

Table A-23: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2017-2018 through 2019-2020 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2017-2018 through 2019-2020. The frequencies are combined totals of both years. Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Acceptance Rate for Applicants		Total MCAT Scores									All Applicants	
		Less than 486	486-489	490-493	494-497	498-501	502-505	506-509	510-513	514-517		Greater than 517
Total GPA												
Greater than 3.79	Acceptees	4	9	58	298	1,007	2,603	4,945	6,573	6,312	6,893	28,702
	Applicants	159	320	726	1,584	3,272	5,435	7,957	8,778	7,711	7,848	43,790
	Acceptance rate %	2.5	2.8	8.0	18.8	30.8	47.9	62.1	74.9	81.9	87.8	65.5
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	3	8	55	300	1,017	2,181	3,770	4,670	3,526	2,364	17,894
	Applicants	382	613	1,313	2,492	4,251	6,291	7,565	7,228	4,793	2,924	37,852
	Acceptance rate %	0.8	1.3	4.2	12.0	23.9	34.7	49.8	64.6	73.6	80.8	47.3
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	5	10	53	266	748	1,340	2,034	2,290	1,552	881	9,179
	Applicants	570	846	1,593	2,683	4,023	5,059	5,472	4,497	2,494	1,252	28,489
	Acceptance rate %	0.9	1.2	3.3	9.9	18.6	26.5	37.2	50.9	62.2	70.4	32.2
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	1	6	35	155	424	683	865	865	571	252	3,857
	Applicants	705	835	1,474	2,183	2,821	3,176	2,921	2,170	1,123	443	17,851
	Acceptance rate %	0.1	0.7	2.4	7.1	15.0	21.5	29.6	39.9	50.8	56.9	21.6
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	3	7	17	94	226	327	359	339	168	100	1,640
	Applicants	777	743	1,030	1,433	1,596	1,591	1,411	1,004	408	201	10,194
	Acceptance rate %	0.4	0.9	1.7	6.6	14.2	20.6	25.4	33.8	41.2	49.8	16.1
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	5	3	14	30	67	126	132	86	48	24	535
	Applicants	673	549	659	700	756	737	565	324	169	58	5,190
	Acceptance rate %	0.7	0.5	2.1	4.3	8.9	17.1	23.4	26.5	28.4	41.4	10.3
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	0	4	2	11	34	44	33	21	23	6	178
	Applicants	468	320	396	354	401	267	186	113	57	18	2,580
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	1.3	0.5	3.1	8.5	16.5	17.7	18.6	40.4	33.3	6.9
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	0	1	3	8	5	12	17	12	4	-	64
	Applicants	331	176	175	170	124	93	69	46	16	-	1,206
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.6	1.7	4.7	4.0	12.9	24.6	26.1	25.0	-	5.3
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	0	0	0	2	5	8	5	3	-	-	29
	Applicants	194	96	83	61	44	39	32	21	-	-	579
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	11.4	20.5	15.6	14.3	-	-	5.0
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	0	0	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
	Applicants	107	30	29	20	-	13	-	-	-	-	221
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	-	7.7	-	-	-	-	1.4
Less than 2.00	Acceptees	0	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Applicants	51	14	14	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	7.1	7.1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1
All Applicants	Acceptees	21	49	239	1,164	3,533	7,325	12,160	14,859	12,209	10,524	62,083
	Applicants	4,417	4,542	7,492	11,690	17,297	22,703	26,187	24,186	16,779	12,753	148,046
	Acceptance rate %	0.5	1.1	3.2	10.0	20.4	32.3	46.4	61.4	72.8	82.5	41.9

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 (BFLS), 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 acceptees that applied to enter medical school in the fall of the given year. For example, academic year 2019-2020 represents the applicants and acceptees that applied to enter medical school during the 2019 application cycle.