

YEAR	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL	% WOMEN
1866	1	79	80	1.27
1867-1869	1	320	321	0.31
1870-1872	2	396	398	0.51
1873-1875	4	371	375	1.08
1876-1878	5	556	561	0.90
1879-1881	11	979	990	1.12
1882-1884	21	1211	1232	1.73
1885-1887	23	1449	1472	1.59
1888-1890	44	2409	2453	1.83
1891-1893	69	3003	3072	2.30

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NUMBER OF WOMEN AND MEN DENTISTS GRADUATING FROM U.S. DENTAL SCHOOLS 1866-1893

It took a long time for women to become a consistent presence in dental schools. Although most schools took only one or two women each year, the number of schools accepting women increased significantly. There were a few holdouts. Harvard, the first university-based dental school founded in 1867, did not accept women until 1952. The University of Michigan graduated its first woman in 1880.