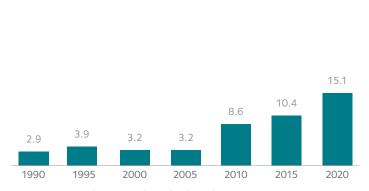
Trends in Dental Public Health Education Programs in the U.S.

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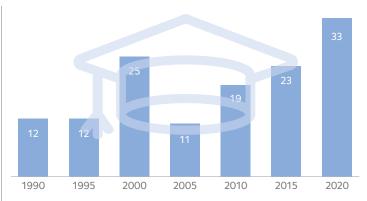
THE NUMBER OF CODA-ACCREDITED DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH) EDUCATION PROGRAMS in the U.S. has fluctuated since 1971, when data were first available. Starting with 6 programs in 1971, there were as many as 22 DPH programs by 1995. This number fell to 10 by 2010 and stood at 14 in 2020.



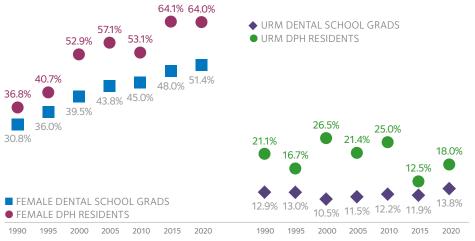


THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PER DPH

PROGRAM remained relatively steady, with between 2.9 to 3.9 applications per program, from 1990 to 2005. Since then, the ratio has increased five-fold, and reached 15.1 in 2020.

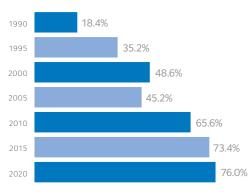


GRADUATES OF DPH PROGRAMS have followed a wave-like pattern since 1990. Starting at 12, the number of graduates doubled to 25 in 2000, fell to 11 in 2005, then tripled to 33 by 2020.



FEMALE AND UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITY (URM)* DPH students/residents have moved in different trajectories since 1990, as total enrollment has ranged between 32 and 64 students/residents per year. Female enrollment increased from 36.8% to 64.0%. URM students/residents, meanwhile, have made up between one-eighth and one-quarter of DPH enrollment.





THE PERCENTAGE OF DPH STUDENTS/RESIDENTS who are graduates of international dental schools increased fourfold overall, from 18.4% in 1990 to 76.0% in 2020.



Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, Survey of Advanced Dental Education (various years).