

# Report on Osteopathic Medical School GME Placements in 2019 Matches

Graduates of the nation's osteopathic medical schools historically have had multiple opportunities for placement in graduate medical education. Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) graduates may participate in the American Osteopathic Association/National Matching Service (AOA/NMS) match for AOA accredited GME, the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) match and Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) for ACGME accredited GME, the military match (for those graduates with military service obligations), and 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. However with the development of the single GME accreditation system, opportunities in the AOA/NMS match are declining.

AACOM collected data from the individual COMs to determine the participation by and placement of 2019 graduates in GME. All COMs participated in data collection. Each college, branch campus, and additional location reported independently (except for Michigan State University COM and Philadelphia COM where all locations were combined for reporting). 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, 2019.

## Summary

Data reported by the COMs show that 98.48% of spring 2019 graduates seeking GME successfully placed in graduate medical education (as of April 1, 2019). (There may be additional placements however the number of remaining GME positions is limited.) This represents 6,482 new physicians beginning their graduate medical education in July 2019. This compares to 6,186 new physicians in 2018, 98.14% placement rate (updated from 2018 report) 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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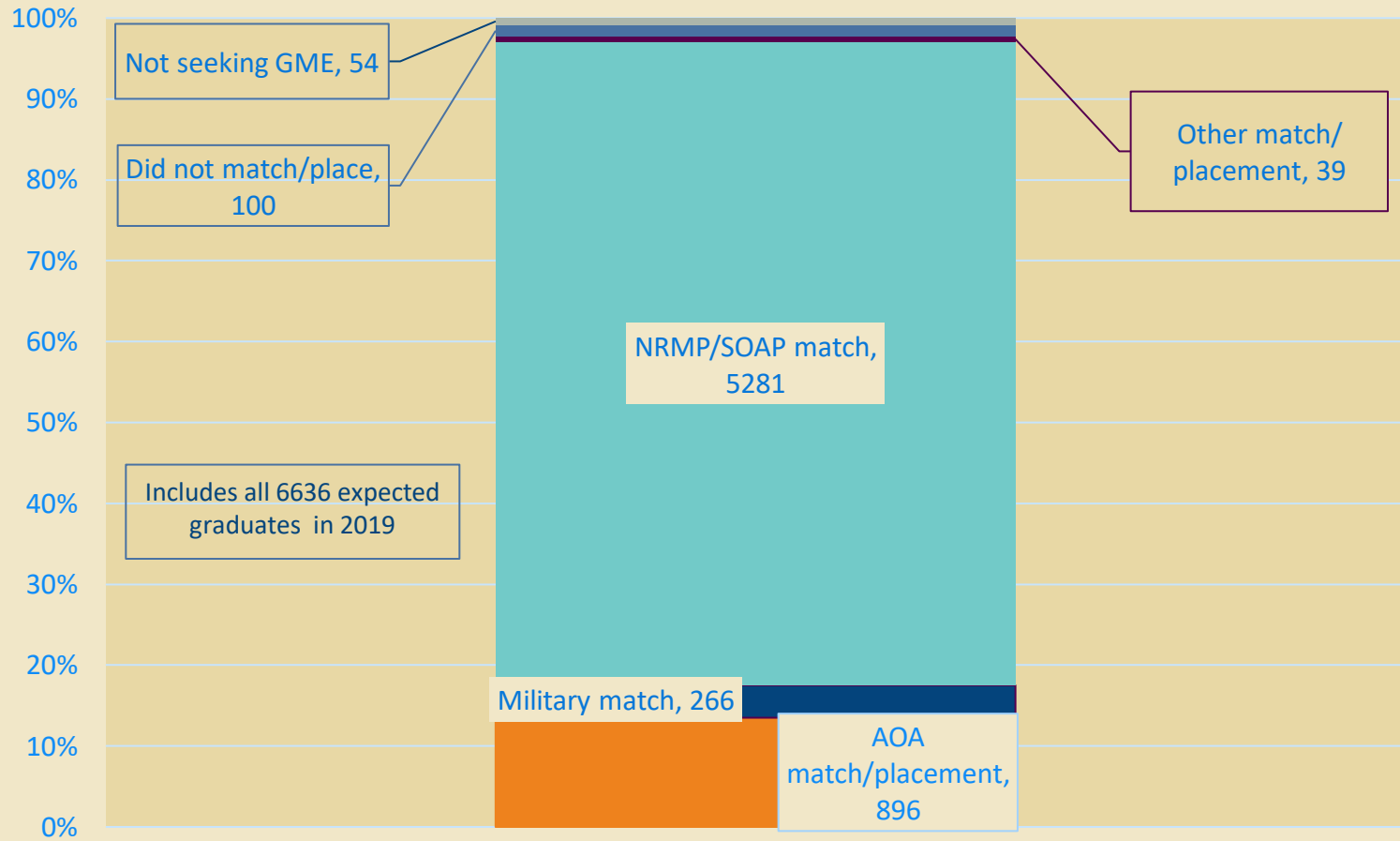
Key indicators of 2019 DO GME placement (and comparison to prior year data):<sup>1</sup>

| Indicator  | 2019   | 2018   | 2017   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Anticipated number of graduates  | 6636   | 6350   | 5984   |
| Number of graduates seeking GME (match percentages based on those seeking GME) | 6582   | 6303   | 5937   |
| Number of participants in the AOA match  | 1421   | 2287   | 2692   |
| 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    | 1995   | 2525   |
| Percent match/placed in AOA GME  | 13.61% | 31.65% | 42.53% |
| Number matched in military match   | 266    | 272    | 254    |
| Percent matched in military match  | 4.04%  | 4.32%  | 4.28%  |
| Number matched to other GME  | 39     | 41     | 47     |
| Percent matched to other GME   | 0.59%  | 0.65%  | 0.79%  |
| Number of participants in the NRMP match <sup>2</sup>                          | 5499   | 4320   | 3323   |
| Percent of those seeking GME participating in the NRMP match                   | 83.55% | 68.54% | 55.97% |
| Number matched in NRMP/SOAP  | 5281   | 3878   | 3072   |
| Percent NRMP participants matched in NRMP/SOAP                                 | 96.04% | 89.77% | 92.45% |
| Percent of all participants matched in NRMP/SOAP                               | 80.23% | 61.53% | 51.74% |
| Number matching/placing to any GME position                                    | 6482   | 6186   | 5898   |
| Percent of all DO graduates seeking GME placing to position                    | 98.48% | 98.14% | 99.34% |

<sup>1</sup> Several COMs report data that is off by a few graduates so totals may not add accurately.

<sup>2</sup> The number of NRMP participants and matches includes only current graduates. NRMP reports for DO participants include prior year graduates so numbers will differ.

### Combined DO Match Outcomes 2019, as of 4/1/2019



Not seeking GME, 54

Did not match/place, 100

Includes all 6636 expected graduates in 2019

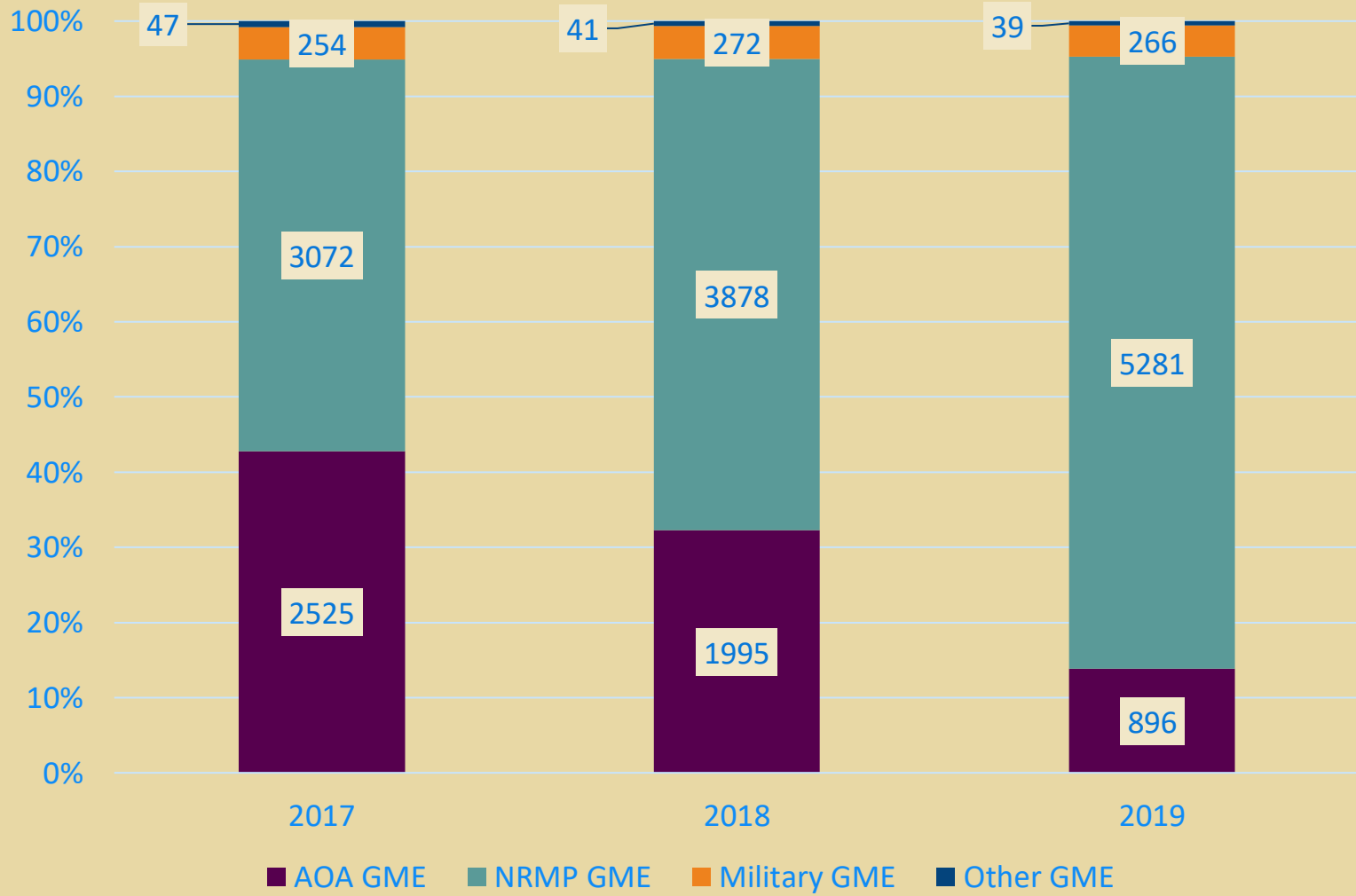
NRMP/SOAP match, 5281

Other match/placement, 39

Military match, 266

AOA match/placement, 896

Historical GME Placement 2017-2019



| Random COM number | Percent of seeking matched | Random COM number | Percent of seeking matched |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 8                 | 100.00%                    | 23                | 98.32%                     |
| 11                | 100.00%                    | 13                | 98.25%                     |
| 17                | 100.00%                    | 3                 | 98.23%                     |
| 24                | 100.00%                    | 10                | 98.09%                     |
| 27                | 100.00%                    | 21                | 98.05%                     |
| 32                | 100.00%                    | 9                 | 97.96%                     |
| 4                 | 99.55%                     | 6                 | 97.79%                     |
| 16                | 99.43%                     | 30                | 97.67%                     |
| 5                 | 99.41%                     | 1                 | 97.47%                     |
| 14                | 99.39%                     | 29                | 97.41%                     |
| 12                | 99.36%                     | 25                | 97.35%                     |
| 34                | 99.34%                     | 28                | 97.20%                     |
| 26                | 99.32%                     | 20                | 96.67%                     |
| 2                 | 99.15%                     | 15                | 96.04%                     |
| 7                 | 99.12%                     | 18                | 96.02%                     |
| 35                | 98.90%                     | 33                | 95.70%                     |
| 19                | 98.75%                     | 22                | 95.42%                     |
| 31                | 98.44%                     |                   |                            |
|                   |                            | All COMs          | 98.48%                     |