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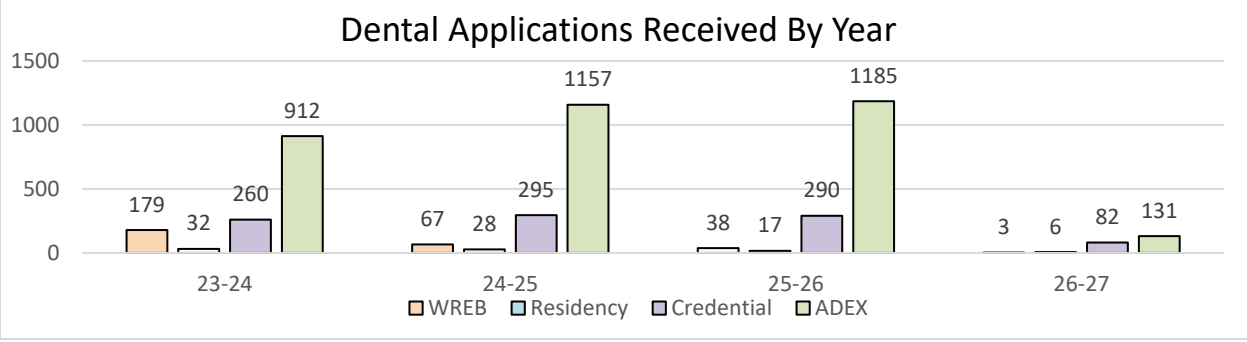
MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 6, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Board of California
FROM	Jodi Ortiz, Chief of Licensing and Examination Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	**Agenda Item 9.a.:** Update on Dental Licensure and Permit Statistics

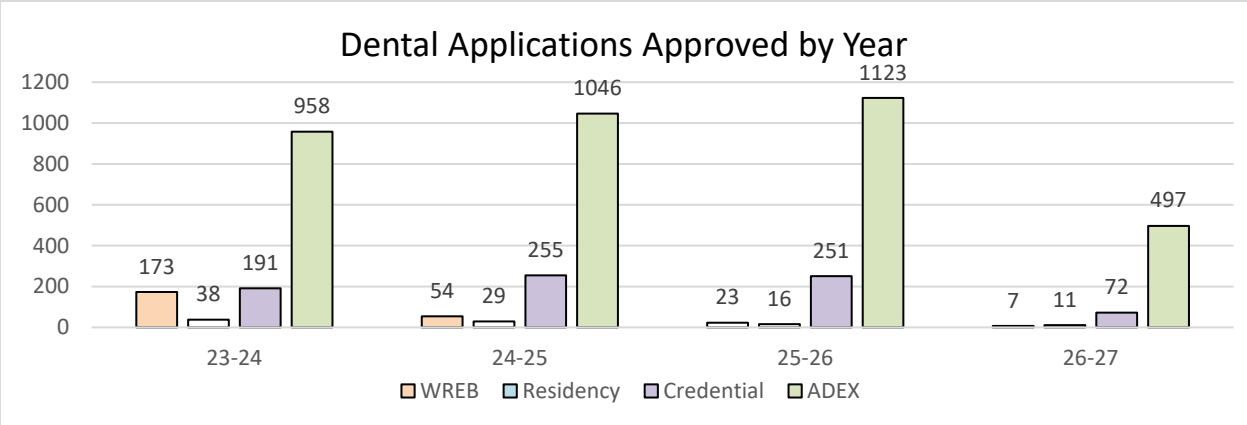
Year Over Year Dental License Application Statistics

The following are monthly dental license application statistics by pathway for fiscal year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 as of September 30, 2026.

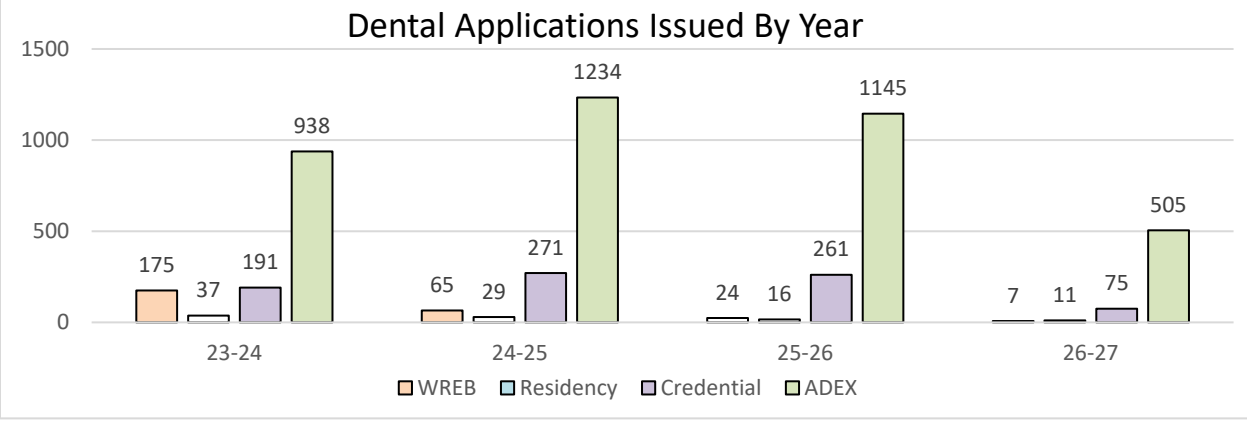
Dental Applications Received by Year					
	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	**Yearly Totals**
WREB	179	67	38	3	**287**
Residency	32	28	17	6	**83**
Credential	260	295	290	82	**927**
ADEX	912	1,157	1,185	131	**3,385**
Total	**1,383**	**1,547**	**1,530**	**222**	**4,460**



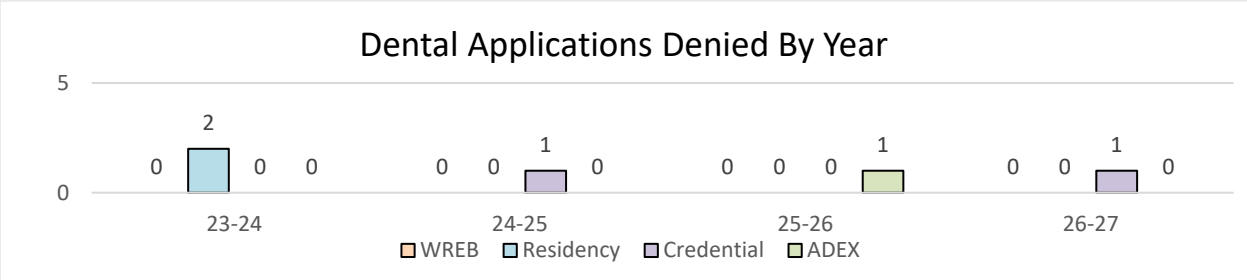
Dental Applications Approved by Year					
	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	**Yearly Totals**
WREB	173	54	23	7	**257**
Residency	38	29	16	11	**94**
Credential	191	255	251	72	**769**
ADEX	958	1,046	1,123	497	**3,624**
Total	**1,360**	**1,384**	**1,413**	**587**	**4,744**



Dental Licenses Issued by Year					
	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	**Yearly Totals**
WREB	175	65	24	7	**271**
Residency	37	29	16	11	**93**
Credential	191	271	261	75	**798**
ADEX	938	1,234	1,145	505	**3,822**
Total	**1,341**	**1,599**	**1,446**	**598**	**4,984**



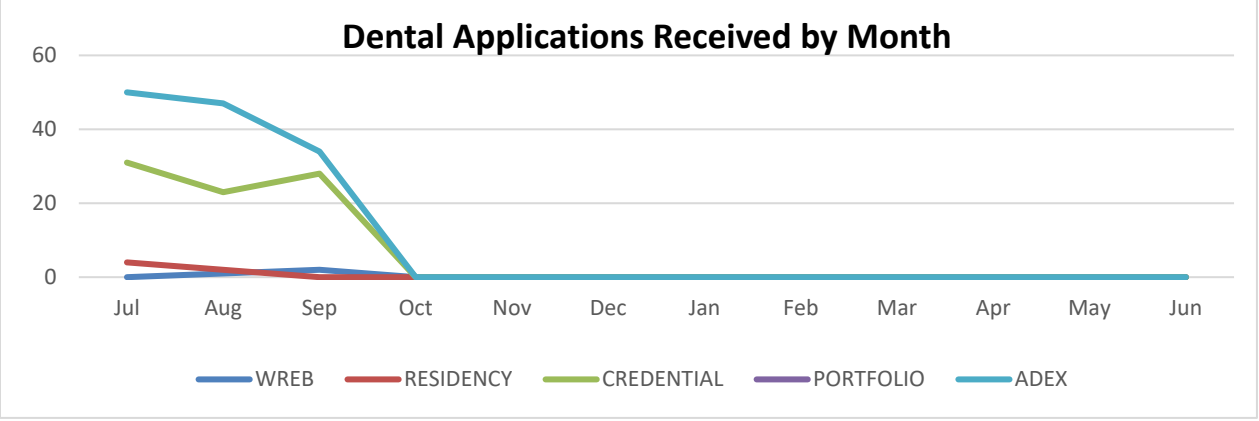
Dental Applications Denied by Year					
	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	**Yearly Totals**
WREB	0	0	0	0	**0**
Residency	2	0	0	0	**2**
Credential	0	1	0	1	**2**
ADEX	0	0	1	0	**1**
Total	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**5**



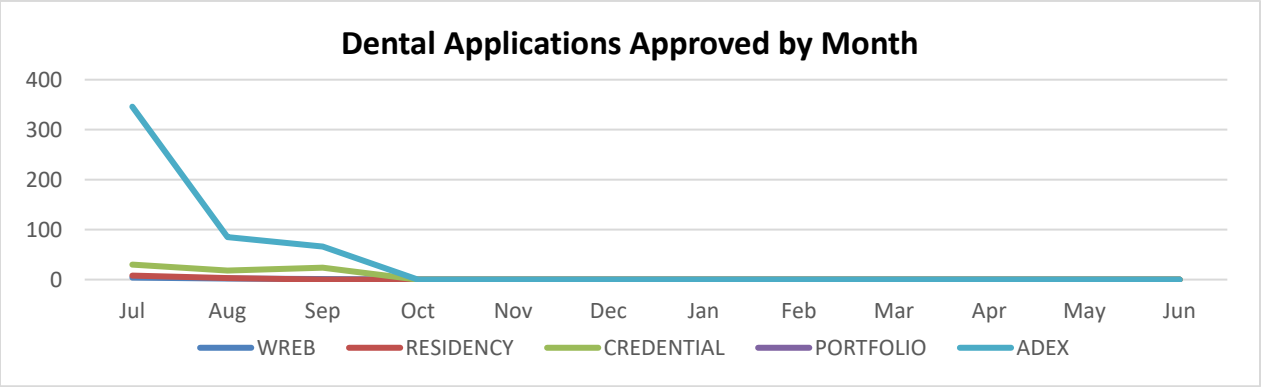
Monthly Dental License Application Statistic Graphs

The following graphs represent monthly dental license application statistics by pathway for fiscal year 2026-27 as of September 30, 2026.

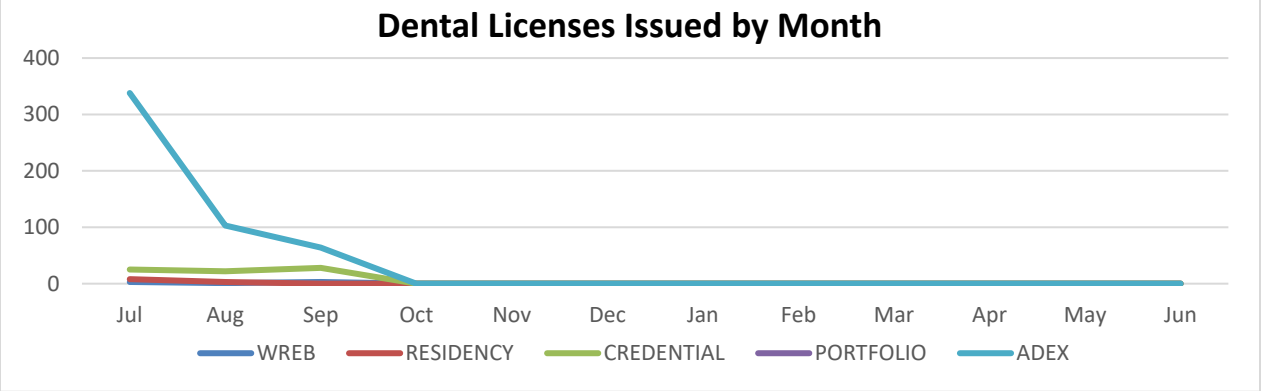
Dental Applications Received by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Yearly Totals
WREB	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Residency	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Credential	31	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
ADEX	50	47	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
Total	**85**	**73**	**64**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**222**



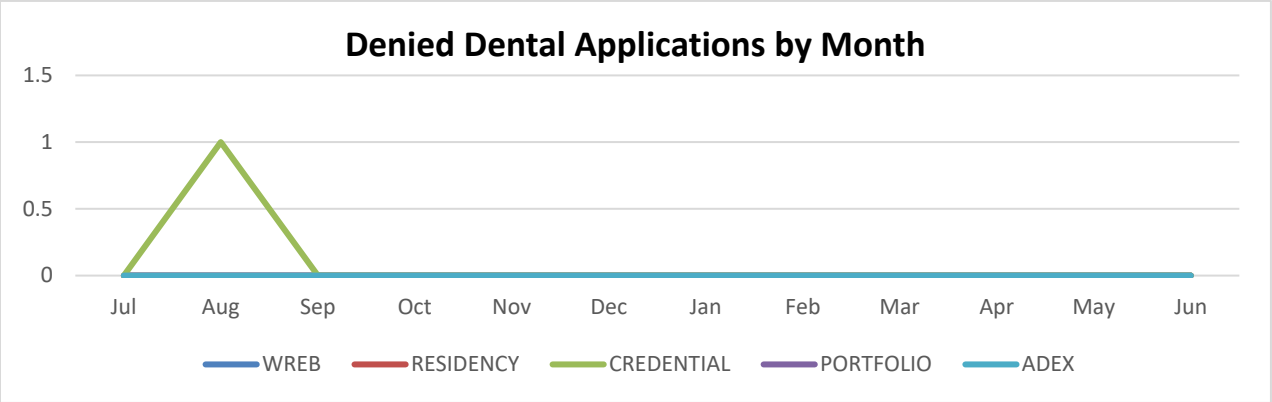
Dental Applications Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Yearly Totals
WREB	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Residency	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Credential	30	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
ADEX	346	85	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	497
Total	**388**	**108**	**91**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**587**



Dental Licenses Issued by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Yearly Totals
WREB	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Residency	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Credential	25	22	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
ADEX	338	103	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	505
Total	**374**	**129**	**95**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**598**



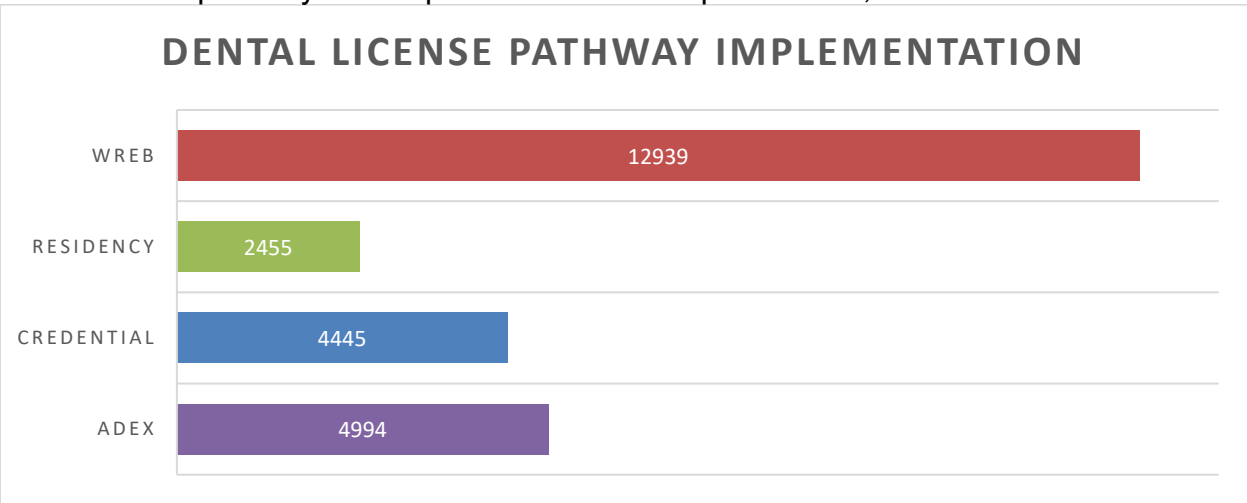
Denied Dental Applications by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Yearly Totals
WREB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Credential	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ADEX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**



Application Definitions	
Received	Application submitted in physical form or digitally through Breeze system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with all required documentation.
License Issued	Application processed with required documentation and paid prorated fee for initial license.
Denied	The Board denies an application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline; in accordance with the Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, Denial of Licenses.

Dental License Pathway Implementation Statistics

The following table provides statistics on dentist licenses issued by pathway to licensure from date the pathway was implemented as of September 30, 2026.



Total licenses issued 24,833.

Dental Law and Ethics Written Examination Statistics

The following table provides statistics on dental Law and Ethics written examination statistics by fiscal year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 as of September 30, 2026.

License Type	Dentist License				
Exam Title	Dental Law and Ethics Examination				
Licensure Pathway		WREB	LBR	ADEX	*Pathway not chosen
2023/24	# of 1st Time Candidates	103	31	952	211
	Pass %	87.38%	90.32%	88.87%	79.15%
2024/25	# of 1st Time Candidates	46	20	1125	247
	Pass %	93.48%	100.00%	94.46%	93.12%
2025/26	# of 1st Time Candidates	21	12	1147	271
	Pass %	95.24%	100.00%	91.98%	88.56%
2026/27	# of 1st Time Candidates	2	1	130	82
	Pass %	100.00%	100.00%	91.54%	84.15%
Date of Last Occupational Analysis: 2024					
Name of Developer: Office of Professional Examination Services					
Target Occupational Analysis Date: 2029					

Pathway not chosen denotes applicants who have tested, but not yet chosen a pathway to licensure

Dental License and Permits Statistics

The following table provides statistics on dental license and permit status statistics by fiscal year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 as of September 30, 2026.

License Type	License Status	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27
Dental License	Active	35,078	35,584	35,840	36,182
	Inactive	1,661	1,582	1,576	1,555
	Reduced Renewal Fee	1,132	943	918	898
	Disabled	94	91	79	79
	Delinquent	6,069	6,199	6,276	6,252
	Cancelled	21,735	22,826	23,823	24,110
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Additional Office Permit	Active	2,522	2,676	3,052	3,123
	Delinquent	1,285	1,291	1,266	1,238
	Cancelled	7,979	8,239	8,584	8,669
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Continuing Education Registered Provider Permit	Active	724	764	742	741
	Delinquent	625	530	527	525
	Cancelled	2,782	2,923	3,021	3,047
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery Permit	Active	27	29	26	25
	Delinquent	6	7	9	9
	Cancelled	5	6	6	7
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Extramural Facility Registration	Active	67	89	112	115
	Delinquent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Fictitious Name Permit	Active	6,877	7,317	7,946	8,086
	Delinquent	2,731	2,737	2,704	2,685
	Cancelled	8,875	9,334	9,846	10,029
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
General Anesthesia Permit	Active	941	958	968	985
	Delinquent	49	40	32	34
	Cancelled	1,131	1,179	1,222	1,230
	PE Under 7	-	123	130	134
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Mobile Dental Clinic Permit	Active	50	63	79	83
	Delinquent	40	40	46	47
	Cancelled	96	100	107	109
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Medical General Anesthesia Permit	Active	150	154	161	166
	Delinquent	39	37	36	36

	Cancelled	267	291	306	311
	PE Under 7	-	94	105	109
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Moderate Sedation Permit	Active	445	617	653	663
	Delinquent	4	5	23	24
	Cancelled	10	42	66	74
	PE Under 13	-	52	54	53
	PE Under 7	-	51	54	54
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Oral Conscious Sedation Adults Certificate	Active	1,460	1,206	1,186	1,175
	Delinquent	412	439	462	464
	Cancelled	2,562	2,891	2,945	2,971
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Permit	Active	96	96	98	99
	Delinquent	10	12	10	9
	Cancelled	27	27	31	33
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Pediatric Minimal Sedation Permit	Active	309	397	415	417
	Delinquent	3	21	47	56
	Cancelled	0	1	2	3
License Type	**License Status**	**FY 23/24**	**FY 24/25**	**FY 25/26**	**FY 26/27**
Special Permit	Active	38	39	43	40
	Delinquent	8	8	14	15
	Cancelled	207	215	216	220

Status Definitions	
Active	Current and can practice without restrictions *(BPC §1625)*
Inactive	Current but cannot practice, continuing education not required (*CCR §1017.2)*
Reduced Renewal Fee	Current, has practiced over 20 years, eligible for Social Security and can practicewith restrictions *(BPC §1716.1a)*
Disabled	Current with disability but cannot practice *(BPC §1716.1b)*
Delinquent	License or Permit renewal is not completed by expiration date *(BPC §163.5)*
Cancelled	A license that is not renewed within five years after its expiration date shall be cancelled *(BPC §1718.3)*

The following table provides statistics on population, current and active dental licenses by County, and population (Pop.) per dental license by County for fiscal years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 as of September 30, 2026. These statistics represent the licensee's address of record and not necessarily the licensee's workplace address.

County	DDS per County in 2024/25	Pop. in 2024/25	Pop. per DDS in 2024/25	DDS per County in 2025/26	Pop. in 2025/26	Pop. per DDS in 2025/26	DDS per County in 2026/27	Pop. In 2026/27	Pop. per DDS in 2026/27
Alameda	1,486	1,641,869	1,111	1,472	1,662,482	1,129	1,491	1,666,136	1,117
Alpine	0	1,179	0	0	1,177	0	0	1,183	0
Amador	21	39,611	1,918	22	39,563	1,798	22	39,618	1,800
Butte	123	205,928	1,639	110	207,525	1,886	116	208,941	1,801
Calaveras	23	44,842	1,958	15	44,722	2,981	16	44,678	2,792
Colusa	4	21,743	5,451	4	22,026	5,506	4	22,003	5,500
Contra Costa	1,092	1,146,626	1,059	1,110	1,158,225	1,043	1,124	1,163,891	1,035
Del Norte	12	26,345	2,268	11	26,544	2,413	11	26,339	2,394
El Dorado	151	188,583	1,261	144	190,770	1,324	145	189,852	1,309
Fresno	625	1,017,431	1,618	645	1,037,053	1,607	658	1,041,676	1,583
Glenn	7	28,736	4,107	7	29,369	4,195	6	29,031	4,838
Humboldt	66	133,100	2,048	69	133,817	1,939	68	133,026	1,956
Imperial	40	182,881	4,483	35	186,499	5,328	35	185,961	5,313
Inyo	6	18,856	3,163	6	18,800	3,133	7	18,780	2,682
Kern	343	910,300	2,652	362	923,961	2,552	367	927,328	2,526
Kings	59	152,627	2,576	59	154,015	2,610	52	153,754	2,956
Lake	36	67,001	1,872	44	67,254	1,528	24	66,793	2,783
Lassen	21	28,197	1,441	19	28,716	1,511	20	27,318	1,365
Los Angeles	8,448	9,824,091	1,167	8,481	9,876,811	1,164	8,508	9,837,286	1,156
Madera	46	159,328	3,421	57	162,599	2,852	53	166,407	3,139
Marin	279	252,844	921	259	254,550	982	261	250,823	961
Mariposa	7	16,966	2,435	7	16,917	2,416	7	16,846	2,406
Mendocino	47	89,476	1,914	45	89,827	1,996	43	88,591	2,060

County	DDS per County in 2024/25	Pop. in 2024/25	Pop. per DDS in 2024/25	DDS per County in 2025/26	Pop. in 2025/26	Pop. per DDS in 2025/26	DDS per County in 2026/27	Pop. In 2026/27	Pop. per DDS in 2026/27
Merced	98	287,303	2,901	88	293,080	3,330	93	294,154	3,162
Modoc	4	8,484	2,172	4	8,491	2,122	4	8,467	2,116
Mono	5	12,861	2,675	3	12,684	4,228	3	12,482	4,160
Monterey	242	437,614	1,792	249	438,831	1,762	251	436,755	1,740
Napa	105	135,029	1,296	105	136,124	1,296	106	136,374	1,286
Nevada	70	100,177	1,446	62	100,354	1,618	60	99,983	1,666
Orange	4,165	3,150,835	759	4,242	3,175,427	748	4,267	3,163,696	741
Placer	471	412,844	868	492	421,446	856	501	434,823	867
Plumas	13	18,841	1,457	10	18,885	1,888	10	18,471	1,847
Riverside	1,163	2,442,378	2,094	1,199	2,495,640	2,081	1,224	2,506,824	2,048
Sacramento	1,210	1,578,938	1,302	1,254	1,604,745	1,279	1,278	1,628,349	1,274
San Benito	25	65,853	2,619	26	66,822	2,570	25	68,111	2,724
San Bernardino	1,410	2,181,433	1,551	1,457	2,207,424	1,515	1,458	2,216,685	1,520
San Diego	2,852	3,291,101	1,152	2,895	3,330,139	1,150	2,919	3,344,322	1,145
San Francisco	1,138	843,071	740	1,127	842,027	747	1,132	845,658	747
San Joaquin	388	791,408	2,021	404	805,856	1,994	411	820,125	1,995
San Luis Obispo	210	278,469	1,336	218	279,337	1,281	216	279,242	1,292
San Mateo	830	741,565	897	844	748,337	886	844	748,182	886
Santa Barbara	311	443,623	1,431	304	447,132	1,470	300	444,974	1,483
Santa Clara	2,296	1,903,198	825	2,312	1,922,259	831	2,331	1,932,468	829
Santa Cruz	170	262,572	1,503	175	263,710	1,506	175	261,069	1,491
Shasta	106	179,195	1,703	96	180,201	1,877	97	181,934	1,875
Sierra	0	3,171	0	0	3,170	0	0	3,153	0
Siskiyou	22	43,409	1,992	21	43,311	2,062	21	43,153	2,054
Solano	274	446,426	1,632	272	449,839	1,653	271	452,050	1,668
Sonoma	380	478,152	1,269	378	482,848	1,277	377	484,022	1,283
Stanislaus	281	548,744	1,955	274	555,765	2,028	278	557,159	2,004
Sutter	49	100,110	2,023	54	100,257	1,856	54	101,679	1,882
Tehama	28	64,308	2,323	27	64,827	2,401	25	64,764	2,590

Trinity	2	15,915	8,011	1	15,884	7,941	1	15,844	7,941
Tulare	219	478,918	2,169	226	487,209	2,155	228	489,610	2,147
Tuolumne	45	54,407	1,228	38	54,357	1,430	39	54,233	1,390
Ventura	633	823,863	1,316	635	829,005	1,305	642	824,306	1,283
Yolo	125	221,666	1,769	112	225,433	2,012	114	225,904	1,981
Yuba	10	83,721	8,227	10	85,023	8,502	9	87,692	9,743
Out of State/Country**	3,072	N/A	N/A	2,428	N/A	N/A	2,431	2,428	N/A
Total	37,846	39,128,162	N/A	35,025	39,529,101	N/A	39,595,409	39,592,978	N/A

*Population data obtained from Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit as of 7/01/2026.
**Prior numbers updated and placed in correct columns.

*The counties with the highest Population per DDS are:	Yuba County (1:9,743)	*The counties with the lowest Population per DDS are:	Orange County (1:741)
	Trinity County (1:7,941)		San Francisco County (1:747)
	Colusa County (1:5,500)		Santa Clara (1:829)
	Imperial County (1:5,313)		Placer (1:867)
	Glenn County (1:4,838)		San Mateo (1:886)

* Alpine County (0:1,183) & Sierra County (0:3,153)
No reported address of record in county

Action Requested

No action is requested.