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DES HYGIÉNISTES DENTAIRES



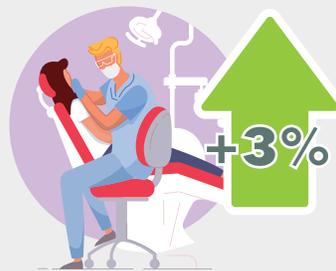
# PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF ORAL HEALTH CARE IN CANADA

Highlights from a 2026 survey conducted by  
Abacus Data for the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association.



**92%**

indicate that the Canadian  
Dental Care Plan has improved  
access to dental care



**82%**

see dental hygienists as  
essential or important to the  
health care system



**80%**

believe federal funding  
should prioritize preventive  
dental care



**35%**

of those with dental coverage  
still avoid accessing care due  
to affordability



**96%**

hold a positive impression of  
dental hygienists as trusted  
health care professionals



**81%**

are likely to access services  
directly from independently  
practising dental hygienists

For complete results visit [cdha.ca/oralhealthperceptions](https://cdha.ca/oralhealthperceptions)