

# Report on Osteopathic Medical School GME Placements in 2020 Matches

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 may participate 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 several weeks after the formal matches. The year 2020 is particularly important because it marks the final year of the five-year transition to a single GME accreditation system, which officially concludes in June 2020. As a result of the transition to the Single Accreditation System, the American Osteopathic Association/National Matching Service (AOA/NMS) match for

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**OF SPRING 2020 GRADUATES SEEKING  
GME SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN  
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

AOA-accredited GME was discontinued, so U.S. DO graduates this year participated in the first Single Match with graduates of MD-granting U.S. and international medical schools.

AACOM collected data from the individual COMs to determine the participation by and placement of 2020 graduates in GME. All COMs participated in data collection. Each college, branch campus, and 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

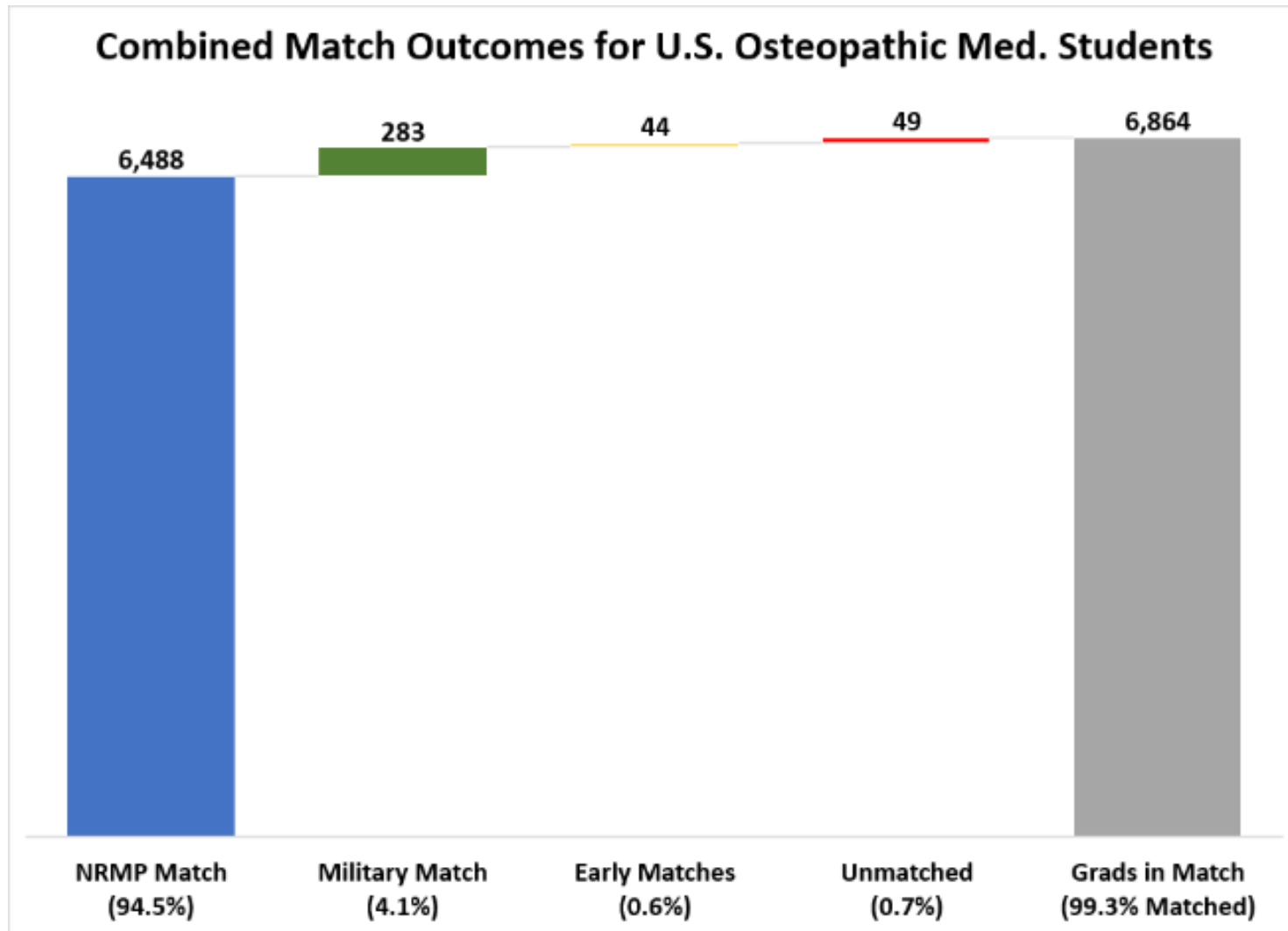
as of April 1, 2020. Summary Data reported by the COMs show that **99.29% of spring 2020 graduates seeking GME successfully placed in graduate medical education.** (There may be additional placements although the number of remaining GME positions is limited.) This represents 6,815 new physicians beginning their graduate medical education in July 2020. This compares to 6,482 new physicians in 2019 (98.48% placement rate), 6,186 new physicians in 2018 (98.14% placement rate) and 5,898 new physicians in 2017 (99.34% placement rate). The three-year increase in the number of graduates is accounted for by several COMs graduating their first classes and growth at existing COMs.

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Key indicators of 2020 DO GME placement (and comparison to prior year data):

Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
Anticipated number of graduates	6,886	6,636	6,350	5,984
Number of graduates seeking GME (match percentages based on those seeking GME)	6,864	6,582	6,303	5,937
Number of participants in the AOA match	X	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		896	1,995	2,525
Percent match/placed in AOA GME		13.61%	31.65%	42.53%
Number matched in military match	283	266	272	254
Percent matched in military match	4.12%	4.04%	4.32%	4.28%
Number matched to other GME	44	39	41	47
Percent matched to other GME	0.64%	0.59%	0.65%	0.79%
Number of participants in the NRMP match	6,581	5,499	4,320	3,323
Percent of those seeking GME participating in the NRMP match	95.88%	83.55%	68.54%	55.97%
Number matched in NRMP/SOAP	6,488	5,281	3,878	3,072
Percent NRMP participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	98.59%	96.04%	89.77%	92.45%
Percent of all participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	94.52%	80.23%	61.53%	51.74%
Number matching/placing to any GME position	6,815	6,482	6,186	5,898
Percent of all DO graduates seeking GME placing to position	99.29%	98.48%	98.14%	99.34%

Combined DO Seniors Match Outcomes, as of June 1, 2020



## Historical GME Placement of US DO Seniors, 2017-2020

