Applying to Medical School
2015 AMCAS® Medical School Applications by the Numbers

Applicants and Enrollees
50,778 Applied
20,229 Accepted
19,115 Enrolled

1 out of 3 applicants enrolled into medical school in 2015 compared to 2 out of 5 in 2014

Enrollee Self-Identification
White (53.3%)
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin (9.2%)
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (4.6%)
Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident (4.0%)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (0.4%)
Asian (21.8%)
Black or African American (8.9%)
Other (4.5%)
American Indian or Alaska Native (0.9%)

Enrollee Gender
Male 51.9%
Female 48.1%

Average GPA
Applicant GPA 3.56
Enrollee GPA 3.70
Range: 2.12 - 4.0

Language, Age, and Military
A little over one third of enrollees speak a language other than English fluently
18 age of youngest enrollee
54 age of oldest enrollee

Just under 2% of applicants and enrollees have reported military service

Average MCAT
Applicant MCAT score
Minimum 3
Average 28.3
Maximum 45

Enrollee MCAT score
Minimum 5
Average 31.4
Maximum 45
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Medical schools are interested in applicants with all different types of experience. The data represented here is just a snapshot of characteristics that many entering medical students share.

Enrollee Profile

- Enrollees had an average of 54 courses listed on their AMCAS application
- Altogether, enrollees have provided 12.1 million community service hours
- 82.4% have research/lab experience
- 76.5% have experience with physician shadowing or clinical observation
- 22.5% of enrollees were awarded a Pell Grant
- 12.7% of enrollees self-identified as disadvantaged
- 7.5% of enrollees were awarded fee assistance from the AAMC
- 20 enrollees had DACA status

AMCAS Operations

- 50,463 Verified applications
- 34,112,988 Verified data points
- 10,572 Hours verifying applications
- 146,779 Paper documents handled by AMCAS

AAMC Services Contact Center

- 105,377 calls were answered by SCC staff
- SCC staff responded to a total of 39,143 emails
- 16,804 hours were devoted to assisting applicants, advisors, examiners, and other callers

1 Unless otherwise noted, the data represented in this publication are from the AMCAS Database. This includes application information from applicants to AMCAS-participating medical schools.
2 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a status determined by the US Customs and Immigration Services. This information is not verified by the AAMC.
3 Source: internal records.