Diversity among Hispanic/Latinx US Physicians

Sources: American Community Survey (ACS), 2015-2019; AAMC Student Record System 2015-2019

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Percentage of US practicing Hispanic/Latinx physicians differed significantly by birthplace and identified origin

About 6% of US practicing physicians identify as Hispanic/Latinx. They are often grouped together, belying their significant within-group diversity. About 43% of Hispanic/Latinx physicians were born in the U.S., 21% in South America, 9% in Puerto Rico, 9% in Cuba, 8% in Mexico, and 5% in the rest of Central America (Fig. 1).

Even within Hispanic/Latinx physicians born in the U.S., differences exist (Fig. 2), reflecting the range of cultural experiences physicians may bring into practice.

Significant diversity was also found within US born students of Hispanic/Latinx origin.

Among the 11% of matriculants to MD-granting US medical schools who identified as Hispanic/Latinx between 2015 and 2019, diversity also abounds - with the largest percentage identifying as Mexican (26.6%) (Figure 3).

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Figure 1: Percent of US practicing Hispanic/Latinx physicians by birthplace

Figure 2: Percent of Hispanic/Latinx physicians born in U.S. by identified origin

Figure 3: Ethnicities of Hispanic/Latinx matriculants to US MD-granting medical schools

* Individuals identifying as Spaniard were excluded. * Born in the U.S. defined as in the 50 States and D.C. * Origin is defined by the Census bureau as ancestry, lineage, heritage, nationality group or country of birth. * For matriculant data, race/ethnicity data are only available for US Citizens and permanent residents.