Table 6: Age of Applicants to U.S. Medical Schools at Anticipated Matriculation by Sex and Race and Ethnicity

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Note : The table below displays the self-identified** ethnic and racial characteristics of applicants to U.S. medical schools. Please e-mail us at facts@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Mean Age of Applicants at Anticipated Matriculation			2008			2009			2010			2011		
			Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All
			Not	Yes		Not	Yes		Not	Yes		Not	Yes	
Women*	Hispanic or Latino	Mexican American	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25
		Puerto Rican	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24
		Cuban	23	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24
		Other Hispanic or Latino	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25
		Multiple Hispanic or Latino	24	24	24	25	23	24	25	23	24	25	24	24
		Subtotal	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24
	Non-Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25
		Asian	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	24
		American Indian or Alaska Native	26	26	26	27	23	26	27	25	26	26	24	25
		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	25	24	25	26	25	26	25	24	25	25	24	25
		White	24	23	24	24	24	24	24	23	24	24	24	24
		Other Race	25	23	25	25	23	24	24	24	24	24	23	24
		No Race Response	23	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	23
		More than One Race	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	25	24	24
		Subtotal	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	24
	Non-U.S.	Foreign	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	23
		Unknown Citizenship	.	35	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
		Subtotal	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	23
	Total for Women*		24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	24
Men*	Hispanic or Latino	Mexican American	25	24	25	25	24	25	26	24	25	25	25	25
		Puerto Rican	24	23	24	25	23	24	24	23	24	25	23	24
		Cuban	24	23	24	24	24	24	24	23	24	24	23	24
		Other Hispanic or Latino	26	24	25	26	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25
		Multiple Hispanic or Latino	25	24	24	24	24	24	25	23	24	25	24	25
		Subtotal	25	24	24	25	24	25	25	24	24	25	24	25
	Non-Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	26	24	25	26	24	25	27	24	26	26	25	26
		Asian	24	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24	24	23	24
		American Indian or Alaska Native	26	25	26	29	25	27	27	25	26	28	25	27
		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	25	24	25	25	24	25	26	25	26	26	23	25
		White	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24
		Other Race	27	23	26	26	24	26	37	23	32	38	22	30
		No Race Response	24	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	25	23	24
		More than One Race	25	24	25	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24
		Subtotal	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24
	Non-U.S.	Foreign	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
		Subtotal	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
	Total for Men*		25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24	25	24	24

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			Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All	Matriculated		All
			Not	Yes		Not	Yes		Not	Yes		Not	Yes	
Women*	Percentile	1st	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	20	20
		5th	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
		25th	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
		50th (median)	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
		75th	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25	25	24	25
		95th	31	28	30	31	28	30	31	28	30	31	28	30
		99th	40	34	38	41	33	38	40	33	38	40	34	38
Men*	Percentile	1st	21	20	20	21	20	20	21	20	21	21	20	20
		5th	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
		25th	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
		50th (median)	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	23	24	23	23
		75th	26	24	25	26	24	25	26	24	25	26	25	25
		95th	32	29	31	32	29	31	32	29	31	32	29	31
		99th	40	34	38	40	36	38	40	35	38	40	35	38

** Since 2002, following U.S. federal guidelines, AMCAS has asked applicants who are U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents to self-identify using two separate questions: the first question ("Ethnicity") asks applicants whether they are "Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina" or "Not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina"; the second question ("Race") asks applicants to self-identify using non-Hispanic or Latino race categories, and applicants are asked to "check all that apply." The ethnicity category and several race categories permit further self-identification by sub-categories. Prior to 2002, AMCAS applicants were not able to select more than one race; thus, data prior to 2002 are not directly comparable to later data.

* One applicant in 2008, three applicants in 2009, one applicant in 2010, and four applicants in 2011, who declined to report gender, are not reflected.

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