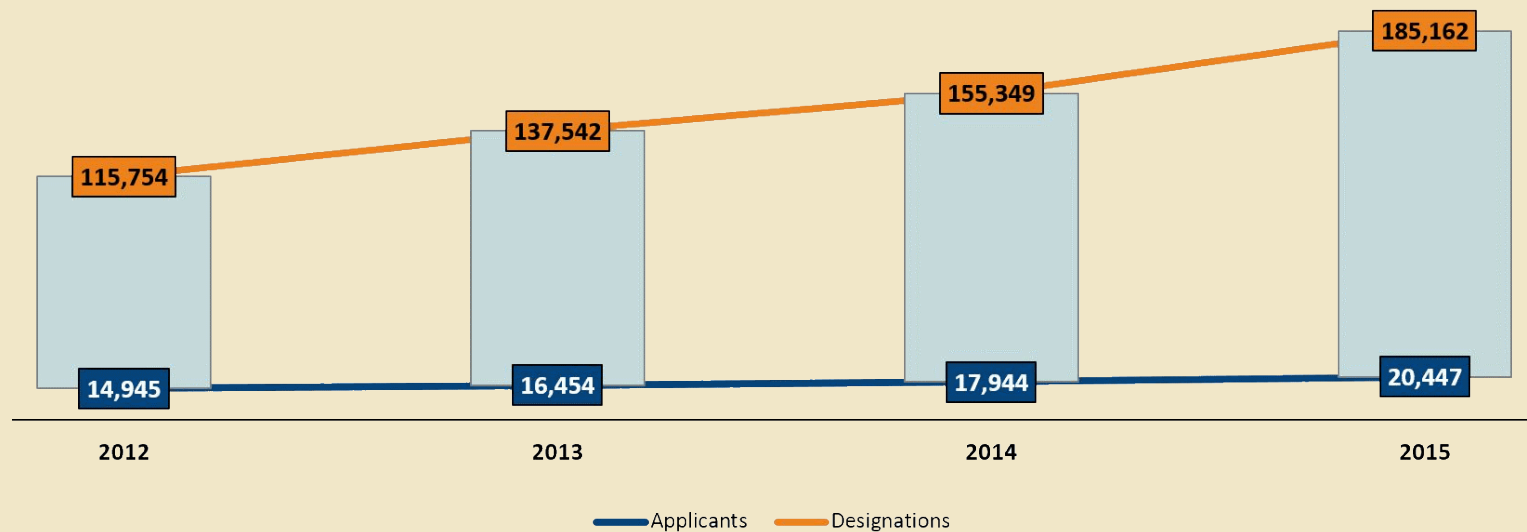


Four Year Applicant Profile

Entering Classes 2012 - 2015



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A four-year review of the AACOMAS applicant profile offers some interesting comparisons of the applicant pool over an extended time-frame. Four years is a convenient time-frame for analysis because that is the typical length of undergraduate medical education.

Following are some key elements to note looking at the applicant pool for the classes entering from 2012 through 2015.

- **Total Applicants** – The number of individual applicants to the AACOMAS colleges has grown from 14,945 for 2012 to 20,447 for 2015, an increase of 37 percent over four years. Over the same time period the number of approved first-year seats available in the AACOMAS colleges increased from 5,327 to 6,392, an increase of 20 percent.
- **Gender** – Female applicants peaked at 51 percent of total applications for the 2006 entering class. For classes entering 2012 through 2015 the percentage of female applicants has ranged from 46.1 to 46.5 percent.
- **Age** – The mean age of applicants over all four years is 25; the median age is 24.
- **Military Experience** – Over the four-year period the percentage of veterans and serving military personnel applying to the AACOMAS colleges has fluctuated slightly.
- **Race/Ethnicity** – Over the four-year period, the percentage of applicants reporting underrepresented race/ethnicity status has increased from 11.3 percent to 13.6 percent (Underrepresented race/ethnicity status includes Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and Black/African-American, Native American/American Indian, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander race).
- **Undergraduate Major** – The percentage of applicants majoring in the life sciences has increased over four years, from 66.5 percent to 68.7 percent. The percentages of applicants reporting majors in the social sciences, physical sciences, and arts and humanities have declined slightly.
- **Grade Point Averages** – Over four years the grade point averages – undergraduate and undergraduate plus graduate and/or post-baccalaureate have increased by about .02 to .03 points – from 3.42 (undergrad only)/3.44 (all courses) to 3.44 (undergrad only)/3.47 (all courses). Breaking out GPAs by demographic categories shows similar increases across gender and race/ethnicity status.
- **MCAT scores** – Mean total MCAT scores have increased by 0.65 from 25.73 to 26.38 over four years. These increases are reflected in scores broken out by gender and race/ethnicity.
- **State/Country of Residence** – The percentage of applicants who are US citizens/permanent residents has declined slightly from 98.3 to 97.8 percent over four years. Canadian applicants have increased from 145 to 263 and other international applicants have increased from 29 to 52. Within the cohort of US residents there is minimal change of state of legal residence over four years except that the percentage of applicants from California has increased from 10.5 to 12.0 percent. This increase for California has come from declines in the percentage of applicants spread across several other states.

Note: The University of North Texas Health Sciences Center at Fort Worth/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and NYIT-COM's émigré program applicants are not included in this analysis because the data are not part of the AACOMAS database. UNTHSC/TCOM receives its applications through the Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service.



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	<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>	
1. Applicants' Characteristics								
1.1: Applicants/Designations	Number		Number		Number		Number	
Applicants	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	
Designations	115,754		137,542		155,349		185,162	
1.2: Gender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	7,936	53.6%	8,708	53.6%	9,564	53.9%	10,816	53.5%
Female	6,860	46.4%	7,545	46.4%	8,175	46.1%	9,415	46.5%
Undisclosed	149		201		205		216	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	
1.3: Age as of July 1 (Year Entering Medical School)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
20 and Younger	76	0.5%	74	0.5%	111	0.6%	144	0.7%
21 - 25	10,604	71.9%	11,684	72.1%	12,584	71.2%	14,627	71.5%
26 - 30	3,010	20.4%	3,339	20.6%	3,728	21.1%	4,297	21.0%
31 - 40	912	6.2%	979	6.0%	1,105	6.3%	1,202	5.9%
41 - 50	120	0.8%	110	0.7%	130	0.7%	155	0.8%
51 and Older	21	0.1%	16	0.1%	19	0.1%	20	0.1%
Undisclosed	202		252		267		2	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	
Minimum Age	17		18		18		18	
Maximum Age	72		60		64		59	
Mean Age	25		25		25		25	
Median Age	24		24		24		24	
1.4: Military Experience	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No Military Experience	14,509	97.2%	16,000	97.4%	17,480	97.6%	19,914	97.5%
Yes, Discharged	207	1.4%	247	1.5%	255	1.4%	267	1.3%
Yes, Still Serving	197	1.3%	160	1.0%	165	0.9%	240	1.2%
Yes, Other than Honorable Discharge	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	9	0.1%	8	0.0%
Invalid Response	20		34		35		18	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

*Data not available/reported for 2011.



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	<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>	
1.5: Race/Ethnicity - Single Category Responses	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	8,745	61.3%	9,447	60.3%	10,055	58.7%	11,036	56.1%
Asian American	3,129	21.9%	3,484	22.2%	3,821	22.3%	4,728	24.0%
Hispanic/Latino	904	6.3%	1,027	6.6%	1,292	7.5%	1,589	8.1%
Black/African American	727	5.1%	845	5.4%	934	5.5%	1,148	5.8%
Multiple Races	496	3.5%	569	3.6%	671	3.9%	750	3.8%
Foreign	219	1.5%	238	1.5%	295	1.7%	377	1.9%
Native American/Alaska Native	46	0.3%	38	0.2%	39	0.2%	30	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5	0.0%	23	0.1%	23	0.1%	11	0.1%
Undisclosed	674		783		814		778	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	
Underrepresented Minorities*	1,682	11.3%	1,933	11.7%	2,288	12.8%	2,778	13.6%

†: Except when otherwise noted, all race/ethnicity tables and figures are calculated using "single category response."

*Includes Hispanic/Latino, Black/African American, Native American/Alaska Native, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Note: Undisclosed responses are included in the percent underrepresented minority denominator.

1.6: Race/Ethnicity - Multiple Category Responses	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	9,753	69.1%	10,605	61.4%	11,406	59.8%	12,641	57.4%
Asian American	3,697	22.1%	4,088	23.7%	4,553	23.9%	5,645	25.6%
Hispanic/Latino	904	3.7%	1,027	5.9%	1,292	6.8%	1,589	7.2%
Black/African American	875	2.8%	1,025	5.9%	1,154	6.1%	1,423	6.5%
Foreign	255	1.2%	272	1.6%	348	1.8%	440	2.0%
Native American/Alaska Native	181	0.9%	176	1.0%	228	1.2%	204	0.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	44	0.3%	73	0.4%	82	0.4%	89	0.4%
Undisclosed	242		783		814		778	
Total	15,951		18,049		19,877		22,809	

2. Baccalaureate Degree Majors

2.1: Baccalaureate Degree Major	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Life Sciences	11,646	66.5%	13,348	67.8%	14,681	68.0%	16,967	68.7%
Social Sciences	1,876	10.7%	2,089	10.6%	2,331	10.8%	2,522	10.2%
Physical Sciences	1,389	7.9%	1,440	7.3%	1,508	7.0%	1,707	6.9%
Arts & Humanities	1,343	7.7%	1,462	7.4%	1,491	6.9%	1,694	6.9%
Other	1,266	7.2%	1,344	6.8%	1,564	7.2%	1,805	7.3%

Note: The number of majors may be greater than the number of applicants, as students can complete multiple baccalaureate degrees/majors.

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	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
3. GPA and Semester Hours				
<u>3.1: GPA - All Academic Levels</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Mean - FR-SR	3.42	3.42	3.43	3.44
SD	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Mean - FR-SR, PB	3.43	3.44	3.45	3.46
SD	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
Mean All Including Graduate	3.44	3.44	3.46	3.47
SD	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.31
<u>3.2: Undergraduate GPA by Gender</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Mean - Male	3.39	3.40	3.40	3.42
SD - Male	0.36	0.35	0.37	0.36
Mean - Female	3.45	3.45	3.46	3.46
SD - Female	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.33
<u>3.3: Undergraduate GPA by Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Mean - White	3.46	3.46	3.47	3.49
SD - White	0.33	0.33	0.35	0.32
Mean - Asian American	3.40	3.39	3.41	3.42
SD - Asian American	0.34	0.35	0.33	0.36
Mean - Hispanic/Latino	3.33	3.33	3.35	3.36
SD - Hispanic/Latino	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
Mean - Black/African American	3.17	3.20	3.20	3.21
SD - Black/African American	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.41
Mean - Multiple Races	3.35	3.35	3.41	3.40
SD - Multiple Races	0.39	0.36	0.33	0.31
Mean - Foreign	3.50	3.48	3.46	3.51
SD - Foreign	0.40	0.39	0.51	0.36
Mean - Native American/Alaska Native	3.27	3.30	3.34	3.37
SD - Native American/Alaska Native	0.31	0.69	0.42	0.38
Mean - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3.23	3.40	3.37	3.47
SD - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.25	0.36	0.36	0.27

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	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>				
4. MCAT Scores								
4.1: MCAT Scores	Total	Total	Total	Total				
Mean	25.73	25.90	26.26	26.38				
SD	4.26	4.17	4.18	4.23				
Median	26.00	26.00	26.00	27.00				
4.2: MCAT Scores by Gender	Total	Total	Total	Total				
Mean - Male	26.38	26.54	26.91	27.05				
SD - Male	4.20	4.10	4.12	4.17				
Mean - Female	24.96	25.16	25.48	25.58				
SD - Female	4.21	4.11	4.11	4.15				
4.3: MCAT Scores by Race/Ethnicity	Total	Total	Total	Total				
Mean - White	26.07	26.18	26.51	26.74				
SD - White	4.06	3.92	3.88	3.91				
Mean - Asian American	26.08	26.31	26.86	26.85				
SD - Asian American	4.24	4.20	4.21	4.32				
Mean - Hispanic/Latino	24.02	24.45	24.76	24.81				
SD - Hispanic/Latino	3.98	4.03	4.16	4.09				
Mean - Black/African American	21.31	21.66	21.93	22.06				
SD - Black/African American	4.32	4.15	4.16	4.10				
Mean - Multiple Races	25.39	25.66	26.21	26.22				
SD - Multiple Races	4.23	4.34	4.45	4.27				
Mean - Foreign	26.86	27.25	27.29	27.76				
SD - Foreign	4.47	4.33	4.60	4.31				
Mean - Native American/Alaska Native	23.56	23.70	23.43	24.64				
SD - Native American/Alaska Native	3.78	4.63	4.28	3.67				
Mean - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	26.00	24.06	23.70	23.40				
SD - Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1.58	4.50	5.63	7.31				
5. Familiarity with Osteopathic Medicine								
5.1: Met with AACOM or Osteopathic College Rep.	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Have not met with/heard presentation	7,713	51.6%	8,411	51.1%	9,019	50.3%	10,688	52.3%
Have met with/heard presentation by med ed rep.	5,882	39.4%	6,442	39.2%	7,068	39.4%	7,673	37.5%
Have met with/heard presentation by both	870	5.8%	1,039	6.3%	1,209	6.7%	1,310	6.4%
Have met with/heard presentation by AACOM rep.	480	3.2%	562	3.4%	648	3.6%	775	3.8%
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,446	



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	<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>	
<u>5.2: First Learn About Osteopathic Medicine</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
DO	4,849	32.6%	5,418	33.0%	6,011	33.6%	6,727	33.0%
Advisor	3,765	25.3%	4,000	24.4%	4,472	25.0%	5,184	25.4%
Other	3,590	24.1%	3,832	23.4%	4,011	22.4%	4,302	21.1%
Internet	1,245	8.4%	1,438	8.8%	1,633	9.1%	2,036	10.0%
College Representative	1,181	7.9%	1,398	8.5%	1,413	7.9%	1,716	8.4%
AACOM	226	1.5%	259	1.6%	292	1.6%	334	1.6%
Mailing	38	0.3%	60	0.4%	58	0.3%	81	0.4%
Undisclosed	51		49		54		67	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

6. Applicants' Family and Prior Medical Education

<u>6.1: Parents' College Education</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	11,058	74.9%	12,149	74.7%	13,455	75.8%	15,359	75.9%
No	3,697	25.1%	4,115	25.3%	4,303	24.2%	4,875	24.1%
Undisclosed	190		190		186		213	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

<u>6.2: Family Member is a DO or MD</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	5,216	34.9%	5,746	34.9%	6,222	34.7%	6,960	34.0%
No	9,729	65.1%	10,708	65.1%	11,722	65.3%	13,487	66.0%
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

<u>6.3: Previously Matriculated to DO or MD School</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	163	1.1%	194	1.2%	196	1.1%	173	0.8%
No	14,782	98.9%	16,260	98.8%	17,748	98.9%	20,274	99.2%
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

7. Citizenship and Geographic Origin

<u>7.1: Citizenship</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
U.S. Citizen	14,173	94.8%	15,628	95.0%	17,033	94.9%	19,320	94.5%
Permanent Resident	517	3.5%	554	3.4%	563	3.1%	687	3.4%
Non-Citizen	164	1.1%	168	1.0%	221	1.2%	275	1.3%
Temporary Resident	91	0.6%	104	0.6%	127	0.7%	165	0.8%
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	



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7.2: Permanent Country	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
United States	14,771	98.8%	16,251	98.8%	17,697	98.6%	20,132	98.5%
Canada	145	1.0%	175	1.1%	210	1.2%	263	1.3%
Other	27	0.2%	28	0.2%	33	0.2%	46	0.2%
Unlisted	2		0		4		6	
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	
7.3: Permanent Residence	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Alabama	110	0.7%	166	1.0%	163	0.9%	246	1.2%
Alaska	19	0.1%	19	0.1%	37	0.2%	35	0.2%
Arizona	316	2.1%	376	2.3%	393	2.2%	467	2.3%
Arkansas	66	0.4%	73	0.4%	73	0.4%	85	0.4%
California	1,570	10.5%	1,834	11.1%	2,123	11.8%	2,460	12.0%
Colorado	268	1.8%	297	1.8%	334	1.9%	306	1.5%
Connecticut	140	0.9%	159	1.0%	164	0.9%	195	1.0%
Delaware	32	0.2%	42	0.3%	55	0.3%	61	0.3%
District of Columbia	17	0.1%	18	0.1%	16	0.1%	21	0.1%
Florida	1,104	7.4%	1,227	7.5%	1,358	7.6%	1,619	7.9%
Georgia	281	1.9%	329	2.0%	394	2.2%	469	2.3%
Guam	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%
Hawaii	35	0.2%	42	0.3%	45	0.3%	55	0.3%
Idaho	91	0.6%	101	0.6%	118	0.7%	102	0.5%
Illinois	737	4.9%	835	5.1%	884	4.9%	1,017	5.0%
Indiana	269	1.8%	359	2.2%	360	2.0%	445	2.2%
Iowa	207	1.4%	185	1.1%	205	1.1%	208	1.0%
Kansas	131	0.9%	139	0.8%	165	0.9%	183	0.9%
Kentucky	176	1.2%	217	1.3%	210	1.2%	211	1.0%
Louisiana	73	0.5%	106	0.6%	123	0.7%	159	0.8%
Maine	57	0.4%	52	0.3%	61	0.3%	79	0.4%
Maryland	226	1.5%	247	1.5%	269	1.5%	368	1.8%
Massachusetts	251	1.7%	244	1.5%	296	1.6%	317	1.6%
Michigan	1,025	6.9%	1,061	6.4%	1,059	5.9%	1,119	5.5%
Minnesota	235	1.6%	249	1.5%	265	1.5%	305	1.5%
Mississippi	98	0.7%	118	0.7%	104	0.6%	128	0.6%
Missouri	316	2.1%	316	1.9%	308	1.7%	374	1.8%
Montana	34	0.2%	50	0.3%	48	0.3%	46	0.2%
Nebraska	96	0.6%	66	0.4%	75	0.4%	82	0.4%
Nevada	122	0.8%	118	0.7%	127	0.7%	138	0.7%
New Hampshire	40	0.3%	48	0.3%	53	0.3%	55	0.3%
New Jersey	789	5.3%	802	4.9%	867	4.8%	962	4.7%
New Mexico	32	0.2%	46	0.3%	40	0.2%	51	0.2%



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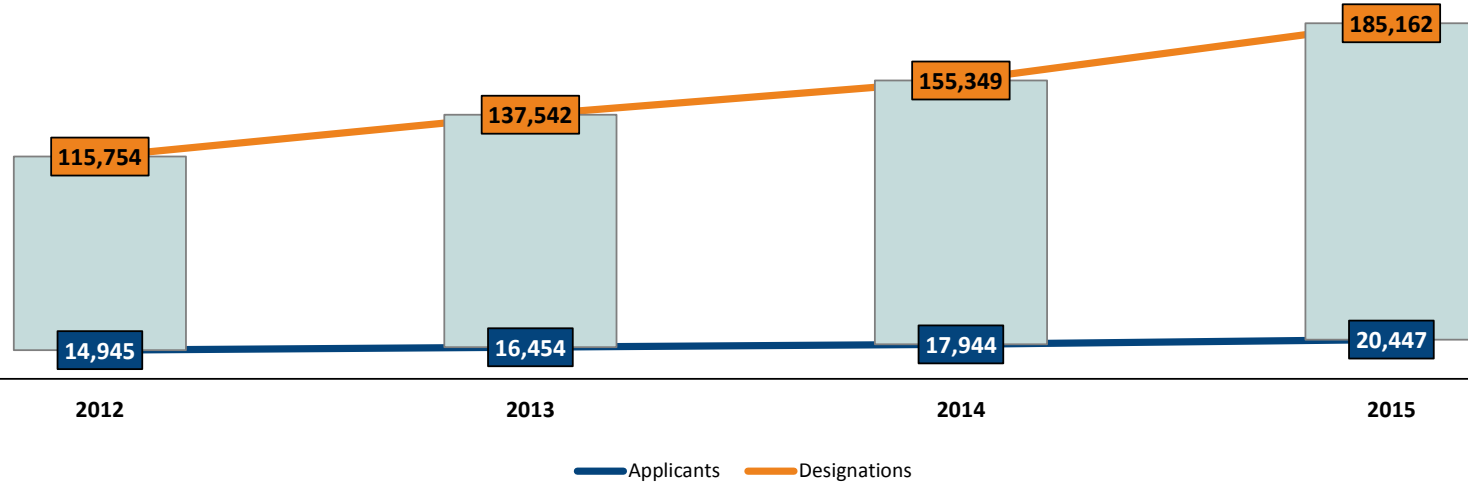
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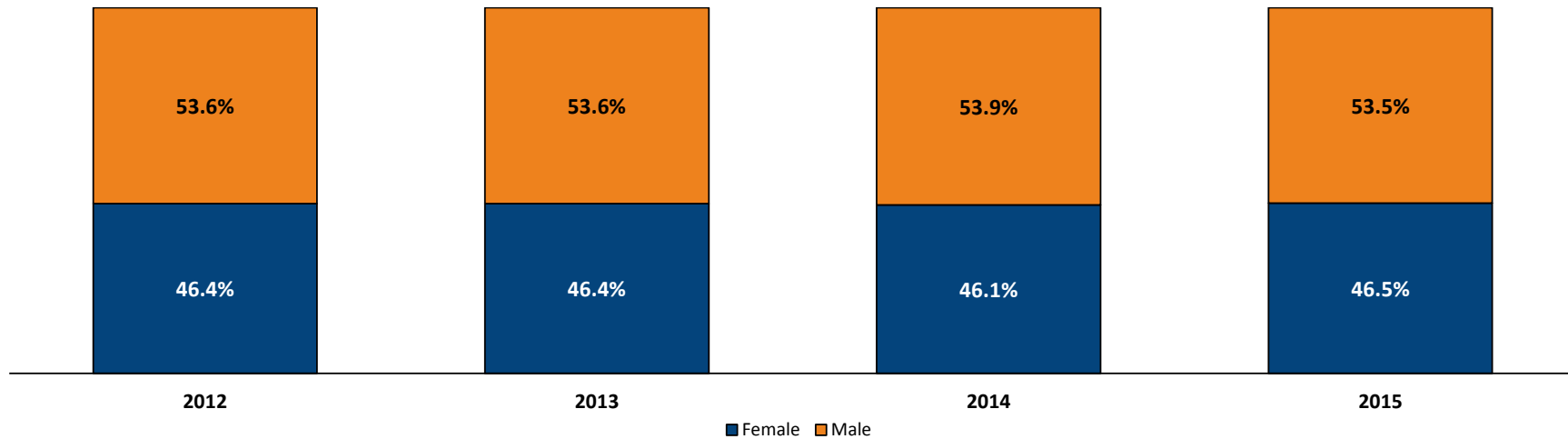
7.3 (Cont.): Permanent Residence	<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
New York	1,225	8.3%	1,281	7.8%	1,462	8.1%	1,670	8.2%
North Carolina	225	1.5%	323	2.0%	348	1.9%	380	1.9%
North Dakota	25	0.2%	21	0.1%	29	0.2%	21	0.1%
Ohio	655	4.4%	704	4.3%	792	4.4%	826	4.0%
Oklahoma	312	2.1%	307	1.9%	348	1.9%	354	1.7%
Oregon	169	1.1%	164	1.0%	190	1.1%	188	0.9%
Pennsylvania	910	6.2%	959	5.8%	1,051	5.9%	1,140	5.6%
Puerto Rico	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	8	0.0%
Rhode Island	24	0.2%	26	0.2%	25	0.1%	34	0.2%
South Carolina	123	0.8%	139	0.8%	145	0.8%	146	0.7%
South Dakota	45	0.3%	48	0.3%	54	0.3%	49	0.2%
Tennessee	248	1.7%	260	1.6%	276	1.5%	293	1.4%
Texas	533	3.6%	603	3.7%	626	3.5%	817	4.0%
Utah	281	1.9%	318	1.9%	345	1.9%	395	1.9%
Vermont	21	0.1%	15	0.1%	24	0.1%	21	0.1%
Virgin Islands	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Virginia	353	2.4%	417	2.5%	451	2.5%	555	2.7%
Washington	230	1.6%	312	1.9%	312	1.7%	375	1.8%
West Virginia	146	1.0%	134	0.8%	124	0.7%	142	0.7%
Wisconsin	259	1.8%	261	1.6%	270	1.5%	318	1.6%
Wyoming	20	0.1%	14	0.1%	27	0.2%	30	0.1%
U.S. Permanent Residents	14,771	99.2%	16,251	98.8%	17,697	98.6%	20,132	98.5%
Non-U.S. Permanent Residents	174	0.8%	203	1.2%	247	1.4%	315	1.5%
Total	14,945		16,454		17,944		20,447	

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Applicants and College Designations - Frequency

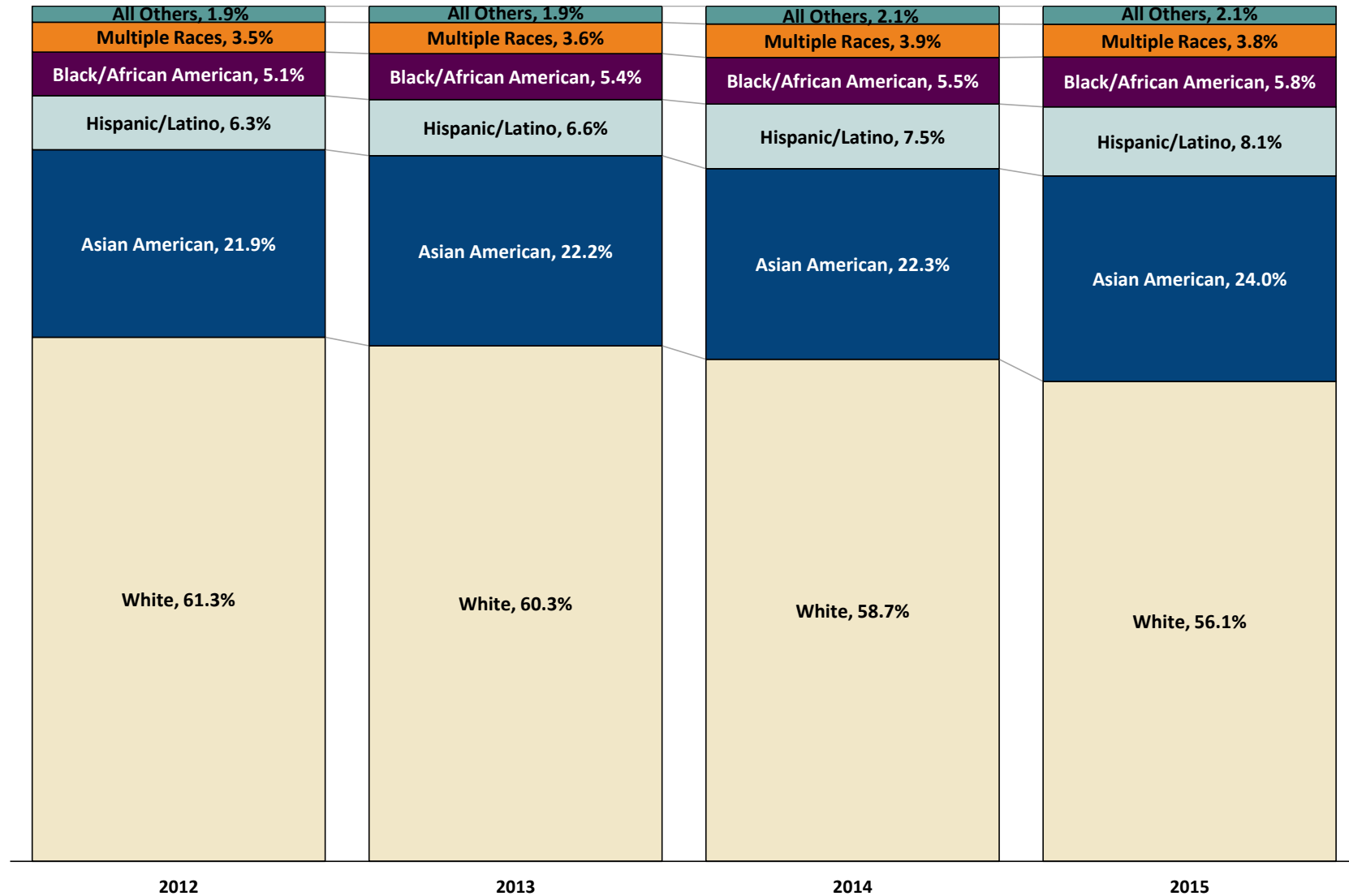


Applicants' Gender - Percent



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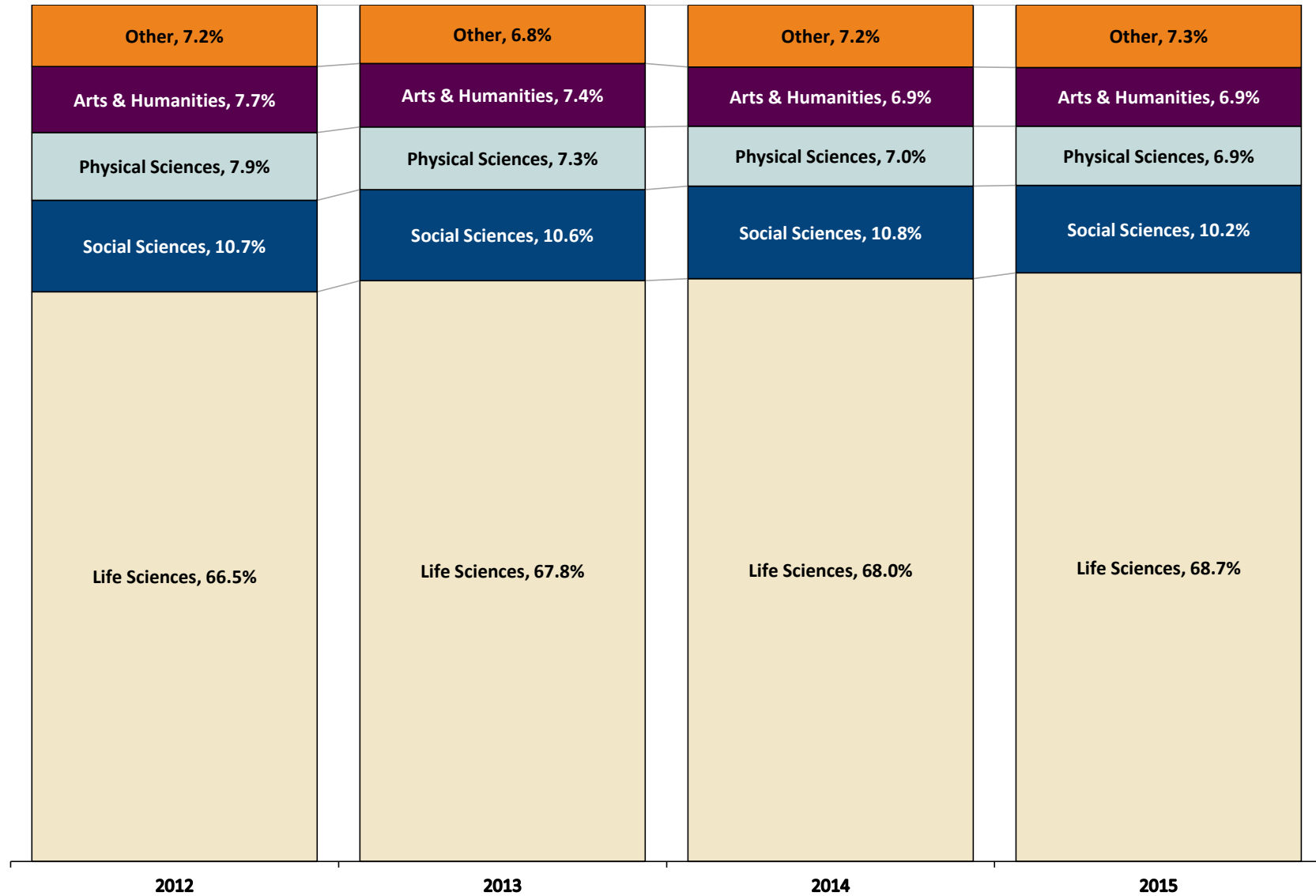
Applicants' Single Category Race/Ethnicity - Percent



Note: All Other is the sum of Foreign, Native American/Alaska Native, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

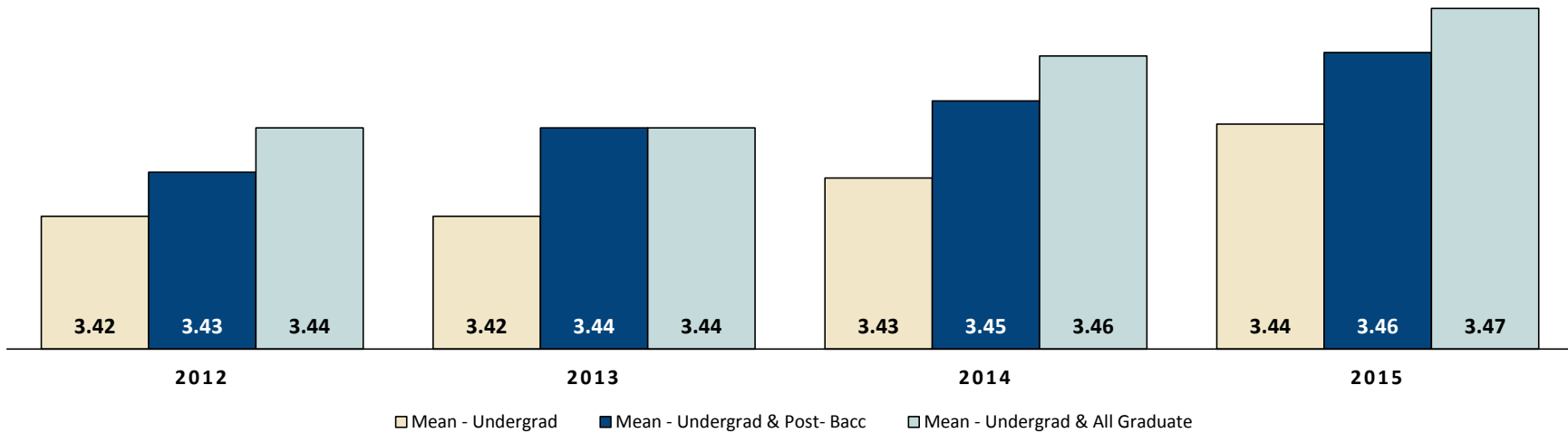
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Applicants' Baccalaureate Degree Major - Percent

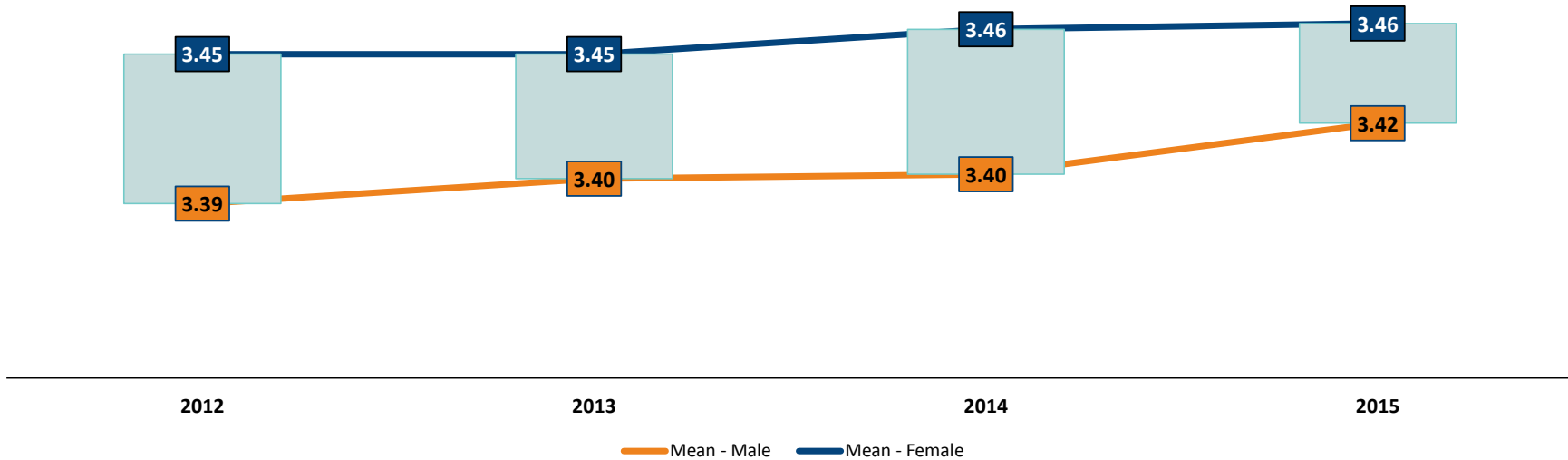


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Applicants' Overall GPA by Academic Level - Mean

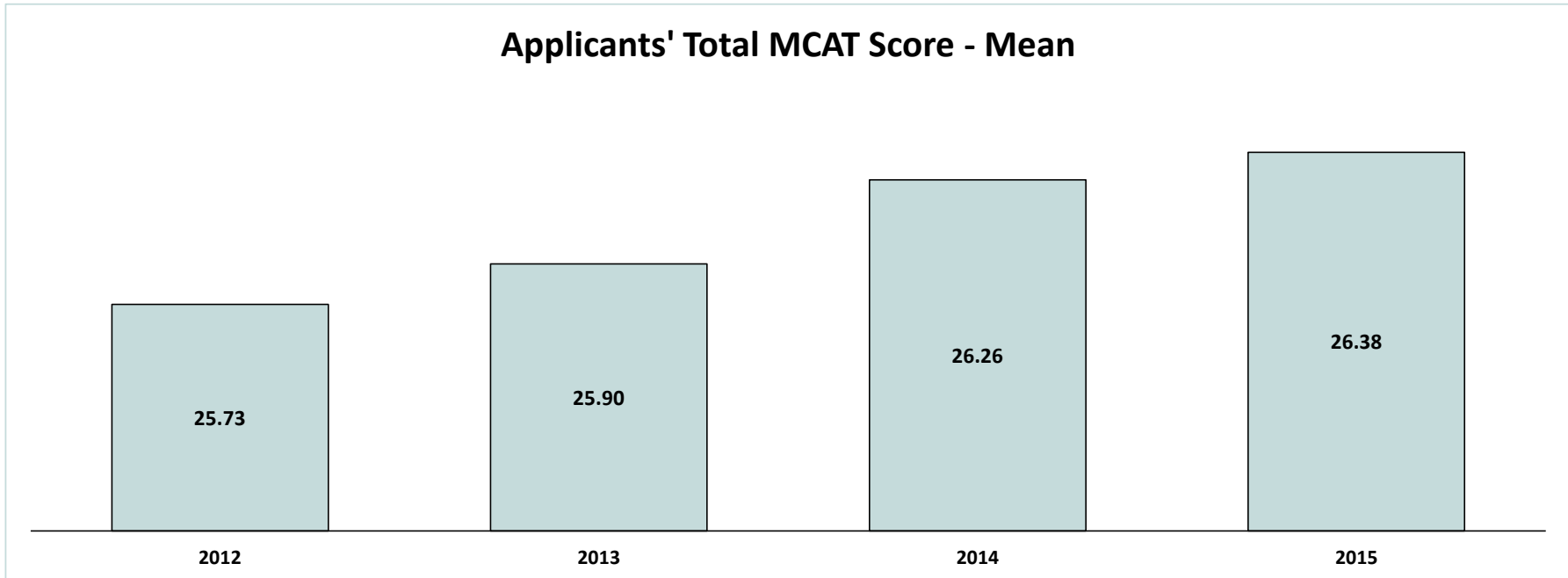


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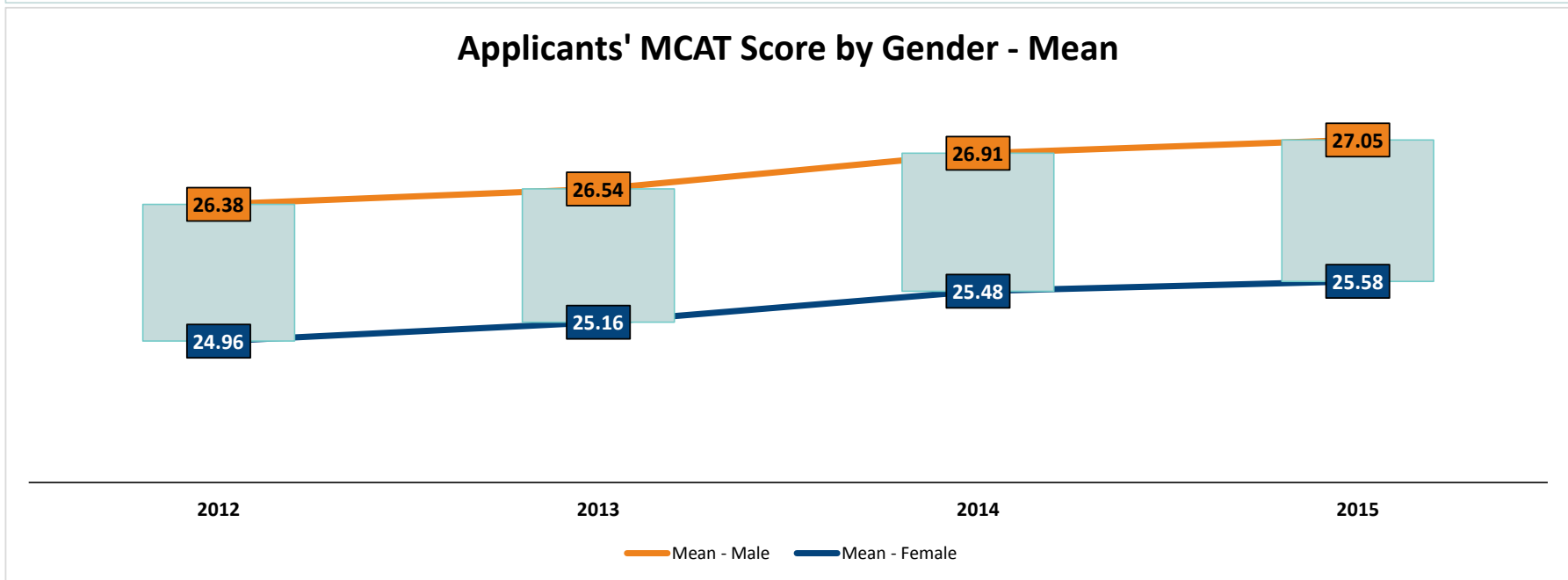


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Applicants' Total MCAT Score - Mean

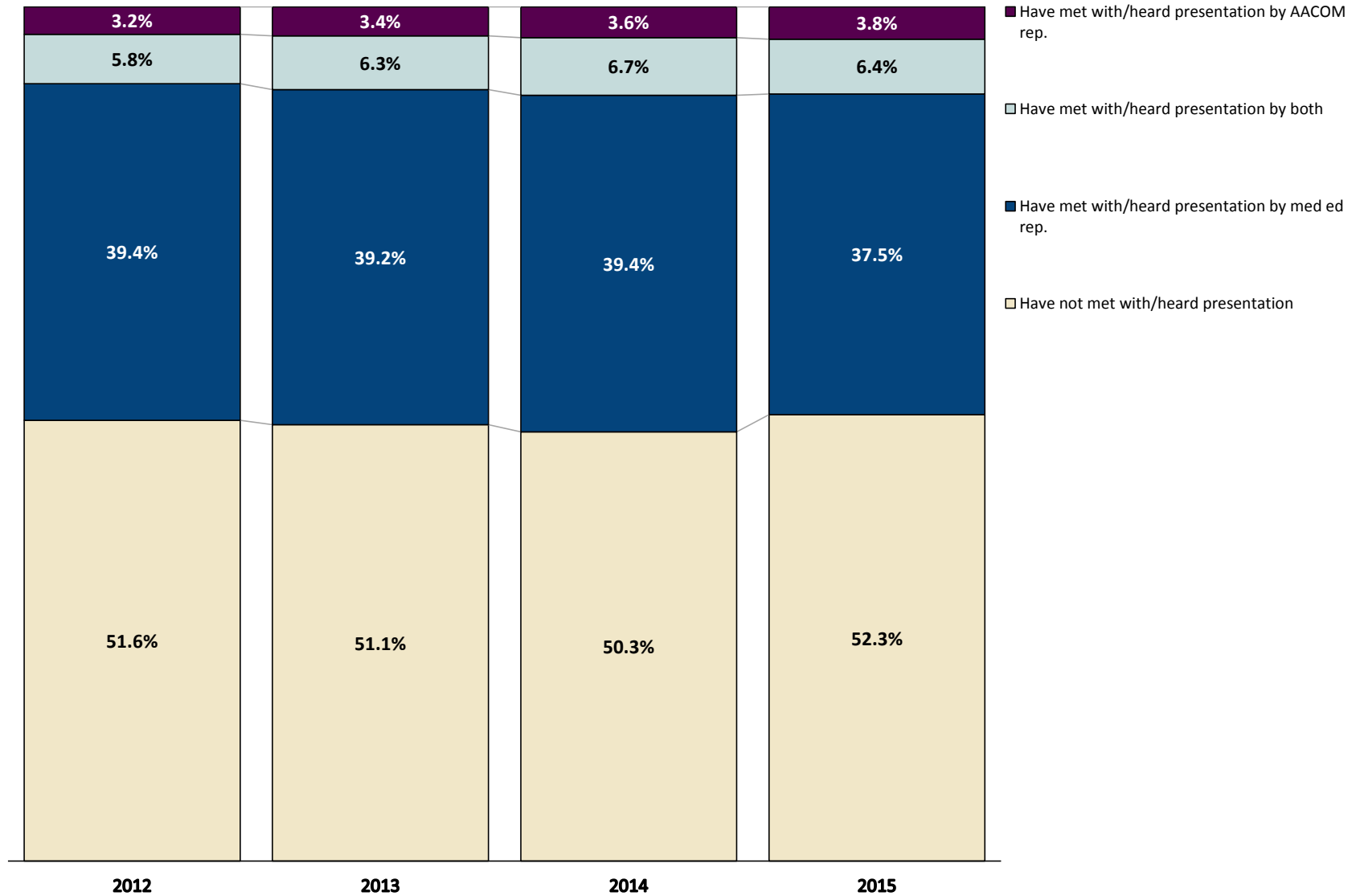


Applicants' MCAT Score by Gender - Mean



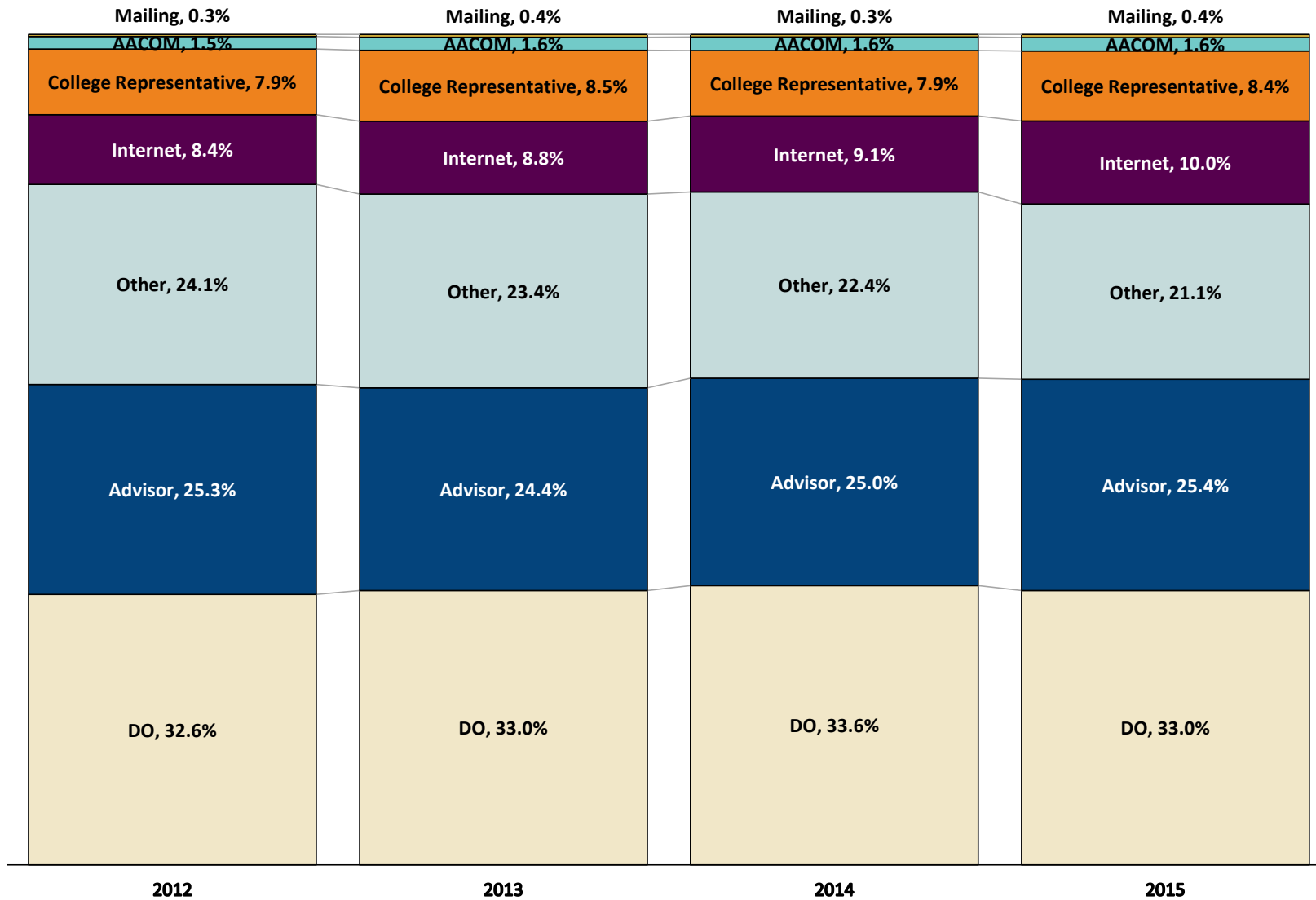
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Applicants Who Met With/Heard a Presentation By an AACOM Representative or Medical Education Representative - Percent



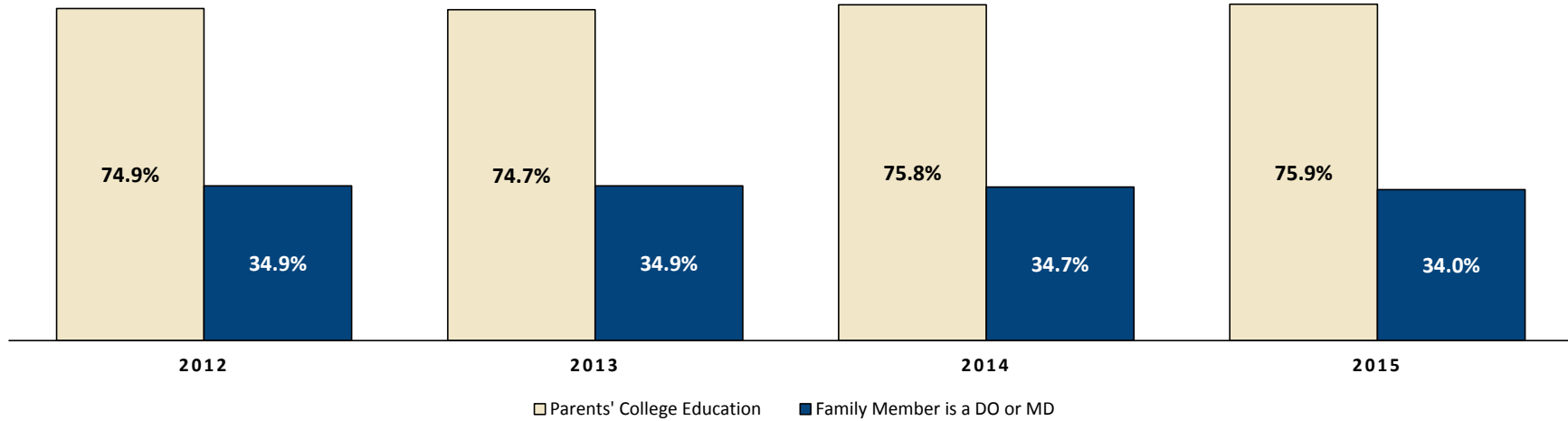
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How Applicants First Learned About Osteopathic Medical Education - Percent

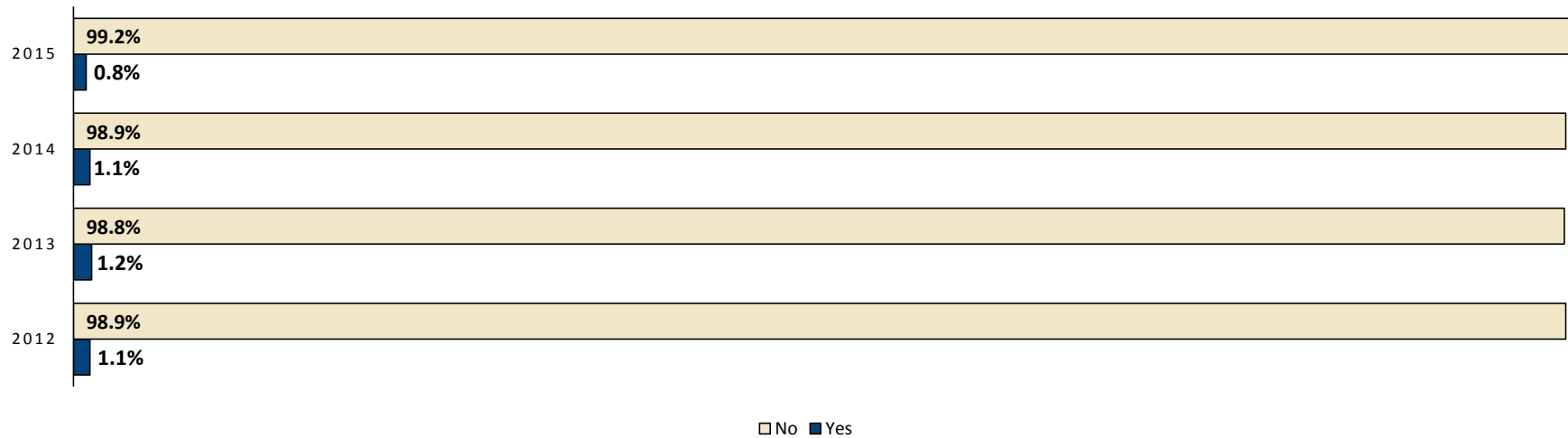


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Applicants Parents' College Education and Family Member is a DO or MD - Percent



Applicants who Previously Matriculated to DO or MD School - Percent



AACOMAS Applicant Profile - Entering Classes 2012-2015

Applicants' Citizenship - Percent

