The number of CODA-accredited Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (OMR) education programs in the U.S. has doubled since they were first recognized. Starting with 4 programs in 2000, there were 9 programs by 2020.

The number of applications received per OMR program increased by almost a factor of five over the last two decades. Beginning with a ratio of 4.5 in 2002 this number reached 21.3 in 2020.

Graduates of OMR programs have steadily increased since 2000. The number of graduates reached 20 in 2020.

The percentage of OMR students/residents who are graduates of international dental schools steeply declined, from 87.5% in 2005 to 26.0% in 2020.

Female and under-represented minority (URM)* OMR students/residents have moved along different trajectories since 2001 (when data were first available), as total enrollment has ranged between 12 and 50 students/residents per year. Female enrollment increased from 33.3% to 58.0%. URM students/residents, meanwhile, have fallen from 16.7% to 4.0%.

*Includes residents who identify as Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, or American Indian or Alaskan Native.

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