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Applicant Race/Ethnicity Responses		2016-2017*	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
American Indian or Alaska Native	Alone	127	100	109	89	73
	In Combination	426	408	450	497	488
	Alone or In Combination	553	508	559	586	561
Asian	Alone	10,906	10,499	11,218	11,028	11,240
	In Combination	1,685	1,573	1,594	1,751	1,778
	Alone or In Combination	12,591	12,072	12,812	12,779	13,018
Black or African American	Alone	4,344	4,308	4,430	4,419	4,363
	In Combination	654	659	734	774	834
	Alone or In Combination	4,998	4,967	5,164	5,193	5,197
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin	Alone	3,300	3,396	3,297	3,349	3,332
	In Combination	2,121	2,157	2,279	2,508	2,488
	Alone or In Combination	5,421	5,553	5,576	5,857	5,820
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Alone	32	38	53	42	41
	In Combination	141	146	136	190	173
	Alone or In Combination	173	184	189	232	214
White	Alone	25,544	23,937	24,686	23,468	22,891
	In Combination	3,853	3,689	3,939	4,326	4,344
	Alone or In Combination	29,397	27,626	28,625	27,794	27,235
Other	Alone	1,089	1,091	1,167	1,198	1,288
	In Combination	1,005	892	997	966	1,023
	Alone or In Combination	2,094	1,983	2,164	2,164	2,311
Unknown Race/Ethnicity		910	1,817	1,013	2,641	2,644
Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident		2,053	1,917	1,948	1,890	1,844
Unduplicated Total Applicants		53,042	51,680	52,777	53,370	53,030

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Percent of Applicant Race/Ethnicity Responses		2016-2017*	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
American Indian or Alaska Native	Alone	23.0	19.7	19.5	15.2	13.0
	In Combination	77.0	80.3	80.5	84.8	87.0
	Alone or In Combination	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Asian	Alone	86.6	87.0	87.6	86.3	86.3
	In Combination	13.4	13.0	12.4	13.7	13.7
	Alone or In Combination	23.7	23.4	24.3	23.9	24.5
Black or African American	Alone	86.9	86.7	85.8	85.1	84.0
	In Combination	13.1	13.3	14.2	14.9	16.0
	Alone or In Combination	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.8
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin	Alone	60.9	61.2	59.1	57.2	57.3
	In Combination	39.1	38.8	40.9	42.8	42.7
	Alone or In Combination	10.2	10.7	10.6	11.0	11.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Alone	18.5	20.7	28.0	18.1	19.2
	In Combination	81.5	79.3	72.0	81.9	80.8
	Alone or In Combination	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
White	Alone	86.9	86.6	86.2	84.4	84.0
	In Combination	13.1	13.4	13.8	15.6	16.0
	Alone or In Combination	55.4	53.5	54.2	52.1	51.4
Other	Alone	52.0	55.0	53.9	55.4	55.7
	In Combination	48.0	45.0	46.1	44.6	44.3
	Alone or In Combination	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.4
Unknown Race/Ethnicity		1.7	3.5	1.9	4.9	5.0
Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident		3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5
Unduplicated Total Applicants		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*During the 2016 application cycle, a technical malfunction in the collection of race/ethnicity data necessitated a request that applicants review and re-submit responses to the race/ethnicity question in their AMCAS applications. No applicants were asked to review this question prior to or after 2016.

Notes: The "Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident" category may include students with unknown citizenship.

Each academic year includes applicants and matriculants that applied to enter medical school in the fall of the given year. For example, academic year 2020-2021 represents the applicants and matriculants that applied to enter medical school during the 2020 application cycle.