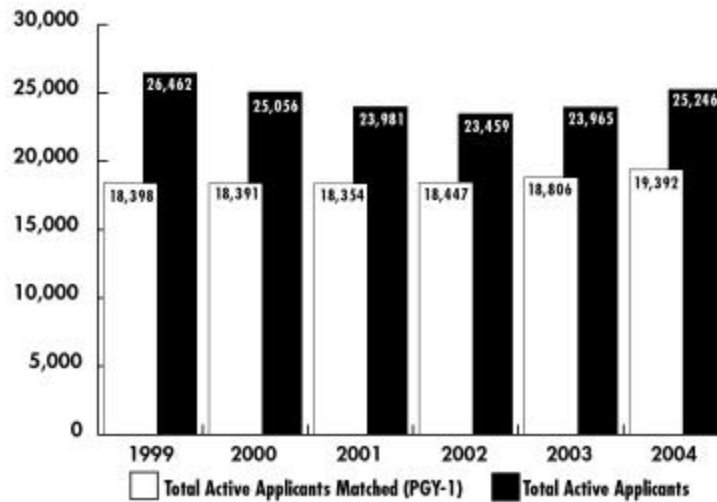


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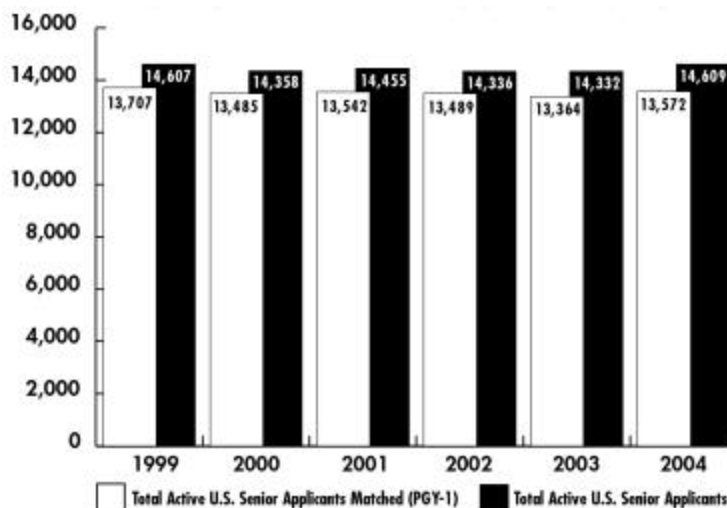
More than 25,000 applicants participated in the 2004 Match, a 5.3 percent increase in participation since 2003. Of the 25,246 applicants: 14,609 were U.S. medical school seniors, 7,686 were international medical school graduates, and 1,559 were osteopathic physicians. More than three-fourths (76.8 percent) of all Match applicants were matched to a first-year residency position.

Total Number of Active Applicants and Numbers Matched



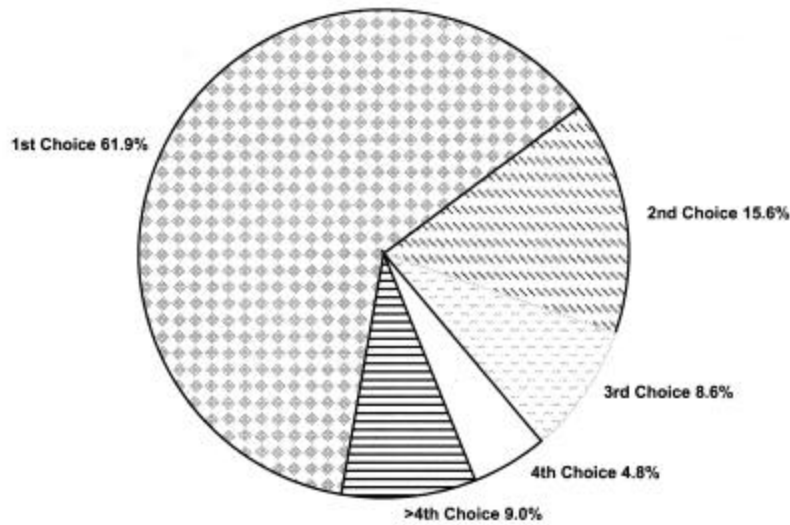
Almost 93 percent (13,572) of participating U.S. medical school seniors were matched to first-year residency positions. The match rate has remained high, between 92 and 94 percent, for the past 20 years.

Total Number of Active U.S. Seniors and Numbers Matched



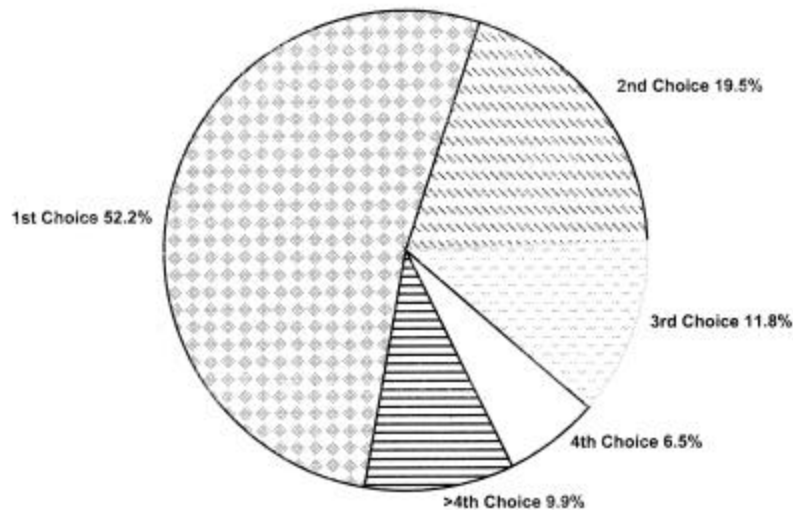
More than 80 percent of all matched applicants obtained one of their top three residency program choices in 2004. Matched U.S. medical school seniors enjoyed a very high success rate: 86.1 percent were paired with one of their top three program choices.

**Percent of Matches
(U.S. Senior Applicants)**



Similarly, 83.5 percent of all other groups of matched applicants, including international medical graduates, were paired with one of their top three choices.

**Percent of Matches
(Non-U.S. Senior Applicants)**



There were 641 couples in the Match this year, the highest number ever. The 2004 match rate for individuals who participated as a couple was 93.9 percent; for 584 of the participating couples both partners matched to their respective residency program preferences.

Couples in the Match

