



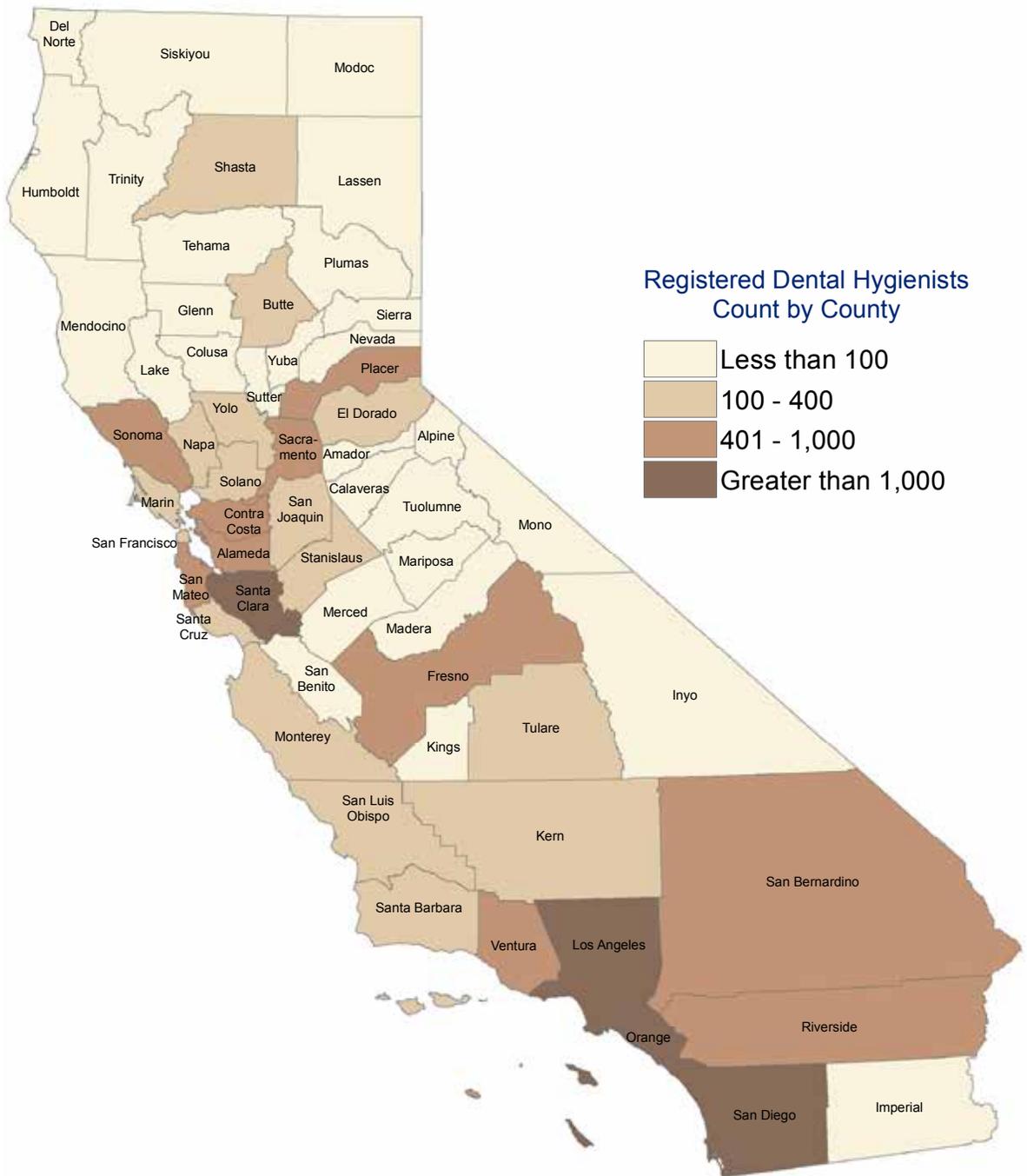
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Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) are licensed and regulated by the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC). The practice of dental hygiene includes oral health education; counseling; health screenings; hygiene care plan; application of topical therapeutic, and subgingival agents used for the control of caries and periodontal disease; taking tooth impressions for bleaching trays; and placements of in-office, tooth-whitening devices. As of June 1, 2013, there were 20,670 currently licensed RDHs in the State of California by county of record. The map below and the table on page 2 display the current supply of active RDHs by licensee county of record.

## Current Supply of RDHs by County of Record



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County	Number of Providers	County	Number of Providers	County	Number of Providers
Alameda	951	Marin	222	San Mateo	494
Alpine	0	Mariposa	7	Santa Barbara	276
Amador	30	Mendocino	58	Santa Clara	1,183
Butte	191	Merced	91	Santa Cruz	273
Calaveras	32	Modoc	N/A	Shasta	194
Colusa	7	Mono	11	Sierra	0
Contra Costa	887	Monterey	223	Siskiyou	25
Del Norte	6	Napa	125	Solano	269
El Dorado	249	Nevada	97	Sonoma	482
Fresno	548	Orange	1,938	Stanislaus	340
Glenn	5	Placer	502	Sutter	64
Humboldt	94	Plumas	17	Tehama	31
Imperial	25	Riverside	887	Trinity	N/A
Inyo	18	Sacramento	942	Tulare	219
Kern	334	San Benito	46	Tuolumne	52
Kings	84	San Bernardino	910	Ventura	579
Lake	26	San Diego	1,919	Yolo	100
Lassen	29	San Francisco	299	Yuba	17
Los Angeles	3,619	San Joaquin	300		
Madera	67	San Luis Obispo	271	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,670</b>

Counties reporting five and under registered dental hygienists are categorized as N/A (not available) for confidentiality purposes. The counties that display N/A account for a total of five registered dental hygienists.

## Specialties

California Business and Professions Code 1715.5 authorizes the Dental Board of California to collect information from dental healthcare workers at the time of license renewal (every two years). Thus, there is an annual update to the survey results. The workers may self-report his/her employment status, postgraduate training, practice specialty, cultural background and foreign language proficiency.

## Specialties

Specialty	Number of Providers	Percentage	Specialty	Number of Providers	Percentage
Facial Cosmetic Surgery	2	<1%	Oral Conscious Sedation	225	3%
Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery	9	<1%	Conscious Sedation	254	3%
Oral Pathology	17	<1%	General Anesthesia	331	5%
Endodontics	19	<1%	Periodontics	365	5%
Orthodontics	46	1%	Oral Radiology	863	12%
Prosthodontics	81	1%	General Practice	5,107	68%
Pediatric Dentistry	85	1%			
Public Health	103	1%	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>7,507</b>	<b>100%</b>

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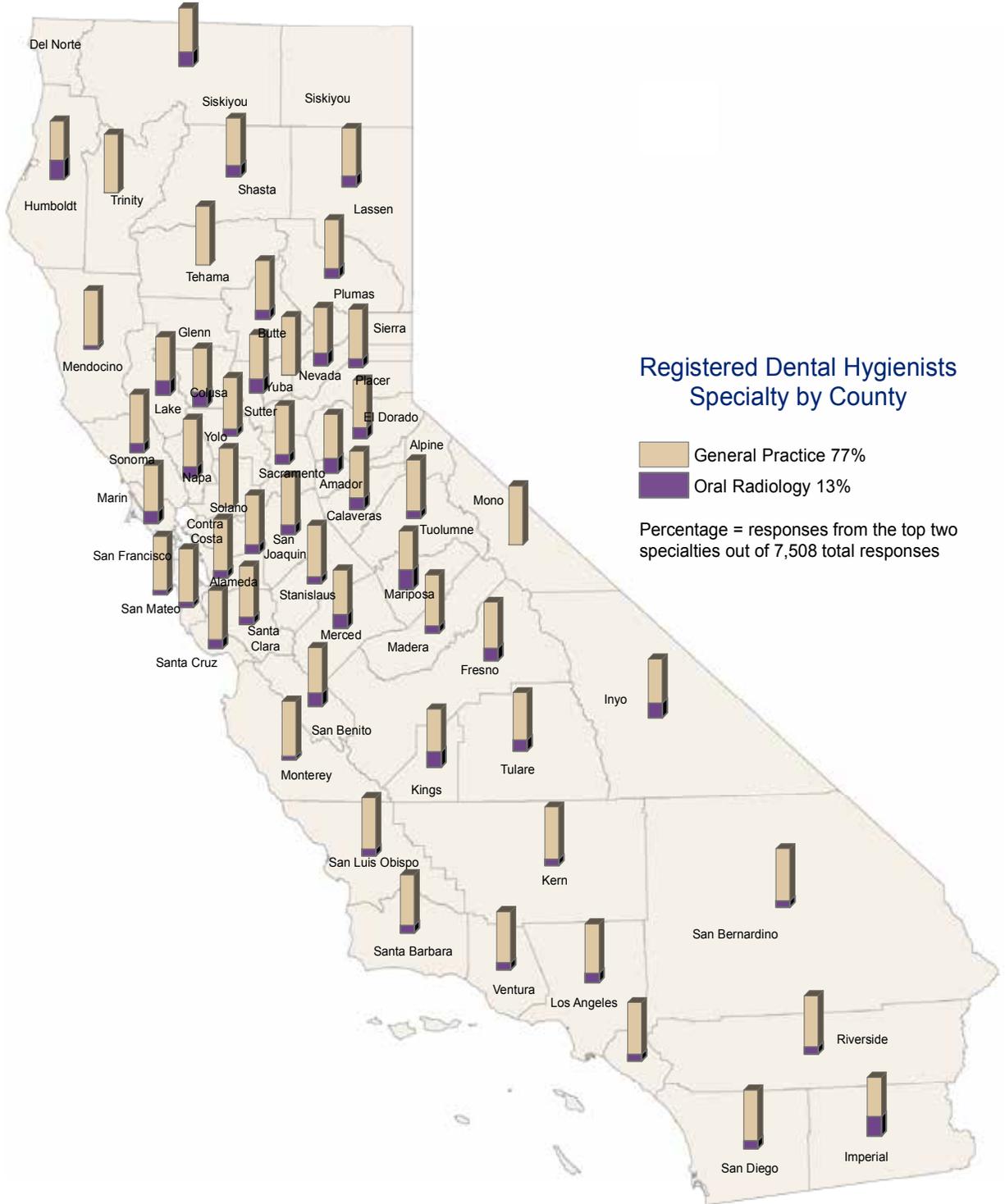


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The map below identifies the top two active RDA specialties by practice location.

## RDH Specialties by Practice Location



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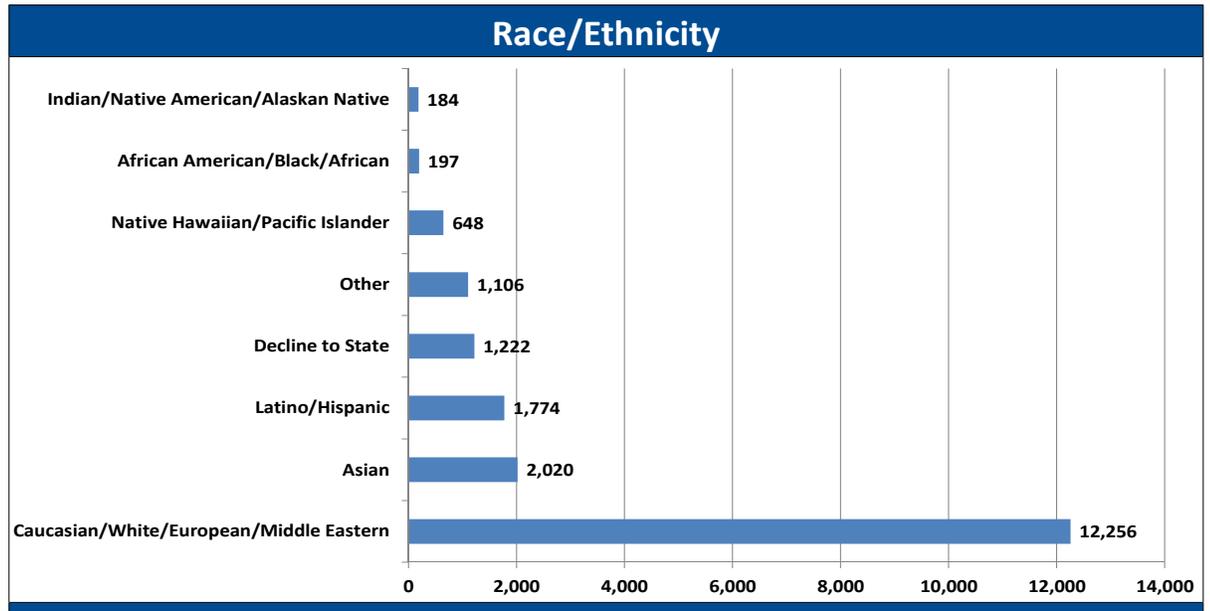
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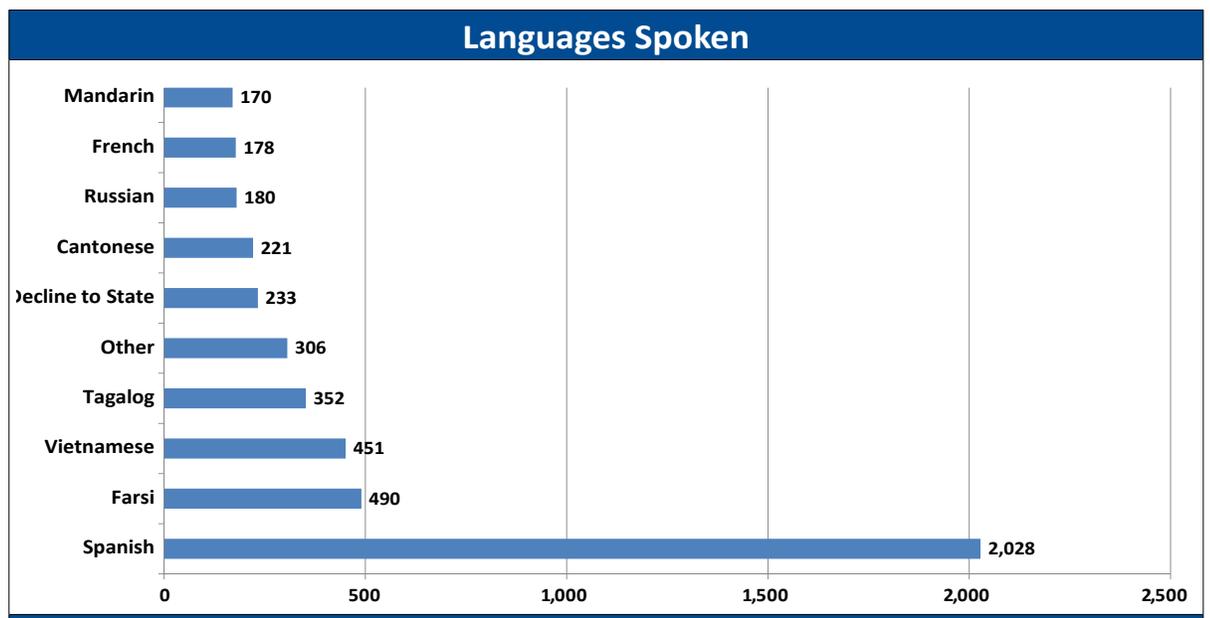
## Race/Ethnicity

There are 28 races/ethnicities in which an RDH may identify with on the Dental Healthcare Workforce Survey.\* The races/ethnicities have been combined into six major categories. A licensee may select more than one race/ethnicity, resulting in duplicate counts for a single licensee and a total greater than 100%. The survey results for 19,407 responses are displayed in the chart below. In addition, the responses for "Other" and "Decline to State" are displayed.



## Languages Spoken

The DHCC recognizes 30 language categories which include "Other" and "Decline to State" for which an RDH may indicate on the Dental Healthcare Workforce Survey. A licensee may select more than one language, resulting in duplicate counts for a single licensee. The survey results for 5,834 responses are displayed in the chart below. The most predominate language is English. Not including English, the top 10 languages spoken are displayed.



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\*The Dental Healthcare Workforce Survey for RDH's race/ethnicity and languages spoken categories can be viewed at <http://www.dcc.ca.gov/survey/index.shtml>

\*\*Decline to State" signified that an RDH did not want to disclose this information.

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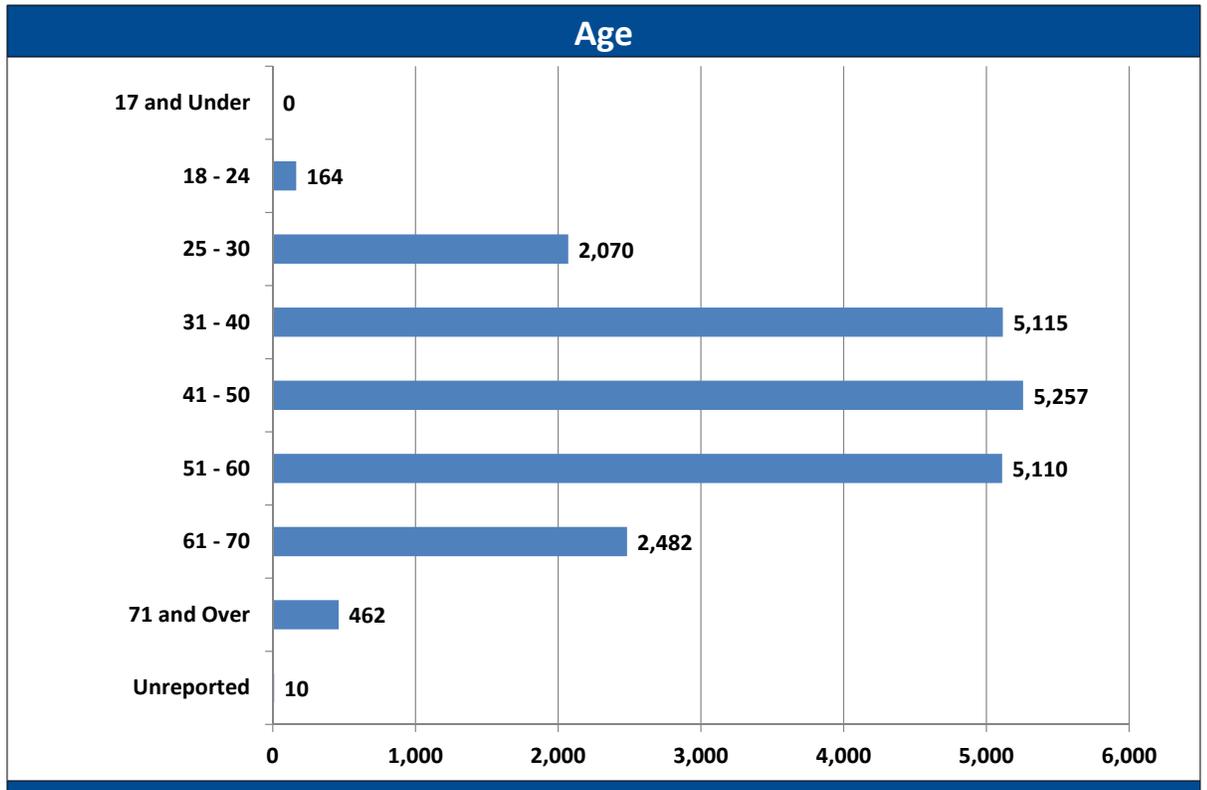
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## Age

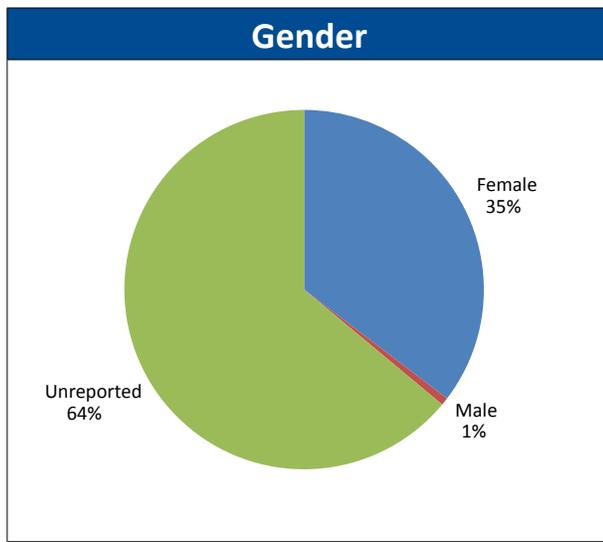
The currently licensed RDHs in California by age group can be seen in the table and chart below.



Age	17 and Under	18 - 24	25 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	51 - 60	61 - 70	71 and Over	Unreported	Total RDHs
<b>Total Responses</b>	0	164	2,070	5,115	5,257	5,110	2,482	462	10	<b>20,670</b>
<b>% of Total RDHs</b>	<1%	1%	10%	25%	25%	25%	12%	2%	<1%	<b>100%</b>

## Gender

The currently licensed RDHs in California by gender can be seen in the table to the right and the chart below.



Gender	Total RDHs	% of Total RDHs
Female	7,311	35%
Male	141	1%
Unreported	13,218	64%
<b>Total RDHs</b>	<b>20,670</b>	<b>100%</b>



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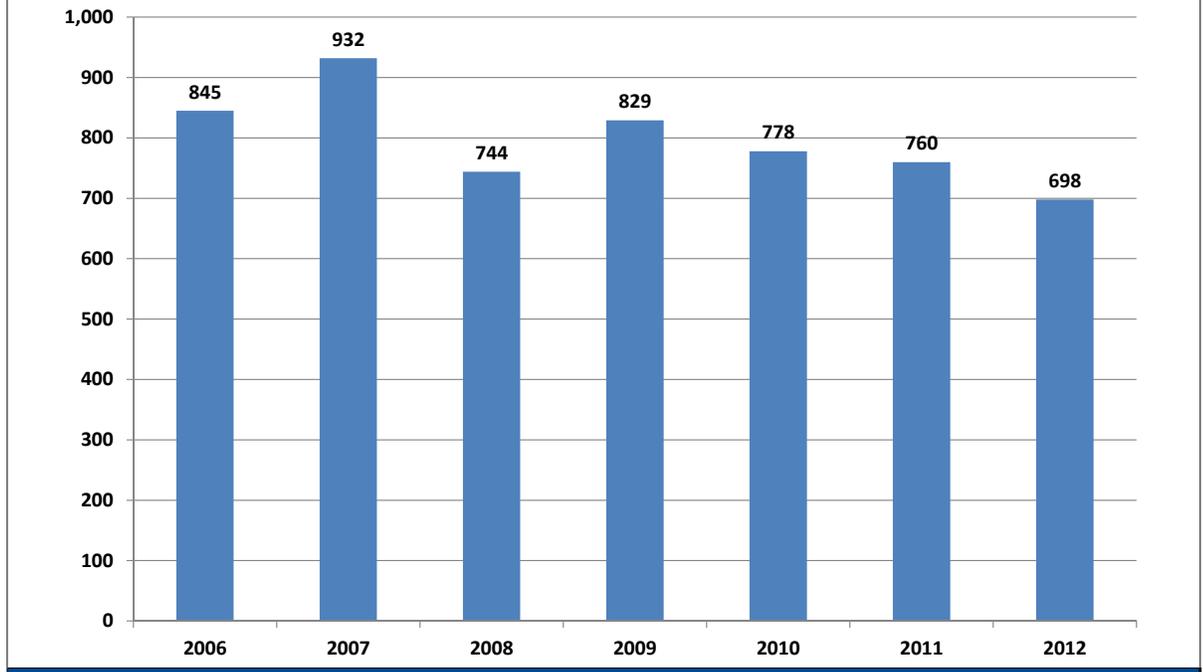
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The chart and table below display the number of students who received degrees from California RDH programs in years 2006-2012.

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## Degrees Awarded



Year Graduated	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Degrees Awarded	845	932	744	829	778	760	698

The table below shows colleges and universities that offer RDH education programs in California. The information can be seen geographically in the map on page 7.

## RDH Education Programs in California

### Public Colleges and Universities

Cabrillo College	Diablo Valley College	Oxnard College	Shasta College
Cerritos College	Foothill College	Pasadena City College	Southwestern College
Chabot College	Fresno City College	Sacramento City College	Taft College
Cypress College	Moreno Valley College	Santa Rosa Junior College	West Los Angeles College

### Private Colleges and Universities

Carrington College California - Sacramento	Concorde Career College - Garden Grove	San Joaquin Valley College, Inc.	University of Southern California Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry
Carrington College California - San Jose	Concorde Career College - San Diego	San Joaquin Valley College - San Diego	West Coast University
Concorde Career College - San Bernardino	Loma Linda University School of Dentistry	University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry	



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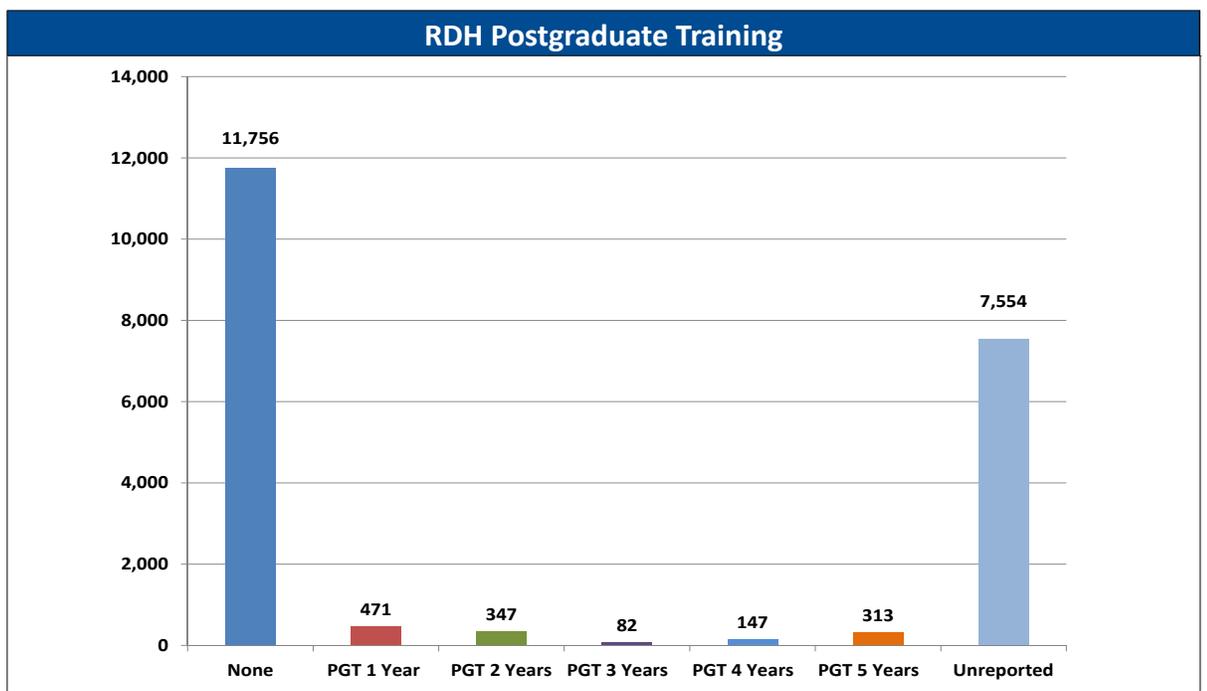
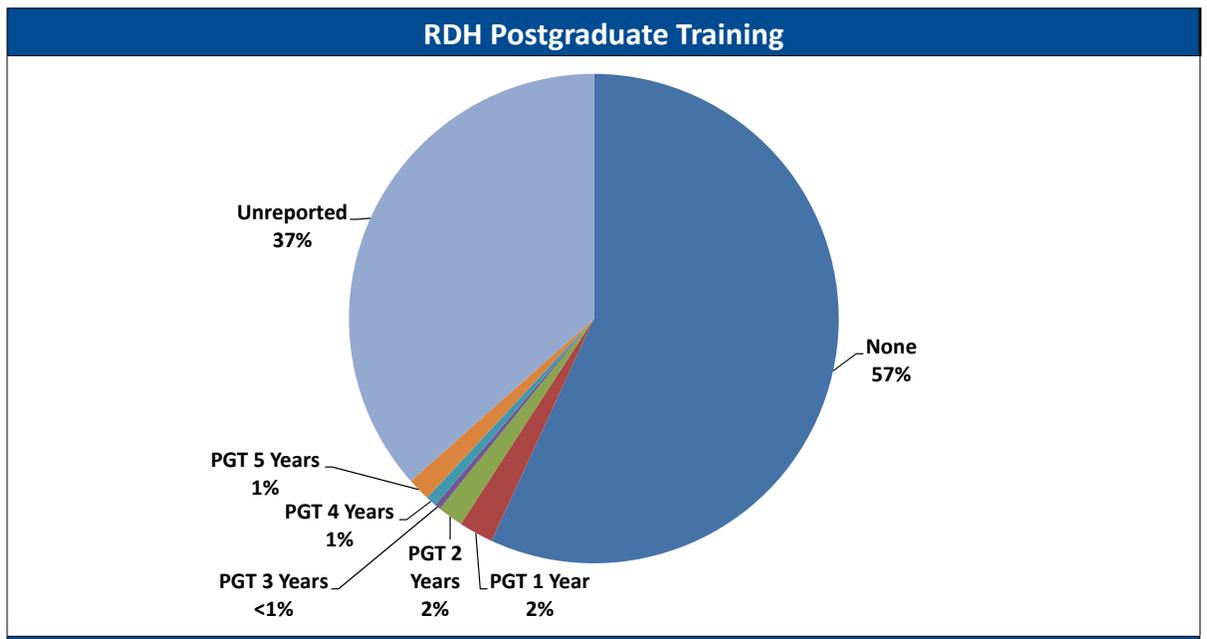


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Based on the Dental Healthcare Workforce Survey, the table and charts below show the number of RDHs who received postgraduate training in a dentist specialty recognized by the American Dental Association. Postgraduate is training beyond the receipt of the initial RDH training degree/certification. The chart ranges from no postgraduate training up to five years of training.

RDH Postgraduate Training								
Postgraduate Training (PGT)	None	PGT 1 Year	PGT 2 Years	PGT 3 Years	PGT 4 Years	PGT 5 Years	Unreported	Total
Number of RDHs	11,756	471	347	82	147	313	7,554	20,670
% of Total	57%	2%	2%	<1%	1%	1%	37%	100%



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The following data are based on the Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information Division Statewide 2010-2020 Occupational Employment Projections.\*

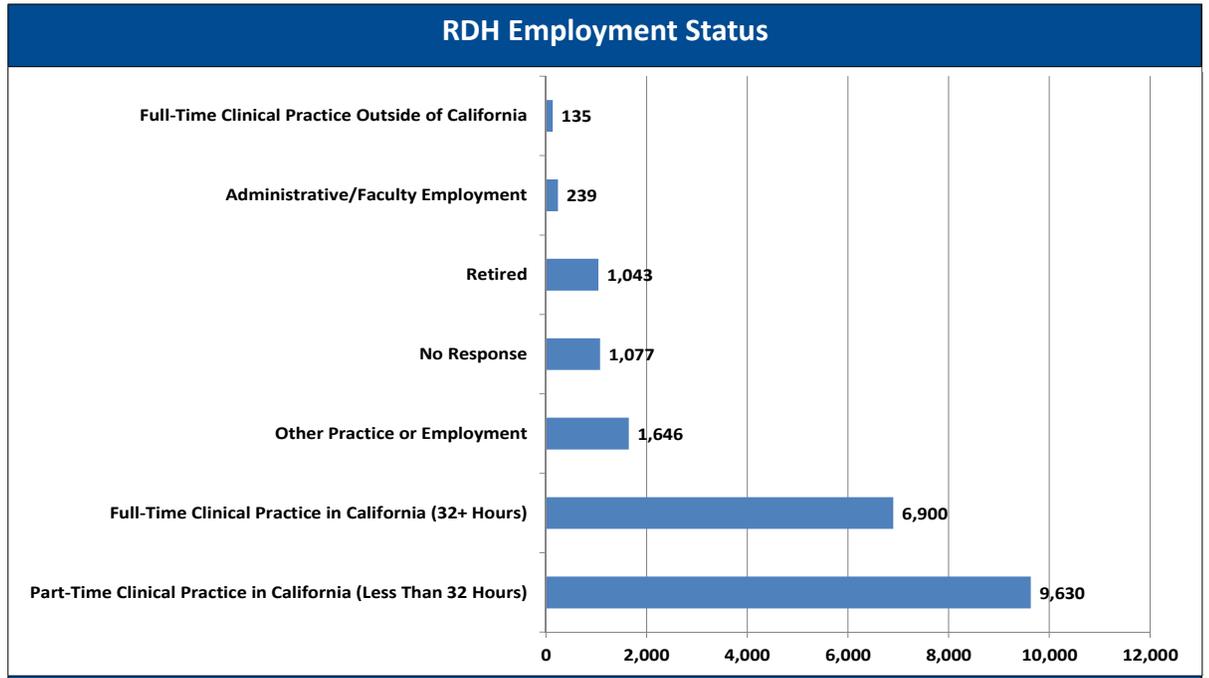
As displayed in the "Average Annual Job Openings" table below, the average annual job openings are an estimate of jobs created, resulting from economic growth and jobs created when workers retire or permanently leave an occupation and need to be replaced.

As displayed in the "2012 – 1st Quarter Wages" table below, the wages are the most recent estimates available for the 2010-2020 statewide employment projections.

Average Annual Job Openings	
New Jobs	350
Replacement Needs	400
Total	750
2012 – 1st Quarter Wages	
Median Hourly	\$46.31
Median Annual	\$96,317

Top Industries Which Employ This Occupation
1. Offices of Dentists
2. Offices of Physicians
3. Colleges and Universities
4. Outpatient Care Centers
5. Employment Services

Based on the Dental Healthcare Workforce Survey, the RDH licensee employment status is displayed in the chart and table below.



Employment Status	Full-Time Practice outside of CA	Administrative/Faculty Employment	Retired	No Response	Other Practice or Employment	Full-Time Clinical Practice in CA (32+ hrs)	Part-Time Clinical Practice in CA (less than 32 hrs)	Total
<b>Total RDH</b>	135	239	1,043	1,077	1,646	6,900	9,630	<b>20,670</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	1%	1%	5%	5%	8%	33%	47%	<b>100%</b>

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