

CAREERS IN THE U.S. DENTAL INDUSTRY

Overall employment of dentists is projected to grow **6%** from 2021 to 2031.¹

Allied Dental Educator

Allied dental educators usually work as full- or part-time faculty at vocational schools, colleges and universities, academic health centers and dental schools that offer certificates or degrees in dental hygiene, dental assisting and/or dental laboratory technology. They must have experience as allied dental professionals before becoming educators.²

Average Salary:
\$40k-80k²



Average Salary:
\$35,640³

Dental Assistant

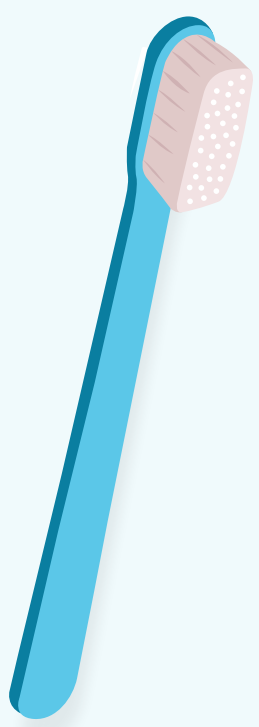
The current job market for dental assistants is stable, and future projections indicate a continued high demand for their services. Almost half of all dental assistants have a 35- to 40-hour work week, which may include work on Saturdays or evenings. Dental assistants work in a well-lit, clean environment.³

Dental Laboratory Technician

Two types of dental specialties rely heavily on dental laboratory technician skills: restorative dentistry/prostodontics and orthodontics. Due to a shortage of technicians that is already affecting the field, there is and will be a high demand for experienced dental technicians. Formal training in dental laboratory technology is available through community and junior colleges, vocational-technical institutes and the military.⁴

Average Salary:
\$30k-70k⁴

BRUSH & FLOSS



Average Salary:
\$55,303⁵

Dental Hygienist

Dental hygienists provide clinical services in a variety of settings such as private dental practice, community health settings, nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, schools, etc. Job tasks include: assesses the patient's oral tissues and overall health determining the presence or absence of disease, other abnormalities and disease risks; develops a dental hygiene diagnosis based on clinical findings; formulates evidence-based, patient-centered treatment care plans; performs the clinical procedures outlined in the treatment care plan; and more!⁵

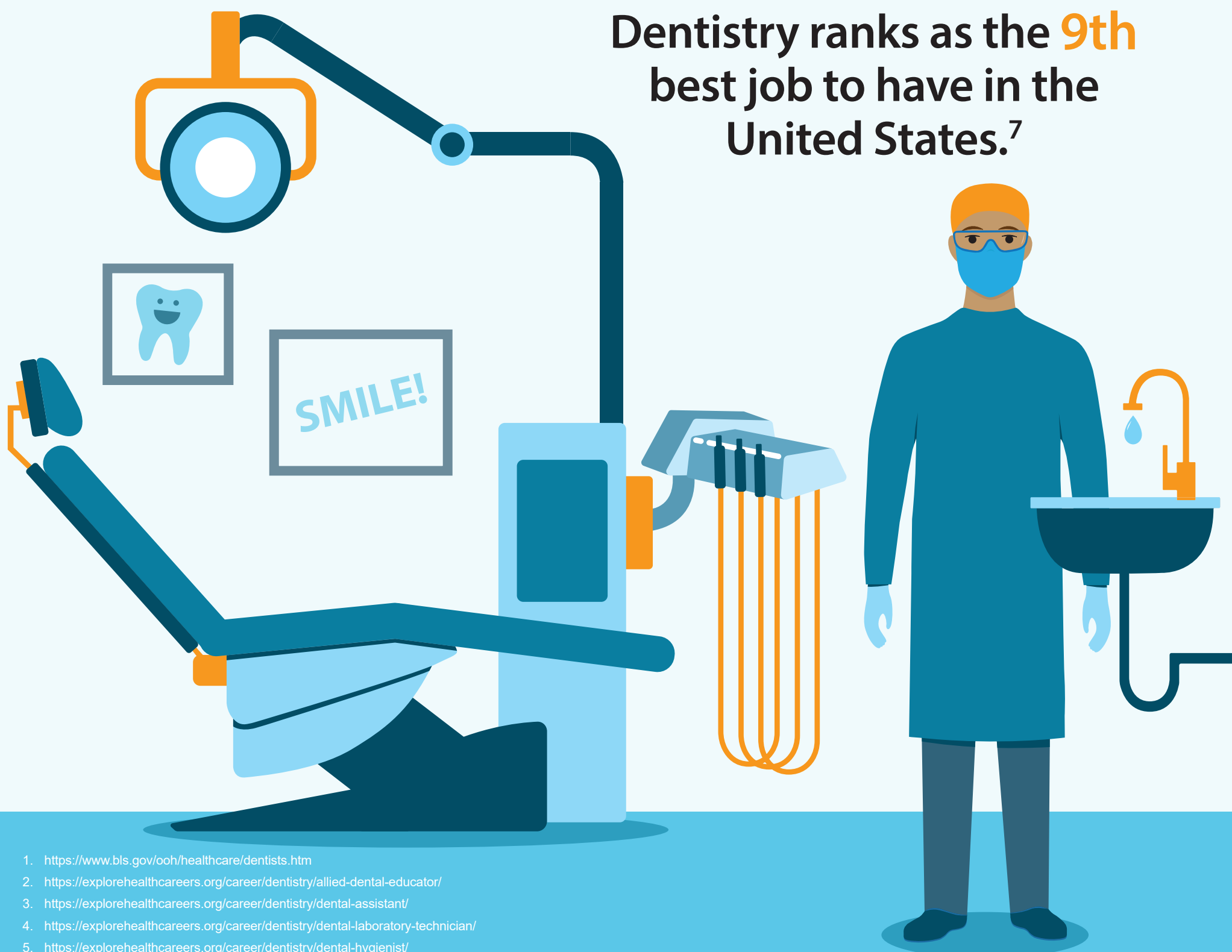


Dentist

Approximately 80% of all dentists practice general dentistry. General dentists treat all patients, adults and children, in many different treatment facilities and settings. To perform dental procedures, a dentist must be able to work with precision on an extremely small scale. Superior eye-hand coordination is critical to ensuring the safety of patients and the integrity of the profession.⁶

Average Salary:
\$214,070⁶

Dentistry ranks as the **9th** best job to have in the United States.⁷



1. <https://www.bls.gov/oo/healthcare/dentists.htm>
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