

Fast Facts About Osteopathic Medical Education

Student Debt Rises

Osteopathic physicians graduating from medical school in 2005 reported average educational debt of \$149,800 per person, an increase of 6 percent over the debt total of \$141,500 reported by 2004 graduating physicians. This debt load includes both medical school and undergraduate education debt. The mean is based on all reporting graduates, including those who reported no education debt.

Graduates attending public medical schools reported mean debt of \$134,000, while private medical school graduates reported debt of \$155,400. Reported debt also varied by race/ethnicity, with Asian-American students reporting the lowest mean debt load—\$127,000—and underrepresented minority racial/ethnic group members reporting the highest mean debt, at \$158,800.

