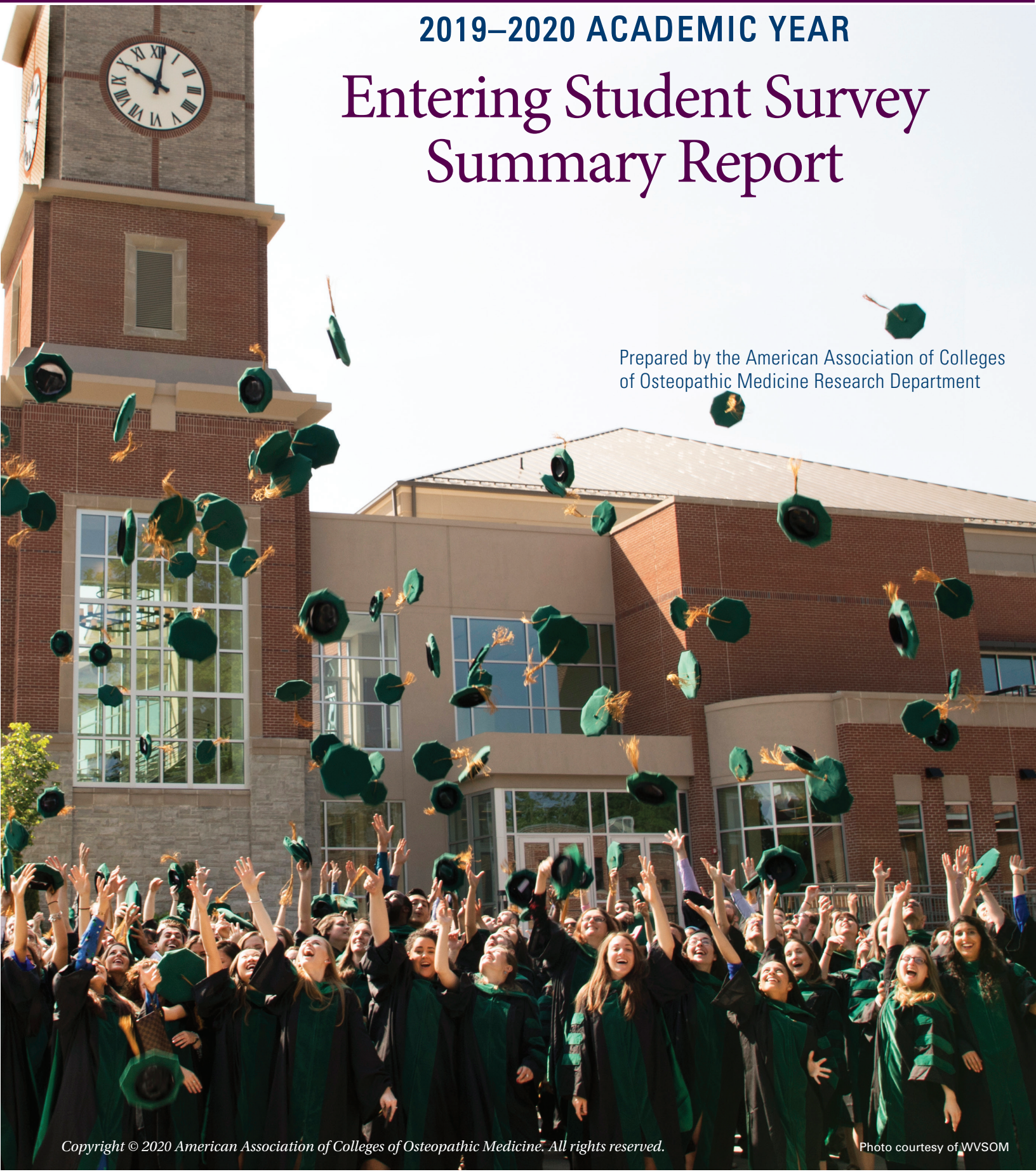


2019–2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

# Entering Student Survey Summary Report

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Each year, AACOM collaborates with the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) to distribute the AACOM Entering Student Survey. The survey queries first year students on a variety of topics and compiles a comprehensive snapshot of students' self-reported debt and financing of medical education, and their graduate medical education plans. The survey asks students to outline their plans for graduate medical education (GME), specialty selection, and career. A total of 6,906 expected 2019 first year students responded to the survey from 36 COMs and branch campuses. The "AACOM 2019-2020 Academic Year Entering Student Survey Summary Report" is made available to the public and the COMs are distributed a school report.

Several sets of responses are noted below.

## Self-Reported Student Debt, Scholarships, and Income

Table 1 -- From 2018 to 2019, mean expected medical education debt increased by 0.7 percent, from \$184,283 to \$185,654. Eighty-four percent of entering students expect to have medical education debt on graduation. Entering students attending private osteopathic medical schools expected medical education debt is \$189,315, 16.9 percent more compared to students attending public schools expected medical education debt (\$154,765).

Table 1a -- The overall median expected debt for the class entering in 2019 is \$192,000—up \$16,000 or 9 percent over the previous two years. Median expected debt for entering students at private COMs is \$200,000 compared to public COMs at \$160,000—a difference of \$40,000 or 22.2 percent.

Table 2.1 -- Eighty-five percent of females anticipated having expected medical education debt compared to 83 percent of males expected to have medical education debt upon graduation. Although more entering female students expect to have debt, entering male students expected mean debt is \$190,518, or 5.1 percent more, compared to entering female students expected debt (\$180,960).

Table 2.2 -- Compared to the overall population, a greater percentage of Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino entering students expect to graduate with medical education debt—91 percent and 88 percent respectively. Only 77 percent of Asian entering students expect to graduate with medical education debt. Data showing expected debt are in Tables 1-3a.

Table 8 -- The mean expected scholarship/grant award amounts reported by the 2019 entering class is \$98,575, an increase of 10.3 percent, or \$9,221, from 2018. There is a significant difference in the mean expected scholarship/grant award amounts reported from students entering public COMs, \$62,264, compared to private COMs, \$105,758. Overall, 25 percent of the 2019 entering class expected to receive a scholarship/grant award. Data showing scholarships and grants are in Tables 8-9.6.

Table 10 -- The most significant source of funds for medical education continues to be loans, with students reporting 74 percent of funds coming from loans, followed by 13 percent from parents.

## Graduate Osteopathic Medical Education and Primary Care Specialty Plans

Table 11 -- The majority of entering students, 91 percent, plan on pursuing residency immediate post-graduation, a decrease of 3 percent from 2018. Only 4 percent of entering students are undecided about future plans, an increase of 2 percent from 2018.

Table 12 -- Seventeen percent of students plan to participate in a GME program with an osteopathic focus. Seventy-three percent of the entering class of 2019 are undecided on their plans to enter in a GME program with an osteopathic focus.

Table 13 -- Seven percent of students plan only AOA board certification, a 5 percent decrease from 2018. Fifty-Seven percent plan to pursue both AOA and ABMS board certification, a 10 percent decrease from 2018. More than 35 percent of the entering class of 2019 reported being undecided on their plans for board certification.

Table 25 -- Fifteen percent of students plan to specialize in one of the primary care disciplines of family medicine, general internal medicine, or general pediatrics. Ten percent are undecided about specialty plans. Emergency medicine continues to be the top planned non-primary care specialty at 15 percent.

*\*Note: This year, AACOM is collaborating with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Cleveland Clinic and Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University to launch the Project in Osteopathic Medical Education and Empathy (POMEE) survey Phase II, to be launched along with the AACOM Academic Year Entering Student Survey to the 2019-2020 entering class. The POMEE survey was completely voluntary, and students will have the opportunity to opt out of completing it, which will take them to the remainder of the Entering Student Survey. If you need more information concerning your school's POMEE survey, please contact your school's POMEE survey coordinator.*

**Table I: Mean Expected Debt\***

Source of Debt	Debt <sup>‡</sup>			% in Debt		
	All Schools	Public	Private	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans</b>						
2019-2020	\$185,654	\$159,765	\$189,315	84%	86%	83%
2018-2019	\$184,283	\$154,592	\$189,536	84%	84%	84%
2017-2018	\$175,392	\$155,745	\$179,273	85%	85%	85%
<b>Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student</b>						
2019-2020	\$116,632	\$71,885	\$121,554	5%	4%	6%
2018-2019	\$100,311	\$71,253	\$106,413	6%	7%	5%
2017-2018	\$108,419	\$105,830	\$108,920	7%	6%	7%
<b>Expected Non-Educational Debt</b>						
2019-2020	\$35,200	\$31,667	\$35,674	36%	35%	36%
2018-2019	\$33,919	\$36,776	\$33,418	36%	37%	36%
2017-2018	\$36,293	\$35,916	\$36,368	37%	37%	37%
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education</b>						
2019-2020	\$55,769	\$49,495	\$56,622	49%	49%	49%
2018-2019	\$54,709	\$45,959	\$56,226	49%	48%	49%
2017-2018	\$54,396	\$51,119	\$55,043	51%	51%	51%
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education<sup>†</sup></b>						
2019-2020	\$51,353	\$48,920	\$51,602	39%	30%	40%
2018-2019	\$51,344	\$37,447	\$53,230	39%	32%	41%
2017-2018	\$46,575	\$41,357	\$47,403	40%	33%	41%

**Table Ia: Median Expected Debt\***

Source of Debt	Debt			# of Students	
	All Schools	Public	Private	Public	Private
<b>Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans</b>					
2019-2020	\$192,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	621	4,391
2018-2019	\$190,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	789	4,459
2017-2018	\$176,000	\$160,000	\$180,000	831	4,208
<b>Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student</b>					
2019-2020	\$90,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	22	200
2018-2019	\$60,000	\$44,250	\$72,500	42	200
2017-2018	\$60,000	\$53,000	\$75,000	44	227
<b>Expected Non-Educational Debt</b>					
2019-2020	\$15,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	258	1,923
2018-2019	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	338	1,928
2017-2018	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	366	1,833
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education</b>					
2019-2020	\$34,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	390	2,869
2018-2019	\$30,754	\$30,000	\$32,000	492	2,836
2017-2018	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$35,000	544	2,752
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education<sup>†</sup></b>					
2019-2020	\$40,000	\$37,750	\$42,000	118	1,149
2018-2019	\$40,000	\$29,500	\$40,000	156	1,149
2017-2018	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	178	1,121

\*All debt data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

† Amounts indicated are a portion of those indicated in the "At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education" source of debt.

**Table 2.1: Expected Debt**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Debt<sup>†</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>	<b># of Students</b>
<b>Male</b>				
2019-2020	\$190,518	\$200,000	83%	2,469
2018-2019	\$191,246	\$200,000	83%	2,626
2017-2018	\$182,163	\$191,000	84%	2,621
<b>Female</b>				
2019-2020	\$180,960	\$179,777	85%	2,532
2018-2019	\$176,801	\$176,000	85%	2,581
2017-2018	\$168,093	\$160,000	86%	2,368

‡ Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.2: Expected Debt**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Debt<sup>†</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>	<b># of Students</b>
<b>White</b>				
2019-2020	\$195,112	\$200,000	86%	3,000
2018-2019	\$192,211	\$200,000	86%	3,433
2017-2018	\$182,380	\$198,657	86%	3,258
<b>Asian</b>				
2019-2020	\$166,507	\$157,500	77%	1,156
2018-2019	\$155,599	\$150,000	74%	467
2017-2018	\$155,431	\$138,500	76%	469
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>				
2019-2020	\$179,205	\$170,888	88%	368
2018-2019	\$179,992	\$180,000	90%	140
2017-2018	\$175,655	\$165,000	88%	131
<b>Black or African American</b>				
2019-2020	\$177,023	\$160,000	91%	165
2018-2019	\$167,706	\$120,000	92%	213
2017-2018	\$173,233	\$165,000	95%	179
<b>All Others*</b>				
2019-2020	\$179,823	\$165,000	86%	201
2018-2019	\$186,670	\$180,000	84%	94
2017-2018	\$174,027	\$180,000	87%	98

‡ Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and multiple races.

**Table 2.3: Expected Debt**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>	<b># of Students</b>
<b>Married/Cohabiting</b>				
2019-2020	\$201,949	\$210,000	90%	814
2018-2019	\$197,553	\$200,000	88%	875
2017-2018	\$195,191	\$200,000	90%	883
<b>Single</b>				
2019-2020	\$182,497	\$180,000	82%	4,153
2018-2019	\$181,489	\$182,000	83%	4,335
2017-2018	\$171,502	\$170,000	84%	4,091

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.4: Expected Debt**

<b>Financial Status</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>	<b># of Students</b>
<b>Independent</b>				
2019-2020	\$203,915	\$219,044	91%	2,520
2018-2019	\$200,937	\$210,000	92%	2,756
2017-2018	\$189,769	\$200,000	92%	2,713
<b>Dependent</b>				
2019-2020	\$166,408	\$160,000	76%	2,182
2018-2019	\$164,808	\$168,000	76%	2,184
2017-2018	\$157,838	\$150,000	76%	2,049

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.5: Expected Debt**

<b>Parental Income</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>	<b># of Students</b>
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>				
2019-2020	\$195,408	\$200,000	94%	766
2018-2019	\$190,767	\$200,000	93%	835
2017-2018	\$176,701	\$178,000	94%	837
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$187,781	\$200,000	91%	1,310
2018-2019	\$185,693	\$195,688	91%	1,425
2017-2018	\$178,218	\$180,000	92%	1,434
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$187,838	\$200,000	87%	1,579
2018-2019	\$186,337	\$200,000	87%	1,674
2017-2018	\$178,467	\$180,000	87%	1,547
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>				
2019-2020	\$175,135	\$172,000	69%	1,042
2018-2019	\$174,852	\$175,000	70%	994

2017-2018	\$165,530	\$166,750	70%	936
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‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.6: Expected Debt**

Parental Education <sup>†</sup>	Debt <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Debt Median	% in Debt	# of Students
<b>Graduate/Professional Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$177,662	\$176,000	78%	2,356
2018-2019	\$178,891	\$179,804	79%	2,438
2017-2018	\$171,231	\$170,000	80%	2,366
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$193,932	\$200,000	90%	1,480
2018-2019	\$189,308	\$200,000	88%	1,547
2017-2018	\$176,934	\$180,000	88%	1,454
<b>No College Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$191,731	\$200,000	91%	1,156
2018-2019	\$188,352	\$200,000	92%	1,250
2017-2018	\$181,931	\$193,000	93%	1,210

†Highest education level indicated between mother and father considered.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 3: Mean Expected Debt, Parental Income and Financial Independence/Dependence**

Parental Income	Debt <sup>‡</sup>		Debt % Difference	% in Debt	
	Dependent	Independent		Dependent	Independent
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>					
2019-2020	\$169,593	\$209,191	21%	92%	95%
2018-2019	\$177,094	\$200,671	12%	90%	94%
2017-2018	\$157,217	\$186,450	17%	91%	96%
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>					
2019-2020	\$169,694	\$204,238	18%	88%	92%
2018-2019	\$169,346	\$196,952	15%	87%	94%
2017-2018	\$162,738	\$189,793	15%	89%	93%
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>					
2019-2020	\$172,338	\$205,702	18%	82%	92%
2018-2019	\$166,674	\$207,175	22%	81%	92%
2017-2018	\$164,254	\$192,368	16%	81%	93%
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>					
2019-2020	\$157,652	\$199,061	23%	60%	85%
2018-2019	\$154,286	\$200,920	26%	59%	88%
2017-2018	\$145,527	\$191,075	27%	59%	88%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 3a: Median Expected Debt, Parental Income and Financial Independence/Dependence**

Parental Income	Debt		# Students	
	Dependent	Independent	Dependent	Independent
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>				
2019-2020	\$150,000	\$221,000	247	462
2018-2019	\$170,000	\$220,320	267	507
2017-2018	\$150,000	\$200,000	259	516
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$164,500	\$224,000	528	686
2018-2019	\$170,000	\$210,000	531	793
2017-2018	\$150,000	\$200,000	539	809
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$175,167	\$223,000	748	735
2018-2019	\$171,500	\$220,000	772	803
2017-2018	\$160,000	\$202,900	665	794
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>				
2019-2020	\$160,000	\$200,000	569	447
2018-2019	\$160,000	\$209,827	523	442
2017-2018	\$140,000	\$205,000	494	417

**Table 4: Osteopathic Education Debt, Consolidation & Repayment Plans**

	% Students	# Students
<b>Will Consolidate Debt</b>		
2019-2020	30%	1,955
2018-2019	31%	2,058
2017-2018	30%	1,911
<b>Will Not Consolidate Debt</b>		
2019-2020	21%	1,332
2018-2019	21%	1,391
2017-2018	19%	1,224
<b>Undecided</b>		
2019-2020	50%	3,225
2018-2019	49%	3,256
2017-2018	51%	3,234
<b>Mean Years to Repay Debt</b>		
2019-2020	10.3	6,087
2018-2019	10.6	6,263
2017-2018	10.9	5,972



**Table 5: Osteopathic Education Debt, Loan Forgiveness Participation Plans**

	<b>% Students</b>	<b># Students</b>
<b>Will Participate</b>		
2019-2020	51%	3,282
2018-2019	51%	3,398
2017-2018	51%	3,205
<b>Will Not Participate</b>		
2019-2020	49%	3,178
2018-2019	49%	3,258
2017-2018	49%	3,116

**Table 6: Percentage of Entering Students Planning Loan Forgiveness Participation By Program**

	<b>% Students</b>	<b># Students</b>
<b>Hospital program</b>		
2019-2020	68%	2,150
2018-2019	71%	2,374
2017-2018	69%	2,169
<b>Department of Education's Public Service Loan Forgiveness</b>		
2019-2020	42%	1,333
2018-2019	39%	1,314
2017-2018	37%	1,155
<b>State loan forgiveness program</b>		
2019-2020	50%	1,574
2018-2019	49%	1,629
2017-2018	50%	1,566
<b>National Health Service Corps</b>		
2019-2020	22%	686
2018-2019	23%	779
2017-2018	23%	718
<b>Armed Services (Navy, Army, Air Force)</b>		
2019-2020	11%	332
2018-2019	8%	280
2017-2018	10%	305
<b>Indian Health Service Loan Repayment</b>		
2019-2020	5%	169
2018-2019	5%	181
2017-2018	6%	185
<b>National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment</b>		
2019-2020	23%	735

2018-2019	24%	783
2017-2018	25%	781
<b>Other Loan Forgiveness Programs</b>		
2019-2020	2%	73
2018-2019	3%	83
2017-2018	3%	93

**Table 7: Expected Net Income**

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Mode</b>
<b>One Year After Residency</b>			
2019-2020	\$151,263	\$150,000	\$200,000
2018-2019	\$145,521	\$150,000	\$200,000
2017-2018	\$143,306	\$150,000	\$200,000
<b>Five Years After Residency</b>			
2019-2020	\$220,282	\$200,000	\$200,000
2018-2019	\$216,268	\$200,000	\$200,000
2017-2018	\$211,860	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Ten Years After Residency</b>			
2019-2020	\$291,947	\$250,000	\$300,000
2018-2019	\$286,786	\$250,000	\$300,000
2017-2018	\$310,857	\$250,000	\$300,000

**Table 8: Mean Osteopathic Medical Education Scholarship/Grants\***

Source of Scholarship	Awarded <sup>‡</sup>			% Awarded		
	All Schools	Public	Private	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>						
2019-2020	\$98,575	\$62,264	\$105,758	25%	32%	24%
2018-2019	\$89,354	\$62,559	\$96,249	24%	33%	22%
2017-2018	\$79,991	\$50,533	\$88,926	26%	35%	24%
<b>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship</b>						
2019-2020	\$151,549	\$101,333	\$154,973	1%	1%	1%
2018-2019	\$149,585	\$132,333	\$151,467	1%	1%	1%
2017-2018	\$125,583	\$102,732	\$129,392	2%	1%	2%
<b>Armed Forces Health Professions (AFHP) Scholarship</b>						
2019-2020	\$268,346	\$264,657	\$268,703	7%	5%	7%
2018-2019	\$254,056	\$230,718	\$257,318	6%	5%	6%
2017-2018	\$249,507	\$229,489	\$252,134	6%	4%	6%
<b>State Government Scholarship/Grant</b>						
2019-2020	\$19,215	\$7,000	\$21,612	3%	4%	3%
2018-2019	\$19,687	\$12,933	\$21,693	3%	5%	3%
2017-2018	\$16,513	\$11,900	\$18,367	3%	6%	3%
<b>Award from Osteopathic Medical School</b>						
2019-2020	\$22,562	\$12,267	\$24,576	7%	9%	6%
2018-2019	\$15,273	\$10,873	\$16,761	6%	11%	6%
2017-2018	\$15,398	\$12,821	\$16,503	9%	17%	8%
<b>Tuition Waiver</b>						
2019-2020	\$36,417	\$36,435	\$36,405	1%	5%	1%
2018-2019	\$46,549	\$48,639	\$45,588	1%	3%	1%
2017-2018	\$43,696	\$49,029	\$39,430	1%	3%	1%
<b>Osteopathic Association</b>						
2019-2020	\$12,325	\$3,469	\$14,505	2%	3%	2%
2018-2019	\$15,840	\$5,276	\$18,278	1%	2%	1%
2017-2018	\$9,084	\$8,735	\$9,198	2%	3%	2%
<b>Post-9/11 GI Bill</b>						
2019-2020	\$63,405	\$74,224	\$60,766	1%	2%	1%
2018-2019	\$79,310	\$74,001	\$80,770	1%	2%	1%
2017-2018	\$56,878	\$71,000	\$53,707	1%	2%	1%
<b>Indian Health Service Scholarship</b>						
2019-2020	\$148,056	\$160,000	\$130,139	0%	1%	0%
2018-2019	\$147,224	\$175,569	\$122,929	0%	1%	0%
2017-2018	\$107,375	\$116,750	\$98,000	0%	1%	0%
<b>Department of Defense Tuition Assistance</b>						
2019-2020	\$456	\$0	\$456	0%	0%	0%
2018-2019	\$95,583	\$126,750	\$80,000	0%	0%	0%
2017-2018	\$13,200	\$0	\$13,200	0%	0%	0%
<b>Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students</b>						
2019-2020	\$22,356	\$32,622	\$16,434	1%	3%	1%
2018-2019	\$25,461	\$16,650	\$28,214	1%	2%	1%
2017-2018	\$14,518	\$18,110	\$12,075	1%	3%	1%
<b>Other Sources</b>						
2019-2020	\$30,575	\$13,016	\$34,586	7%	10%	6%
2018-2019	\$19,637	\$22,713	\$18,625	7%	12%	6%
2017-2018	\$22,109	\$23,560	\$21,716	6%	8%	6%

\*All award data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

Note: Starting in 2017-2018 AACOM added several new scholarships to the Student Survey.

**Table 8a: Median Osteopathic Medical Education Scholarship/Grants\***

Source of Scholarship	Awarded			# of Students	
	All Schools	Public	Private	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>					
2019-2020	\$24,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	183	925
2018-2019	\$22,500	\$11,000	\$24,000	228	886
2017-2018	\$16,000	\$8,000	\$20,000	266	877
<b>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship</b>					
2019-2020	\$150,000	\$106,000	\$155,000	3	44
2018-2019	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	6	55
2017-2018	\$100,000	\$65,000	\$122,500	9	54
<b>Armed Forces Health Professions (AFHP) Scholarship</b>					
2019-2020	\$280,000	\$264,000	\$280,000	25	258
2018-2019	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	32	229
2017-2018	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	29	221
<b>State Government Scholarship/Grant</b>					
2019-2020	\$6,800	\$6,000	\$6,800	21	107
2018-2019	\$6,560	\$8,000	\$6,000	30	101
2017-2018	\$5,579	\$4,000	\$6,000	39	97
<b>Award from Osteopathic Medical School</b>					
2019-2020	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	45	230
2018-2019	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$9,800	71	210
2017-2018	\$5,757	\$4,000	\$6,550	114	266
<b>Tuition Waiver</b>					
2019-2020	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	23	36
2018-2019	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	17	37
2017-2018	\$20,000	\$20,500	\$20,000	20	25
<b>Osteopathic Association</b>					
2019-2020	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	16	65
2018-2019	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$10,000	12	52
2017-2018	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$5,000	20	61
<b>Post-9/11 GI Bill</b>					
2019-2020	\$45,000	\$57,718	\$35,000	10	41
2018-2019	\$66,000	\$60,000	\$66,850	11	40
2017-2018	\$32,000	\$65,000	\$27,000	11	49
<b>Indian Health Service Scholarship</b>					
2019-2020	\$164,000	\$164,000	\$120,000	6	4
2018-2019	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$70,500	6	7
2017-2018	\$78,500	\$116,000	\$40,000	4	4
<b>Department of Defense Tuition Assistance</b>					
2019-2020	\$456	\$0	\$456	0	1
2018-2019	\$32,500	\$126,750	\$32,500	2	4
2017-2018	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	0	5
<b>Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students</b>					
2019-2020	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$8,000	15	26
2018-2019	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$14,500	10	32
2017-2018	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	17	25
<b>Other Sources</b>					
2019-2020	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	53	232
2018-2019	\$5,844	\$7,500	\$5,795	77	234
2017-2018	\$6,000	\$8,400	\$5,876	52	192

\*All award data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.



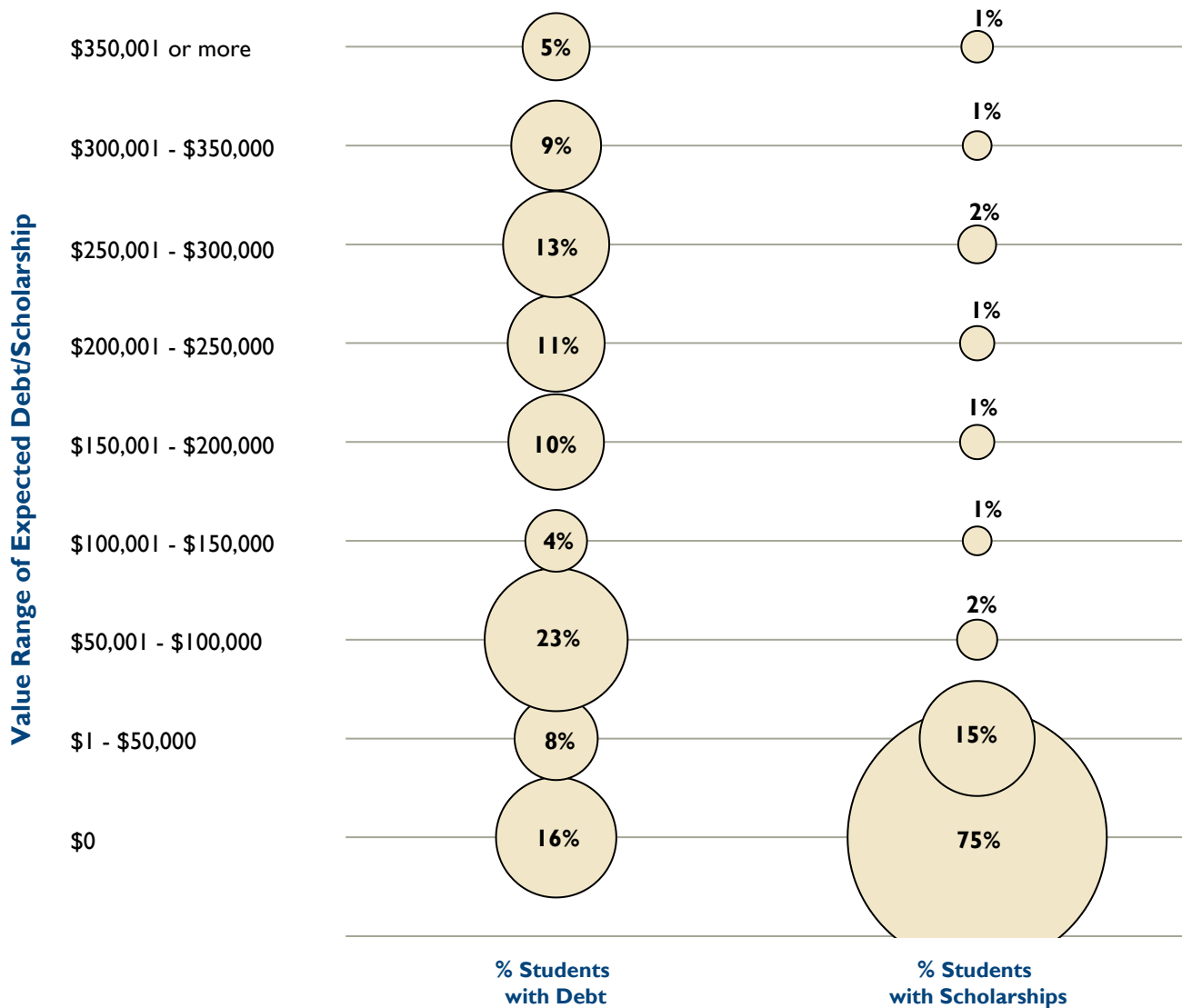
Note: Starting in 2017-2018 AACOM added several new scholarships to the Student Survey.

**Table 8b: Award and AFHP and NHSC Scholarships**

Source of Scholarship	Awarded Mean <sup>‡</sup>		Awarded Median		% Awarded	
	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>						
2019-2020	\$62,264	\$105,758	\$10,000	\$30,000	32%	24%
2018-2019	\$62,559	\$96,249	\$11,000	\$24,000	33%	22%
2017-2018	\$50,533	\$88,926	\$8,000	\$20,000	35%	24%
<b>Non-AFHP/NHSC Scholarships</b>						
2019-2020	\$27,185	\$33,713	\$8,000	\$10,000	29%	17%
2018-2019	\$31,506	\$27,300	\$8,000	\$10,000	29%	16%
2017-2018	\$25,425	\$23,663	\$6,625	\$8,000	32%	17%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Chart I: Percentage of Students with Expected Debt and Scholarships\***



\*Bubble sizes are proportional to the percentage/number of students with debt/scholarships

Bubble sizes are proportional to the percentage/number of students with debt/scholarships and may appear inconsistent due to rounding.

**Table 9.1: Scholarship Award**

Source of Scholarship/Grant	Awarded Mean <sup>‡</sup>		Awarded Median		% Awarded		# of Students	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>								
2019-2020	\$121,465	\$74,652	\$44,500	\$11,000	25%	24%	563	543
2018-2019	\$102,719	\$75,038	\$35,000	\$12,000	24%	23%	571	537
2017-2018	\$94,556	\$65,223	\$23,600	\$10,000	25%	26%	581	551
<b>AFHP Scholarships</b>								
2019-2020	\$265,134	\$276,080	\$265,600	\$300,000	9%	4%	193	89
2018-2019	\$246,954	\$265,118	\$250,000	\$270,000	8%	4%	171	89
2017-2018	\$249,276	\$249,367	\$250,000	\$250,000	8%	4%	172	77
<b>Non-AFHP Scholarships</b>								
2019-2020	\$45,186	\$34,970	\$10,000	\$10,000	18%	21%	370	454
2018-2019	\$39,734	\$37,110	\$10,000	\$9,600	18%	20%	400	448
2017-2018	\$28,560	\$34,902	\$10,000	\$7,250	19%	24%	409	474

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.2: Scholarship Award**

Race/Ethnicity	Awarded <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Awarded Median	% Awarded	# Students
<b>White</b>				
2019-2020	\$110,680	\$33,000	26%	691
2018-2019	\$101,607	\$33,000	25%	747
2017-2018	\$91,690	\$22,000	27%	775
<b>Asian</b>				
2019-2020	\$78,396	\$11,000	16%	187
2018-2019	\$45,715	\$8,000	15%	73
2017-2018	\$44,556	\$5,757	15%	72
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>				
2019-2020	\$68,766	\$17,360	32%	91
2018-2019	\$54,696	\$21,688	37%	44
2017-2018	\$51,397	\$10,000	36%	42
<b>Black or African American</b>				
2019-2020	\$54,204	\$10,250	41%	58
2018-2019	\$59,910	\$24,188	30%	52
2017-2018	\$83,615	\$19,500	41%	62
<b>All Others*</b>				
2019-2020	\$109,405	\$40,000	31%	57
2018-2019	\$109,255	\$58,000	32%	26
2017-2018	\$53,852	\$6,500	32%	27

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander and multiple races.

**Table 9.3: Scholarship Award**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Awarded<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>	<b># Students</b>
<b>Married/Cohabiting</b>				
2019-2020	\$106,929	\$40,000	31%	199
2018-2019	\$109,430	\$50,000	28%	204
2017-2018	\$99,433	\$40,000	32%	223
<b>Single</b>				
2019-2020	\$96,472	\$20,000	24%	904
2018-2019	\$84,823	\$20,000	23%	902
2017-2018	\$75,513	\$12,000	24%	904

<sup>‡</sup>Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.4: Scholarship Award**

<b>Financial Status</b>	<b>Awarded<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>	<b># Students</b>
<b>Independent</b>				
2019-2020	\$122,604	\$40,000	30%	595
2018-2019	\$106,476	\$40,000	28%	601
2017-2018	\$93,635	\$23,550	29%	630
<b>Dependent</b>				
2019-2020	\$66,321	\$11,750	20%	448
2018-2019	\$65,935	\$10,000	19%	449
2017-2018	\$58,639	\$10,000	21%	447

<sup>‡</sup>Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.5: Scholarship Award**

<b>Parental Income</b>	<b>Awarded<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>	<b># Students</b>
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>				
2019-2020	\$69,501	\$16,000	30%	172
2018-2019	\$76,895	\$23,376	28%	177
2017-2018	\$61,005	\$12,000	33%	214
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$103,650	\$22,000	26%	271
2018-2019	\$86,304	\$22,250	26%	302
2017-2018	\$76,735	\$20,000	28%	330
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>				
2019-2020	\$98,919	\$24,000	24%	324
2018-2019	\$96,230	\$23,376	25%	366
2017-2018	\$87,561	\$20,000	26%	340
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>				
2019-2020	\$108,285	\$30,000	23%	278
2018-2019	\$89,123	\$16,000	18%	203

2017-2018	\$91,661	\$10,000	18%	192
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‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.6: Scholarship Award**

Parental Education <sup>†</sup>	Awarded <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Awarded Median	% Awarded	# Students
<b>Graduate/Professional Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$104,014	\$25,000	23%	543
2018-2019	\$92,063	\$22,000	23%	559
2017-2018	\$87,483	\$21,000	23%	513
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$96,719	\$24,000	27%	331
2018-2019	\$95,113	\$23,376	23%	298
2017-2018	\$80,364	\$12,000	27%	336
<b>No College Degree</b>				
2019-2020	\$86,842	\$20,000	26%	232
2018-2019	\$75,133	\$20,000	25%	253
2017-2018	\$64,770	\$10,000	30%	287

†Highest education level indicated between mother and father considered.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 10: Sources of Funds for Osteopathic Medical Education (% of total cost provided by each source)**

	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Loans</b>			
2019-2020	74%	75%	74%
2018-2019	74%	72%	75%
2017-2018	75%	74%	75%
<b>Scholarships/Grants</b>			
2019-2020	7%	7%	7%
2018-2019	6%	7%	6%
2017-2018	6%	7%	6%
<b>Savings</b>			
2019-2020	3%	3%	3%
2018-2019	3%	4%	3%
2017-2018	3%	3%	3%
<b>Earnings</b>			
2019-2020	2%	1%	2%
2018-2019	2%	2%	2%
2017-2018	2%	2%	2%
<b>Parents</b>			
2019-2020	13%	13%	13%
2018-2019	13%	14%	13%
2017-2018	12%	13%	12%
<b>Relatives</b>			
2019-2020	1%	1%	1%
2018-2019	1%	1%	1%



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2017-2018	1%	1%	1%
<b>Other</b>			
2019-2020	1%	0%	1%
2018-2019	0%	1%	0%
2017-2018	1%	1%	1%

**Table 11: Immediate Post-Graduate Plans**

	Students		Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
	%	#	Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Transitional Year</b>									
2019-2020	2%	104	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
2018-2019	1%	40	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%
2017-2018	0%	27	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Residency</b>									
2019-2020	91%	6,245	89%	92%	90%	93%	89%	94%	88%
2018-2019	94%	6,562	92%	95%	92%	99%	96%	96%	92%
2017-2018	93%	6,152	92%	95%	92%	96%	93%	93%	93%
<b>Government, NHSC, Military, VA, etc.</b>									
2019-2020	4%	304	6%	3%	5%	2%	5%	2%	7%
2018-2019	4%	272	5%	3%	5%	0%	3%	2%	5%
2017-2018	4%	278	5%	3%	5%	1%	5%	4%	5%
<b>Undecided</b>									
2019-2020	4%	248	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%
2018-2019	2%	140	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
2017-2018	3%	171	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Total</b>									
2019-2020	100%	6,901	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2018-2019	100%	7,014	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2017-2018	100%	6,628	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 12: GME Program Plans with an "Osteopathic Focus"**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Yes	17%	1,198	19%	1,360	19%	1,277
No	9%	637	10%	670	10%	630
Undecided	73%	5,060	71%	4,985	71%	4,716
Total	100%	6,895	100%	7,015	100%	6,623

**Table 13: Board Certification Plans**

	Students		Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
	%	#	Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Osteopathic AOA Boards</b>									
2019-2020	7%	446	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%
2018-2019	12%	825	11%	13%	13%	7%	13%	18%	12%
2017-2018	11%	756	10%	14%	13%	8%	16%	13%	12%
<b>Both AOA and ABMS Boards</b>									
2019-2020	57%	3,945	57%	58%	56%	62%	59%	59%	58%
2018-2019	67%	4,696	67%	67%	65%	73%	62%	69%	68%
2017-2018	70%	4,614	71%	69%	68%	74%	65%	71%	76%
<b>Allopathic ABMS Boards</b>									
2019-2020	2%	104	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%
2018-2019	3%	220	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%
2017-2018	3%	215	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	1%	7%
<b>Other</b>									
2019-2020	0%	14	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
2018-2019	0%	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2017-2018	0%	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
<b>Not Planning Board Certification</b>									
2019-2020	0%	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2018-2019	0%	4	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
2017-2018	0%	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Undecided</b>									
2019-2020	35%	2,379	35%	34%	36%	31%	34%	34%	34%
2018-2019	18%	1,259	19%	17%	19%	15%	21%	12%	18%
2017-2018	16%	1,026	16%	15%	16%	13%	16%	16%	5%
<b>Total</b>									
2019-2020	100%	6,894	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2018-2019	100%	7,011	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2017-2018	100%	6,622	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 14: Reasons Given for Taking the Boards\***

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students %	Students #	Students %	Students #	Students %	Students #
ABMS board certification provides more opportunities	80%	3,579	78%	4,493	80%	4,478
Personal desire for dual certification	44%	1,968	46%	2,661	46%	2,557
ABMS board certification is more widely recognized	66%	2,935	63%	3,586	57%	3,163
Hospital privileges more readily obtained with ABMS board certification	37%	1,667	35%	2,021	31%	1,752
It is a requirement of the residency program	38%	1,679	35%	1,977	33%	1,840
ABMS board certification has more colleague acceptance	43%	1,915	39%	2,232	35%	1,975
Licenses more readily obtained with ABMS board certification	37%	1,663	32%	1,851	27%	1,480
ABMS board certification carries more prestige	28%	1,242	26%	1,496	24%	1,359
Other	4%	176	4%	251	4%	245

\*Each respondent indicating allopathic, osteopathic, or dual AOA/ABMS-approved residency plans could choose one or more of the listed reasons influencing

board certification choice.

**Table 15: Long-Range Career Plans**

Group or Other Type of Private Practice	Students		Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
	%	#	Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Self-Employed, with or without a Partner</b>									
2019-2020	29%	1,974	28%	30%	29%	29%	31%	24%	31%
2018-2019	30%	2,076	29%	30%	31%	29%	29%	23%	23%
2017-2018	30%	1,970	30%	31%	32%	25%	26%	22%	33%
<b>Practice in an HMO</b>									
2019-2020	6%	403	7%	4%	6%	6%	6%	7%	4%
2018-2019	6%	410	7%	4%	6%	7%	7%	5%	8%
2017-2018	7%	484	8%	6%	7%	7%	10%	13%	6%
<b>Government, NHSC, Military, VA, etc.</b>									
2019-2020	16%	1,081	15%	16%	16%	17%	13%	14%	17%
2018-2019	17%	1,182	16%	18%	17%	18%	14%	20%	18%
2017-2018	17%	1,133	17%	18%	17%	21%	15%	14%	12%
<b>Fellowship</b>									
2019-2020	7%	467	7%	7%	8%	4%	8%	8%	11%
2018-2019	7%	483	7%	7%	8%	3%	10%	12%	8%
2017-2018	7%	448	7%	7%	7%	4%	9%	11%	12%
<b>Other Professional Activity</b>									
2019-2020	15%	1,001	14%	15%	15%	15%	17%	15%	13%
2018-2019	16%	1,091	16%	16%	15%	19%	17%	12%	22%
2017-2018	13%	820	13%	12%	12%	14%	14%	11%	15%
<b>Undecided</b>									
2019-2020	1%	71	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
2018-2019	1%	53	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
2017-2018	2%	121	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%
<b>Total</b>									
2019-2020	27%	1,885	27%	28%	26%	29%	24%	33%	23%
2018-2019	24%	1,710	24%	25%	24%	24%	22%	26%	23%
2017-2018	24%	1,529	23%	24%	23%	25%	25%	27%	20%
2019-2020	100%	6,882	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2018-2019	100%	7,005	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2017-2018	100%	6,505	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 16: Plans to Work as a Hospitalist\***

	2019-2020	
	Students	
	%	#
Yes	26%	1,820
No	18%	1,251
Unsure	55%	3,817
Total	100%	6,888

\*In 2019-2020 AACOM included questions in the student survey on plans to work as a hospitalist.



**Table 17: Planned Patient Care as a Hospitalist\***

	2019-2020	
	Students	
	%	#
Full-time (at least 36 hours a week)	78%	1,409
Part-time (less than 36 hours a week)	12%	209
Unsure	11%	201
Total	100%	1,819

\*In 2019-2020 AACOM included questions in the student survey on plans to work as a hospitalist.

**Table 18: Planned Research Involvement as a Hospitalist\***

	2019-2020	
	Students	
	%	#
Full-time	1%	24
Significantly Involved	23%	427
Involved in a limited way	51%	924
Unsure	25%	447
Total	100%	1,822

\*In 2019-2020 AACOM included questions in the student survey on plans to work as a hospitalist.

**Table 19: Size of Location Planned for Practice After Residency**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Major Metropolitan Area (1,000,001 +)	14%	962	14%	974	15%	983
Metropolitan Area (500,001 - 1,000,000)	16%	1,074	16%	1,087	16%	1,066
City (100,001 - 500,000)	19%	1,311	20%	1,382	19%	1,264
City (50,001 - 100,000)	11%	746	12%	822	12%	758
City or Town (10,001 - 50,000)	14%	939	14%	977	13%	886
City or Town (2,501 - 10,000)	6%	380	5%	339	5%	343
Area 2,500 or less	1%	82	1%	92	1%	80
Undecided	20%	1,378	19%	1,322	19%	1,226
Total	100%	6,872	100%	6,995	100%	6,606

**Table 20: Plans to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Area**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Yes	50%	3,405	47%	3,206	43%	2,819
No	4%	297	5%	334	5%	343
Unsure	45%	3,083	48%	3,306	52%	3,362

Total | 100% 6,785 | 100% 6,846 | 100% 6,524

**Table 21: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Areas**

	2019-2020 Students		2018-2019 Students		2017-2018 Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	46%	1,516	43%	1,452	38%	1,286
Female	54%	1,873	51%	1,711	49%	1,483
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White	48%	1,844	44%	1,882	41%	1,663
Asian	50%	853	46%	323	43%	290
Hispanic/Latino	62%	304	69%	118	65%	105
Black or African American	73%	156	79%	200	77%	160
All Others*	54%	138	58%	69	61%	70
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married/Cohabiting	57%	565	52%	544	51%	538
Single	49%	2,775	46%	2,612	42%	2,220
<b>Financial Status</b>						
Independent	55%	1,678	51%	1,640	48%	1,525
Dependent	46%	1,475	42%	1,331	38%	1,100
<b>Parental Income</b>						
\$49,999 and less	61%	557	63%	605	53%	522
\$50,000 - \$99,999	57%	898	50%	845	46%	779
\$100,000 - \$199,999	49%	976	44%	914	42%	801
\$200,000 or more	41%	683	38%	576	36%	506
<b>Parental Education</b>						
Graduate/Professional Degree	47%	1,609	44%	1,503	42%	1,356
Bachelor's Degree	50%	930	45%	866	42%	752
No College Degree	58%	832	55%	814	49%	689

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 22: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Area by Type**

	2019-2020 Students		2018-2019 Students		2017-2018 Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Inner-city	47%	1,593	47%	1,503	44%	1,251
Rural	46%	1,569	46%	1,463	48%	1,353
Other	7%	239	7%	235	8%	214
Total	100%	3,401	100%	3,201	100%	2,818

**Table 23: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Inner-city Underserved/Shortage Areas**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
Gender	%	#	%	#	%	#
Male	42%	632	42%	606	41%	522
Female	51%	955	51%	872	48%	704
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White	38%	696	37%	703	35%	578
Asian	62%	523	59%	189	56%	162
Hispanic/Latino	56%	170	49%	58	54%	57
Black or African American	67%	104	73%	145	67%	106
All Others*	44%	60	42%	29	51%	36
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married/Cohabiting	34%	190	36%	195	34%	183
Single	50%	1,384	49%	1,281	47%	1,041
<b>Financial Status</b>						
Independent	43%	722	45%	736	42%	638
Dependent	51%	757	50%	666	47%	521
<b>Parental Income</b>						
\$49,999 and less	53%	294	53%	318	52%	273
\$50,000 - \$99,999	45%	400	45%	379	46%	357
\$100,000 - \$199,999	45%	441	44%	406	42%	338
\$200,000 or more	50%	341	50%	287	39%	197
<b>Parental Education</b>						
Graduate/Professional Degree	47%	759	47%	701	43%	584
Bachelor's Degree	47%	432	46%	398	44%	332
No College Degree	47%	391	49%	397	48%	330

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 24: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Rural Underserved/Shortage Areas**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
Gender	%	#	%	#	%	#
Male	51%	772	49%	717	50%	645
Female	42%	789	43%	732	47%	690
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
White	56%	1,033	56%	1,044	58%	970
Asian	31%	260	35%	114	35%	100
Hispanic/Latino	36%	110	48%	56	42%	44
Black or African American	29%	45	23%	46	29%	46
All Others*	48%	66	48%	33	40%	28
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married/Cohabiting	60%	338	57%	307	59%	318
Single	43%	1,194	44%	1,138	45%	1,008
<b>Financial Status</b>						
Independent	50%	835	48%	783	52%	790
Dependent	42%	616	42%	564	43%	477
<b>Parental Income</b>						
\$49,999 and less	41%	228	40%	240	41%	213
\$50,000 - \$99,999	49%	437	49%	416	47%	365
\$100,000 - \$199,999	48%	469	49%	445	52%	418
\$200,000 or more	43%	294	42%	243	51%	258
<b>Parental Education</b>						
Graduate/Professional Degree	46%	731	45%	675	49%	660
Bachelor's Degree	47%	433	46%	399	49%	370
No College Degree	46%	383	46%	378	45%	311

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.



**Table 25: Planned Specialization**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Family Medicine	9%	595	9%	646	10%	630
Internal Medicine, General	3%	197	4%	276	5%	300
Pediatrics, General	3%	219	4%	277	4%	244
Emergency Medicine	15%	1,016	16%	1,086	16%	1,036
Internal Medicine, Subspecialty	11%	763	9%	637	9%	614
Orthopedic Surgery	6%	397	7%	457	7%	428
Pediatrics, Subspecialties	6%	423	6%	399	6%	381
Surgery Subspecialties	3%	220	3%	207	3%	208
OB/GYN and Subspecialties	6%	403	6%	392	5%	316
Anesthesiology	4%	271	4%	256	3%	203
Surgery, General	4%	270	4%	257	4%	243
Sports Medicine	3%	170	3%	173	3%	183
Dermatology	3%	206	2%	144	2%	158
Neurology and Subspecialties	3%	204	3%	198	3%	189
Radiology and Subspecialties	2%	111	2%	126	2%	122
Psychiatry and Subspecialties	3%	191	2%	164	2%	154
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Med.	2%	115	1%	94	1%	95
Ophthalmology	1%	74	1%	79	1%	72
Pathology and Subspecialties	1%	64	1%	50	1%	51
Plastic Surgery/Reconstructive Surgery	1%	55	1%	71	1%	48
Thoracic Surgery	0%	31	1%	34	1%	31
Otolaryngology	1%	40	1%	36	0%	27
Urology/Urological Surgery	0%	17	0%	24	0%	24
Geriatrics	0%	28	1%	44	1%	37
Preventive Medicine and Subspecialties	1%	32	1%	36	0%	18
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine	0%	19	0%	20	0%	25
Allergy and Immunology	0%	23	0%	19	0%	19
Critical Care	0%	29	1%	34	0%	20
Medical Genetics	0%	5	0%	12	0%	10
Vascular Surgery	0%	15	0%	10	0%	12
Nuclear Medicine	0%	3	0%	3	0%	1
Proctology*	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2
Colon Rectal Surgery	0%	3	0%	5	0%	3
Undecided or Indefinite	10%	690	11%	752	11%	716
Total	100%	6,899	100%	7,018	100%	6,620

\*In 2018-2019 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education removed Proctology as a specialty selection.

**Table 26: Primary Care Plans**

	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Primary Care	15%	1,011	17%	1,199	18%	1,174
Non-Primary Care	75%	5,198	72%	5,067	72%	4,730
Undecided	10%	690	11%	752	11%	716
Total	100%	6,899	100%	7,018	100%	6,620

**Table 27: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Primary Care Specialties**

Gender	2019-2020		2018-2019		2017-2018	
	Students		Students		Students	
	%	#	%	#	%	#
Male	12%	417	15%	506	15%	500
Female	17%	589	20%	682	21%	648
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
White	15%	576	17%	750	18%	763
Asian	15%	259	16%	114	11%	73
Hispanic	16%	78	16%	28	16%	26
Black	15%	34	19%	49	25%	53
All Others*	17%	43	14%	17	18%	21
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Married/Cohabiting	18%	184	18%	196	20%	216
Single	14%	808	17%	986	17%	932
<b>Financial Status</b>						
Independent	15%	462	17%	555	18%	578
Dependent	15%	473	17%	557	17%	511
<b>Parental Income</b>						
\$49,999 or less	18%	166	17%	170	18%	176
\$50,000 - \$99,999	16%	262	19%	318	19%	327
\$100,000 - 199,999	15%	296	17%	364	17%	331
\$200,000 or more	12%	209	15%	243	17%	246
<b>Parental Education</b>						
Graduate/Professional Degree	14%	483	17%	600	17%	568
Bachelor's Degree	15%	277	16%	314	18%	321
No College Degree	17%	242	18%	276	19%	271
<b>Parental Profession</b>						
DO/MD†	14%	131	18%	169	19%	172
Non-DO/MD	11%	54	13%	58	18%	82

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

†Category includes respondents who indicated a DO/MD father and/or mother.

**Table 28: Planned Specialty Choice Decision Factors**  
**Mean Influence Rating\***

	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Intellectual Content of the Specialty	3.2	3.2	3.2
Like Dealing with People	2.9	3.0	3.0
Skills/Abilities	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lifestyle	2.8	2.9	2.9
Like the Emphasis on Technical Skills	2.6	2.6	2.6
Role Models	2.5	2.5	2.5
Desire for Independence	2.5	2.5	2.5
Previous Experience	2.4	2.4	2.3
Academic Environment	2.5	2.4	2.3
Debt Level	1.8	1.9	1.9
Prestige/Income Potential	1.8	1.9	2.0
Opportunity for Research/Creativity	2.0	1.9	1.9
Peer Influence	1.9	2.0	1.9

\*Scale from 0 to 4; 0 being "No Influence," 4 being "Major Influence."

**Table 29: Planned Specialty Choice -**  
**Non-Under Represented Minority and Under Represented Minority**

	All Students	Mean Influence Rating*			
		Under Represented Minority		Non-Under Represented Minority	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Intellectual Content of the Specialty	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.2
Skills/Abilities	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0
Like Dealing with People	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0
Lifestyle	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
Like the Emphasis on Technical Skills	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.5
Role Models	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5
Desire for Independence	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5
Academic Environment	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5
Previous Experience	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Opportunity for Research/Creativity	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1
Peer Influence	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Prestige/Income Potential	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.7
Debt Level	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7

\*Scale from 0 to 4; 0 being "No Influence," 4 being "Major Influence."

**Table A1: 2019-2020 First-Year Student Response Rate to the AACOM Entering Student Survey**

Response Rate Range	*Number of COMs
90% or more	N/A
75% - 89%	N/A
50% - 74%	N/A
25% - 49%	N/A
Less than 25%	N/A

Mean response rate for all COMs:

\*Data will be available once the 2019 Fall Enrollment Report is released.

**Table A2: 2019-2020 Response Rate to Debt, Scholarship and Specialty Survey Questions**

	Response Rate
<b>Debt</b>	
Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans	87%
Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student	60%
Expected Non-Educational Debt	88%
At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education	96%
At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education	47%
<b>Scholarships/Grants</b>	
Total Scholarships/Grants	65%
National Health Service Corps Scholarship	60%
Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship	61%
State Government Scholarship/Grant	60%
Award from Osteopathic Medical School	61%
Tuition Waiver	60%
Osteopathic Association	59%
Post-9/11 GI Bill	60%
Indian Health Service Scholarship	60%
Department of Defense Tuition Assistance	60%
Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students	60%
Other Sources	60%
<b>Specialty</b>	
Specialty Choice	100%