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Applicants	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other	Multiple Race/Ethnicity	Unknown Race/Ethnicity	Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident	Total	
MCAT CPBS	Mean	124.7	127.2	124.2	124.9	125.6	126.6	126.2	126.0	126.9	127.0	126.4
	SD	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
MCAT CARS	Mean	124.4	126.1	123.8	124.3	124.5	126.4	125.2	125.7	126.6	125.4	125.9
	SD	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7
MCAT BBLs	Mean	125.4	127.3	124.4	125.3	126.1	127.0	126.4	126.3	127.1	127.3	126.7
	SD	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.7
MCAT PSBB	Mean	125.6	127.7	125.2	125.7	126.5	127.4	126.9	126.8	127.7	127.4	127.1
	SD	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.7
Total MCAT	Mean	500.1	508.4	497.6	500.2	502.7	507.5	504.7	504.7	508.3	507.1	506.1
	SD	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.5	7.2	8.2	9.2	9.4	8.4	9.6	9.3
GPA Science	Mean	3.27	3.52	3.15	3.30	3.39	3.56	3.43	3.41	3.50	3.56	3.48
	SD	0.50	0.40	0.49	0.46	0.38	0.37	0.45	0.45	0.41	0.46	0.43
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.58	3.74	3.56	3.64	3.64	3.76	3.71	3.69	3.72	3.73	3.72
	SD	0.37	0.26	0.34	0.31	0.33	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.28
GPA Total	Mean	3.41	3.62	3.33	3.44	3.50	3.64	3.55	3.53	3.60	3.63	3.58
	SD	0.41	0.32	0.39	0.37	0.32	0.29	0.35	0.36	0.33	0.36	0.33
Total Applicants		89	11,027	4,419	3,350	42	23,469	1,198	5,246	2,641	1,890	53,371

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MCAT CPBS	Mean	125.6	128.7	126.2	126.5	126.8	127.8	127.9	127.6	128.1	128.6	127.8
	SD	2	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2
MCAT CARS	Mean	125.6	127.4	125.5	125.5	125.7	127.5	126.4	126.9	127.7	126.7	127.1
	SD	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
MCAT BBLS	Mean	126.7	128.7	126.6	126.9	127.7	128.2	128.0	127.9	128.4	128.7	128.1
	SD	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1
MCAT PSBB	Mean	127	129.1	127.3	127.3	128.5	128.6	128.6	128.4	128.9	129.0	128.5
	SD	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
Total MCAT	Mean	504.8	513.9	505.7	506.2	508.7	512.1	510.8	510.7	513.2	513.0	511.5
	SD	6.6	5.7	6.1	6.9	5.5	5.9	5.7	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.5
GPA Science	Mean	3.46	3.71	3.38	3.53	3.38	3.70	3.67	3.62	3.69	3.75	3.66
	SD	0.36	0.26	0.40	0.34	0.39	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.26	0.30
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.72	3.83	3.67	3.74	3.53	3.83	3.83	3.79	3.82	3.82	3.81
	SD	0.21	0.19	0.29	0.25	0.45	0.20	0.17	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.22
GPA Total	Mean	3.57	3.77	3.51	3.62	3.46	3.76	3.74	3.69	3.75	3.78	3.73
	SD	0.27	0.21	0.32	0.28	0.42	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.24
Total Matriculants		44	4,687	1,627	1,412	13	10,184	379	2,178	1,073	272	21,869

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 (BBLS), 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. Only the most recent MCAT score is used for individuals who took the exam more than once.

In 2019, 53,371 individuals applied to U.S. medical schools. Among them, 52,414 applied with MCAT scores, and 53,106 provided UGPAs. Among those who applied with MCAT scores, almost all applicants (i.e., 99.8%) 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, 52,326 applicants and 21,157 matriculants in 2019 were included in the calculations. The means and SDs of UGPA are calculated based on data from applicants who applied with UGPAs. Specifically, 53,106 applicants and 21,689 matriculants in 2019 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 2019-2020 represents the applicants and matriculants that applied to enter medical school during the 2019 application cycle.