

Table A-17: MCAT and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools by Primary Undergraduate Major, 2019-2020



The table below displays MCAT scores and GPAs for applicants and matriculants to U.S. medical schools for 2019-2020 by primary undergraduate major. MCAT scores and GPAs are displayed by mean or median and standard deviation (SD). Please email datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

Applicants	MCAT CPBS		MCAT CARS		MCAT BBLs		MCAT PSBB		Total MCAT		GPA Science		GPA Non-Science		GPA Total		Total Applicants
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Biological Sciences	126.4	2.7	125.8	2.7	126.8	2.7	127.1	2.7	506.0	9.2	3.49	0.41	3.74	0.27	3.59	0.33	30,693
Humanities	126.6	2.6	127.0	2.6	126.9	2.6	127.6	2.5	508.1	8.8	3.44	0.45	3.71	0.29	3.58	0.33	1,678
Math and Statistics	128.0	2.6	127.0	2.7	127.7	2.7	127.9	2.8	510.5	9.4	3.56	0.38	3.70	0.27	3.61	0.32	344
Other	126.1	2.8	125.7	2.8	126.3	2.8	126.9	2.9	505.0	9.6	3.46	0.44	3.71	0.28	3.58	0.34	8,754
Physical Sciences	127.6	2.6	126.5	2.7	127.2	2.6	127.5	2.6	508.9	8.8	3.56	0.39	3.70	0.29	3.61	0.32	4,937
Social Sciences	126.0	2.8	126.1	2.7	126.2	2.8	127.5	2.7	505.7	9.3	3.38	0.47	3.65	0.33	3.52	0.35	5,001
Specialized Health Sciences	125.5	2.9	125.2	2.8	125.7	2.9	126.4	3.0	502.8	10.1	3.43	0.45	3.70	0.30	3.57	0.34	1,964
All Applicants	126.4	2.8	125.9	2.7	126.7	2.7	127.1	2.7	506.1	9.3	3.48	0.43	3.72	0.28	3.58	0.33	53,371

Matriculants	MCAT CPBS		MCAT CARS		MCAT BBLs		MCAT PSBB		Total MCAT		GPA Science		GPA Non-Science		GPA Total		Total Matriculants
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Biological Sciences	127.7	2.2	126.9	2.3	128.2	2.0	128.5	2.1	511.3	6.5	3.67	0.30	3.82	0.21	3.73	0.24	12,484
Humanities	127.8	2.1	128.1	2.1	128.1	2.1	128.9	1.9	512.9	6.1	3.63	0.31	3.80	0.22	3.72	0.23	780
Math and Statistics	128.9	2.2	128.0	2.1	128.8	2.1	129.0	1.9	514.8	6.4	3.70	0.26	3.77	0.22	3.72	0.23	163
Other	127.6	2.1	127.0	2.3	127.8	2.0	128.5	2.1	511.0	6.4	3.65	0.31	3.80	0.21	3.74	0.23	3,371
Physical Sciences	128.7	2.0	127.5	2.3	128.3	2.1	128.6	2.0	513.1	6.5	3.70	0.28	3.78	0.23	3.73	0.24	2,355
Social Sciences	127.6	2.2	127.4	2.2	127.8	2.1	129.0	1.9	511.7	6.2	3.60	0.33	3.75	0.25	3.68	0.26	1,995
Specialized Health Sciences	127.4	2.2	126.8	2.3	127.6	2.1	128.3	2.2	510.1	6.7	3.65	0.30	3.83	0.19	3.74	0.23	721
All Matriculants	127.8	2.2	127.1	2.3	128.1	2.1	128.5	2.0	511.5	6.5	3.66	0.30	3.81	0.22	3.73	0.24	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 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, 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, 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.