

# ***OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY***



**Stephen Prisby, OBD Executive Director**

**The Board of Dentistry was created by an Act of the Legislature in 1887. The oldest health licensing board in Oregon.**

***The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote quality oral health care and protect all communities in the State of Oregon by equitably and ethically regulating dental professionals.***

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## **FUNDING**



The activities of the Board are mainly funded from license application, renewal, and permit fees paid by licensees, as well as dental assistants for certifications.

The Board licenses Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists. The Board regulates dental assistants but does not license them.

The OBD's 2023-2025 Budget is approximately \$4.2 million.

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Ten Members serve on the Board:

- Six Dentists
- Two Dental Hygienists
- Two Public Members

There are 8 staff members equivalent to 7.5 FTE.



All board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. A term is four years in length. They can serve two terms.

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## **OBD Strategic Priorities & Goals**



### AGENCY GOALS for 2023 - 2025 include:

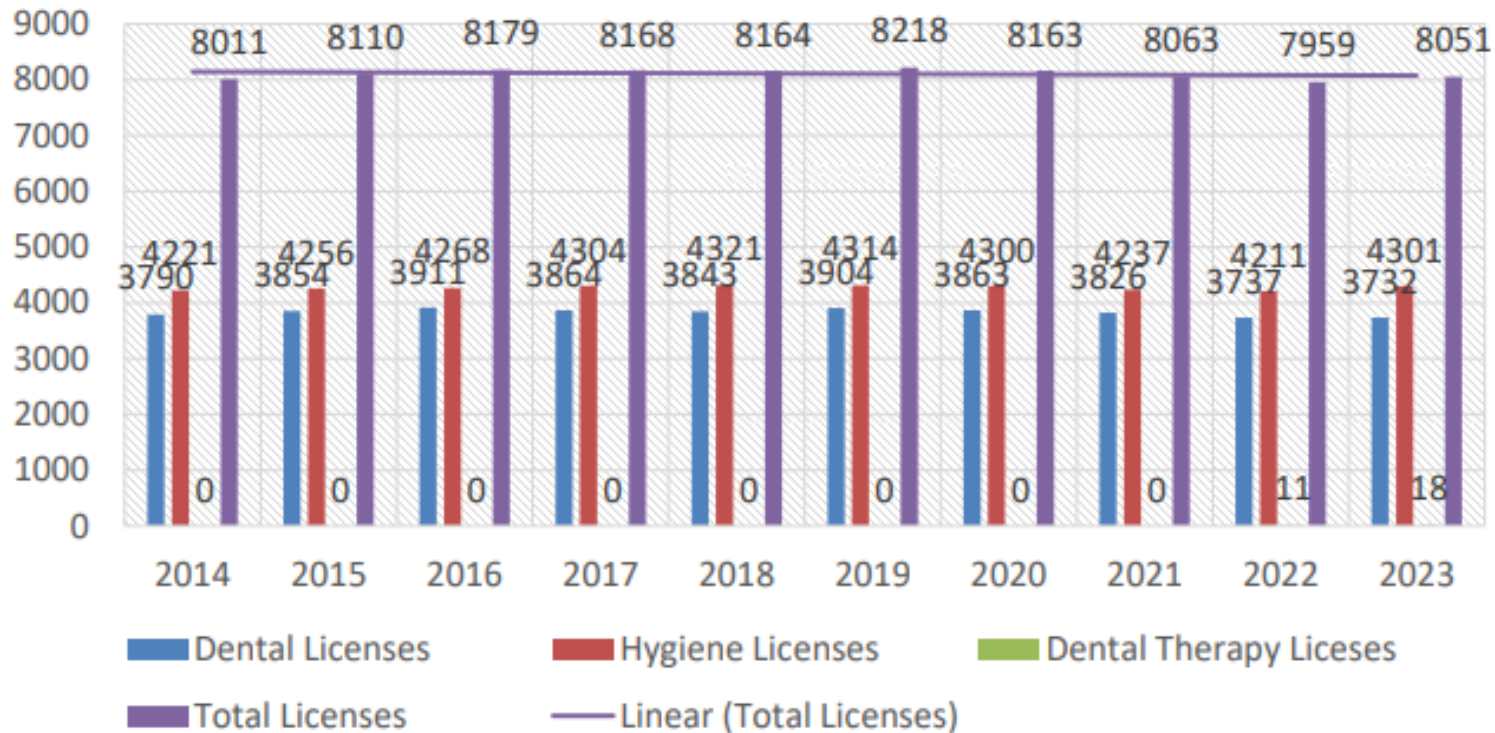
- Implement 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan Initiatives
  - **Licensure Evolution**
    - Develop and implement rules based on legislative changes
    - Successfully implement Dental Therapy Rules
  - **Dental Practice Accountability**
    - Ensure Licensee dictates clinical care provided to patients
    - Assert OBD jurisdiction over dental practices regardless of ownership model
  - **Community Interaction and Equity**
    - Increase ease of access to OBD services and information
    - Ensure equity exists in investigation outcomes
  - **Workplace Environment**
    - Increase workplace flexibility through hybrid work models
    - Increase workplace satisfaction
  - **Technology & Processes**
    - Improve investigation management and archived files
    - Improve resource efficiencies
- Advance the Governor's priorities for state agencies
  - Increased accountability and prioritize customer service
  - Improving access to the OBD's services and information
  - Removing barriers that prevent people from getting assistance

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As of August 1, 2024, Oregon had 3765 dentists, 4288 dental hygienists and 22 dental therapists. (8075 total Licensees)

## Licenses per year 2014 - 2023

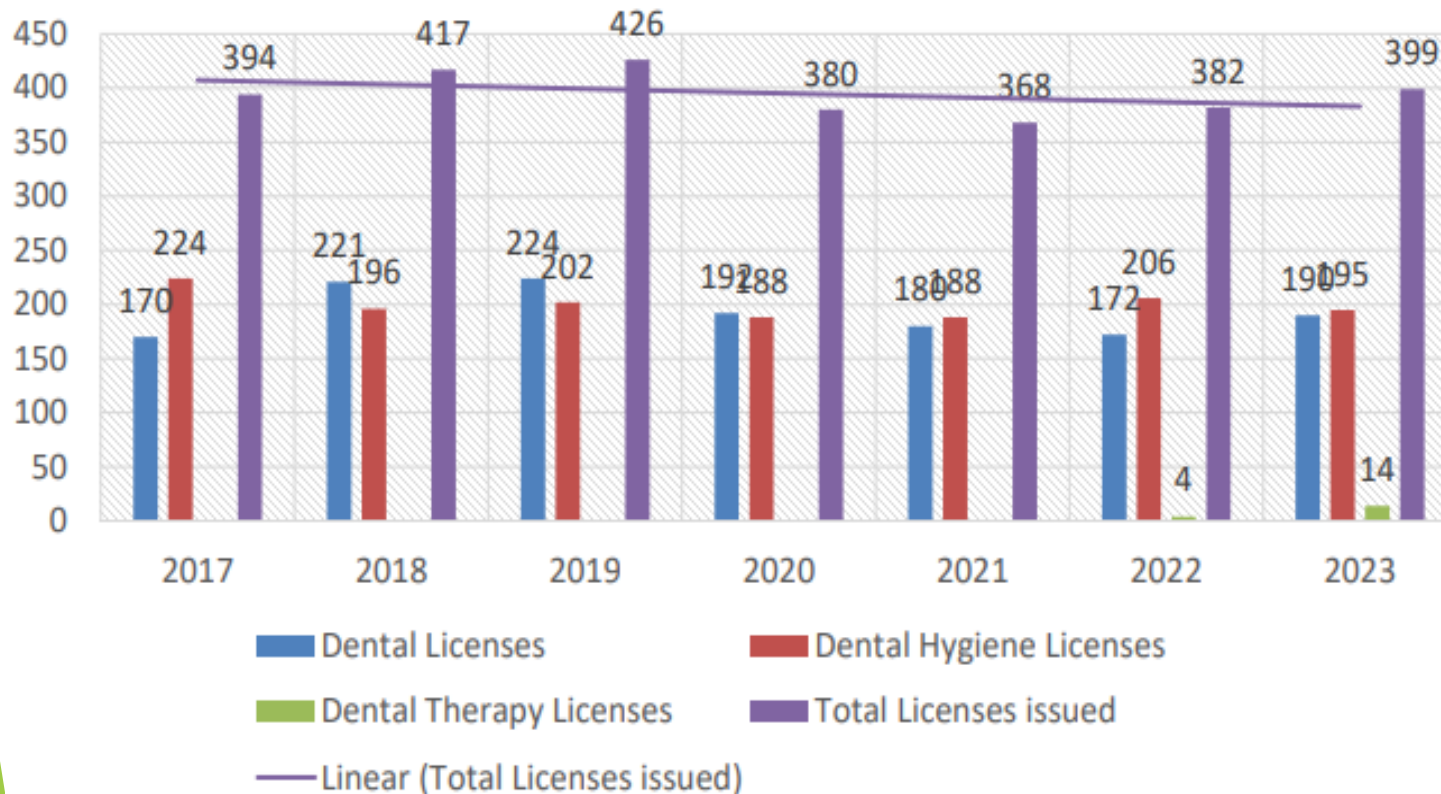


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The Board issues about 400 new licenses per calendar year.

## Licenses Issued Per Calendar Year 2017 - 2023



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## **Licensing Basics**

8075 Licensees - Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists

The license application process is online - Instructions are provided online and there is a licensing database, where applicants upload all their documents and track the application process. OBD offers customer service options in person, by phone and email.

## **Licensing Application/Renewal Process**

Online via the licensing database

Frequency of required renewal? Biennial, so renew every 2 years

Average processing time? Just under 7 Days for new apps, unless criminal background, licensed in other states or other issues.

Renewals are automatic

How many current applicants in licensing queue?

31 applicants



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## **Licensing Application/Renewal Process**

Penalties for late renewal? YES, per OAR 818-021-0085, fees vary depending on time frame: \$50 late fee up to \$750

Biggest obstacles/challenges to timely application/renewal processing?  
Staffing, holidays, technology, user error.

Anything the Legislature can assist with?

Appreciate being asked, and ideally health boards would be part of conversation early if any proposed legislation would change or update the Dental Practice Act.



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**Fees** - There are two types of application fees: By Examination is most commonly used pathway for licensees passing clinical exams within the past five years. License Without Further Examination (LWOFE) is for licensees applying by past credentialing, experience and continuing education. LWOFE fees are higher due to the increased workload by staff to review.

Fees	Rate
Application Fees:	
Dentists	\$445
Dental Hygienists	\$210
Dental Therapists	\$210
LWOFE - Dentists, Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapists	\$820
2-Year License renewal fee:	
Dental	\$440
Dental Hygiene	\$255
Dental Therapists	\$255
Anesthesia Permits:	
Nitrous Oxide	\$40
Minimal Sedation	\$75
Moderate Sedation	\$75
Deep Sedation	\$75
General Anesthesia	\$140

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## **Temporary Licenses**

Temporary Volunteer Practice Approval Authorization for volunteer allowed per statute (HB 4096)2022 and rule. These are issued for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year without compensation. So far in 2024, we have issued 10 Temporary Authorizations.

## **Out-of-State Licensees**

Licensing process - same for all applicants no matter where they live.

Interstate Compacts - CSG Dental/Dental Hygiene License Compact Commission had their inaugural meeting on Aug 28th with 9 states participating.

A lot of bureaucracy and steps before a license privilege would be issued (maybe in 2026). I provided the Board a 7-page document with my review of the concerns and issues in joining a license compact. That was submitted with this presentation and should be available on OLIS.

## **License Suspension**

Average # of suspensions per year? One to two per year.

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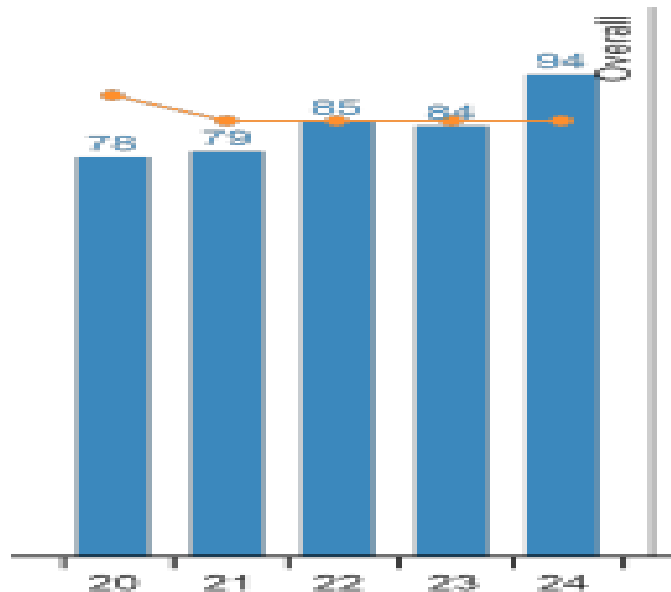


## Time to License

Average time to License applicant is under 7 days once all required documentation is in their license portal.

## Customer Service Survey Results for FY 2024

94% of Surveys received rated overall service as “Good” or “Excellent” in Fiscal Year 2024



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The OBD is always a resource for the Legislature on anything related to Dental Practice Act statutes, rules or proposed changes when requested of it.

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