Applying to Medical School

2015 AMCAS® Medical School Applications by the Numbers

Applicants to the 144 medical schools that participate in the AMCAS application display a variety of qualifications and motivations that make them suited for a career in medicine. This publication depicts some aggregate information about those who apply to medical school and those who ultimately enroll in medical school.

**Applicants and Enrollees**

- 50,778 Applied
- 20,229 Accepted
- 19,115 Enrolled

1 out of 3 applicants enrolled into medical school in 2015 compared to 2 out of 5 in 2014

**Enrollee Self-Identification**

- White (53.3%)
- Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin (9.2%)
- Asian (21.8%)
- Black or African American (8.5%)
- Unknown Race/Ethnicity (4.6%)
- Other (4.5%)
- Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident (4.0%)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (0.4%)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (0.3%)

**Enrollee Gender**

- Male 51.9%
- Female 48.1%

**Average GPA**

- Applicant: 3.56 GPA
- Enrollee: 3.70 GPA
- Range: 2.12 - 4.0

**Language, Age, and Military**

- A little over one third of enrollees speak a language other than English fluently
- 18 age of youngest enrollee
- 54 age of oldest enrollee
- Just under 2% of applicants and enrollees have reported military service

**Average MCAT**

- Applicant MCAT score: 3 minimum, 28.3 average, 45 maximum
- Enrollee MCAT score: 5 minimum, 31.4 average, 45 maximum

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1 Unless otherwise noted, the data represented in this publication are from the AMCAS Database. This includes application information from applicants to AMCAS-participating medical schools.
2 Source: AMCAS FACTS Table A-3. Includes data from AMCAS member medical schools that do not participate in AMCAS.
3 0.3% decline to answer this question.
4 As reported at submission of AMCAS application.
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Medical schools are interested in applicants with all different types of experience. The data represented here is just a snapshot of characteristics that many entering medical students share.

Enrollee Profile

- Enrollees had an average of 54 courses listed on their AMCAS application.
- Altogether, enrollees have provided 12.1 million community service hours.
- 82.4% have research/laboratory experience.
- 76.5% have experience with physician shadowing or clinical observation.
- 22.5% of enrollees were awarded a Pell Grant.
- 12.7% of enrollees self-identified as disadvantaged.
- 7.5% of enrollees were awarded fee assistance from the AAMC.
- 20 enrollees had DACA status.

AMCAS Operations

- 50,463 verified applications.
- 34,112,988 verified data points.
- 10,572 hours verifying applications.
- 146,779 paper documents handled by AMCAS.

AAMC Services Contact Center

- 105,377 calls were answered by SCC staff.
- SCC staff responded to a total of 39,143 emails.
- 16,804 hours were devoted to assisting applicants, advisors, examiners, and other callers.

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2 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a status determined by the US Customs and Immigration Services. This information is not verified by the AAMC.
3 Source: internal records.