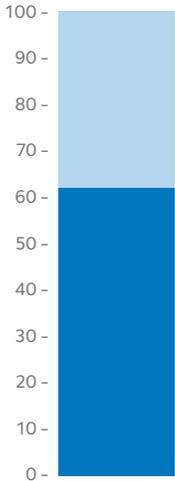


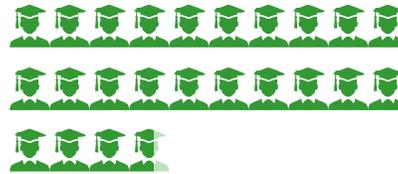
# International Students in U.S. Dental Schools



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN U.S. DENTAL SCHOOLS**  
 In 2020-21, 70% of U.S. dental schools (46 of 66) offered an advanced standing program for graduates of international dental schools. This percentage is higher than 1985-86, when 36 out of 60 schools (60%) offered this type of program.

**655 INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE ADMITTED WITH ADVANCED STANDING IN 2020-21.** More than three of every five students were admitted in the 3rd year of the program.

**SECOND YEAR**



**THIRD YEAR**



= 10 Graduates



**THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES** admitted to U.S. dental schools has generally increased since 1985. However, a substantial decrease occurred between 2013-14 and 2014-15, due largely to the phase out of an advanced standing program that admitted more than 120 international grads per year. In 2019-20, the number of international grads reached an all-time high.

**92.8%**  
WERE CITIZENS OF THE U.S.

**1.5%**  
WERE CITIZENS OF CANADA

**5.7%**  
WERE CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

**IN 2020-21, NON-RESIDENT ALIENS WERE:**



**4.8%**  
of 68,588 completed applications reviewed and considered for admission



**3.5%**  
of 13,053 applications offered admission



**3.4%**  
of 6,308 1st year students



**6.4%**  
of 6,609 2020 graduates (percentage is higher due to advanced standing programs)

**OF THE 6,308 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS** in U.S. dental schools in 2020-21, 5.7% were citizens of countries other than the US or Canada.

Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, Surveys of Dental Education (2020-21 and earlier years).