Report on Osteopathic Medical School GME Placements in 2023 Matches

99.5%

of DO Seniors Participating in the Residency Match were Placed in Residency Positions by the end of the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program in March 2023.

Graduates of the nation's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

(COMs) historically have had multiple opportunities for placement in graduate medical education (GME). Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) graduates participate annually in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) and Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) for ACGME-accredited GME, the military match (for those graduates with military service obligations), the early matches to Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery and other specialties, as well as other placements. Because of these multiple opportunities, the outcomes of GME placement for DO graduates are not known until months after the formal matches.

The residency placement season that culminated in the residency matches for the year 2023 are of particular interest, given it is the a class highly impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The pandemic affected opportunities for all students, but particularly U.S. DO seniors and graduates, through the reduction of travel to away rotations, virtual interviews, and other changes to the Match process that included signaling and secondary applications for certain specialties. These impacts can be particularly difficult for students from lesser-known or newer medical schools, or schools without an affiliation to an academic health center, which include most osteopathic medical students. These changes each added additional uncertainty to those osteopathic medical students matching in this third year of the Single Match, along with graduates of MD-granting U.S. and international medical schools.

AACOM collected data reported by the individual COMs to determine the participation by and placement of 2023 graduates in GME. All COMs participated in data collection. Each college, branch campus, and each additional location reported independently or with their affiliated main campus. This report is based on data provided by the osteopathic medical schools on participation in and outcomes of all match pathways. Data are reported as of the end of the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program in March 2023. Summary Data reported by the COMs show that 99.50% of 2023 graduates seeking GME successfully placed in graduate medical education during this process. The nation's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine graduated 7,767 new physicians who began their residency training in July 2023. This represents new physicians beginning their graduate medical education in July 2023. AACOM recognizes the hard work of osteopathic medical students across the country, as well as their advisors and administrators, to achieve this level of residency placement. AACOM expresses its thanks to staff at the COMs for responding to data requests to compile this report. For questions or additional information, contact Mark Speicher, Senior Vice President for Medical Education and Research, at mspeicher@aacom.org.

Indicator	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Anticipated number of graduates	7,859	7,662	7,406	6,886	6,636	6,350	5,984
Number of graduates seeking GME (match percentages based on those seeking GME)	7,806	7,598	7,355	6,864	6,582	6,303	5,937
Number of participants in the AOA match	\setminus	\setminus	\setminus		1,421	2,287	2,692
Percent of those seeking GME in AOA match					21.59%	36.28%	45.34%
Number of graduates matched in AOA match or post-match	\mathbf{X}	\mathbf{X}		\mathbf{X}	896	1,995	2,525
Percent match/placed in AOA GME				/	13.61%	31.65%	42.53%
Number matched in military match	345	346	263	283	266	272	254
Percent matched in military match	4.42%	4.55%	3.58%	4.12%	4.04%	4.32%	4.28%
Number matched to other GME	39	48	36	44	39	41	47
Percent matched to other GME	0.50%	0.63%	0.49%	0.64%	0.59%	0.65%	0.79%
Number of participants in the NRMP match	7,436	7,303	7,101	6,581	5,499	4,320	3,323
Percent of those seeking GME participating in the NRMP match	95.26%	96.12%	95.19%	95.88%	83.55%	68.54%	55.97%
Number matched in NRMP/SOAP	7,334	7,131	6,907	6,488	5,281	3,878	3,072
Percent NRMP participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	98.63%	97.60%	98.66%	98.59%	96.04%	89.77%	92.45%
Percent of all participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	93.95%	93.85%	93.91%	94.52%	80.23%	61.53%	51.74%
Number matching/placing to any GME position	7,767	7,525	7,304	6,815	6,482	6,186	5,898
Percent of all DO graduates seeking GME placing to position	99.50%	99.10%	98.00%	99.29%	98.48%	98.14%	99.34%

*Some figures include estimates for COMs that did not respond to the survey.

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Combined Match & Placement Outcomes for 2023 Osteopathic Medical School Graduates



Historical GME Placement 2019 - 2023

