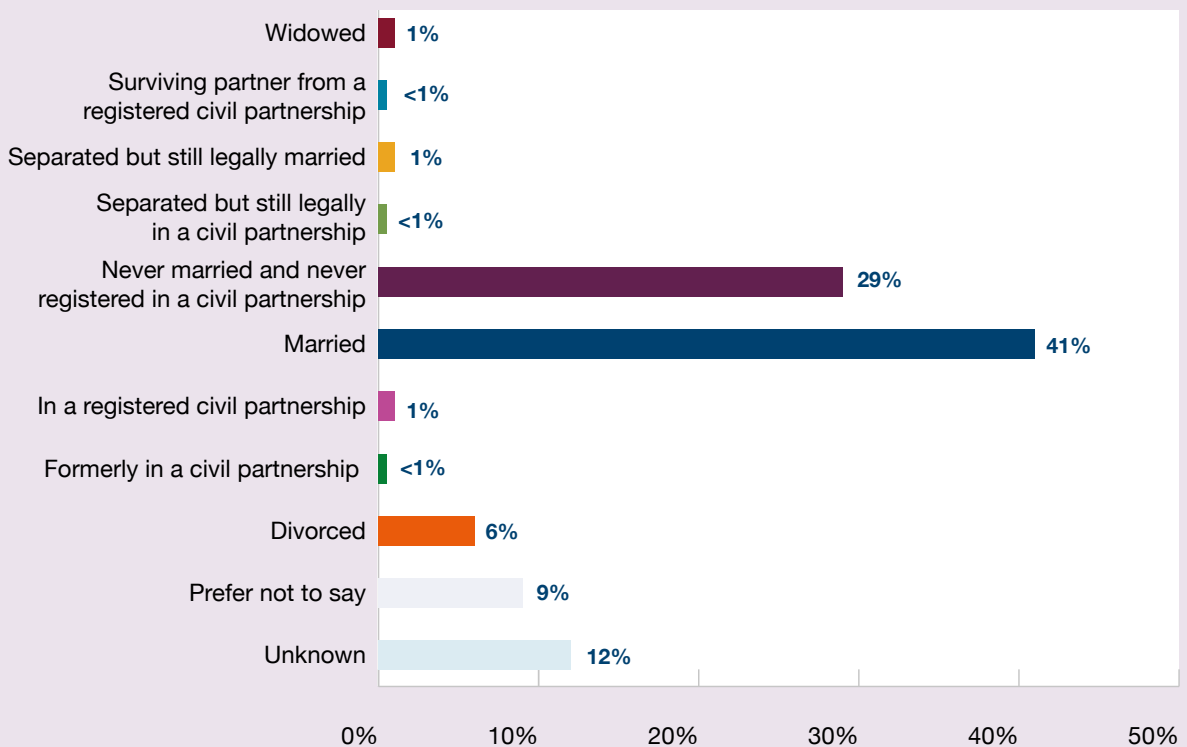


Dental professionals marital status as at 31 December 2022

Dentist - Marital status as at 31 December 2022



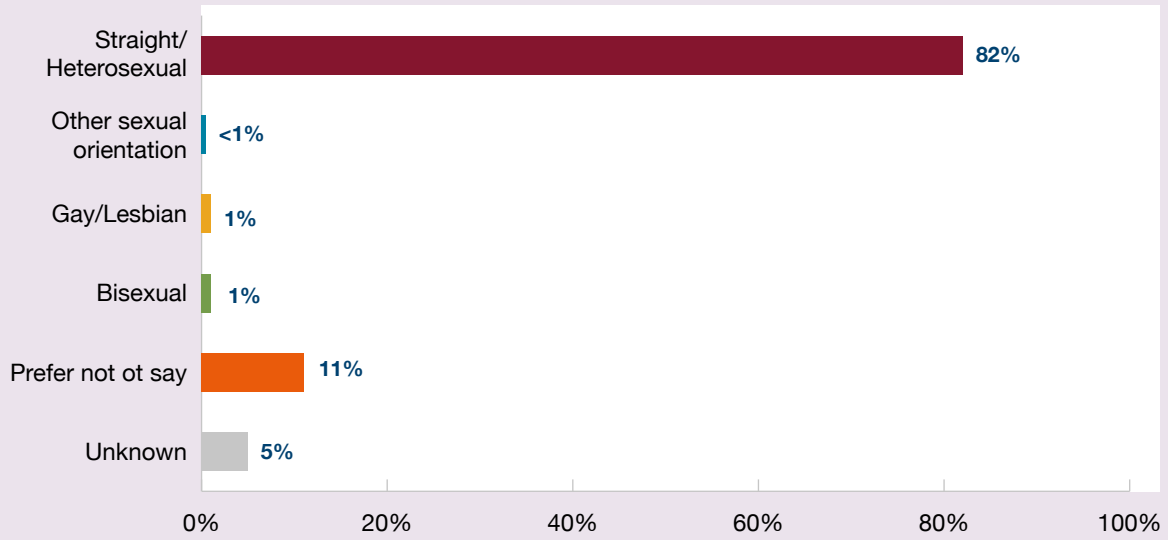
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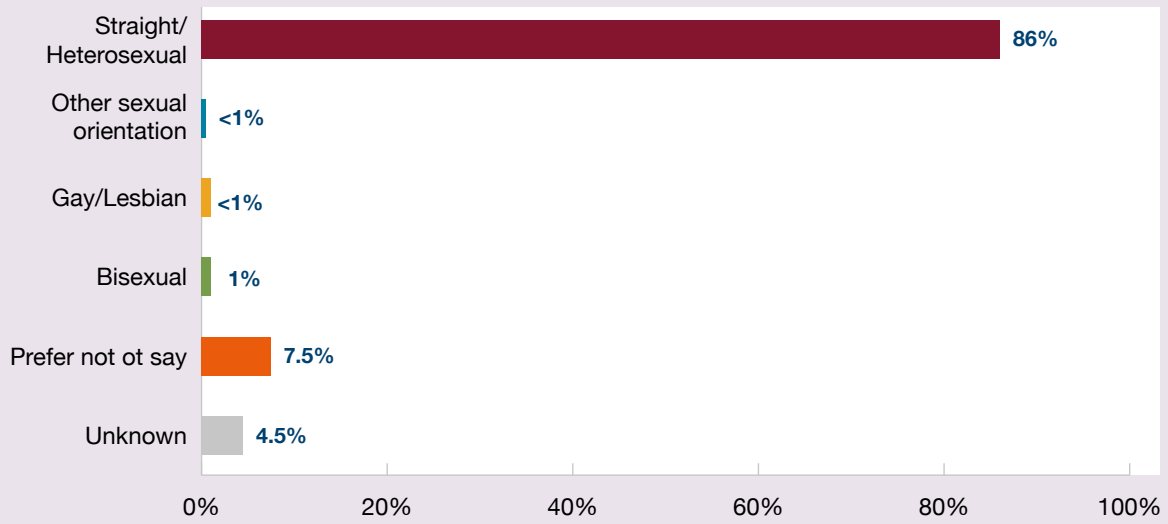


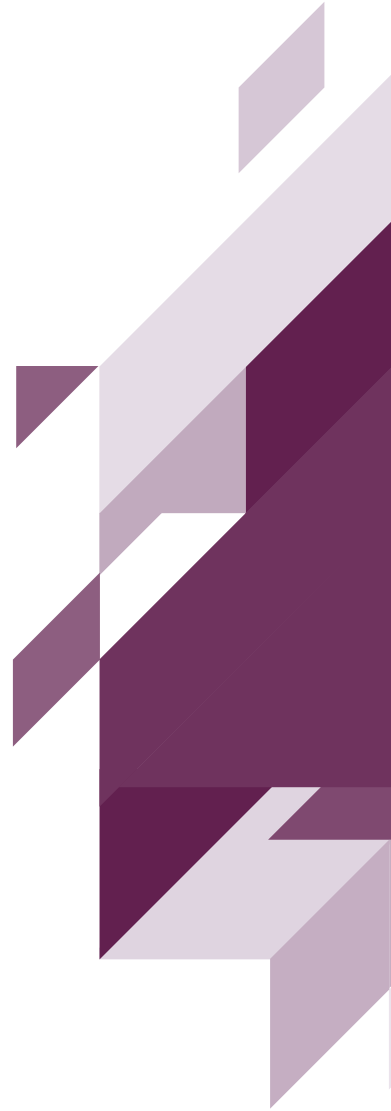
Dental professionals sexual orientation as at 31 December 2022

Dentists - sexual orientation at 31 December 2022



DCP - sexual orientation at 31 December 2022





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