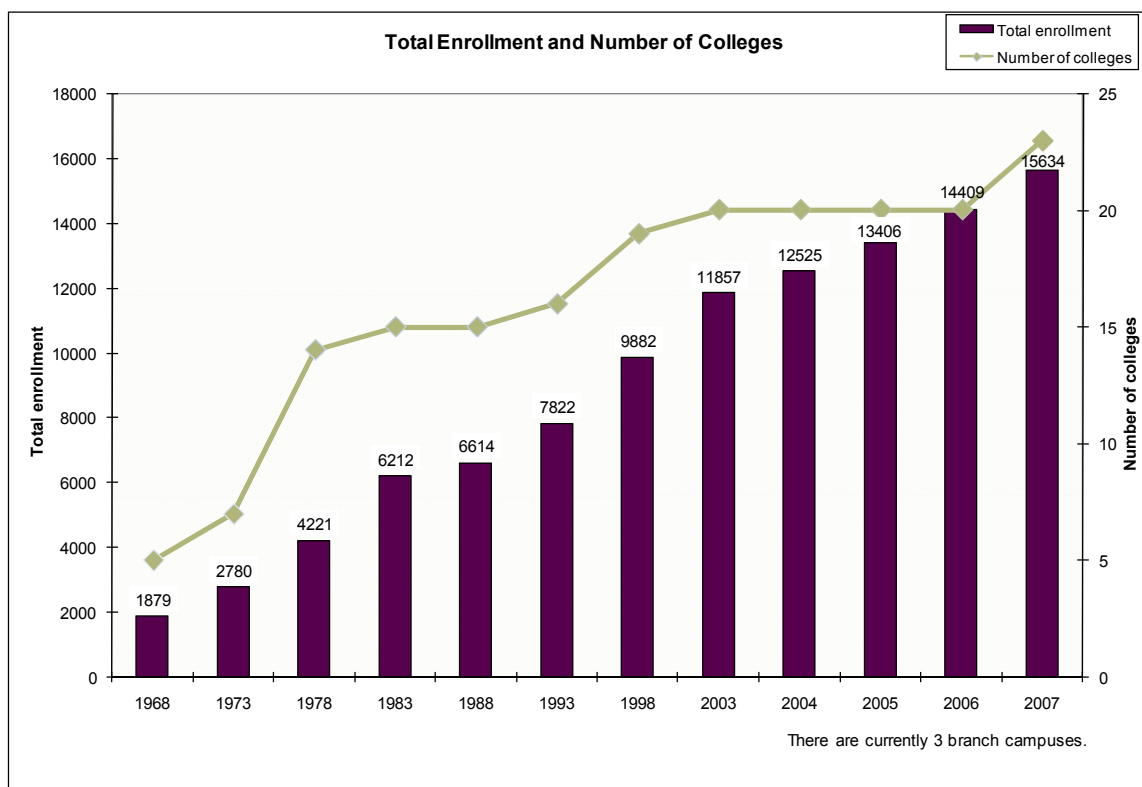


**Fast Facts About Osteopathic Medical Education**

**Enrollment Growth in the Nation's COMs**

Over the last 40 years, total enrollment in the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine has increased more than eightfold, from 1,879 in academic year 1968-69 to 15,634 in academic year 2007-08. Over the same time period, first-year enrollment has increased from 521 to 4,528.<sup>1</sup> The number of osteopathic college graduates increased from 427 in 1969 to 3,000 in 2007, a rate of increase similar to that of enrollment. (With three new colleges accepting their first classes in 2007, there will be a four-year lag before the rate of increase in graduates catches up with the rate of increase in enrollment.)



<sup>1</sup> Historical first-year enrollment reported here is actual enrollment in first-year classes and may include students who are on extended programs or repeating academic years for various reasons. These first-year enrollment figures may also include a variation of up to 8 percent over the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)-approved class sizes, as allowed by accreditation standards. Enrollment projections are based on COCA-approved class sizes and do not include these variations.

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