

Economic Questions - Wave 12 (Week of August 16)

Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Week of September 28	59.0%	31.1%	7.9%
Week of November 9	60.7%	31.8%	
Week of December 7	61.8%	31.6%	
Week of January 4	62.1%	31.6%	
Week of February 1	62.1%	30.1%	5.2%
Week of March 1	58.7%	32.3%	5.8%
Week of March 29	60.9%	31.2%	
Week of April 26	60.1%	32.4%	
Week of May 24	59.8%	32.1%	
Week of June 21	58.6%	32.2%	4.9%
Week of July 19	58.8%	31.3%	5.3%
Week of August 16	57.7%	33.2%	4.9%

Full-time as a dental hygienist
Part-time as a dental hygienist
Semi-retired as a dental hygienist

• Not employed as a dental hygienist



Data table: Employment status by wave

Employment status:	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4	Wave 5	Wave 6	Wave 7	Wave 8	Wave 9	Wave 10	Wave 11	Wave 12
	Week of Sept 28	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1	Week of Mar 1	Week of Mar 29	Week of Apr 26	Week of May 24	Week of Jun 21	Week of July 19	Week of Aug 16
Full-time	59.0%	60.7%	61.8%	62.1%	62.1%	58.7%	60.7%	60.1%	<mark>59.8%</mark>	58.6%	58.8%	57.7%
Part-time	31.1%	31.8%	31.6%	31.6%	30.1%	32.3%	31.2%	32.4%	32.1%	32.3%	31.3%	33.2%
Semi-retired	2.0%	2.7%	2.6%	2.0%	2.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.7%	3.7%	4.2%	4.7%	4.3%
Not employed	7.9%	4.8%	4.0%	4.4%	5.2%	5.8%	4.7%	3.8%	4.4%	4.9%	5.3%	4.9%
Number	4,543	1,439	1,549	1,629	1,397	1,146	1,446	1,303	1,115	1,064	960	1,215



[If not employed] Are you currently receiving unemployment benefits?

Week of September 28		43.5%		6.1	<mark>12.2</mark> %	38.3%
Week of November 9	3	9.1%			15.6%	42.2%
Week of December 7		45.9%			8.2%	42.6%
Week of January 4	3	9.1%		5.8%	13.0%	42.0%
Week of February 1	3	8.9%			12.5%	44.4%
Week of March 1	3	8.7%		11	3%	46.8%
Week of March 29	31.3%	6	12	2.5%		53.1%
Week of April 26	28.6%		10.2%			57.1%
Week of May 24	32.7	%	6.1%			61.2%
Week of June 21	21.6%		8%			62.7%
Week of July 19	12.2% 1	4.3%				73.5%
Week of August 16	10.3% 1	15.5%				72.4%

• Yes • I've applied, but have not received any benefits yet • No, my application was not approved • No, I have not applied



[If not employed] If you are not currently working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the primary reason why.

Week of September 28	59.1%	24.2%	16.7%
Week of November 9	66.1%	19.4%	14.5%
Week of December 7	60.3%	22.4%	17.2%
Week of January 4	66.7%	18.8%	14.5%
Week of February 1	65.2%	18.8%	15.9%
Week of March 1	64.5%	16.1%	19.4%
Week of March 29	67.7%	14.5%	17.7%
Week of April 26	66.0%	12.8%	21.3%
Week of May 24	66.7%	13.3%	20.0%
Week of June 21	66.7%	15.7%	17.6%
Week of July 19	75.5%	8.2%	16.3%
Week of August 16	74.1%	6.9%	19.0%

• Voluntarily left my position • Employer laid off/furloughed me • Employer permanently let me go from my position



[If not employed] If you voluntarily stopped working as a dental hygienist, please indicate the reason(s) why. (Choose all that apply.)

Voluntary reasons	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1	Week of March 1	Week of March 29	Week of April 26	Week of May 24	Week of June 21	Week of July 19	Week of Aug 16
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	61.0%	71.4%	64.4%	57.8%	47.5%	47.5%	38.1%	46.7%	35.3%	4 3.2%	30.2%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until I receive the COVID-19 vaccine	-	-	-	28.9%	32.5%	19.0%	19.0%	20.0%	11.8%	0.0%	2.3%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	31.7%	62.9%	48.9%	40.0%	27.5%	38.1%	42.9%	33.3%	32.4%	32.4%	20.9%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	24.4%	22.9%	17.8%	24.4%	25.0%	26.2%	14.3%	13.3%	11.8%	13.5%	11.6%
I have an underlying health condition	24.4%	22.9%	20.0%	20.0%	12.5%	14.3%	11.9%	10.0%	14.7%	21.6%	14.0%
Someone in my household has an underlying health condition	17.1%	20.0%	22.2%	24.4%	20.0%	21.4%	21.4%	13.3%	14.7%	21.6%	16.3%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.8%	11.4%	13.3%	8.9%	12.5%	9.5%	7.1%	16.7%	23.5%	16.2%	14.0%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	9.8%	14.3%	8.9%	17.8%	25.0%	23.8%	16.7%	23.3%	35.3%	29.7%	37.2%
I am unable to tolerate wearing a mask or other PPE	9.8%	17.1%	13.3%	8.9%	5.0%	4.8%	7.1%	10.0%	11.8%	8.1%	14.0%
I have accepted a non-dental hygienist position	7.3%	8.6%	15.6%	20.0%	12.5%	14.3%	7.1%	10.0%	17.6%	10.8%	14.0%
My employer reduced my salary too much	7.3%	0.0%	6.7%	6.7%	2.5%	7.1%	4.8%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
I have moved to another state and am not licensed as a dental hygienist yet	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	6.7%	2.9%	5.4%	7.0%
I prefer not to say	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Other reason	2.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.4%	7.5%	9.5%	0.0%	6.7%	8.8%	5.4%	7.0%
Number of Respondents:	41	35	45	45	40	42	31	30	34	37	43



[If not employed] If your employer let you go from your position, please indicate the reason(s) why you are not currently practicing. (Choose all that apply.)

Let go reasons	Week of Nov 9	Week of Dec 7	Week of Jan 4	Week of Feb 1	Week of March 1	Week of March 29	Week of April 26	Week of May 24	Week of June 21	Week of July 19	Week of Aug 16
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until after the COVID-19 pandemic is under control	42.9%	47.8%	36.4%	41.7%	31.8%	40.0%	25.0%	26.7%	29.4%	50.0%	53.3%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist until I receive the COVID-19 vaccine	-	-	-	20.8%	9.1%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%
I have concerns about my employer's adherence to workplace/safety standards	38.1%	<u>39.1%</u>	36.4%	37.5%	40.9%	30.0%	12.5%	13.3%	29.4%	25.0%	26.7%
I have an underlying health condition	33.3%	43.5%	27.3%	41.7%	36.4%	35.0%	31.3%	26.7%	23.5%	25.0%	20.0%
I have not yet found a new position	23.8%	17.4%	36.4%	12.5%	22.7%	15.0%	18.8%	33.3%	35.3%	0.0%	26.7%
My employer has low patient volume	23.8%	30.4%	22.7%	20.8%	13.6%	15.0%	12.5%	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	20.0%
My employer has PPE on backorder/insufficient supply	23.8%	13.0%	18.2%	8.3%	9.1%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	0.0%	20.0%
I am waiting to be rehired by my dental practice	19.0%	17.4%	22.7%	12.5%	18.2%	10.0%	6.3%	13.3%	5.9%	8.3%	13.3%
I have insufficient childcare available while working	14.3%	4.3%	18.2%	8.3%	22.7%	10.0%	18.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%
I do not want to work as a dental hygienist any longer	9.5%	4.3%	9.1%	16.7%	0.0%	15.0%	6.3%	6.7%	17.6%	8.3%	13.3%
I have retired from practicing dental hygiene	4.8%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	12.5%	13.3%	17.6%	8.3%	13.3%
I am employed in another type of dental-related position	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	4.2%	4.5%	0.0%	6.3%	6.7%	5.9%	0.0%	6.7%
I prefer not to say	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other reason	4.8%	8.7%	4.5%	8.3%	13.6%	15.0%	6.3%	13.3%	11.8%	25.0%	20.0%
Number of respondents:	21	23	22	24	22	20	16	15	17	12	15



How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

N95/KN95 masks

Week of September 28	6.6%	12.1%	13.5%	52.4%	15.4%
Week of November 9	6.1%	11.1%	15.4%	54.1%	13.3%
Week of December 7	5.6%	12.1%	15.3%	53.1%	13.9%
Week of January 4	6.0%	11.9%	15.1%	55.6%	11.4%
Week of February 1	5.2%	10.3%	18.3%	55.3%	10.9%
Week of March 1	5.2%	11.9%	18.3%	53.3%	11.2%
Week of March 29	4.9%	9.7%	14.4%	57.7%	13.2%
Week of April 26	4.9%	10.7%	15.5%	56.3%	12.6%
Week of May 24	6.5%	9.4%	14.9%	57.0%	12.2%
Week of June 21	6.6%	10.5%	15.1%	55.4%	12.4%
Week of July 19	8.1%	11.0%	12.4%	54.5%	14.0%
Week of August 16	8.6%	11.5%	15.6%	50.7%	13.6%



(continued) How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

Surgical masks

Week of September 28	<mark>5.3%</mark>	10.1%	71.5%	10.8%
Week of November 9		12.1%	72.4%	9.7%
Week of December 7	5.2%	13.9%	70.8%	8.4%
Week of January 4	4.8%	13.8%	71.2%	9.3%
Week of February 1		14.7%	70.4%	8.5%
Week of March 1	4.9%	15.3%	72.6%	6.5%
Week of March 29		13.3%	72.5%	8.8%
Week of April 26	5.1%	13.4%	71.6%	8.6%
Week of May 24	4.8%	13.5%	71.7%	8.7%
Week of June 21		14.2%	72.5%	8.1%
Week of July 19		13.2%	73.6%	7.4%
Week of August 16	5.6%	14.2%	70.1%	8.8%



(continued) How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

Face shields

Week of September 28	7.7%	8.3%	72.1%	9.9%
Week of November 9	9.2%	9.5%	70.1%	9.1%
Week of December 7	9.4%	9.8%	70.6%	8.3%
Week of January 4	8.5%	11.3%	69.9%	8.9%
Week of February 1	8.5%	9.4%	71.9%	8.1%
Week of March 1	8.7%	10.2%	70.4%	8.2%
Week of March 29	7.6%	10.9%	70.3%	9.9%
Week of April 26	8.8%	9.6%	70.5%	9.0%
Week of May 24	8.0%	10.6%	69.1%	10.0%
Week of June 21	7.9%	8.7%	71.2%	9.0%
Week of July 19	8.4%	8.6%	70.2%	9.2%
Week of August 16	8.6%	9.9%	67.0%	10.3%



(continued) How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

Gowns

Week of September 28	10.6%	12.2%	10.9%	55.3%	11.1%
Week of November 9	10.1%	12.4%	13.4%	55.0%	9.0%
Week of December 7	10.5%	12.2%	11.8%	55.7%	9.8%
Week of January 4	9.8%	11.5%	13.7%	54.3%	10.6%
Week of February 1	8.3%	10.5%	12.8%	58.8%	9.6%
Week of March 1	10.6%	11.5%	11.4%	57.3%	9.1%
Week of March 29	10.4%	9.2%	12.4%	57.3%	10.8%
Week of April 26	9.5%	10.6%	11.5%	58.1%	10.3%
Week of May 24	9.4%	9.9%	10.0%	60.0%	10.7%
Week of June 2	10.7%	9.8%	10.7%	58.1%	10.6%
Week of July 19	11.2%	9.1%	10.9%	58.4%	10.4%
Week of August 16	12.2%	9.9%	12.9%	53.4%	11.6%



(continued) How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

Disinfecting supplies (not included Week of Sept 28)

Week of November 9	7.1%	19.9%	65.0%	7.8%
Week of December 7	7.9%	21.1%	62.7%	8.1%
Week of January 4	6.8%	22.4%	64.0%	6.8%
Week of February 1	7.4%	20.2%	65.2%	6.9%
Week of March 1	7.6%	20.3%	65.7%	6.0%
Week of March 29	5.6%	19.5%	67.3%	7.4%
Week of April 26	6.1%	17.6%	68.9%	7.2%
Week of May 24	6.0%	17.7%	69.2%	6.9%
Week of June 2	5.3%	17.9%	69.6%	7.0%
Week of July 19	4.9%	17.8%	70.5%	6.7%
Week of August 16	4.8%	19.7%	68.3%	7.0%



(continued) How many days' worth of the following PPE does the location where you primarily work have at this time?

Gloves (not included Week of Sept 28)

Week of November 9	6.5%	20.7%	66.7%	5.9%
Week of December 7	9.2%	22.8%	60.6%	7.2%
Week of January 4	8.8%	25.0%	60.5%	5.5%
Week of February 1	11.4%	23.6%	58.8%	6.1%
Week of March 1	10.6%	23.7%	60.1%	5.2%
Week of March 29	9.2%	22.0%	62.6%	5.8%
Week of April 26	10.0%	20.3%	63.7%	5.9%
Week of May 24	8.3%	20.3%	65.0%	6.0%
Week of June 21	7.5%	21.6%	64.6%	6.1%
Week of July 19	7.7%	18.8%	67.7%	5.7%
Week of August 16	6.4%	23.4%	63.7%	6.3%



Number of responses:

Field	Responses
Wave 1 - Week of September 28	4,804
Wave 2 - Week of November 9	1,439
Wave 3 - Week of December 7	1,549
Wave 4 - Week of January 4	1,629
Wave 5 - Week of February 1	1,397
Wave 6 - Week of March 1	1,146
Wave 7 - Week of March 29	1,446
Wave 8 - Week of April 26	1,303
Wave 9 - Week of May 24	1,115
Wave 10 - Week of June 21	1,064
Wave 11 - Week of July 19	960
Wave 12 - Week of August 16	1,215