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The purpose of this study was to obtain a demographic profile, educational and professional experience profile, and application process profile of firstyear orthodontic residents for three specific reasons: (1) To be used as a reference for dental students or dentists who wish to pursue orthodontic training; (2) To be used as a reference for postgraduate orthodontic programs to evaluate and compare applicants; (3) To determine the direction orthodontics is taking as a specialty. Each of the 261 first-year orthodontic residents, admitted in 1993, at the 52 U.S. postgraduate orthodontic programs was provided with the questionnaire, "Profile of First-year Orthodontic Residents." Overall, 92.3% of the residents completed and returned questionnaires. Furthermore, questionnaires were returned from all 52 programs, and residents at 42 programs returned 100% of the questionnaires. Therefore, from the information collected, the following conclusions may be made: (1) Minorities are under-represented in postgraduate orthodontic programs; (2) The percentage of women has doubled in orthodontic programs in the past 10 years; (3) Non-United States citizens represent a significant proportion of residents; (4) An overwhelming number of residents plan to eventually become board certified; (5) Many residents have incurred significant educational debt; (6) Residents exhibited outstanding academic performance while in dental school; (7) One-half of all residents graduated in 1993; (8) Residents had little experience performing orthodontic procedures before starting their postgraduate training; (9) The application process is a time intensive and expensive endeavor for many residents; and (10) Most residents are accepted in their undergraduate dental school's postgraduate orthodontic program.