

Table A-16: MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2019-2020



The table below displays MCAT scores and GPAs for applicants and matriculants from 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 by mean or median and standard deviation (SD). Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Applicants		2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
MCAT CPBS	Mean	126.2	126.3	126.4
	SD	2.8	2.7	2.8
MCAT CARS	Mean	125.7	125.9	125.9
	SD	2.7	2.7	2.7
MCAT BBLs	Mean	126.4	126.6	126.7
	SD	2.8	2.7	2.7
MCAT PSBB	Mean	126.5	126.8	127.1
	SD	2.8	2.7	2.7
Total MCAT	Mean	504.7	505.6	506.1
	SD	9.4	9.3	9.3
GPA Science	Mean	3.45	3.47	3.48
	SD	0.43	0.43	0.43
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.70	3.71	3.72
	SD	0.29	0.28	0.28
GPA Total	Mean	3.56	3.57	3.58
	SD	0.34	0.34	0.33
Total Applicants		51,680	52,777	53,371

Table A-16: MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2019-2020



The table below displays MCAT scores and GPAs for applicants and matriculants from 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 by mean or median and standard deviation (SD). Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Matriculants		2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
MCAT CPBS	Mean	127.6	127.7	127.8
	SD	2.2	2.1	2.2
MCAT CARS	Mean	126.9	127.1	127.1
	SD	2.3	2.3	2.3
MCAT BBLS	Mean	127.9	128	128.1
	SD	2.1	2.1	2.1
MCAT PSBB	Mean	128	128.3	128.5
	SD	2.1	2.1	2.0
Total MCAT	Mean	510.4	511.2	511.5
	SD	6.6	6.5	6.5
GPA Science	Mean	3.64	3.65	3.66
	SD	0.31	0.30	0.30
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.79	3.80	3.81
	SD	0.22	0.21	0.22
GPA Total	Mean	3.71	3.72	3.73
	SD	0.25	0.24	0.24
Total Matriculants		21,338	21,622	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 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., 98.6%) applied with scores from the new exam. 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, 44,869 applicants and 18,073 matriculants in 2017, 51,067 applicants and 20,642 matriculants in 2018, and 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, 51,432 applicants and 21,164 matriculants in 2017, 52,518 applicants and 21,441 matriculants in 2018, and 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.