THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED per pediatric dentistry program has increased almost six-fold since 1990, increasing from 21.3 to 117.4 in 2020.

GRADUATES OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PROGRAMS have followed a step-like pattern since 1990. Starting at 142, the number of graduates more than tripled to 477 by 2020.

THE PERCENTAGE OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY STUDENTS/RESIDENTS who are graduates of international dental schools decreased from one-third in 1990 to less than 10% since 2005.

FEMALE AND UNDER-REPRESENTED MINORITY (URM)* pediatric dentistry students/residents as a percentage of total enrollment have moved in different trajectories since 1990. Female enrollment increased from 51.3% to 70.0% in 2020. The percentage of URM students/residents, meanwhile, has nearly been a plateau, falling between 13.4% and 18.0% in the last 30 years.

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

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

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