

Table A-23: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2018-2019 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2017-2018 through 2018-2019. The frequencies are combined totals of both years. Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Acceptance Rate for Applicants		Total MCAT Scores									All Applicants	
		Less than 486	486-489	490-493	494-497	498-501	502-505	506-509	510-513	514-517		Greater than 517
Total GPA												
Greater than 3.79	Acceptees	3	7	40	204	668	1,782	3,207	4,156	3,971	4,213	18,251
	Applicants	107	217	482	1,061	2,141	3,900	5,009	5,492	4,772	4,743	27,524
	Acceptance rate %	2.8	3.2	8.3	19.2	31.2	50.9	64.0	75.7	83.2	88.8	66.3
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	0	6	40	221	707	1,520	2,538	3,014	2,209	1,478	11,733
	Applicants	250	416	884	1,692	2,869	4,177	4,929	4,549	2,944	1,774	24,484
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	1.4	4.5	13.1	24.6	36.4	51.5	66.3	79.0	83.3	47.9
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	5	7	41	190	510	939	1,359	1,475	979	565	6,070
	Applicants	382	577	1,108	1,865	2,691	3,366	3,554	2,835	1,559	791	18,728
	Acceptance rate %	1.3	1.2	3.7	10.2	19.0	27.9	38.2	52.0	62.8	71.4	32.4
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	1	2	26	118	290	471	584	556	347	158	2,553
	Applicants	455	559	1,001	1,483	1,864	2,138	1,919	1,383	695	273	11,770
	Acceptance rate %	0.2	0.4	2.6	8.0	15.6	22.0	30.4	40.2	49.9	57.9	21.7
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	1	5	13	62	136	223	237	228	103	57	1,065
	Applicants	499	515	710	959	1,070	1,034	908	650	245	123	6,713
	Acceptance rate %	0.2	1.0	1.8	6.5	12.7	21.6	26.1	35.1	42.0	46.3	15.9
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	3	2	9	23	37	75	76	48	31	14	318
	Applicants	459	367	439	481	504	462	361	190	110	36	3,409
	Acceptance rate %	0.7	0.5	2.1	4.8	7.3	16.2	21.1	25.3	28.2	38.9	9.3
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	0	2	1	10	22	31	17	11	18	-	117
	Applicants	306	212	278	254	257	175	124	69	42	-	1,726
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.9	0.4	3.9	8.6	17.7	13.7	15.9	42.9	-	6.8
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	0	1	2	5	3	11	10	8	3	-	45
	Applicants	229	120	122	124	87	63	39	30	10	-	830
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.8	1.6	4.0	3.4	17.5	25.6	26.7	30.0	-	5.4
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	0	0	0	1	4	6	2	2	-	-	19
	Applicants	126	67	55	37	34	26	21	14	-	-	387
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	11.8	23.1	9.5	14.3	-	-	4.9
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	0	0	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
	Applicants	76	22	20	18	-	11	-	-	-	-	159
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	-	9.1	-	-	-	-	1.3
Less than 2.00	Acceptees	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Applicants	38	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
All Applicants	Acceptees	13	32	174	834	2,377	5,059	8,030	9,498	7,663	6,494	40,174
	Applicants	2,927	3,081	5,109	7,981	11,522	14,953	16,868	15,217	10,381	7,758	95,797
	Acceptance rate %	0.4	1.0	3.4	10.4	20.6	33.8	47.6	62.4	73.8	83.7	41.9

Notes: In April 2015, the AAMC launched a new version of the MCAT exam. Scores are reported in four sections: 1) Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems (CPBS), 2) Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills (CARS), 3) Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems (BFLS), and 4) Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior (PSBB). Some medical schools accept scores from both the new and old exams. Accordingly, applicants vary in which scores they include with their applications.

In 2017, 51,680 individuals applied to U.S. medical schools. Among them, 50,826 applied with MCAT scores, and 51,432 provided undergraduate grade point averages (UGPAs). Among those who applied with MCAT scores, 11.7% of the applicants applied with scores from the old version of the MCAT® exam only, 21.3% applied with scores from the old exam and the new exam, and 67.0% applied with scores from the new exam only. In 2018, 52,777 individuals applied to U.S. medical schools. Among them, 51,816 applied with MCAT scores, and 52,518 provided UGPAs. Among those who applied with MCAT scores, almost all applicants (i.e., greater than 98.6%) applied with scores from the new exam.

The means and SDs of MCAT scores are calculated based on data from applicants who applied with MCAT scores. Specifically, 44,869 applicants and 18,073 matriculants in 2017, and 51,067 applicants and 20,642 matriculants in 2018 were included in the calculations. The means and SDs of UGPA are calculated based on data from applicants who applied with UGPAs. Specifically, 51,432 applicants and 21,164 matriculants in 2017, and 52,518 applicants and 21,441 matriculants in 2018 were included in the calculations.

Each academic year includes applicants and matriculants that applied to enter medical school in the fall of the given year. For example, academic year 2018-2019 represents the applicants and matriculants that applied to enter medical school during the 2018 application cycle.