**DENTAL HYGIENISTS BY THE NUMBERS**

**THE HYGIENIST**

- **47** average age
- Most hygienists are above age **40** and plan to retire in **10-15 years**
- **45%** of hygienists are parents

**IN THE PRACTICE**

- **1-1.5 weeks** average vacation time
- **87%** of dental hygienists say they’re happy with their profession

**EDUCATION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST**

- **75%** of dental hygienists complete more education than required
- Level of education: 66% associate’s, 30% bachelor’s, 2% master’s

**WORKING WITH INSTRUMENTS**

- **50%** “to learn and frequently seek out opportunities to stay on top of my game”
- **6/10** dental professionals don’t have time or don’t know proper sharpening technique
- **91%** rank working with quality instruments as extremely important

**states with the highest employment level in dental hygiene**

- California, Texas, Florida, New York, Michigan

**CE CERTIFICATES EARNED**

- **19,114** CE certificates earned from Hu-Friedy in 12 months (September 2013 – September 2014)

**TOP 5 MOST LOVED SCALERS**

- H6/H7, 204S, NEVI 4, GRACEY 13/14, GRACEY 11/12

**SOURCES:**


How the best perform.