

Table A-23: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2018-2019 through 2020-2021 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2018-2019 through 2020-2021. The frequencies are combined totals of three 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	2	5	47	291	996	2,484	5,132	7,239	7,144	7,871	31,211
	Applicants	151	302	713	1,603	3,357	5,687	8,663	9,885	8,873	9,087	48,321
	Acceptance rate %	1.3	1.7	6.6	18.2	29.7	43.7	59.2	73.2	80.5	86.6	64.6
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	4	7	57	277	964	2,049	3,702	4,929	3,858	2,556	18,403
	Applicants	370	582	1,229	2,446	4,196	6,336	7,975	7,932	5,347	3,253	39,666
	Acceptance rate %	1.1	1.2	4.6	11.3	23.0	32.3	46.4	62.1	72.2	78.6	46.4
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	5	12	48	259	727	1,291	2,047	2,427	1,695	957	9,468
	Applicants	592	785	1,502	2,584	4,004	5,045	5,686	4,905	2,776	1,374	29,253
	Acceptance rate %	0.8	1.5	3.2	10.0	18.2	25.6	36.0	49.5	61.1	69.7	32.4
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	3	7	32	145	404	683	883	932	590	287	3,966
	Applicants	709	786	1,375	2,038	2,820	3,135	3,023	2,315	1,203	506	17,910
	Acceptance rate %	0.4	0.9	2.3	7.1	14.3	21.8	29.2	40.3	49.0	56.7	22.1
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	4	4	18	82	220	340	397	363	197	121	1,746
	Applicants	803	705	948	1,370	1,595	1,641	1,530	1,084	455	223	10,354
	Acceptance rate %	0.5	0.6	1.9	6.0	13.8	20.7	25.9	33.5	43.3	54.3	16.9
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	4	3	11	26	82	129	126	95	55	33	564
	Applicants	612	515	633	669	745	758	586	361	179	73	5,131
	Acceptance rate %	0.7	0.6	1.7	3.9	11.0	17.0	21.5	26.3	30.7	45.2	11.0
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	0	5	3	16	40	43	43	30	22	3	205
	Applicants	456	307	349	344	378	282	203	128	59	16	2,522
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	1.6	0.9	4.7	10.6	15.2	21.2	23.4	37.3	18.8	8.1
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	0	0	3	5	7	10	15	9	6	-	57
	Applicants	316	159	176	154	129	100	64	38	18	-	1,162
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	1.7	3.2	5.4	10.0	23.4	23.7	33.3	-	4.9
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	0	0	0	2	5	4	5	3	-	-	24
	Applicants	197	78	81	61	43	36	31	22	-	-	557
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	11.6	11.1	16.1	13.6	-	-	4.3
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	0	0	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
	Applicants	95	28	32	13	-	10	-	-	-	-	202
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	-	10.0	-	-	-	-	2.0
Less than 2.00	Acceptees	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Applicants	48	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
	Acceptance rate %	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2
All Applicants	Acceptees	22	44	220	1,103	3,445	7,034	12,350	16,028	13,572	11,831	65,649
	Applicants	4,349	4,256	7,048	11,291	17,274	23,031	27,772	26,676	18,920	14,543	155,160
	Acceptance rate %	0.5	1.0	3.1	9.8	19.9	30.5	44.5	60.1	71.7	81.4	42.3

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 2018, 52,777 individuals applied to U.S. medical schools. Among them, 51,815 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, 53,370 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. In 2020, 53,030 individuals applied to U.S. medical schools. Among them, 52,022 applied with MCAT scores, and 52,744 provided UGPAs. Among those who applied with MCAT scores, almost all applicants (i.e., 98.6%) applied with scores from the new exam.

The counts for MCAT score ranges are calculated based on data from applicants who applied with MCAT scores. Specifically, 51,066 applicants and 20,642 matriculants in 2018, 52,326 applicants and 21,156 matriculants in 2019, and 51,996 applicants and 21,519 matriculants in 2020 were included in the calculations. The counts for UGPA ranges are calculated based on data from applicants who applied with UGPAs. Specifically, 52,518 applicants and 21,441 matriculants in 2018, 53,105 applicants and 21,689 matriculants in 2019, and 52,744 applicants and 22,050 matriculants in 2020 were included in the calculations.

Dashed cells indicate the MCAT/UGPA range combinations with fewer than 10 applicants; blank cells indicate MCAT/UGPA range combinations with zero applicants.

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.