

# Report on Osteopathic Medical School GME Placements in 2026 Matches



Graduates of the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) who earn the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree participate annually in a variety of residency placement programs. These include the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) for unfilled Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited positions, the military match for those with service obligations, early matches in specialties such as ophthalmology and plastic surgery, and other specialty-specific placements. Due to these multiple opportunities, the outcomes of graduate medical education (GME) placement for DO graduates are not known until months after the formal matches.

# 98.76%

*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 2026*

The residency placement season that culminated in the residency matches for the year 2026 are of particular interest, given it is a class highly impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic at the beginning of their medical school careers. While many, though not all, of the changes to the residency selection and transition processes brought about by the COVID-19 global pandemic had either been adapted to or abandoned by the time these students matched to or placed in residency, impacts on graduating osteopathic medical students continue to linger.

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) collected data reported by the individual COMs to determine the participation by and placement of 2026 graduates in GME. All COMs participated in data collection. Each college, branch campus and additional location reported independently or with their affiliated main campus, except for two COMs. 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 SOAP in March 2026. Summary Data reported by the COMs show that 98.76 percent of 2026 graduates seeking GME successfully placed in graduate medical education during this process. The nation's COMs graduated 9,019 new physicians who will begin their residency training in July 2026.

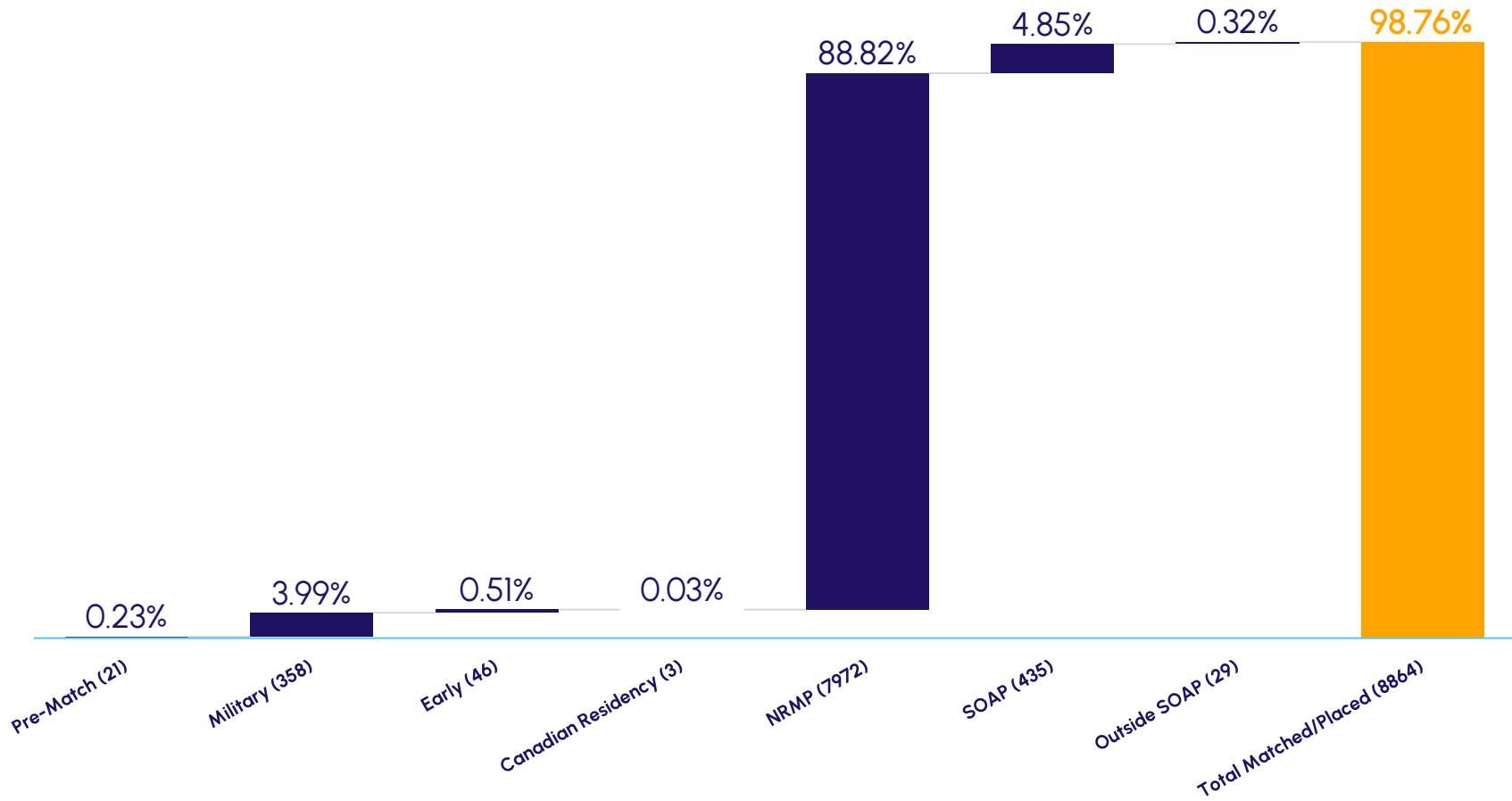
AACOM recognizes the hard work of osteopathic medical students across the country, as well as their advisors and administrators, to achieve this level of residency placement. AACOM expresses its thanks to staff at the COMs for responding to data requests to compile this report. For questions or additional information, contact Mark Speicher, Senior Vice President for Research, Learning and Innovation, at [mspeicher@aacom.org](mailto:mspeicher@aacom.org).

Indicator	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Anticipated number of graduates	9,019	8,814	8,480	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)	8,975	8,773	8,427	7,806	7,598	7,355	6,864	6,582	6,303	5,937
Number of participants in the AOA match								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 pre-match	21	27								
Percent matched in pre-match	0.23%	0.31%								
Number matched in military match	358	373	342	345	346	263	283	266	272	254
Percent matched in military match	3.99%	4.25%	4.06%	4.42%	4.55%	3.58%	4.12%	4.04%	4.32%	4.28%
Number matched to Early, Non-Military	46	48	56	39	48	36	44	39	41	47

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Percent matched to Early, Non-Military	0.51%	0.55%	0.66%	0.50%	0.63%	0.49%	0.64%	0.59%	0.65%	0.79%
Number Canadian Residency Matching Program	3									
Percent Canadian Residency Matching Program	0.03%									
Number of participants in the NRMP match	8,586	8,392	8,033	7,436	7,303	7,101	6,581	5,499	4,320	3,323
Percent of those seeking GME participating in the NRMP match	95.67%	95.66%	95.32%	95.26%	96.12%	95.19%	95.88%	83.55%	68.54%	55.97%
Number matched in NRMP/SOAP	8,407	8,209	7,889	7,334	7,131	6,907	6,488	5,281	3,878	3,072
Percent NRMP participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	97.92%	97.75%	98.21%	98.63%	97.60%	98.66%	98.59%	96.04%	89.77%	92.45%
Percent of all participants matched in NRMP/SOAP	93.67%	93.57%	93.62%	93.95%	93.85%	93.91%	94.52%	80.23%	61.53%	51.74%
Number matching/placing to any GME position	8,864	8,696	8,347	7,767	7,525	7,304	6,815	6,482	6,186	5,898
Percent of all DO graduates seeking GME placing to position	98.76%	99.12%	99.05%	99.50%	99.10%	98.00%	99.29%	98.48%	98.14%	99.34%

*Note: Starting in 2025, schools reported the number of seniors seeking GME. In prior years, this data was collected from the NRMP match previous years, this data was collected from the NRMP Match Report.*

# Percent of 2026 Osteopathic Medical School Graduates Matching or Placing



## Historical GME Placement 2023 - 2026

