

Report on Osteopathic Medical School GME Placements in 2021 Matches

98%

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 2021.

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 2021 are of particular interest, given it is the second year of the single GME accreditation system and was especially impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic. The pandemic affected opportunities for all students, but particularly U.S. DO graduates, through the reduction of travel to away rotations, and an all-virtual residency interview season. These two impacts are particularly difficult for students from lesser-known or newer medical schools, such as osteopathic medical students. That added additional uncertainty to those osteopathic medical students matching in this second year of the Single Match, along with graduates of MD-granting U.S. and international medical schools.

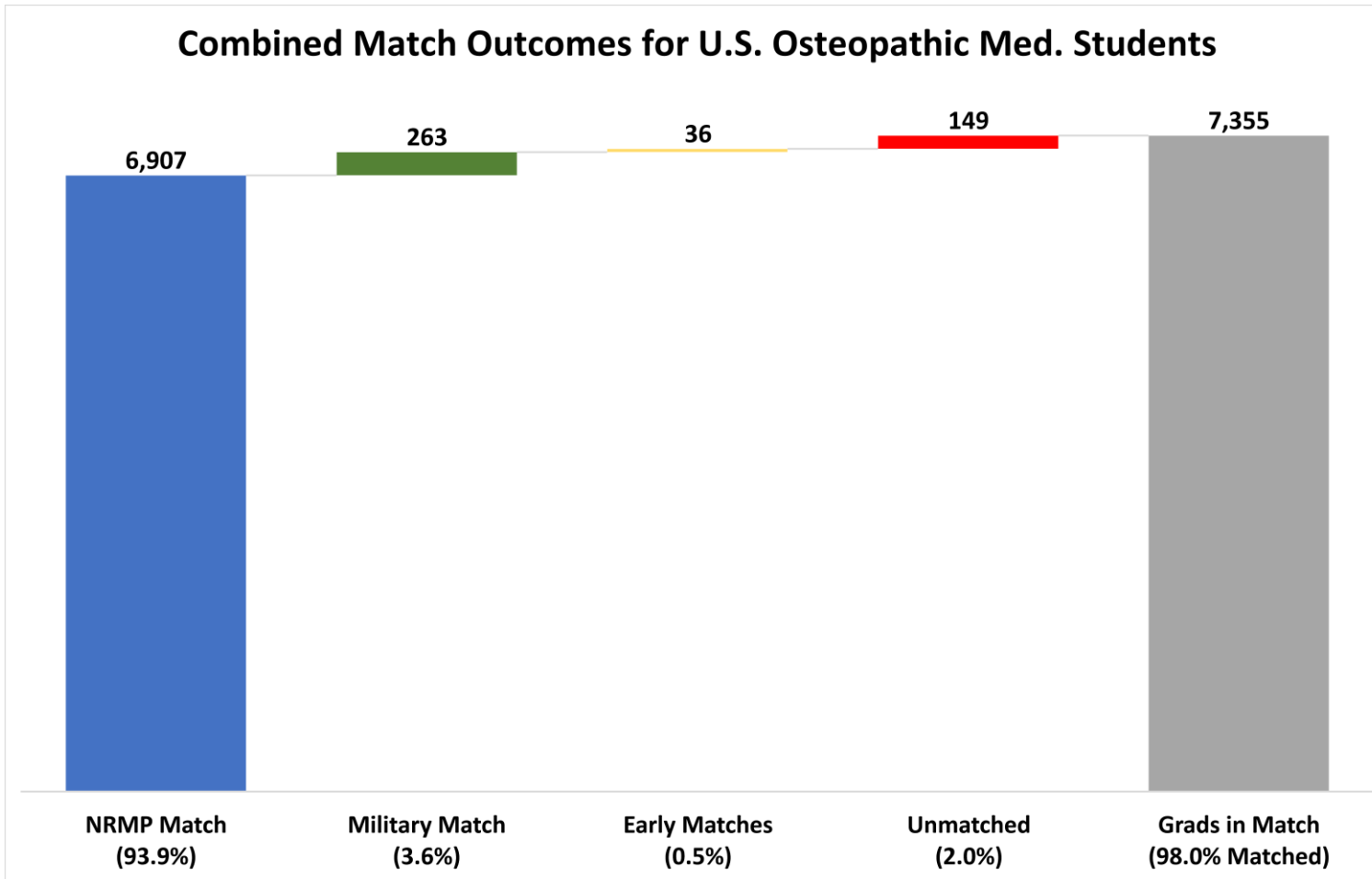
AACOM collected data from the individual COMs to determine the participation by and placement of 2020 graduates in GME. All COMs participated in data collection. Each college, branch campus, and additional location reported independently or with their affiliated main campus. This report is based on data provided by the osteopathic medical schools on participation in and outcomes of all match pathways. Data are reported as of the end of the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program in March 2021. Summary Data reported by the COMs show that 97.97% of 2021 graduates seeking GME successfully placed in graduate medical education during this process. The nation's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine graduated 6,907 new physicians who began their residency training in July 2021. This represents new physicians beginning their graduate medical education in July 2020. This compares to 6,488 new physicians in 2020 (99.29% placement rate); 6,482 new physicians in 2019 (98.48%), 6,186 new physicians in 2018 (98.14%) and 5,898 new physicians in 2017 (99.34%). Importantly, our graduates continue to achieve placement in postgraduate training even after the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program ends. In 2021, 76 additional graduating

DO seniors were placed in postgraduate training positions (for a total placement rate of 99.00% of those seeking GME by June 30, 2021). This compares to 21 students over the same period in 2020.

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	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Anticipated number of graduates	7,406	6,886	6,636	6,350	5,984
Number of graduates seeking GME (match percentages based on those seeking GME)	7,355	6,864	6,582	6,303	5,937
Number of participants in the AOA match	X	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	263	283	266	272	254
Percent matched in military match	3.58%	4.12%	4.04%	4.32%	4.28%
Number matched to other GME	36	44	39	41	47
Percent matched to other GME	0.49%	0.64%	0.59%	0.65%	0.79%
Number of participants in the NRMP match	7,001	6,581	5,499	4,320	3,323
Percent of those seeking GME participating in the NRMP match	95.19%	95.88%	83.55%	68.54%	55.97%
Number matched in NRMP/SOAP	6,907	6,488	5,281	3,878	3,072
Percent NRMP participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	98.66%	98.59%	96.04%	89.77%	92.45%
Percent of all participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	93.91%	94.52%	80.23%	61.53%	51.74%
Number matching/placing to any GME position	7,304	6,815	6,482	6,186	5,898
Percent of all DO graduates seeking GME placing to position	98.00%	99.29%	98.48%	98.14%	99.34%

Combined Match Outcomes for U.S. Osteopathic Med. Students



Historical GME Placement 2017-2021

