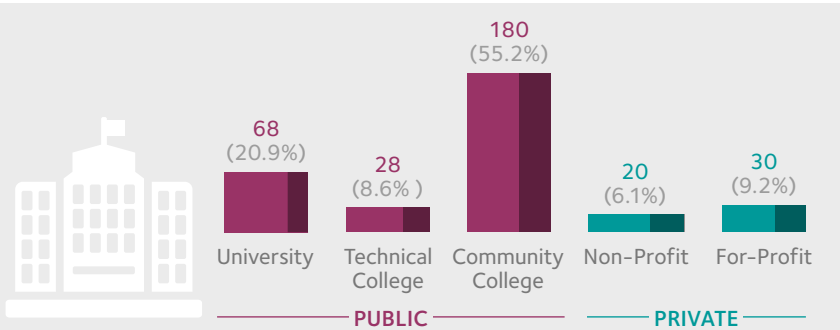
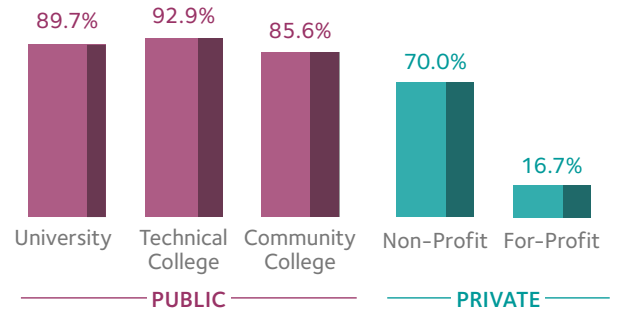


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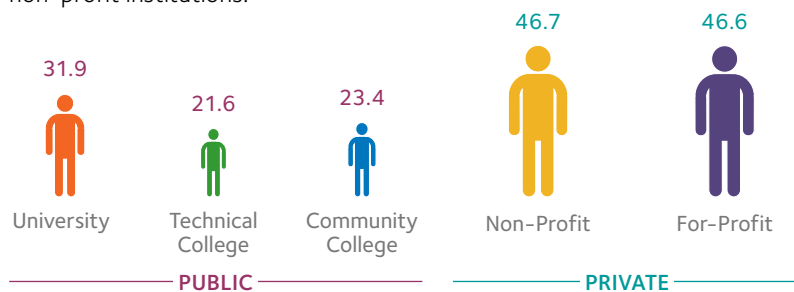


USING DATA FROM THE 2021-22 SURVEY OF DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, we examined program characteristics by type of sponsoring institution. Five different types of programs are compared in this infographic, three of which are public (those at a university, technical college or institute, or community college), and two of which are private (non-profit and for-profit colleges and universities).

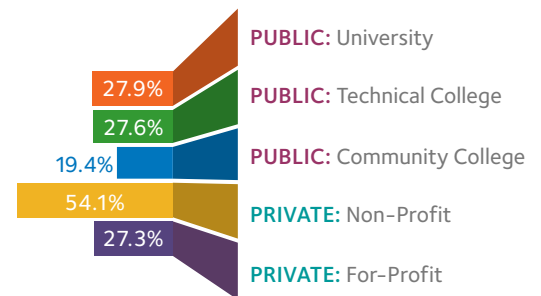


PERCENTAGE OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE PREREQUISITE COLLEGE COURSES
 Most programs at public, as well as private non-profit, institutions required prerequisite college courses prior to entry in the program.

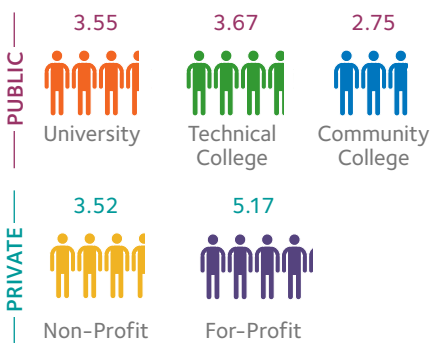
AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR CAPACITY at public community colleges and technical colleges was about half that of private for-profit and non-profit institutions.



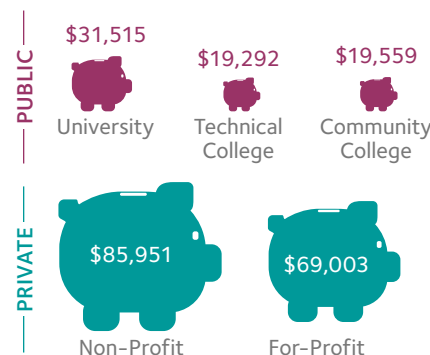
PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED was lowest at public community colleges, while private non-profit institutions had the highest acceptance rate.



STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIOS were nearly identical for three types of programs, highest at private for-profit programs, and lowest at community colleges.



THE AVERAGE TOTAL COST (tuition and fees, plus related costs like textbooks, uniforms, and lab fees) is three to four times as much at programs located in private schools than public technical or community colleges.



TOTAL PROGRAM LENGTH (IN WEEKS) was slightly longer at private schools than at public institutions.

