

Disclosure of Gainful Employment

Work Environment

Some dentists own their own businesses and work alone or with a small staff. Other dentists have partners in their practices, and a few work for other dentists as associate dentists.

How to Become a Dentist

Dentists must be licensed in all states; requirements vary by state. To qualify for a licensure in most states, applicants must graduate from an accredited dental school and pass written and practical exams.

Pay

The median annual wage of dentists was \$146,920 in May 2010.

Job Outlook

Employment of dentists is expected to grow by 21% from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Dentists will continue to see an increase in public demand for their services as studies continue to link oral health to overall health.

General Dentists	
2010 Median Pay	\$146,920 per year 70.64 per hour
Entry-level Education	Doctoral or professional degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	Internship/residency
Number of Jobs, 2010	155,700
Job Outlook, 2010-20	21% (Faster than average)
Employment Change, 2010-20	32,200

Note: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010 Occupational Handbook 2012/2013 Edition.