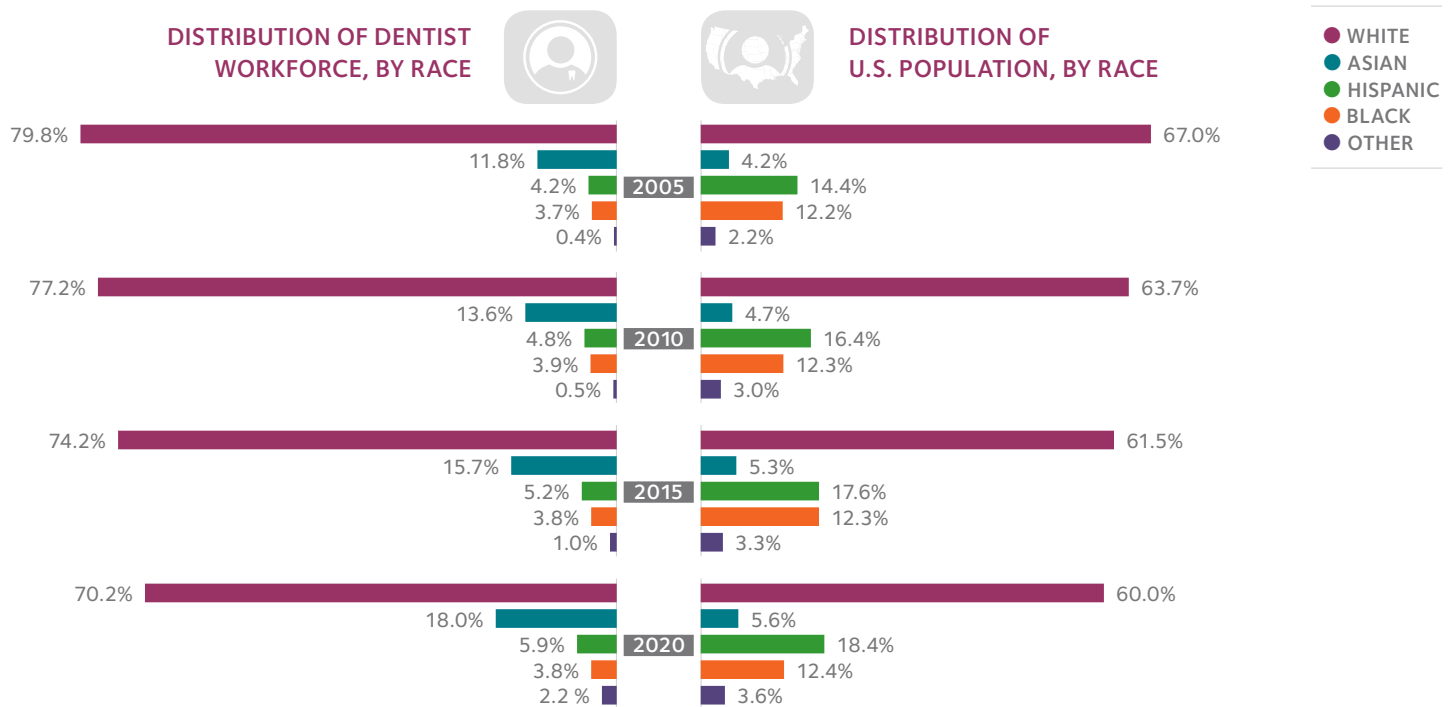


# Racial and Ethnic Mix of the Dentist Workforce in the U.S.

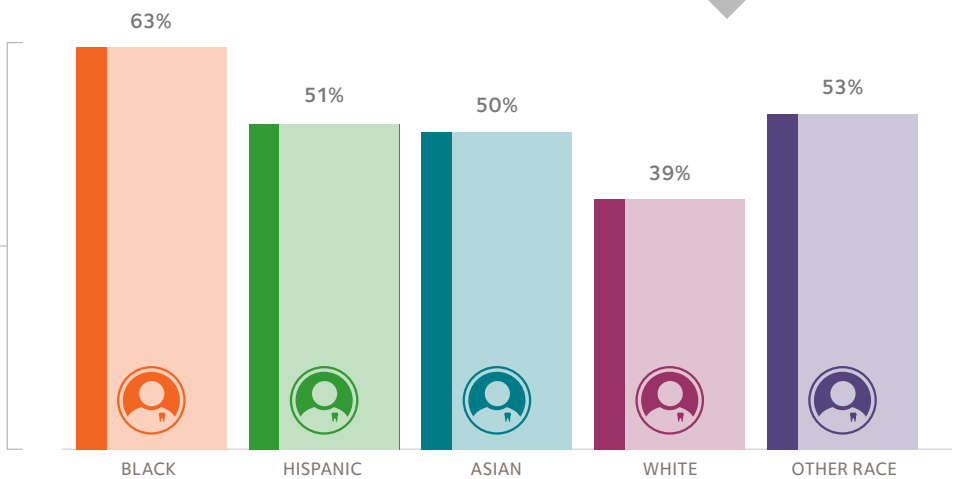


THE RACIAL MIX OF THE DENTIST WORKFORCE DOES NOT REFLECT THE U.S. POPULATION. Black and Hispanic dentists are significantly underrepresented while Asian dentists are significantly overrepresented.

OVER TIME, THE DENTIST WORKFORCE HAS DIVERSIFIED. But almost all of the diversification is accounted for by more Asian dentists. The share of dentists who are Black, for example, has not changed at all.

RESEARCH INDICATES SOME CAREER CHOICES ARE INFLUENCED BY RACE\*. For example, Black dentists are more likely to participate in Medicaid than White dentists, all else equal.

**43%**  
OF U.S. DENTISTS participate in Medicaid or CHIP for child dental services



Source: ADA Health Policy Institute analysis of data from the ADA masterfile, U.S. Census Bureau, and American Dental Education Association.