Diversity of the Dental School Faculty

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ABSTRACT

The Oral Health Workforce Research Center at the Center for Health Workforce Studies in Albany, NY was asked by the US Health Resources and Services Administration to evaluate the dental school faculty workforce. The objective of this study was to evaluate national and regional trends in age, gender, and race/ethnicity of dental school faculty.

RESULTS (cont.)

In 2014-15, the gender mix among dental faculty was similar across regions. Dental schools in the Midwest reported slightly more faculty women (33.7%) than nationally.

DISCUSSION

As with much of the health workforce, dental school faculty are aging. Over the 10-year period examined for this study, the median age of dental faculty progressed from 53 to 56 and the age at the 75th percentile moved from 61 to 65 years over the decade.

The regional differences in the race/ethnicity of dental faculty might reflect the distribution of the larger population in each region. For instance, 2 historically black colleges and universities are located in the South which would likely affect the proportion of Black/African American faculty in that region.

REFERENCES
