# Trends in the Supply, Distribution and Employment of Dentists in North Carolina

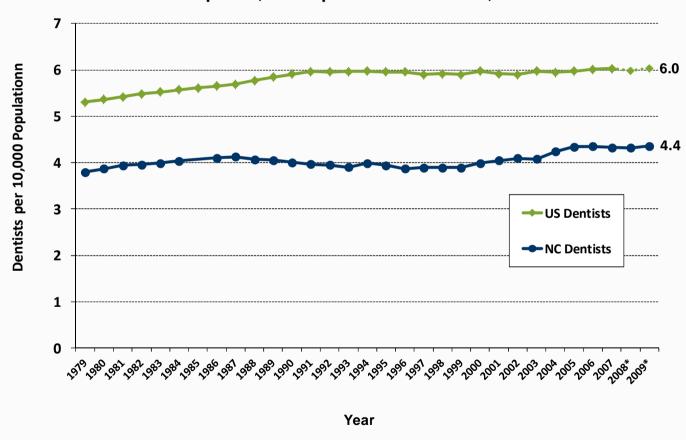
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### North Carolina Supply Lags Behind US

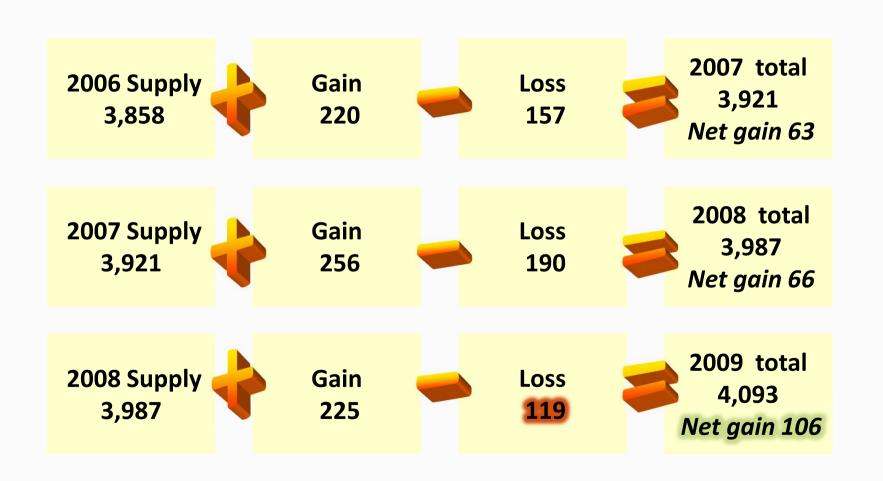
#### Dentists per 10,000 Population US and NC, 1979-2009



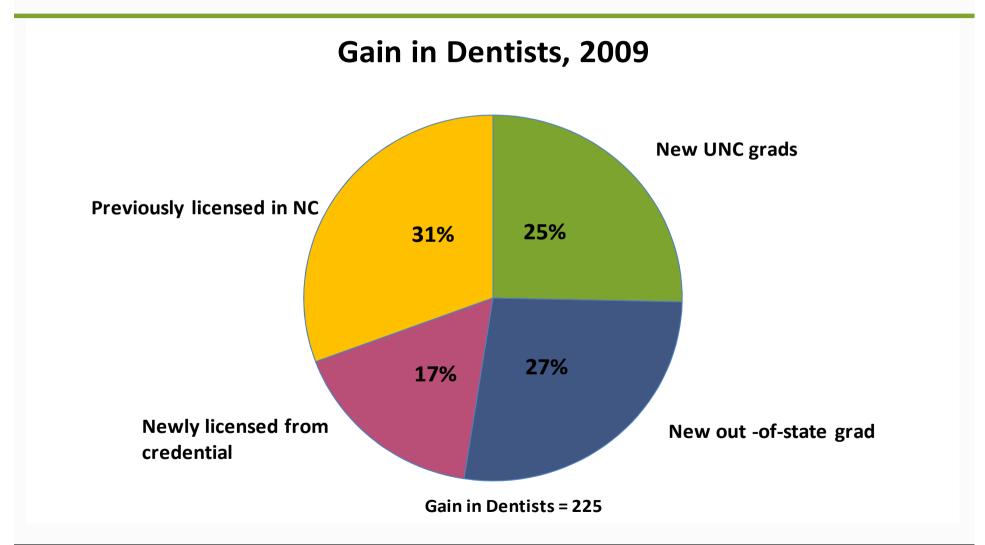
\*ADA number of actively practicing dentists in the U.S. in 2008 is 181,774, an increase of 73 from 2007. This increase is not consistent with that of previous years. Taking prior increases into account would result in an estimate 182,028 dentists actively practicing dentists in the U.S. in 2008 and 185,202 in 2009.



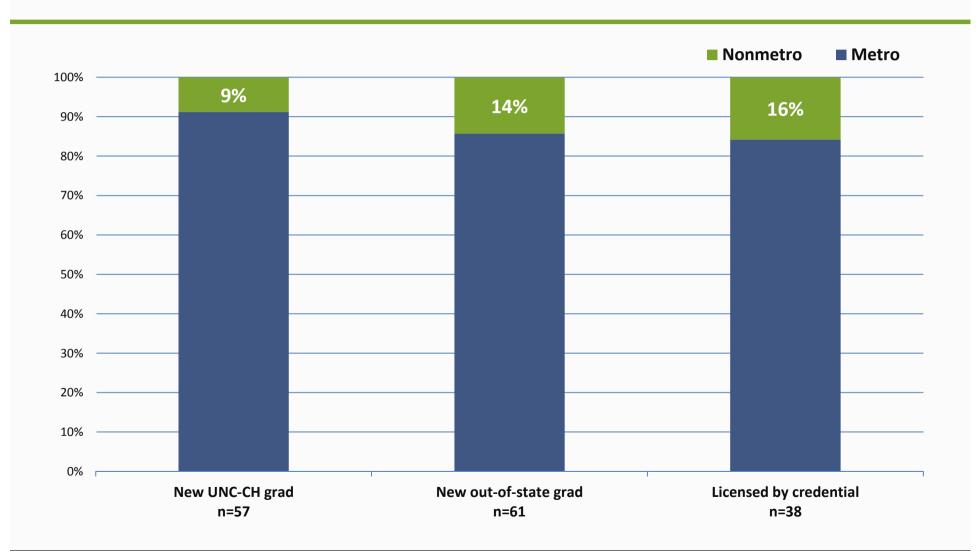
# Effect of Recession? Fewer Dentists Leave Workforce



#### One in Four New Dentists from UNC-CH



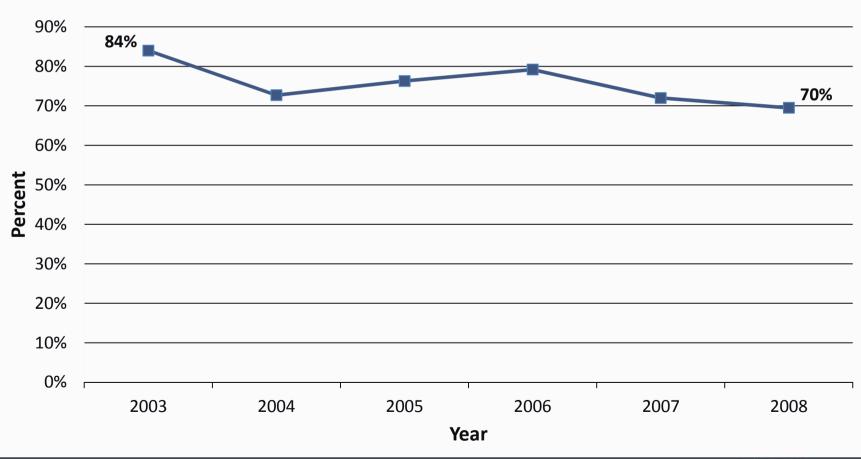
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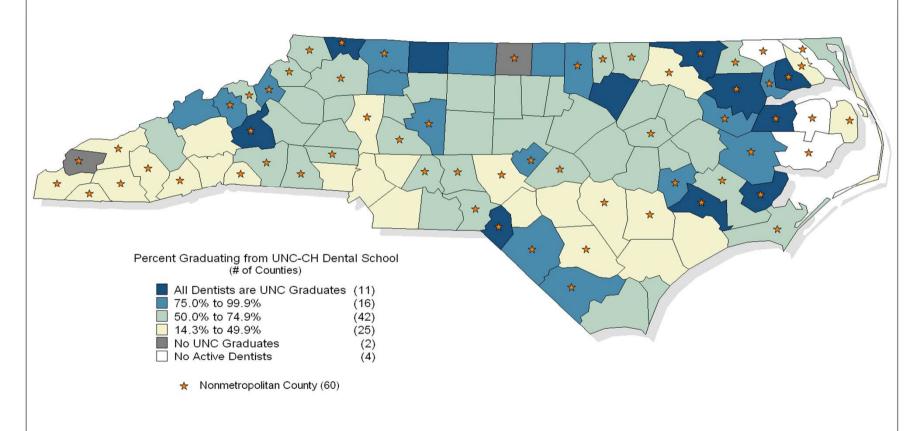


# Retention of Dentists Trained in North Carolina on the Decline

#### **Retention of Dentists Trained at UNC**



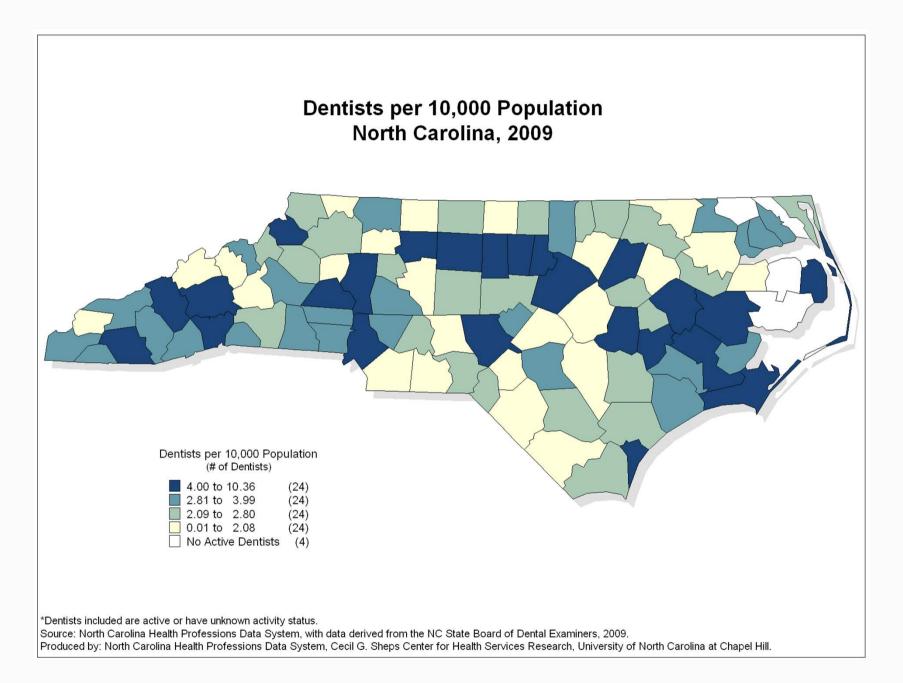
### Percent of Active Dentists who Graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill Dental School North Carolina, 2009



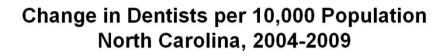
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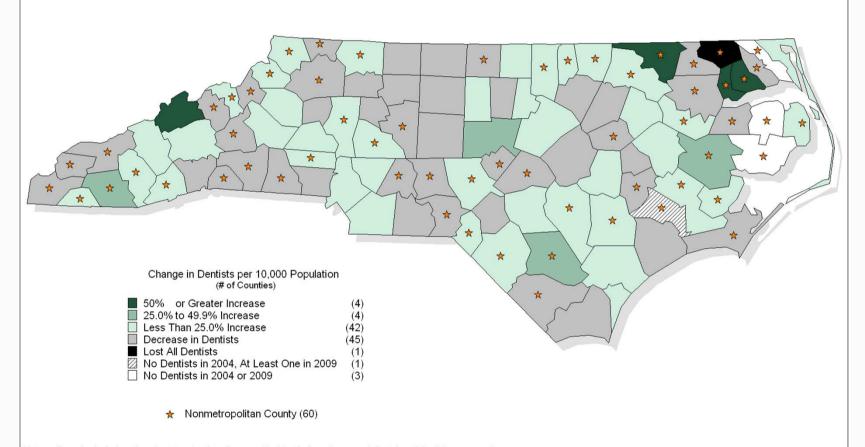
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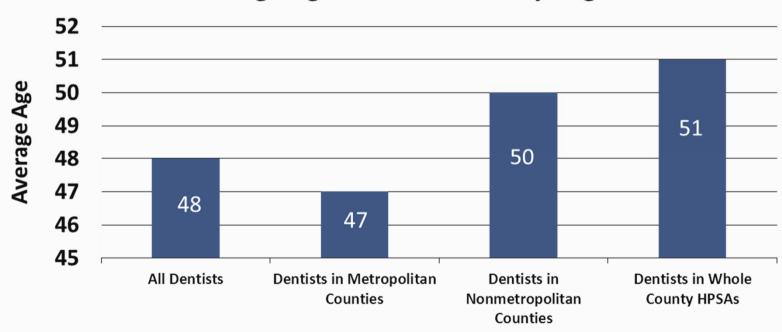
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# North Carolina Dental Workforce is Graying

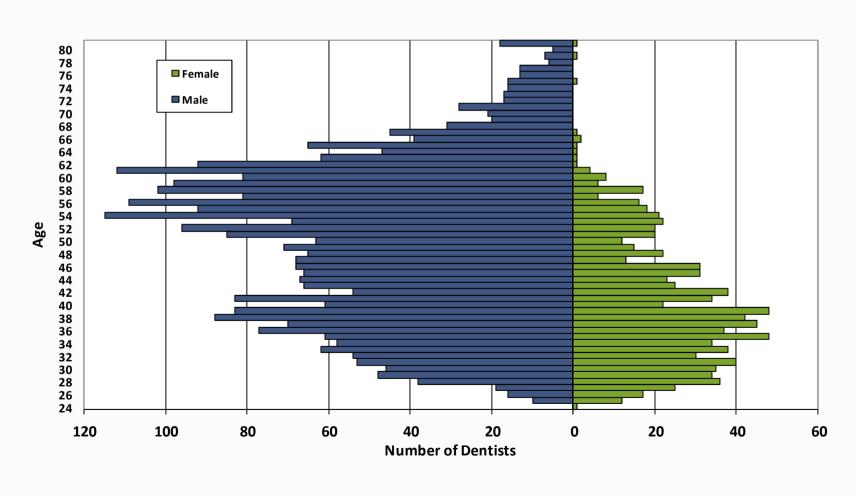
#### Average Age of NC Dentists by Region



3 counties in NC have dentists whose average age is 65 years or older



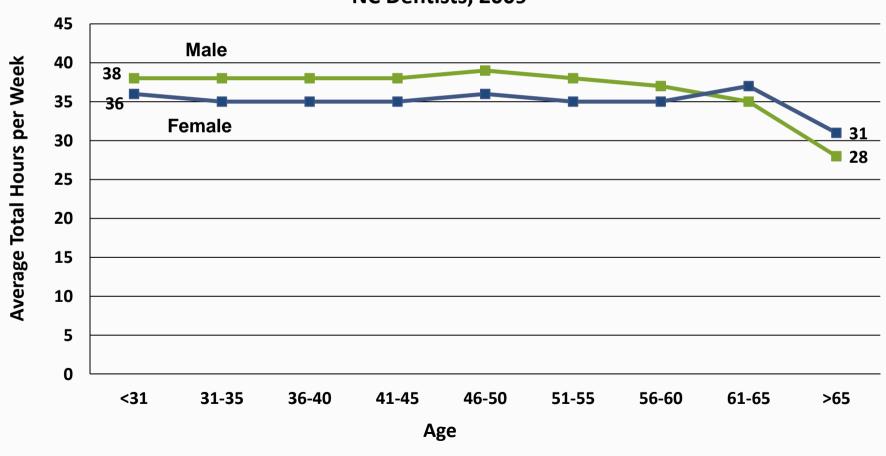
## Dentists by Age and Gender, 2009



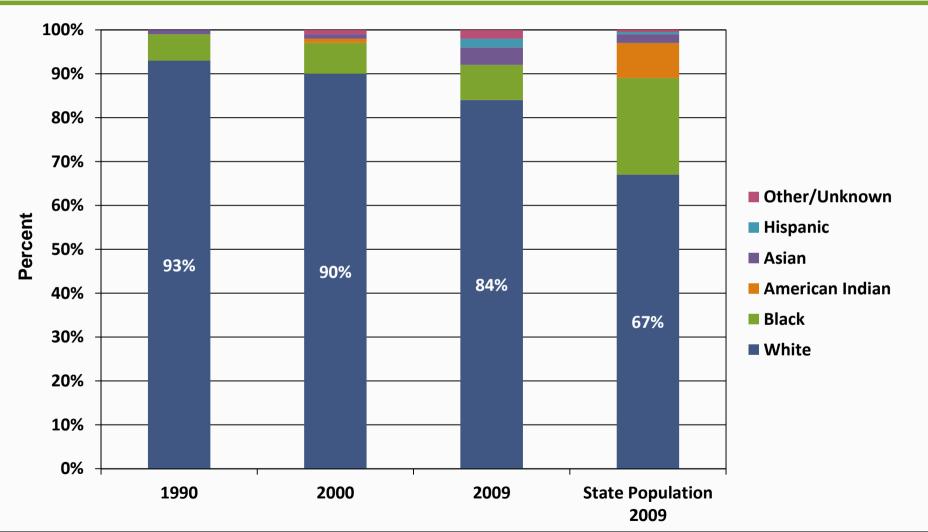


#### **Gender Differences in Work Hours**





### Diversity of Dentists, 1990-2009





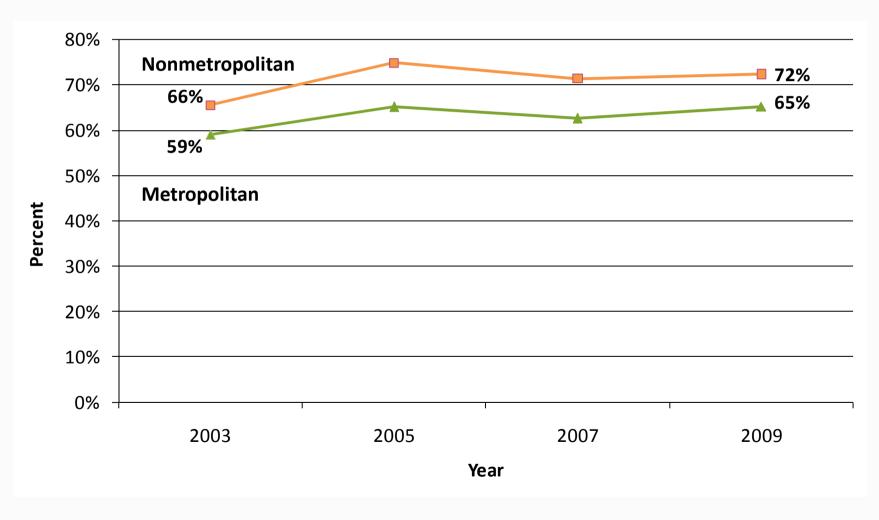
# Over Three out of Four North Carolina Dentists are in General Practice

Specialty 2009				
General Practice	78% (3,203)			
Orthodontics	6% (247)			
Pediatric Dentistry	4% (153)			
Oral Surgery	4% (152)			
Endodontics	3% (119)			
Periodontics	2% (100)			
Public Health	2% (66)			
Prosthodontics	1% (47)			
Oral/Maxillofacial Radiology	<1% (6)			

# **Fastest Growing Specialty from** 2003-2009 is Pediatric Dentistry

	Specialty	2003	2009	% change
Average workforce growth = 20%	Pediatric Dentistry	100	153	53%
	Public Health	48	66	38%
	Endodontics	90	119	32%
	General Practice	2,679	3,203	20%
	Orthodontics	221	247	12%
	Oral surgery	142	152	7%
	Periodontics	96	100	4%
	Prosthodontics	51	47	-8%
	Oral Pathology	1	0	-100%
	Oral/Maxillofacial	0	6	

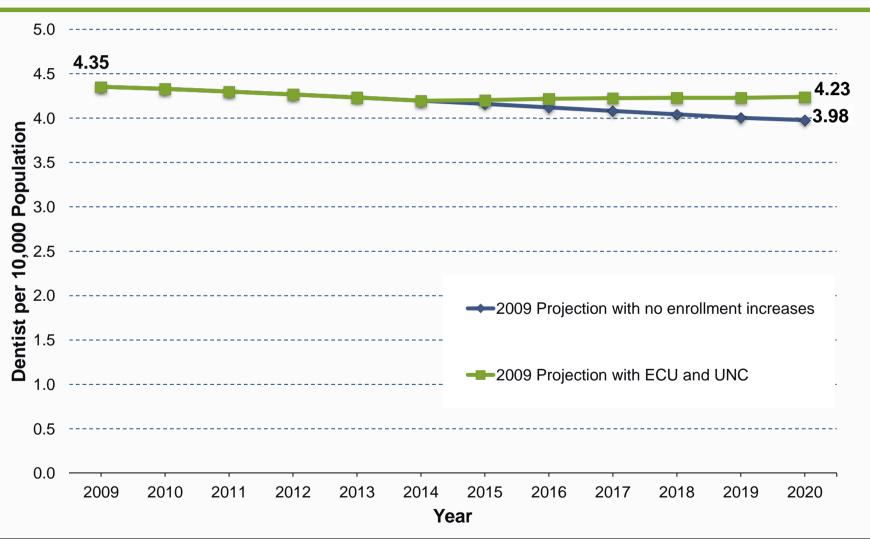
### Slight Increase in Self-Employed Dentists





# **Projections**

# Projections Show Decline in Dentists per Population by 2020





### **Questions?**

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