

Occupation Analysis - Dental Assistants

Assist dentist, set up equipment, prepare patient for treatment, and keep records.

Common job titles: Dental Assistant, Orthodontic Assistant, Dental Assistant General Dentistry Practice, Registered Dental Assistant, Dental Assistant Career Training - Local Dental Training

Active Selections: ID, Dental Assistants

Overview

Job Metrics

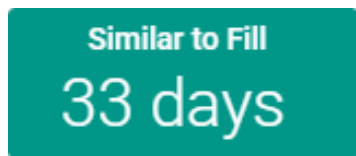
Job Postings
Last 12 Months



Projected Growth
10 Years



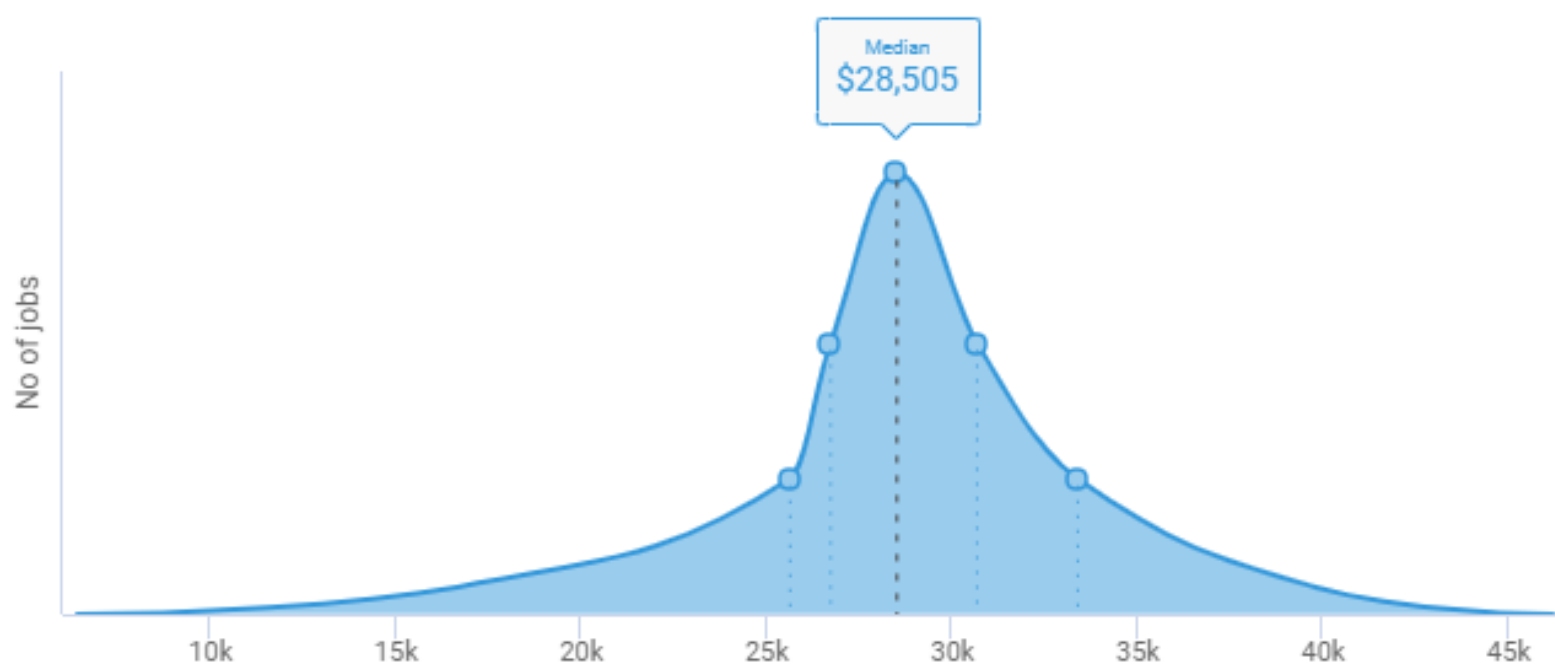
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Location Quotient

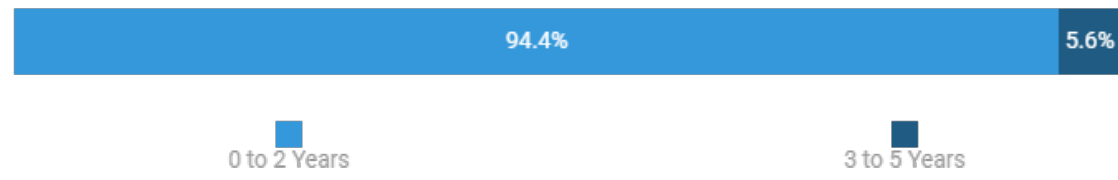


Salary Overall

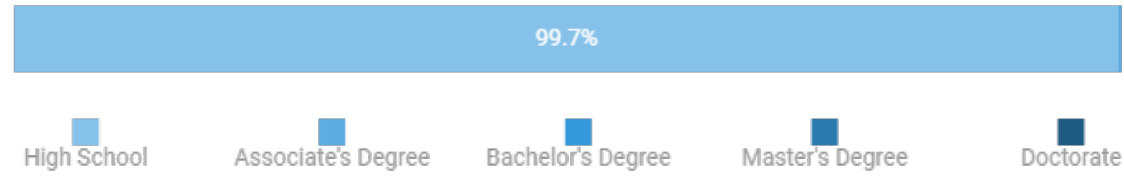


Job Qualifications

Years of Experience



Education Level



Certification

Frequency Requested

	Occasionally	Sometimes	Often
First Aid Cpr Aed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Basic Life Saving (BLS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Certified Dental Assistant	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Top Skills

Specialized Skills

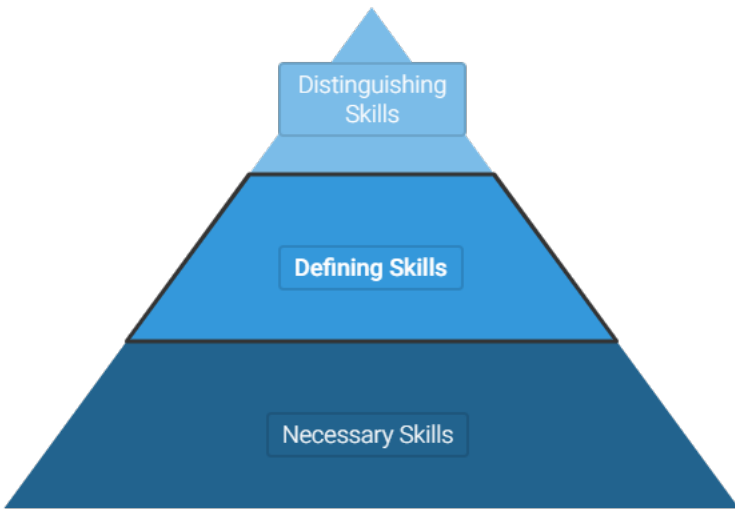
Dentistry
X-Rays
Cleaning
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Occupational Health and Safety
Equipment / Instrument Sterilization
Radiology

Baseline Skills

Communication Skills
Teamwork / Collaboration
Time Management
Physical Abilities
Writing
Self-Starter
Prioritizing Tasks

Skills Explorer

Occupational Skills for Dental Assistants



An occupation's Defining skills represent the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of the job. An employee needs these skills to qualify for and perform successfully in this occupation.

Skill	Skill Type	Occupational Skills Category	Salary Premium	Job Postings Requesting Last 12 months	Projected Growth 2 Years	Location Quotient
Dentistry	Specialized	Defining		1,113	+0.7%	3.5
X-Rays	Specialized	Defining		1,090	-2.1%	2.8
Communication Skills	Baseline	NA		994	-4.4%	5.6
Cleaning	Specialized	NA		950	0%	6.9
Teamwork / Collaboration	Baseline	NA		947	+0.2%	7.8
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	Specialized	Defining		937	+7.7%	6.3
Occupational Health and Safety	Specialized	Necessary		931	-8.6%	9.3
Equipment / Instrument Sterilization	Specialized	NA		923	-9.3%	16.4
Time Management	Baseline	NA		914	0%	22.9
Physical Abilities	Baseline	NA		914	+27.6%	24.4
Radiology	Specialized	Necessary		902	+8.3%	8.7
Writing	Baseline	NA		901	0%	23
Self-Starter	Baseline	NA		900	0%	22.1
Prioritizing Tasks	Baseline	NA		899	0%	33
Oral Communication	Baseline	NA		886	0%	33.5
Dental Procedures	Specialized	Defining		876	+12.3%	8.5
Dental Assistance	Specialized	Distinguishing		863	-32.4%	16.5
Postoperative Care	Specialized	NA		862	0%	16.7
Medical Emergencies	Specialized	NA		838	0%	25.3
Treatment Planning	Specialized	Necessary		531	+3.6%	9.1
Oral Hygiene	Specialized	Defining		120	+7.9%	1.3
Patient/Family Education and Instruction	Specialized	Necessary		109	+6.7%	1.3

Front Office	Specialized	Necessary		104	0%	1.4
Infection Control	Specialized	Necessary		93	-2.8%	1.1
Orthodontics	Specialized	Defining		91	0%	1.3
Patient Flow	Specialized	NA		76	0%	2.7
Dental Hygiene	Specialized	Distinguishing		67	+5.6%	2.8
Oral Surgery	Specialized	Defining		58	+1.2%	1.1
Appointment Setting	Specialized	Necessary		57	+3.1%	0.8
Organizational Skills	Baseline	NA		53	+0.3%	0.5
Detail-Oriented	Baseline	NA		49	+2.6%	0.6
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Specialized	NA		47	0%	0.5
Patient Care	Specialized	Defining		46	-21.6%	0.4
Nitrous Oxide	Specialized	NA		46	0%	2.6
Scheduling	Specialized	Necessary		43	+7.3%	0.6
Manual Dexterity	Specialized	NA		42	0%	3.1
Multi-Tasking	Baseline	NA		38	-39.7%	0.7
Dental Instruments	Specialized	Defining		38	+4.4%	0.8
Energetic	Baseline	NA		36	0%	0.7
Computer Literacy	Baseline	NA		34	-18.6%	0.5
Oral Health Maintenance	Specialized	Distinguishing		33	-57%	1.3
Dentrix	Software and Programming	Distinguishing		33	0%	0.7
Customer Service	Specialized	Necessary		32	+6.5%	0.5
Orthodontic Assistant	Specialized	Defining		27	0%	0.5
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)	Specialized	NA		26	0%	0.7
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Dentures	Specialized	Distinguishing		20	0%	1.5
Surgery	Specialized	NA		19	0%	0.7
Patient Preparation	Specialized	Necessary		18	+15.9%	0.3

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Top Requested Skills for Dental Assistants

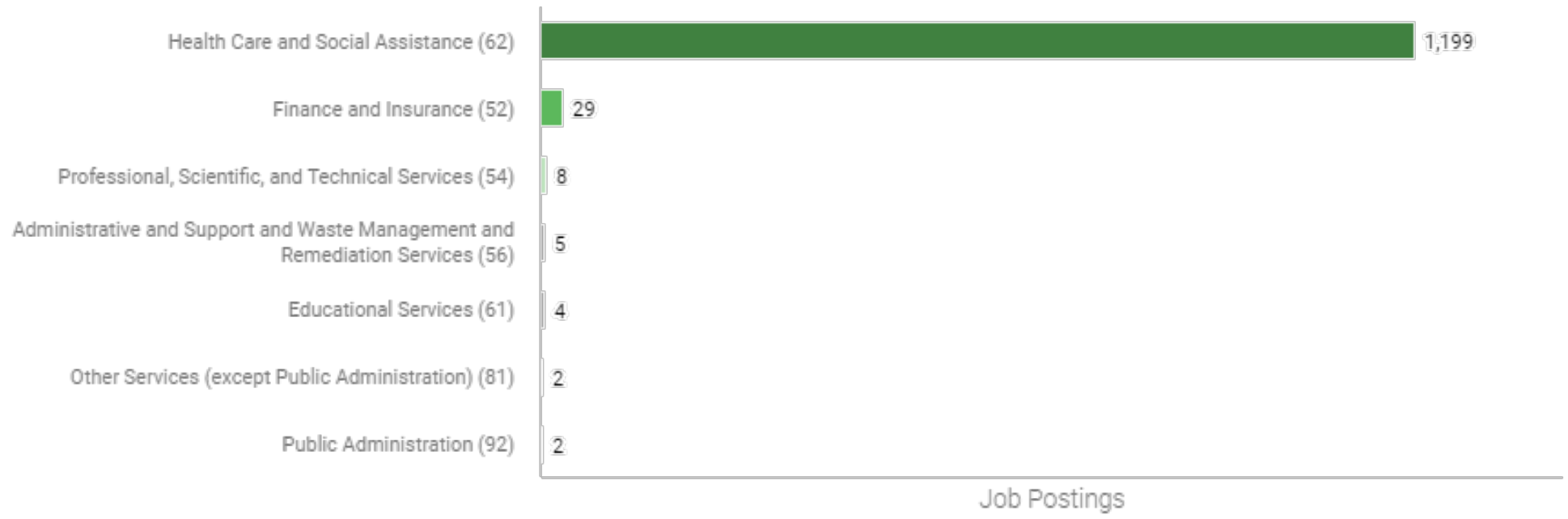
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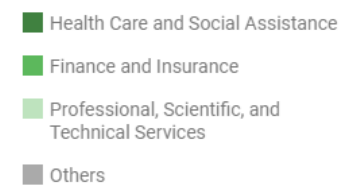
Employers & Industries

Top Industries

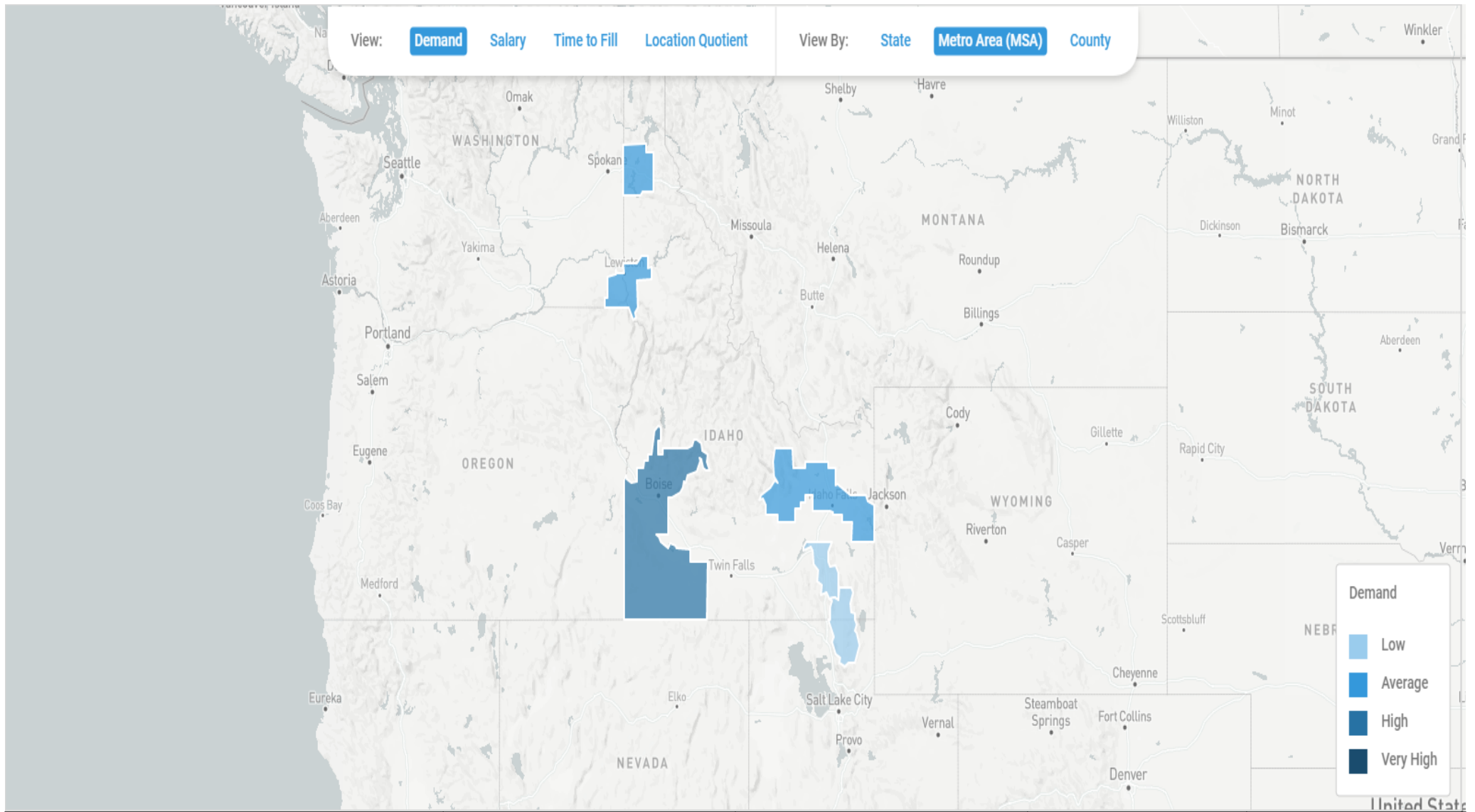
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Top Employers



Top Locations



State	Job Postings Last 12 months	Median Salary	Time to Fill Days	Location Quotient
Boise City, ID	305	\$27k	34	0.9 ▾
Coeur d'Alene, ID	143	\$29k	28	3.1 ▴
Idaho Falls, ID	54	\$30k	37	1.5 ▴
Lewiston, ID-WA	27	\$30k	39	3.0 ▴
Logan, UT-ID	18	\$26k	N/A	12.4 ▴
Pocatello, ID	13	\$27k	29	0.7 ▾

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Dental Assistants at a Glance

Salary



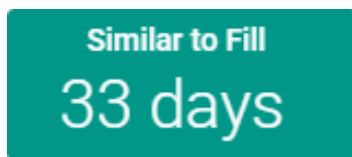
Job Postings Last 12 Months



Projected Growth 10 Years



Time To Fill



Location Quotient

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