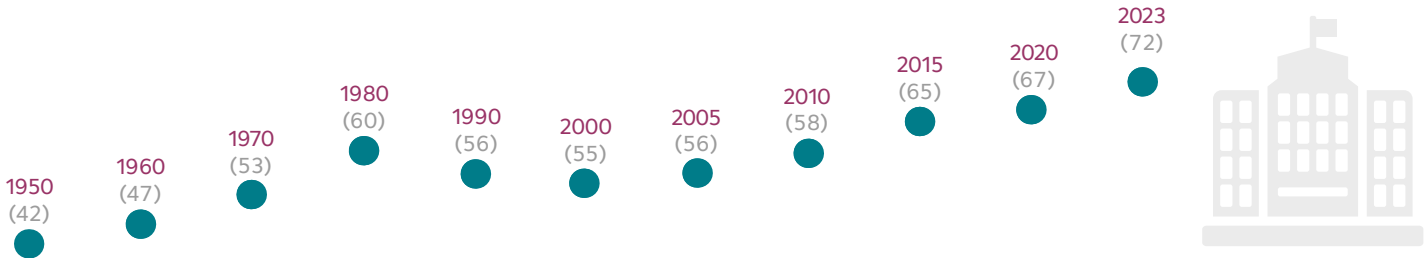


Trends in U.S. Dental Schools

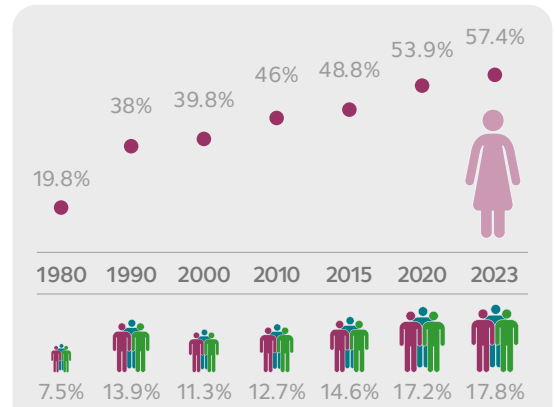
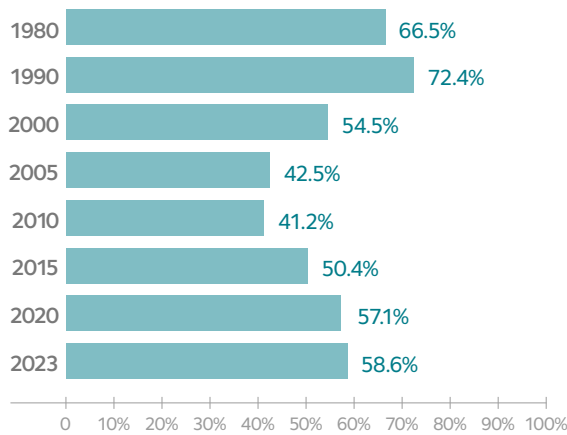


THE NUMBER OF DENTAL SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. steadily increased from the 1950s into the 1980s, reaching a then-peak of 60. A wave of closures occurred in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Between 1997 and 2023, there was a net gain of 18 dental schools (19 opened and one closed), bringing the total to 72. Sixteen of these 19 new schools have opened since 2008, a rate of one new school per year.

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

THE PERCENTAGE OF DENTAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS ACCEPTED followed a wave-like pattern between 1980 and 2023.

Sources: American Dental Education Association, U.S. Dental School Applicants and Enrollees Report, 2023 Entering Class, Table 1. Available here. Accessed October 18, 2024.

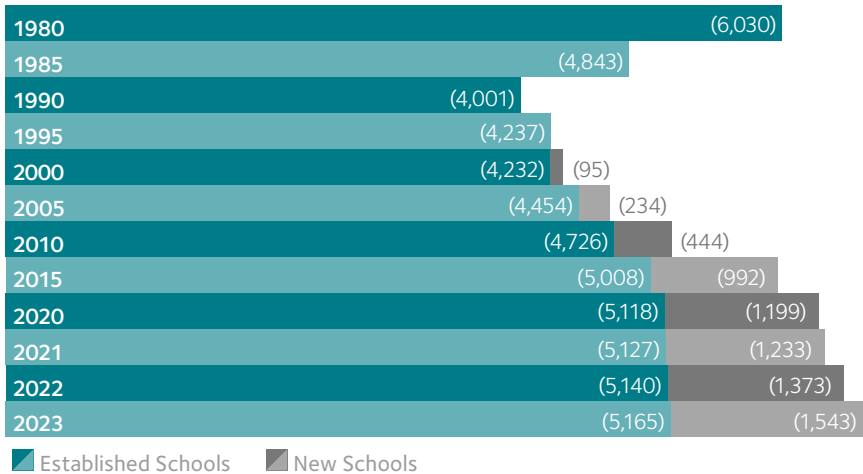


FEMALE AND HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED RACE/ETHNICITY (HURE)* FIRST-YEAR DENTAL STUDENTS

as a percentage of enrollment nearly doubled during the 1980s. Since 1990, the percentage of female students has increased at a much slower pace, while the percentage of HURE students has fluctuated. In 2018 female dental students outnumbered male students for the first time, and continued to increase in each year since.

* Includes students who identify as Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaskan Native, or (beginning in 2010) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

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



FIRST-YEAR ENROLLMENT decreased during the 1980s, after reaching a high at the time of 6,030 in 1980. Since 1990, first-year enrollment has increased nearly every year. Although much of the surge has been driven by the new dental schools that opened since 1997, they did not contribute to the entire gain; first-year enrollment also increased by more than 900 students at the 53 established dental schools since 2000.

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