

Results of the 2013 NRMP Applicant Survey by Preferred Specialty and Applicant Type

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Neurology	
Neurological Surgery	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	
Orthopaedic Surgery	
Otolaryngology	
Pathology	
Pediatrics	
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
Plastic Surgery	
Psychiatry	
Radiation Oncology	
Radiology-Diagnostic	
Surgery-General	
Transitional Year	

Introduction

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) conducted a survey of all applicants who participated in the 2013 Main Residency Match[®]. Similar surveys were conducted in 2008, 2009, and 2011.

The primary purpose of the survey was to shed light on the factors that applicants weigh in selecting programs (1) to which to apply and (2) to rank for the Match. The survey was fielded during the 18 days between the rank order list deadline and Match Week so that applicant Match outcomes would not influence respondents' answers.

This report presents survey results by preferred specialty and applicant type. Preferred specialty is defined as the specialty listed first on an applicant's rank order list of programs. Applicant type includes U.S. allopathic medical school seniors and independent applicants. Independent applicants include prior allopathic medical school graduates, U.S. citizen and non-U.S. citizen graduates of international medical schools, students and graduates of schools of osteopathy, students and graduates of Canadian medical schools, and graduates of the Fifth Pathway program.

Changes from Previous Reports

This year, several changes were made to the survey questionnaire. In previous surveys, applicants were asked to indicate factors used in selecting programs for *interview*. In the 2013 survey, the question was changed to factors in selecting programs to *apply*. In addition, a new question was added to this survey asking respondents to indicate factors used in ranking programs.

Structural changes also were made to the questionnaire to facilitate logic and branching. In previous surveys, for example, applicants were asked to rate the importance of each factor in ranking programs, regardless whether each factor was used. In the 2013 survey, applicants could only rank a factor if they had used it in their decision making process. Those changes might result in different overall ratings from the previous years.

Results

Overall, geographic location, quality, and reputation of program topped the list of factors that applicants considered most when applying to programs. When ranking programs, applicants also valued such factors as career path, future fellowship training opportunities, housestaff morale, and work/life balance. Although there was commonality among all applicants, differences were observed among specialties. For example, applicants who applied to Family Medicine and Internal Medicine programs were more interested in future fellowship training opportunities, while the opportunity to conduct certain procedures was of more importance to applicants to Neurological Surgery programs.

The median number of applications submitted by independent applicants was much higher than for U.S. seniors, but U.S. seniors obtained more interviews than did independent applicants. It also is worth noting that even though matched applicants did not apply to more programs, they attended more interviews and thus were able to rank more programs than unmatched applicants. The greatest number of applications was submitted to Orthopaedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Dermatology, Plastic Surgery, and Neurological Surgery; however, the numbers of interviews obtained and programs ranked in those specialties were not noticeably larger compared to other specialties.

The NRMP hopes that program directors, medical school officials, and applicants find these data useful as they prepare for and participate in the Match.

The NRMP's data reporting and research activities are guided by its Data Release and Research Committee. NRMP data and reports can be found at: <u>www.nrmp.org/data/</u> <u><http://www.nrmp.org/data/>.</u>

Response Rates

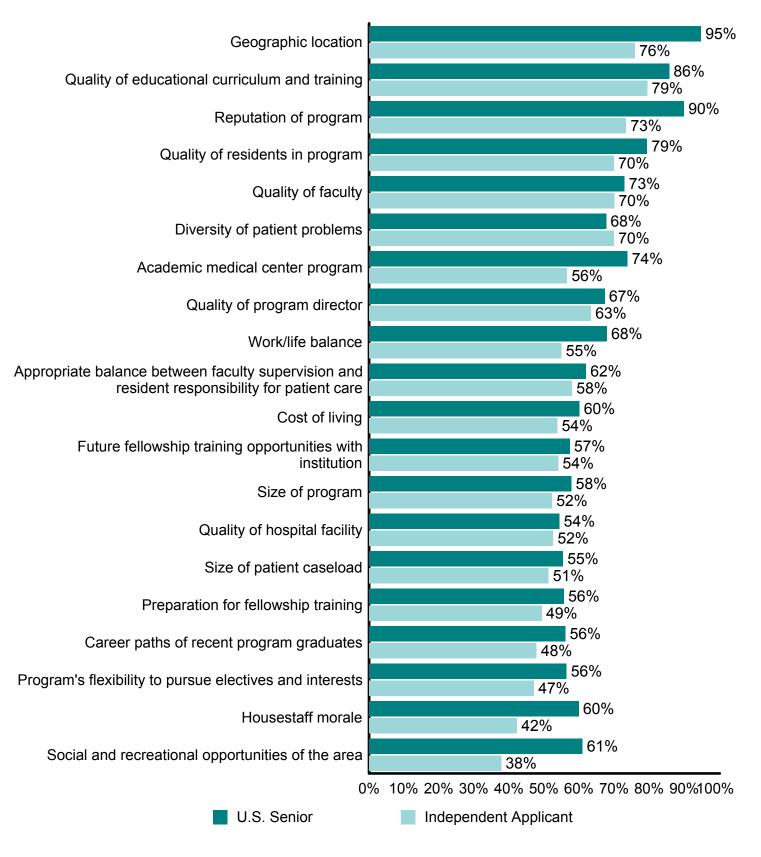
The overall response rate was 47.9 percent for the 21 largest preferred specialties detailed in this report, and 47.7 percent for all specialties. Response rates varied by specialty and applicant type (see table below). Specialties with 50 or fewer responses were excluded from this report.

	U.S. Seniors			Independent Applicants		
	Completed Survey		Response	Completed Survey		Response
	Yes	No	Rate	Yes	No	Rate
Anesthesiology	543	629	43.2%	278	396	35.1%
Child Neurology	47	38	61.8%	41	32	64.1%
Dermatology	229	208	55.0%	43	93	23.1%
Emergency Medicine	786	778	50.5%	291	364	40.0%
Family Medicine	689	671	51.3%	1091	1645	33.2%
Internal Medicine	1673	1873	44.7%	3054	2919	52.3%
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	196	146	67.1%	49	33	74.2%
Neurological Surgery	126	112	56.3%	23	43	26.7%
Neurology	185	180	51.4%	223	256	43.6%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	583	450	64.8%	291	300	48.5%
Orthopaedic Surgery	413	412	50.1%	52	129	20.2%
Otolaryngology	217	160	67.8%	14	34	20.6%
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical	132	140	47.1%	260	265	49.1%
Pediatrics	1057	826	64.0%	729	650	56.1%
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	108	118	45.8%	133	189	35.2%
Plastic Surgery	83	88	47.2%	4	18	11.1%
Psychiatry	337	362	46.5%	560	662	42.3%
Radiation Oncology	84	82	51.2%	14	24	29.2%
Radiology-Diagnostic	392	453	43.3%	175	234	37.4%
Surgery-General	612	786	38.9%	386	678	28.5%
Transitional Year	79	169	23.4%	20	55	18.2%
Subtotal (21 specialties)	8571	8681	49.4%	7731	9019	42.9%
Total (All specialties)	8696	8808	49.4%	7879	9335	42.2%

All Specialties Combined

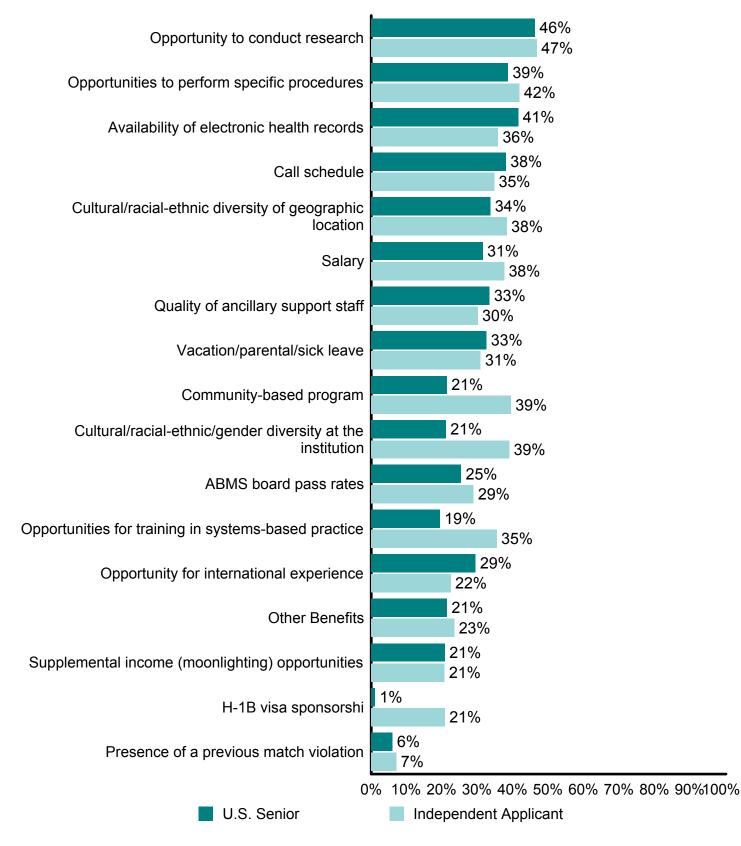
Figure 1

All Specialties Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



Data are presented in a descending order of percentage of applicants citing each factor for all respondents

Figure 1 All Specialties Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont.)



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Figure 2

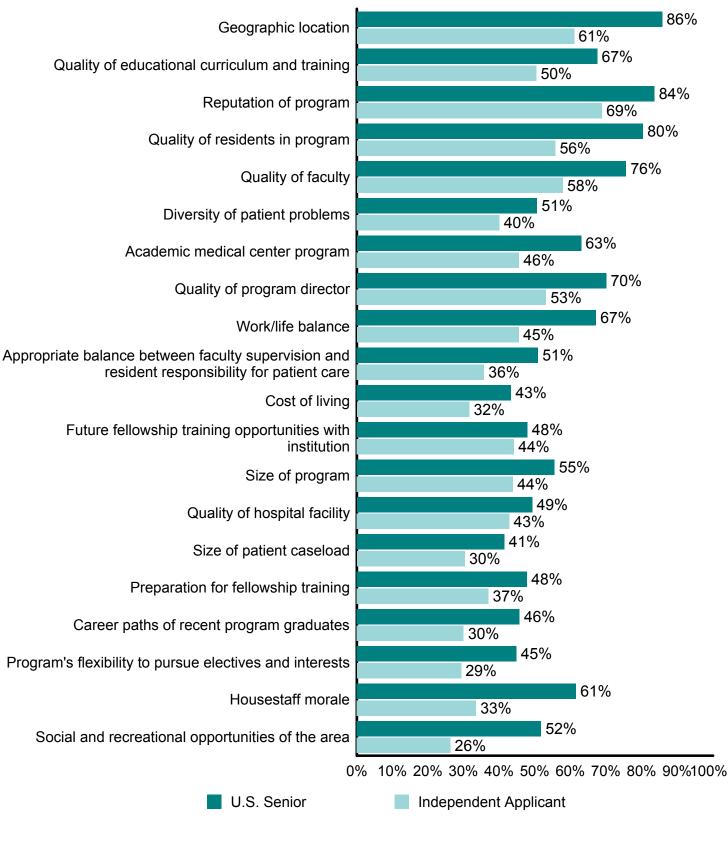
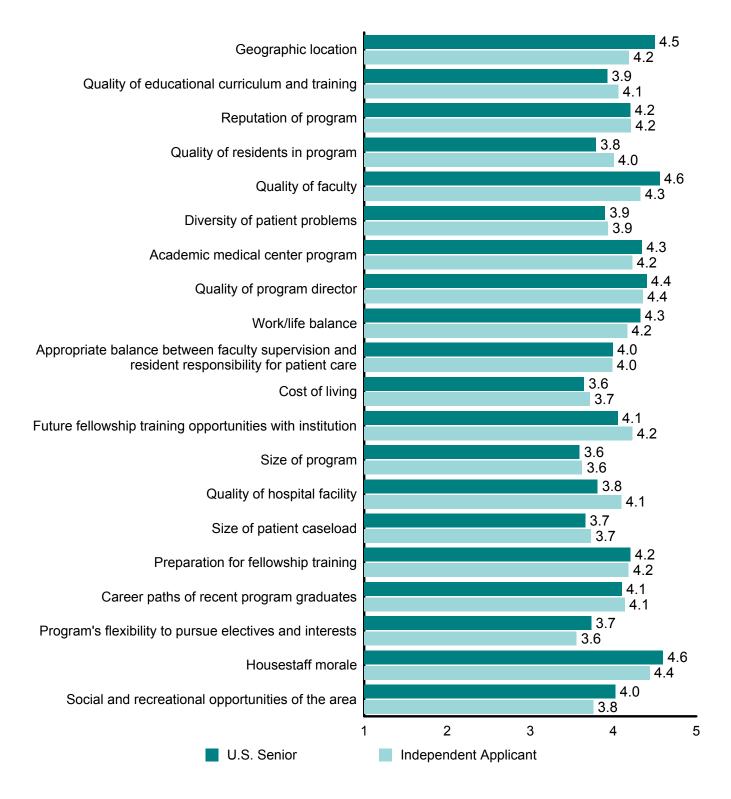


Figure 2All Specialties
Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs
by Applicant Type (Cont.)

Opportunity to conduct research	41% 35%		
Opportunities to perform specific procedures	30% 25%		
Availability of electronic health records	33% 25%		
Call schedule	23%		
Cultural/racial-ethnic diversity of geographic location	25% 23%		
Salary	23% 22%		
Quality of ancillary support staff	29% 21%		
Vacation/parental/sick leave	21% 16%		
Community-based program	17% 25%		
Cultural/racial-ethnic/gender diversity at the institution	22% 26%		
ABMS board pass rates	23% 24%		
Opportunities for training in systems-based practice	12% 20%		
Opportunity for international experience	23% 14%		
Other Benefits	14% 13%		
Supplemental income (moonlighting) opportunities	14% 10%		
H-1B visa sponsorshi	1% 17%		
Presence of a previous match violation	5% 5%		
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90%100%			
U.S. Senior	Independent Applicant		
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Figure 3

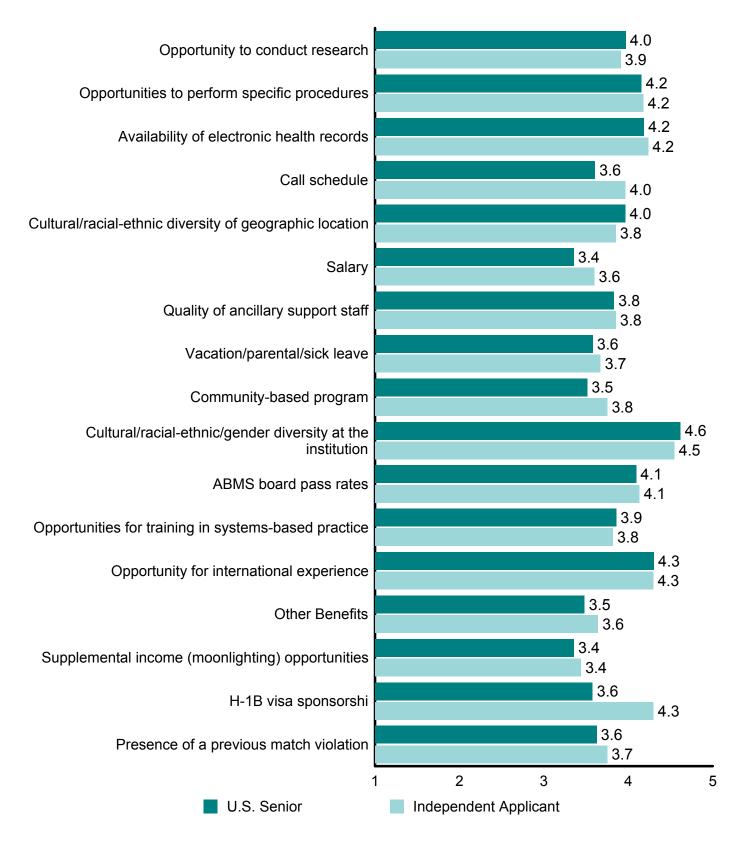
All Specialties Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



* On a scale of 5 where 5="extremely important" and 1="not important"

All Specialties Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type (Cont'd)

Figure 3



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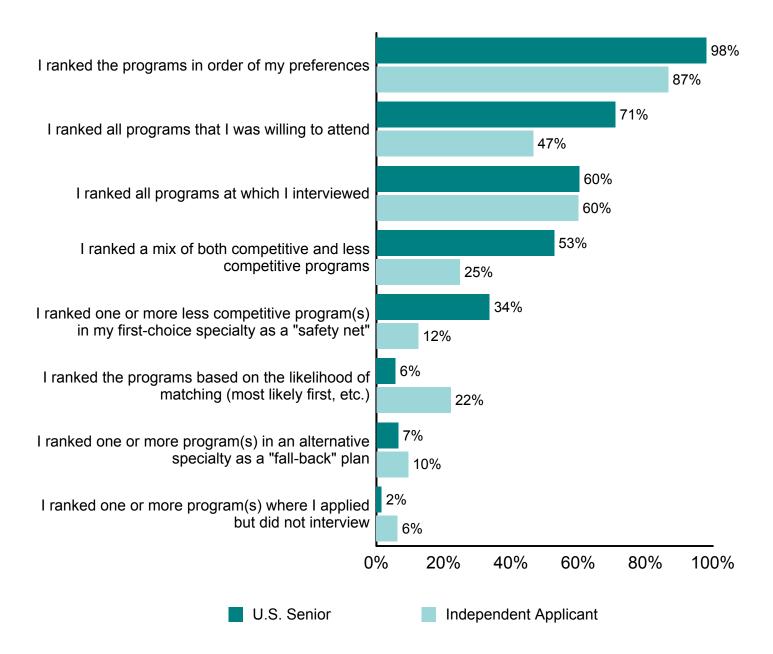
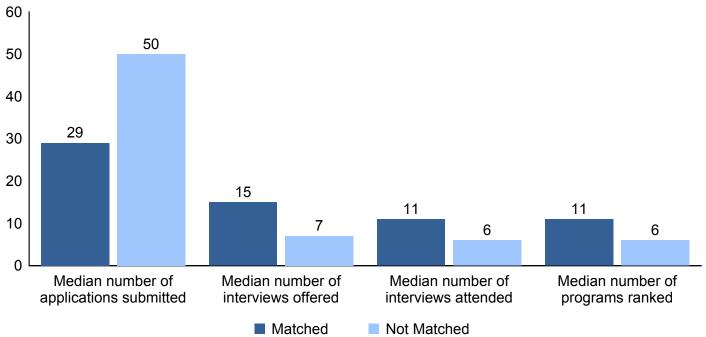
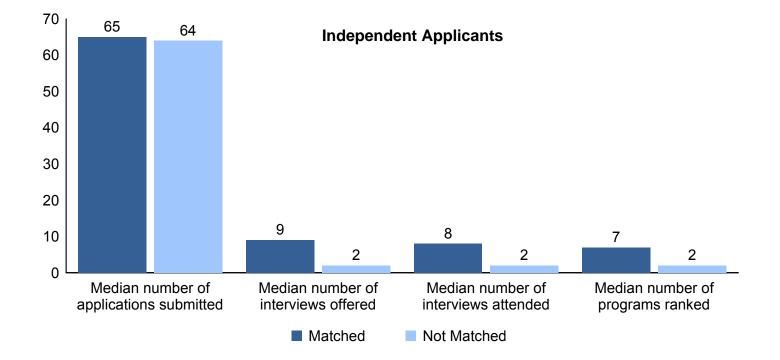


Figure 5 All Specialties Median Number of Applications, Interviews and Programs Ranked By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*



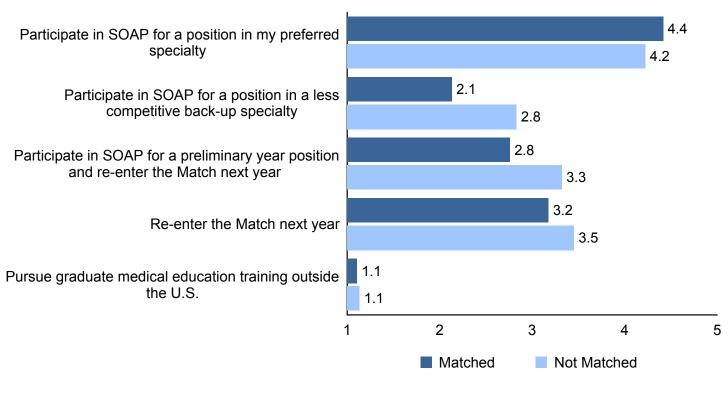




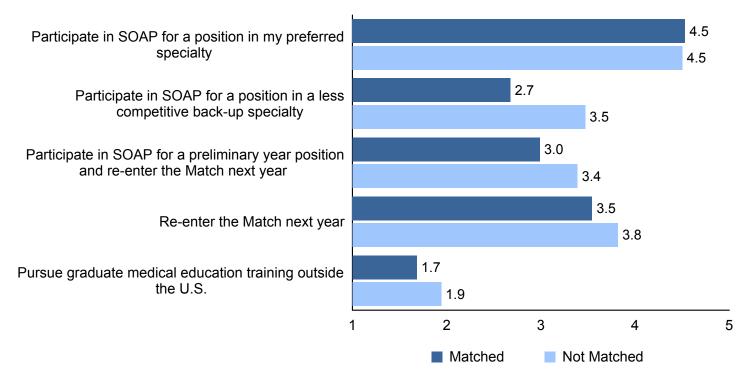
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All Specialties Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*





Independent Applicants



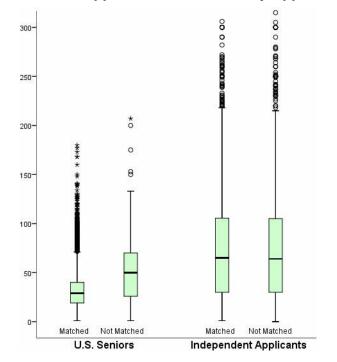
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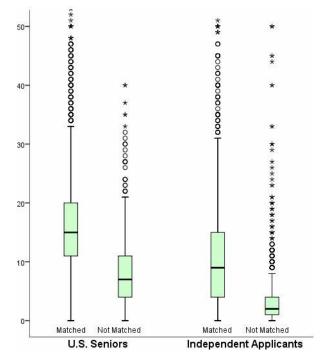
All Specialties Applications, Interviews, Offers, and Ranks†

Number of Applications Submitted by Applicants

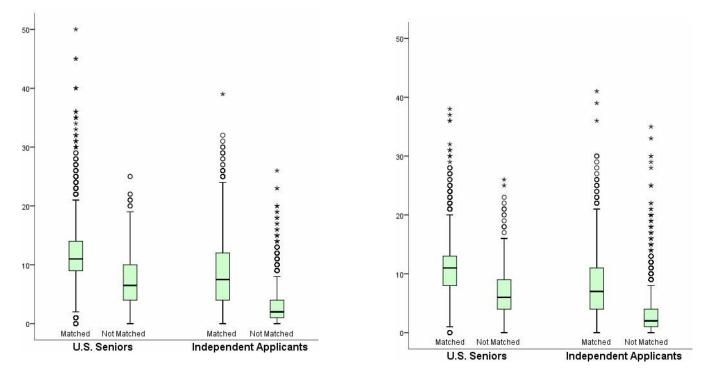


Number of Interviews Attended by Applicants

Number of Interviews Offered to Applicants



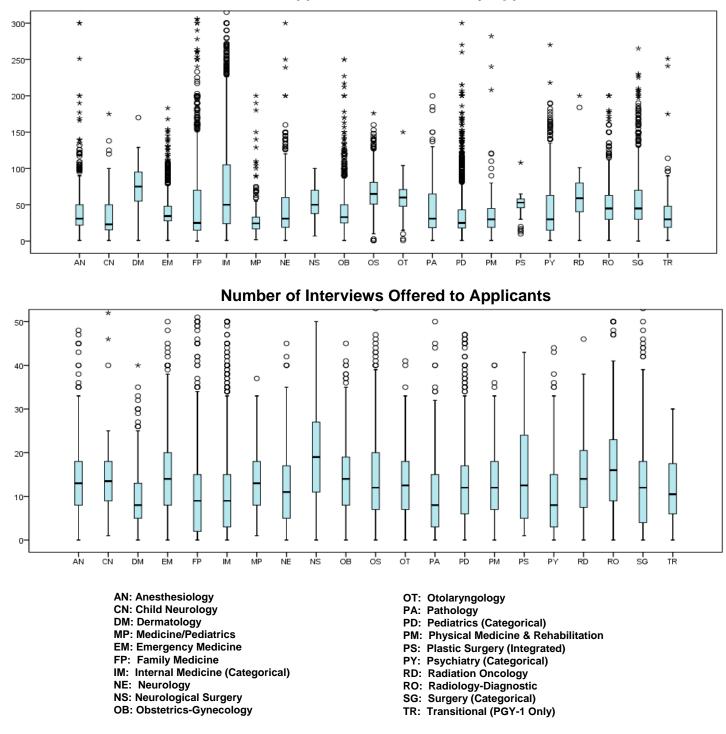
Number of Programs Ranked by Applicants



†Self-reported data

The boxes in a boxplot represent the interquartile range (or IQR, which is the range between the 25th and 75th percentiles) and the line in the box is the median. The upper bound of the whisker is the upper fence, which is 1.5 IQR above the 75% percentile; the lower bound of the whisker is the lower fence, which is 1.5 IQR below the 25th percentile. The circles below and above the whiskers are outliers. Scales in these graphs are adjusted to show a close-up of the boxplots. Some extreme values and outliers are not shown in the graphs.

Figure 8 All Specialties Applicants' First Choice Specialty[†] By Specialty

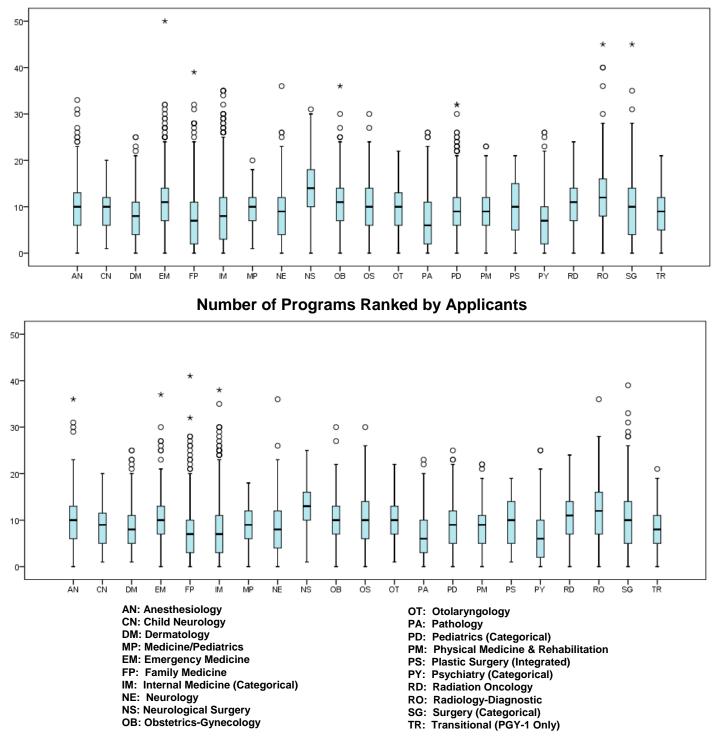


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Figure 8 All Specialties Applicants' First Choice Specialty† By Specialty (Cont'd)



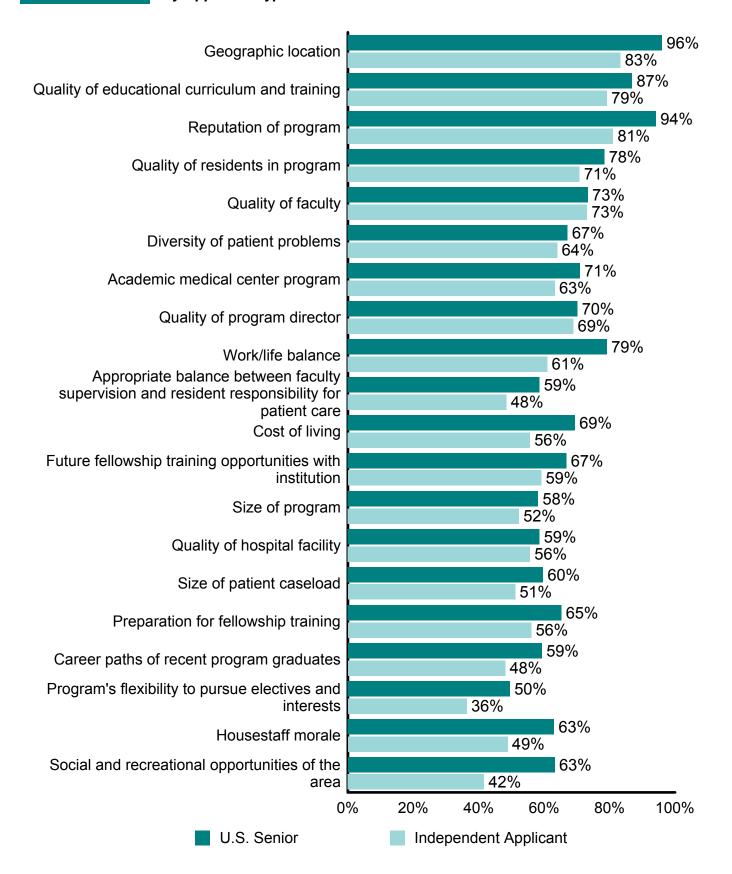
Number of Interviews Attended by Applicants

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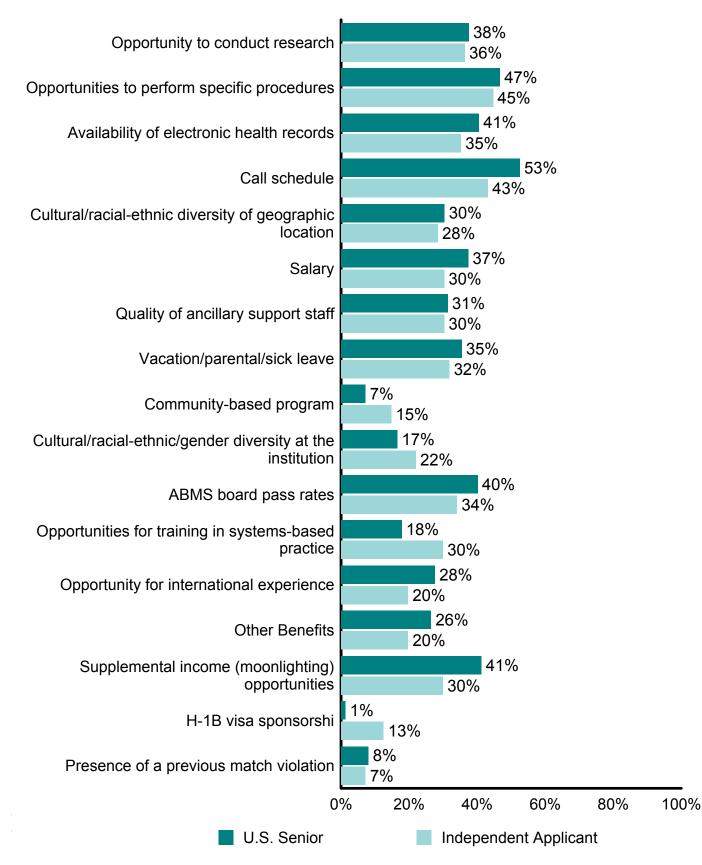
Anesthesiology

Figure AN-1 Anesthesiology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



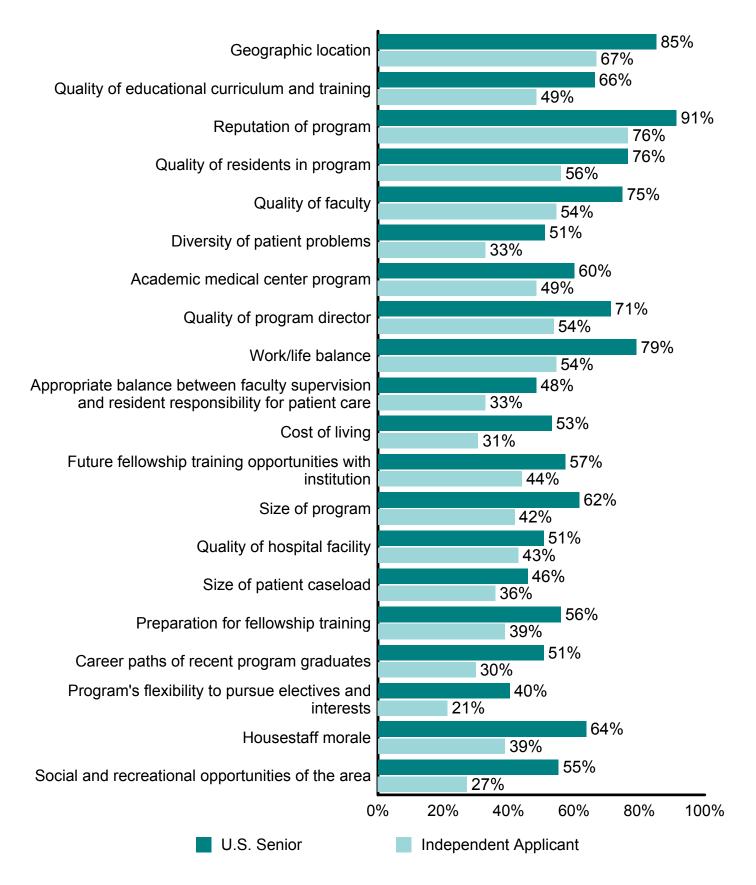
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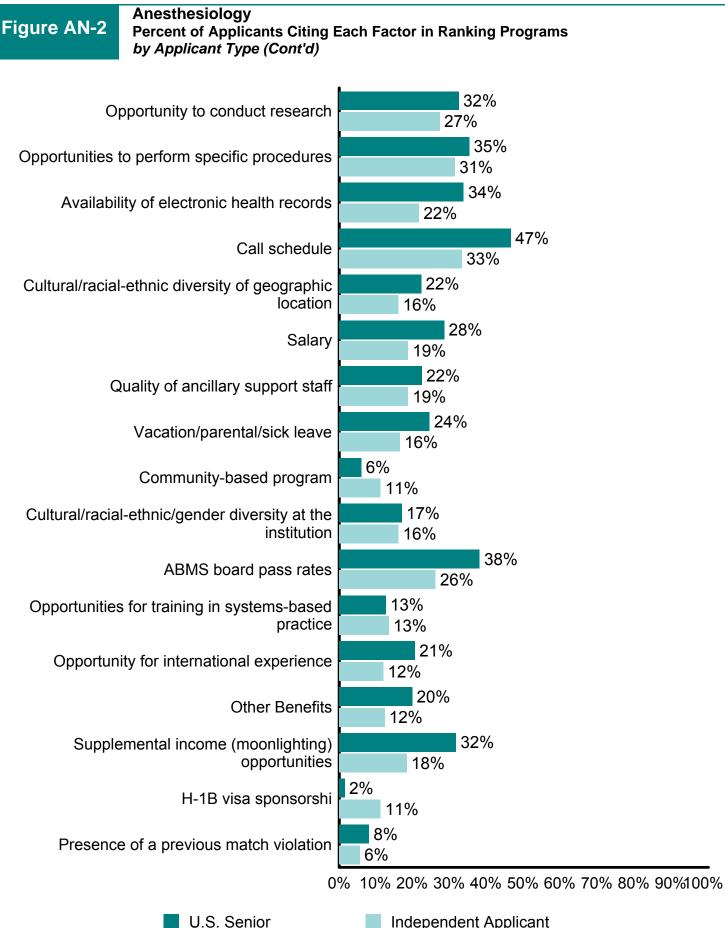
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Figure AN-2 Anesthesiology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

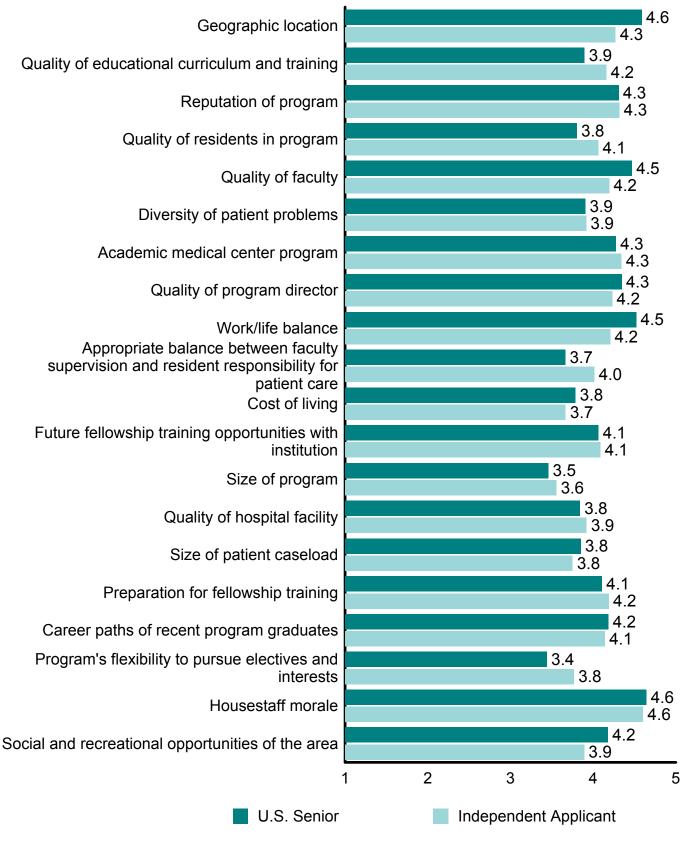




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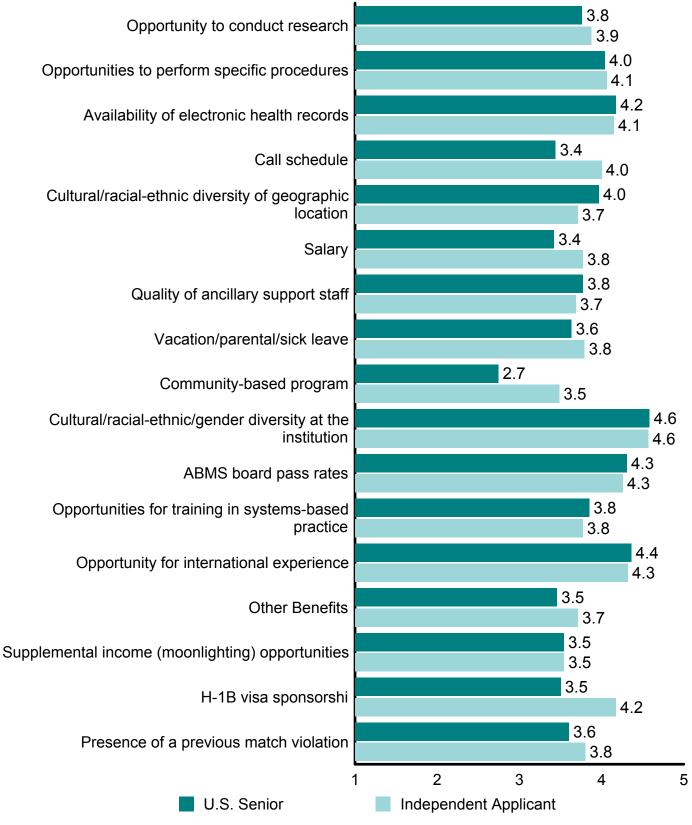
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Figure AN-3 Anesthesiology Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

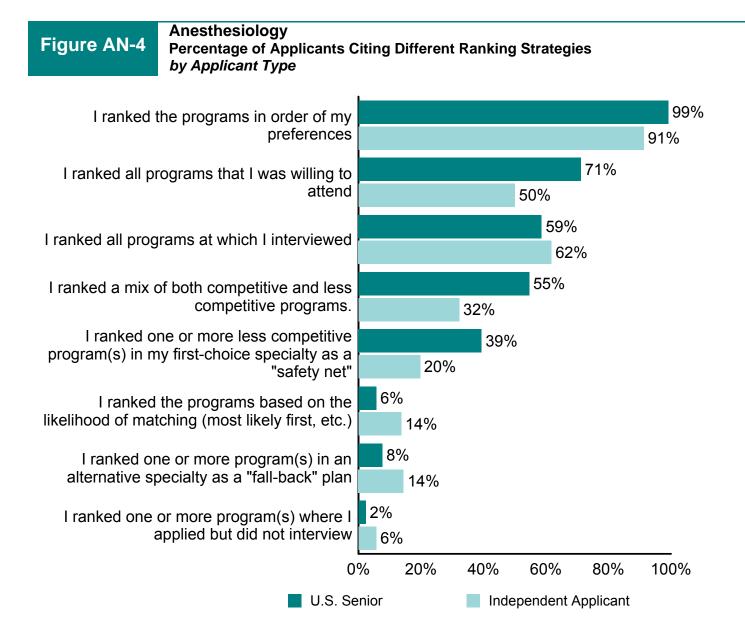


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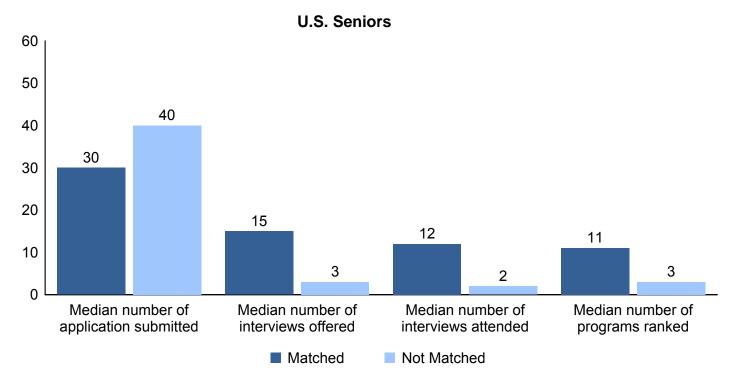
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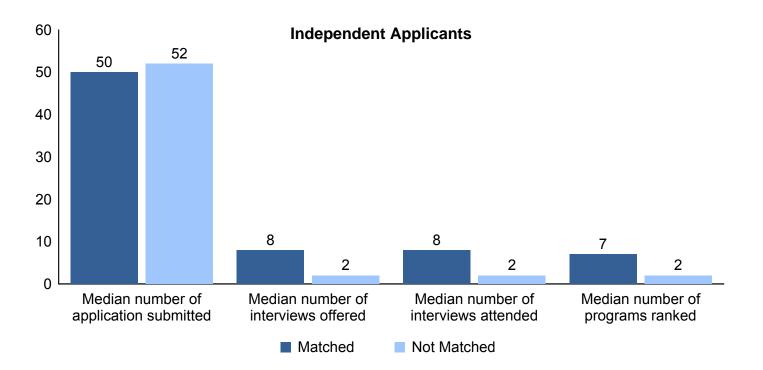


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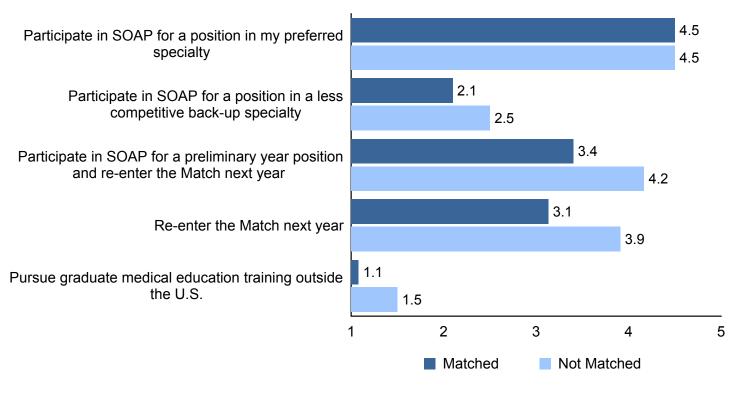




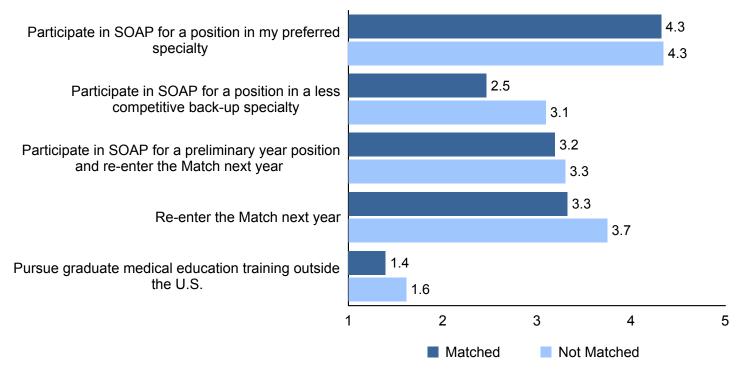
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Figure AN-6 Anesthesiology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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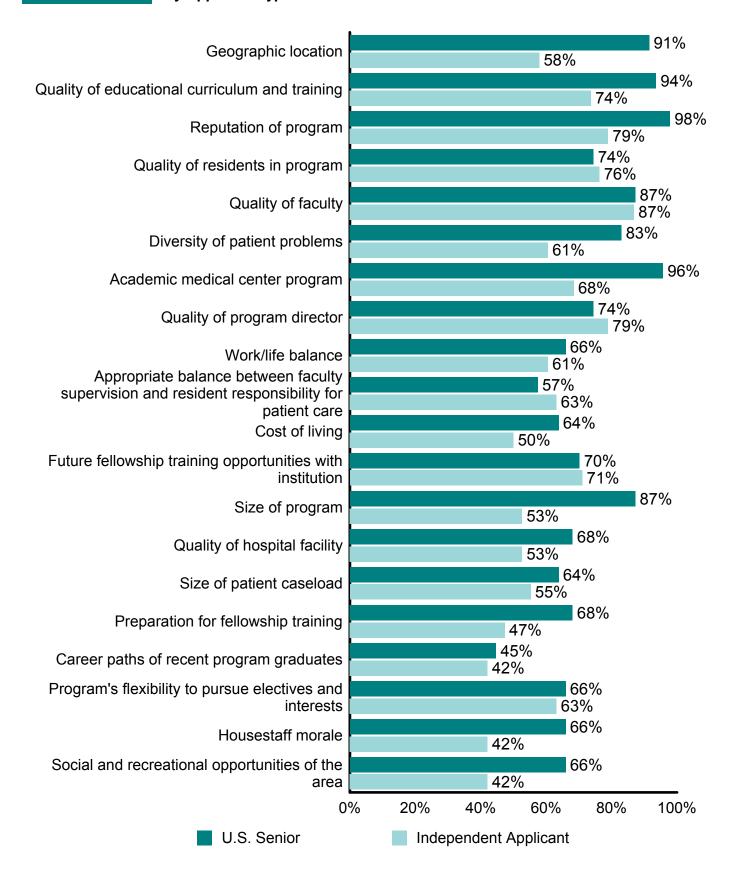
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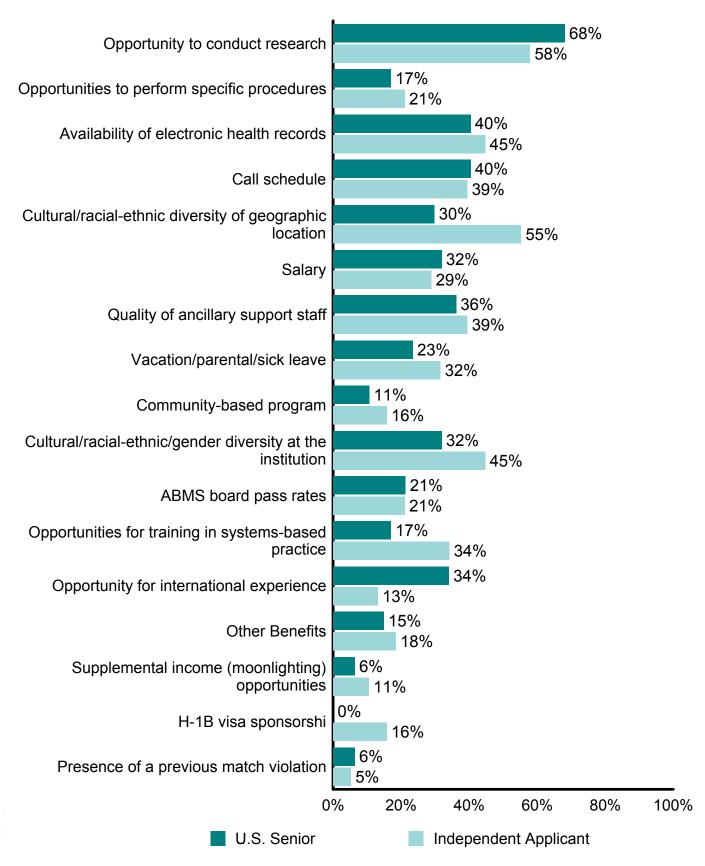
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Figure CN-1 Child Neurology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



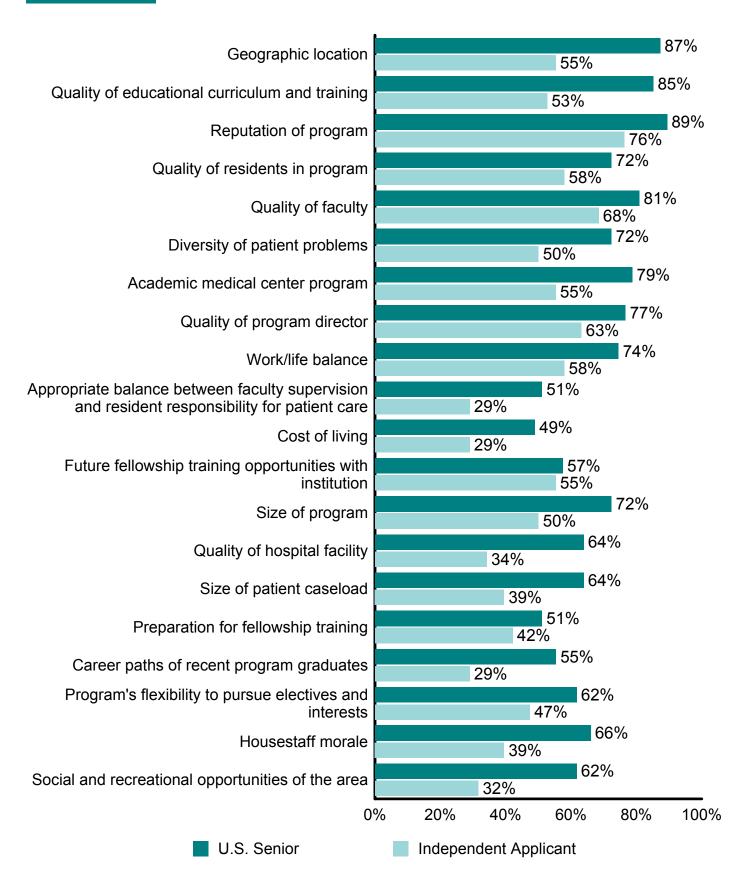
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Figure CN-2 Child Neurology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



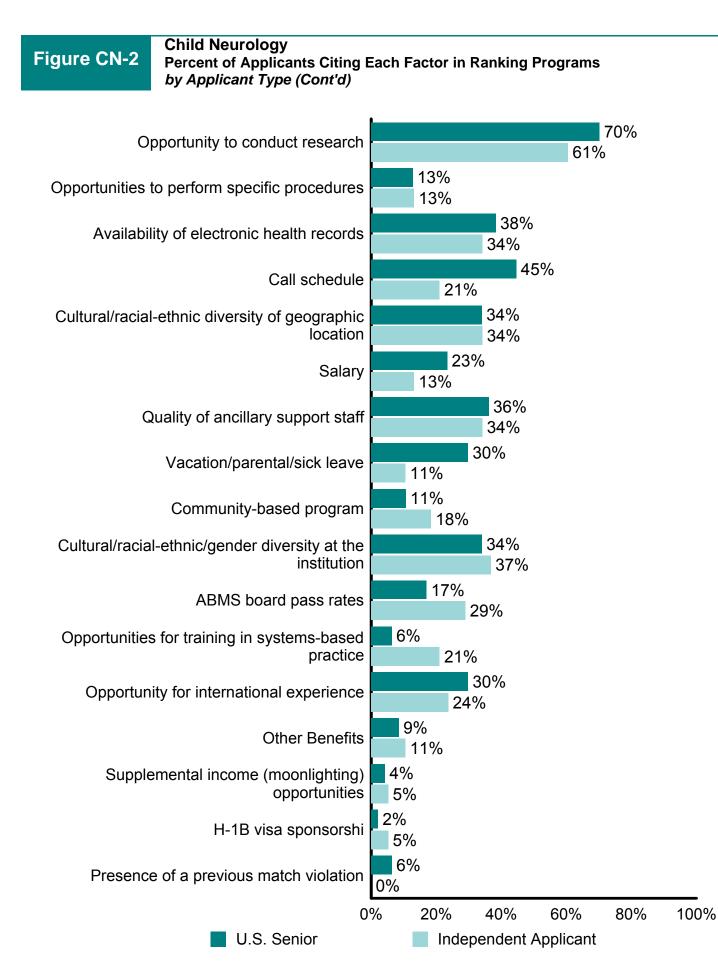
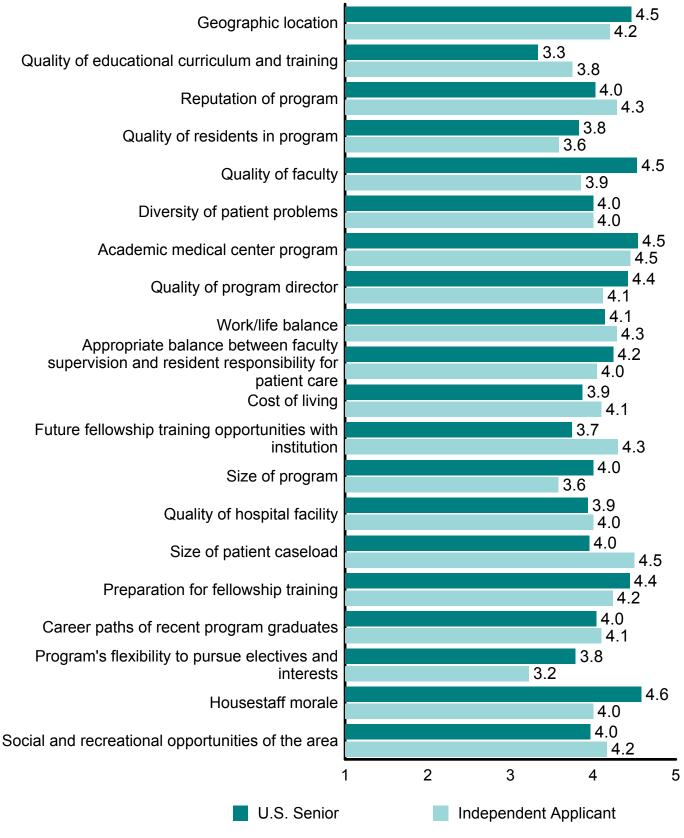
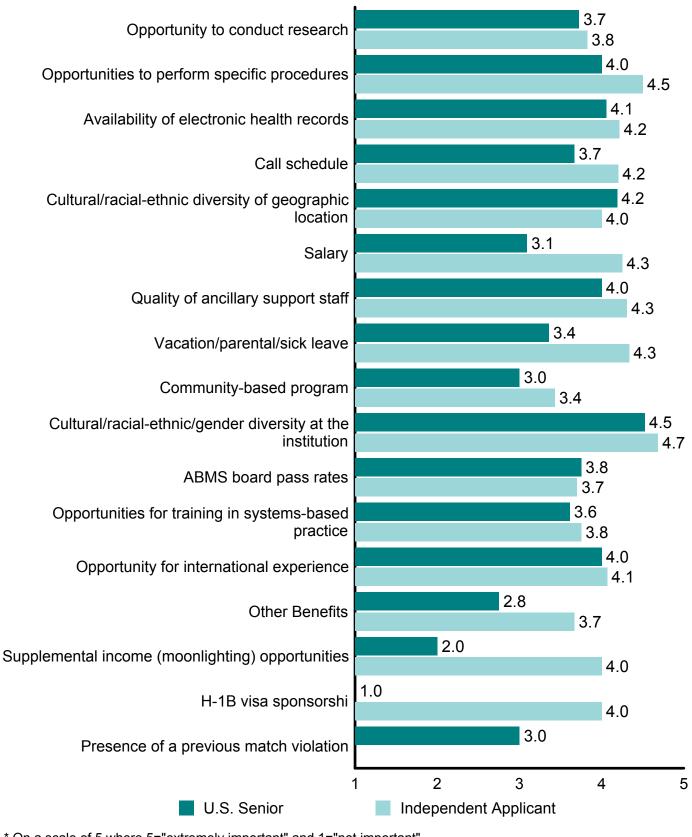


Figure CN-3 Child Neurology Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

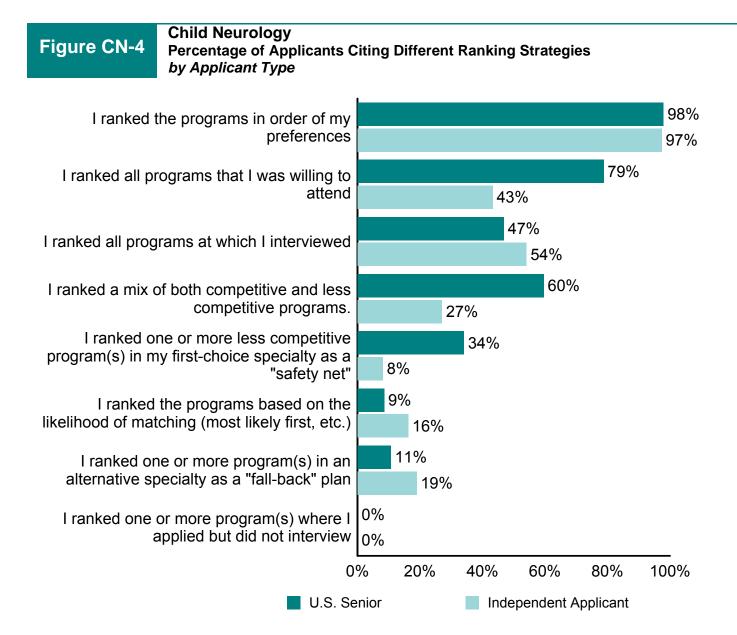


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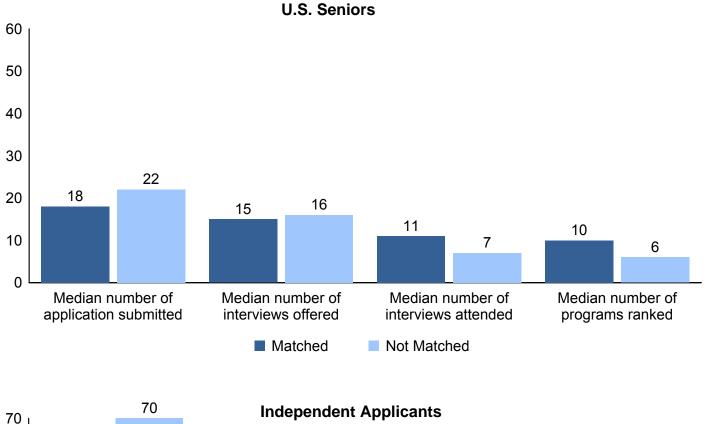
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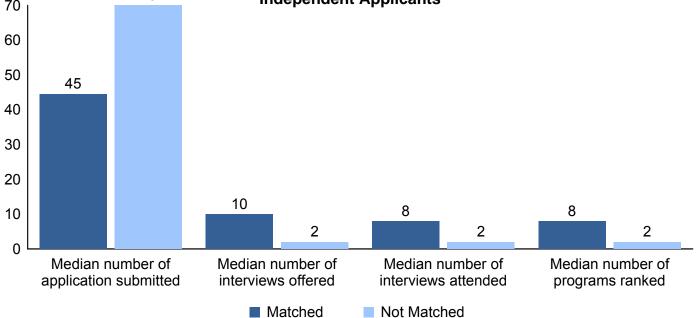


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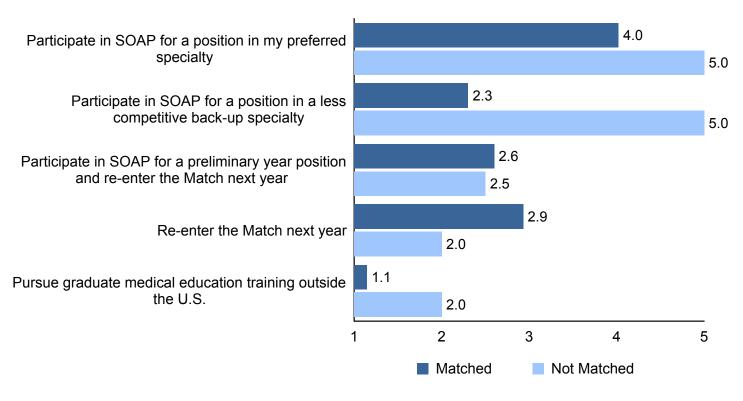




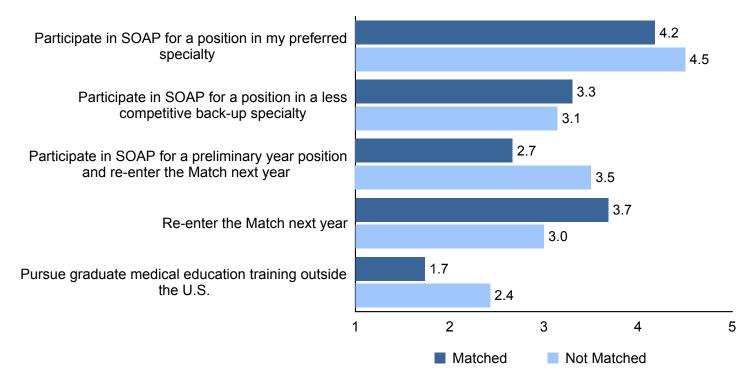
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Figure CN-6 Child Neurology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants



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Dermatology

Figure DM-1 Dermatology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

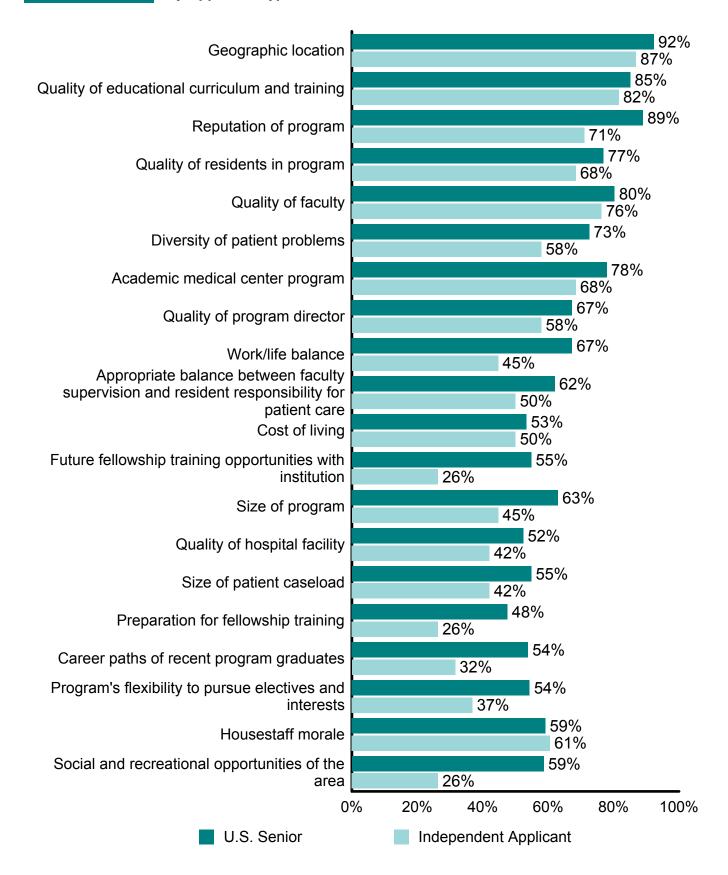


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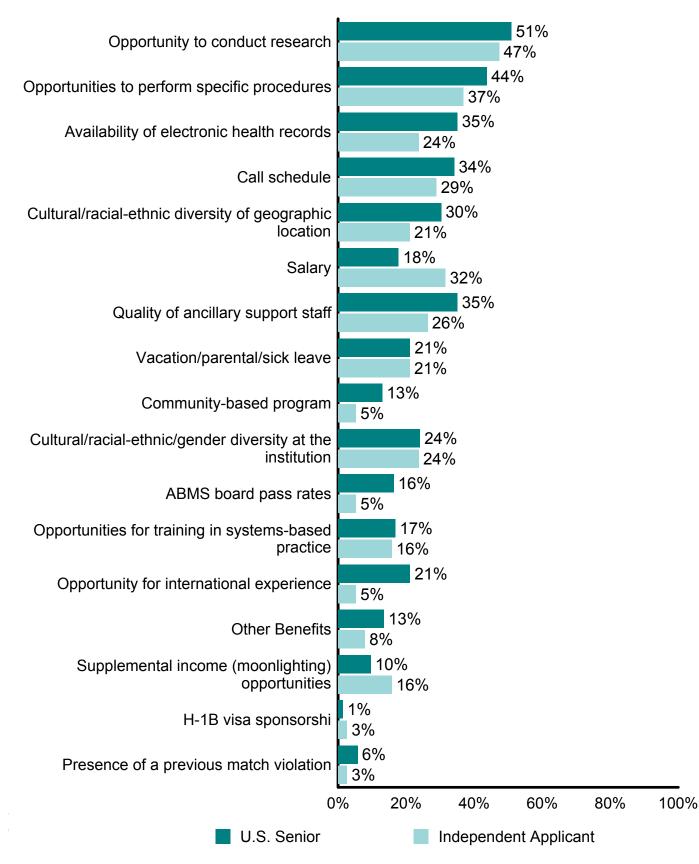


Figure DM-2 Dermatology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

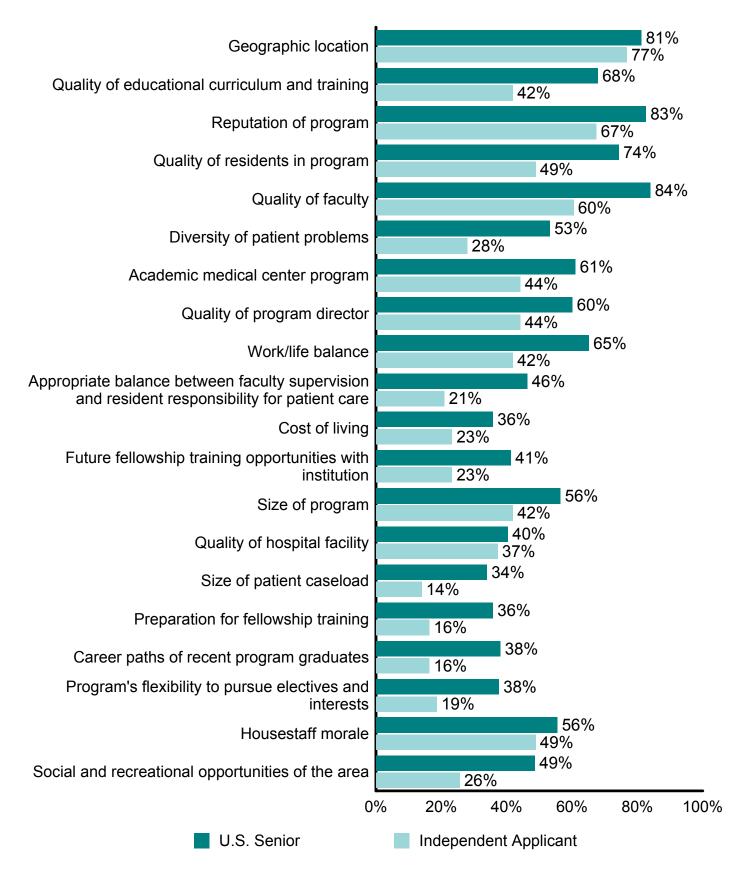


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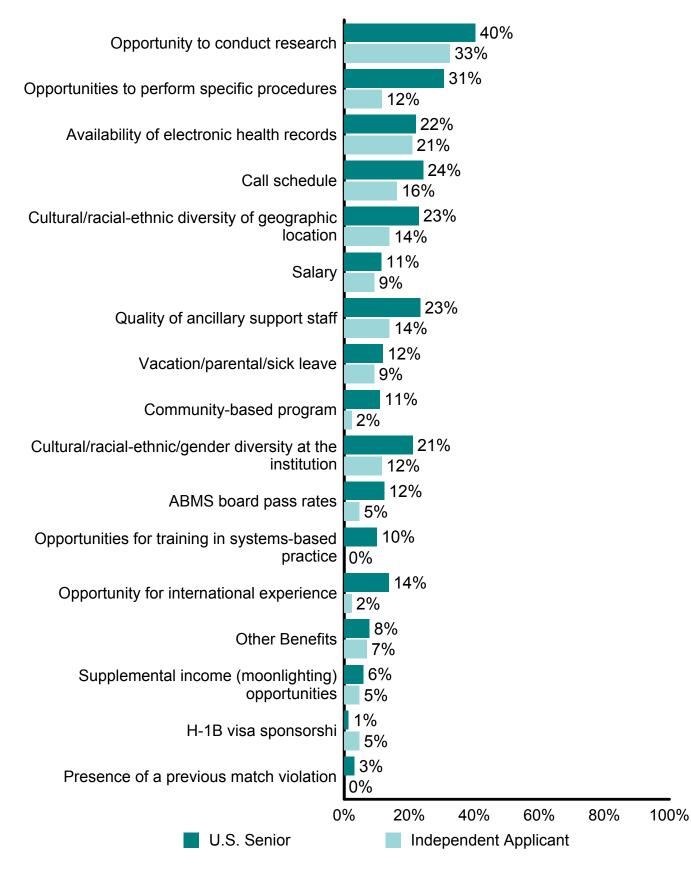
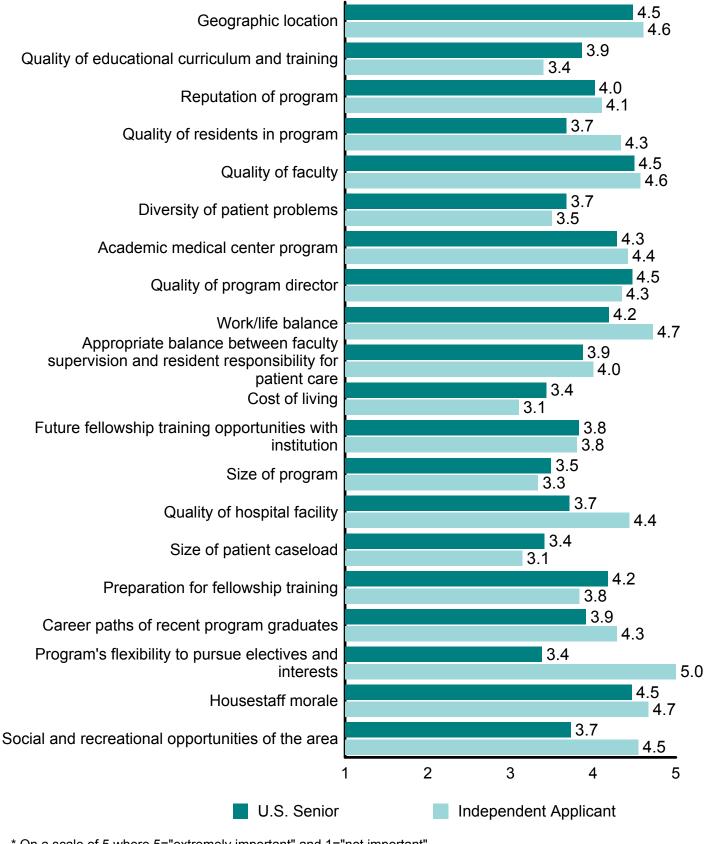
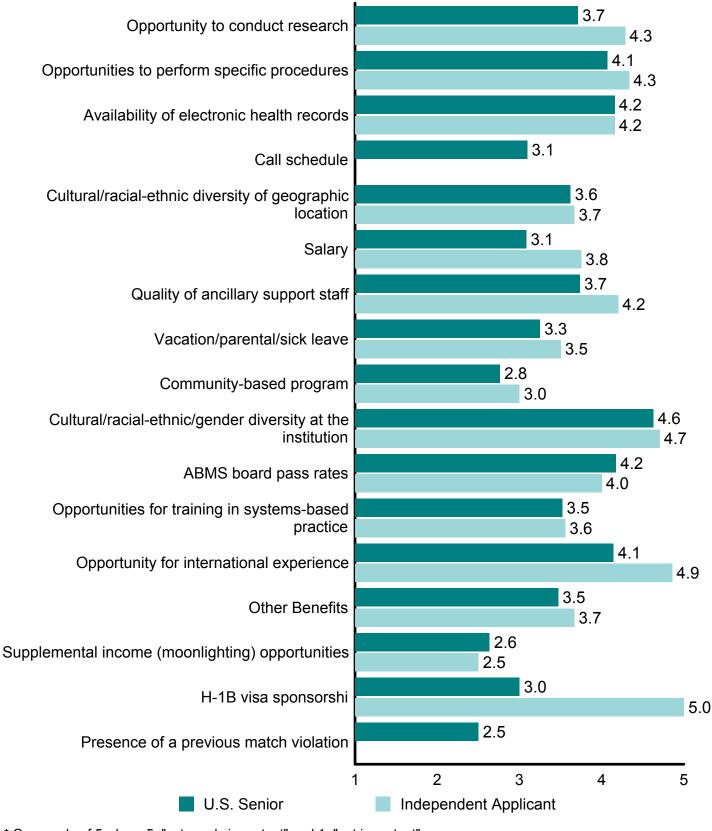


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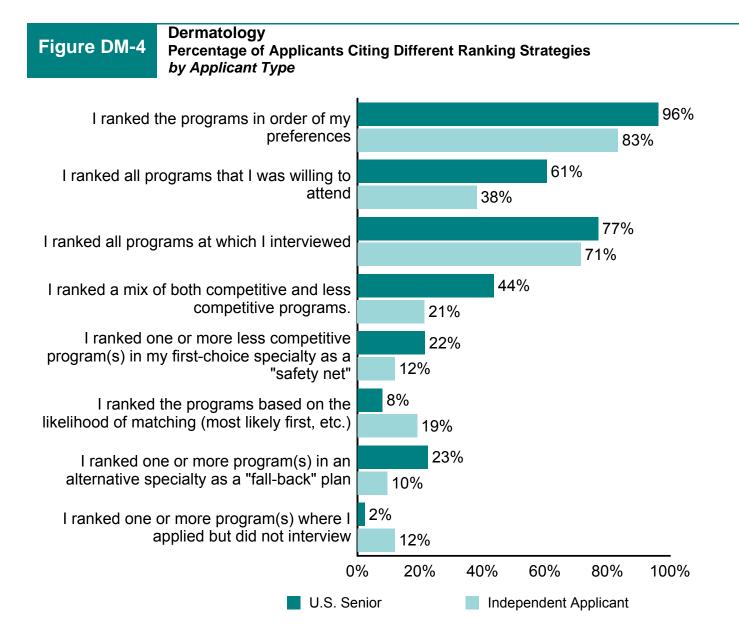
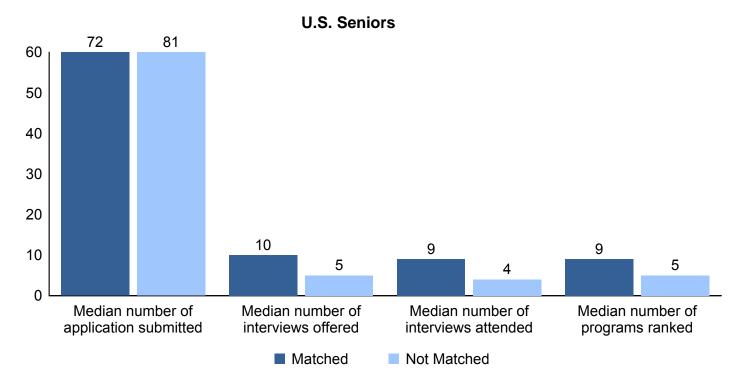
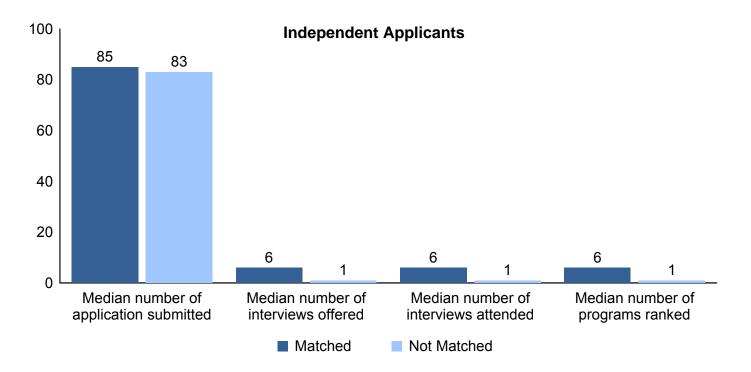


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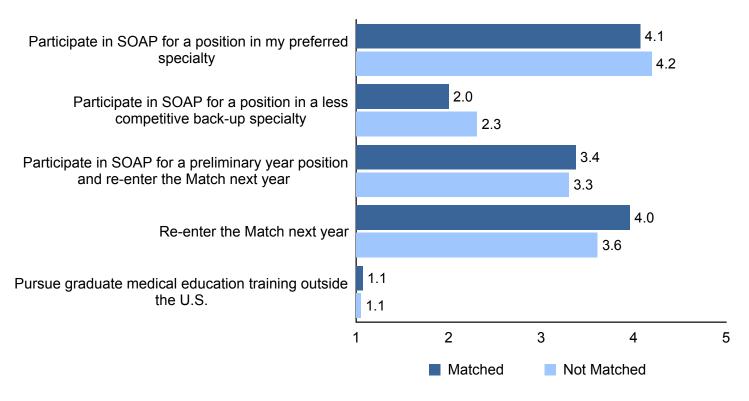




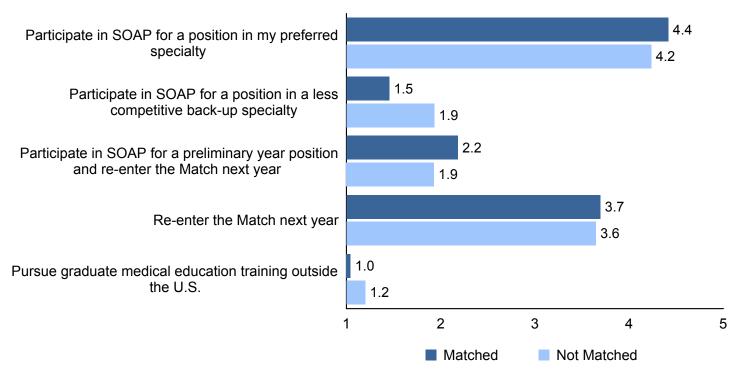
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Emergency Medicine

Figure EM-1

Emergency Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

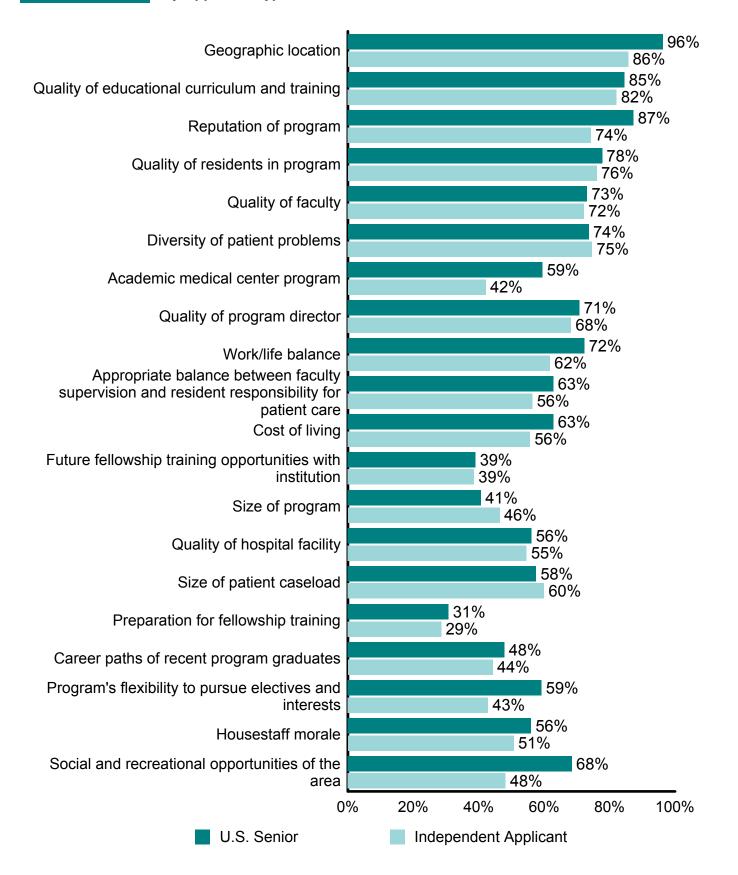


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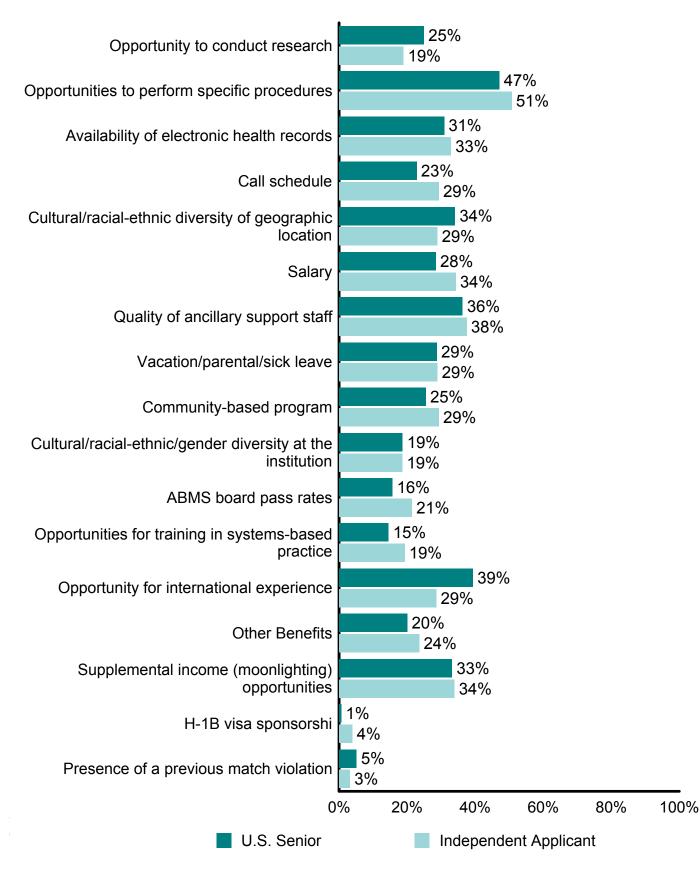


Figure EM-2 Emergency Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

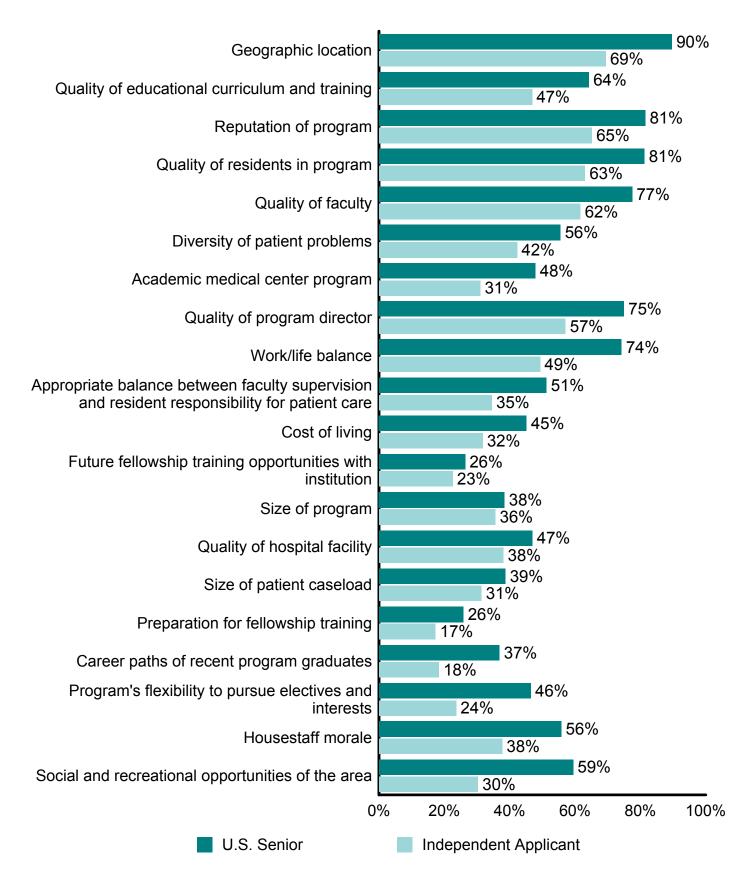


Figure EM-2 Emergency Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs by Applicant Type (Cont'd)

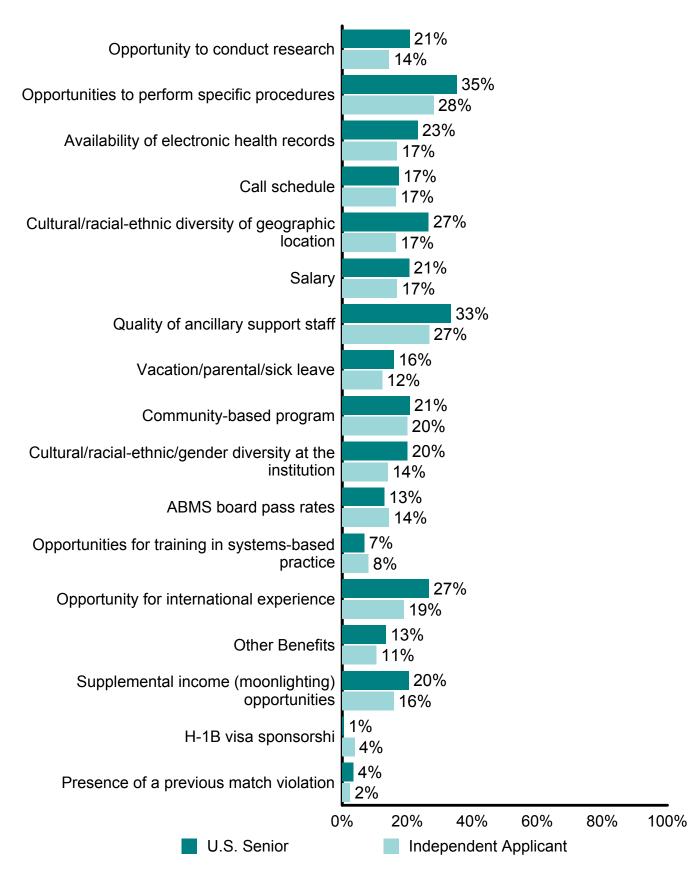
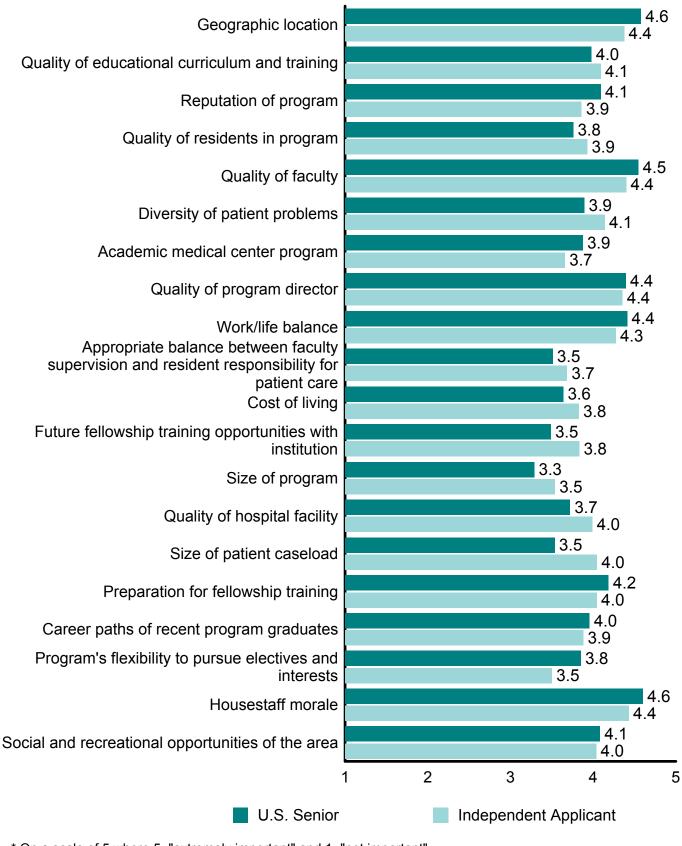
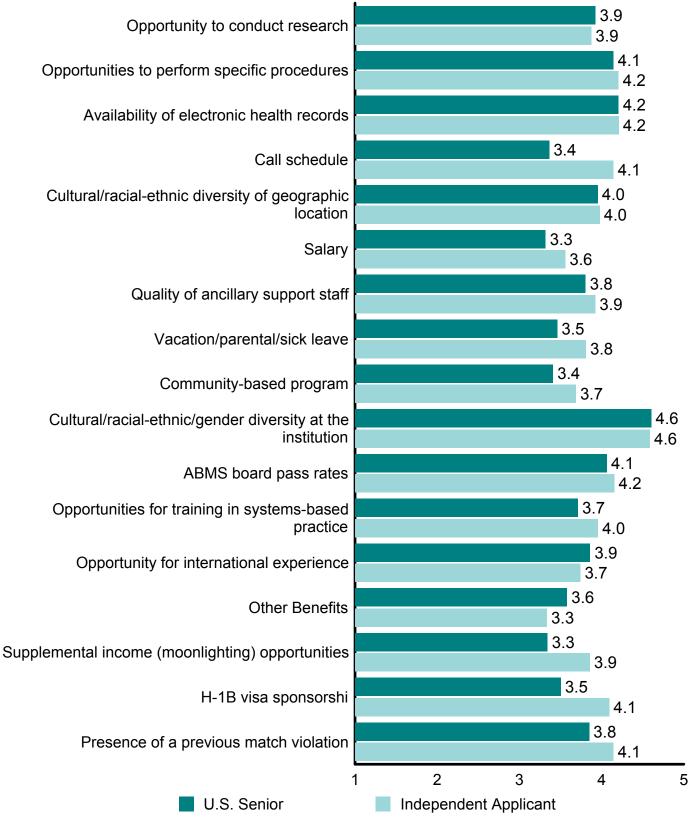


Figure EM-3 Emergency Medicine Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

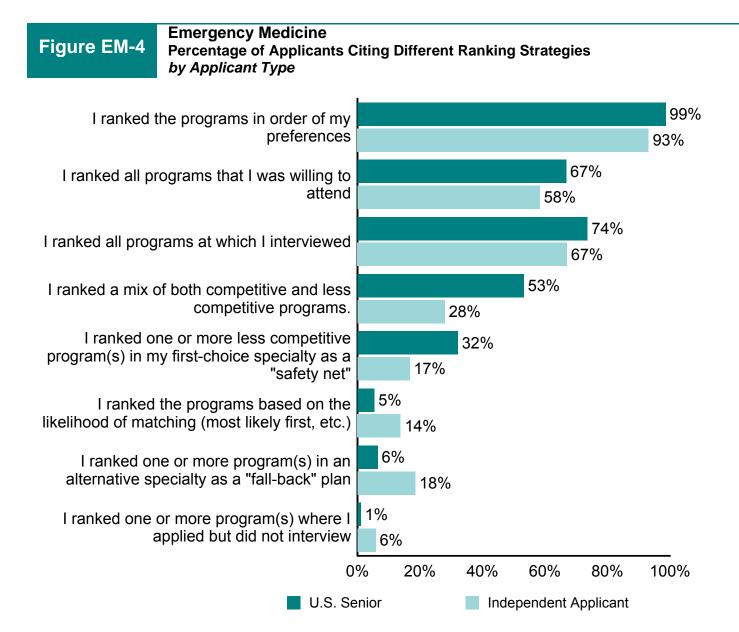


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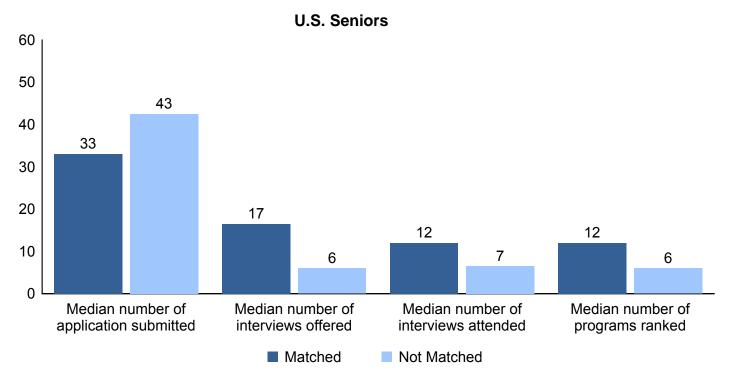
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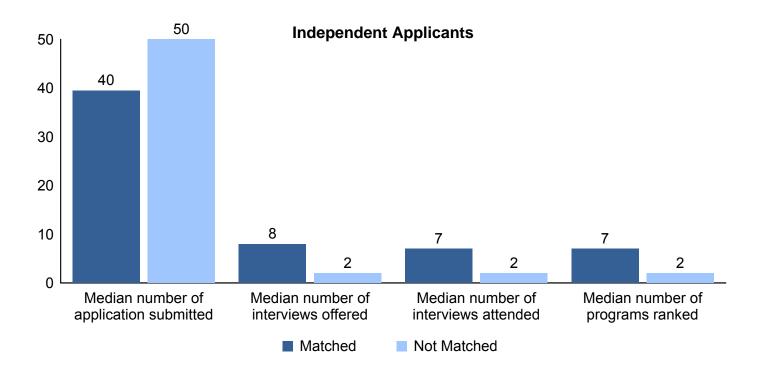


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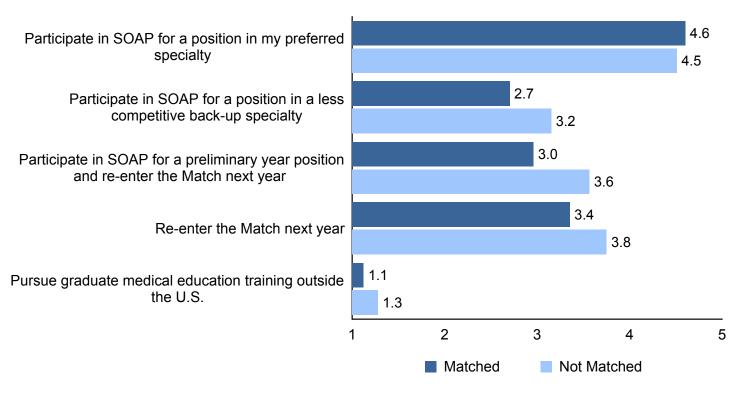




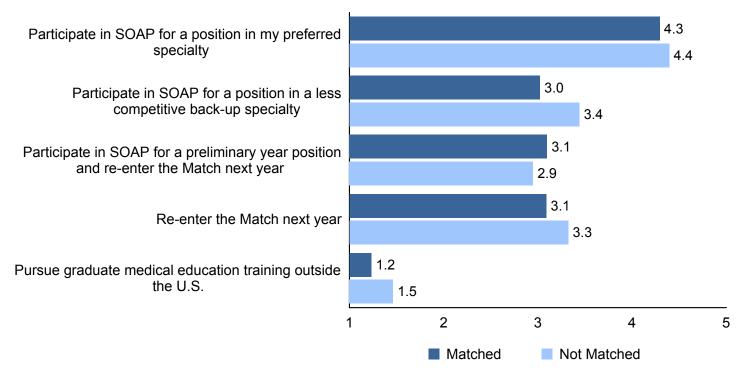
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Figure EM-6 Emergency Medicine Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants



*Match outcome is based on preferred specialty (i.e., specialty listed first on rank order list of programs). Likelihood is measured on a scale of 5 where 5="extremely likely" and 1="not at all likely"

Family Medicine

Figure FP-1 Family Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

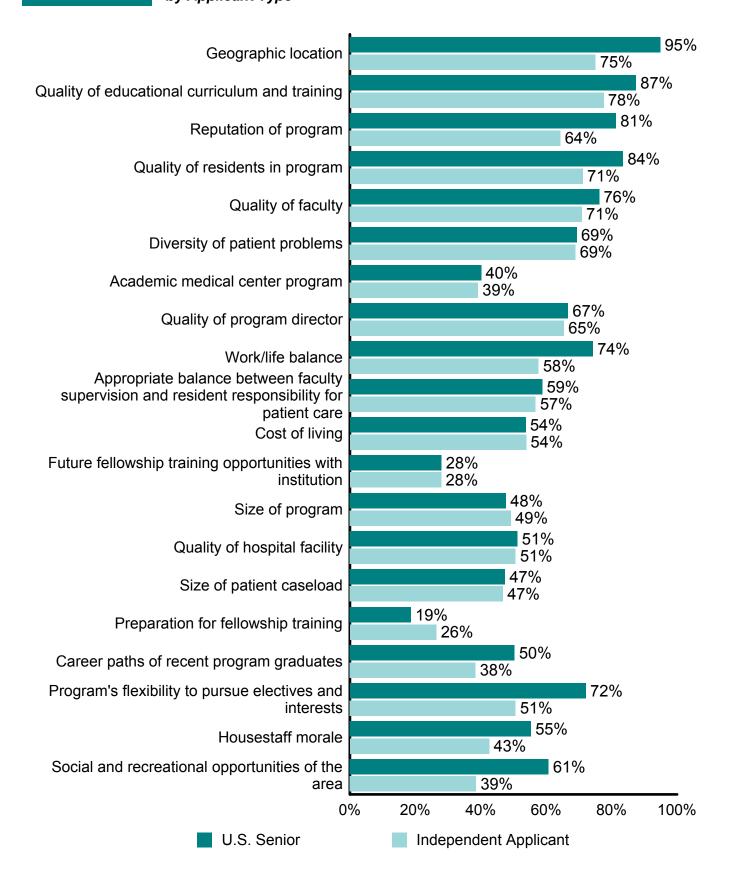


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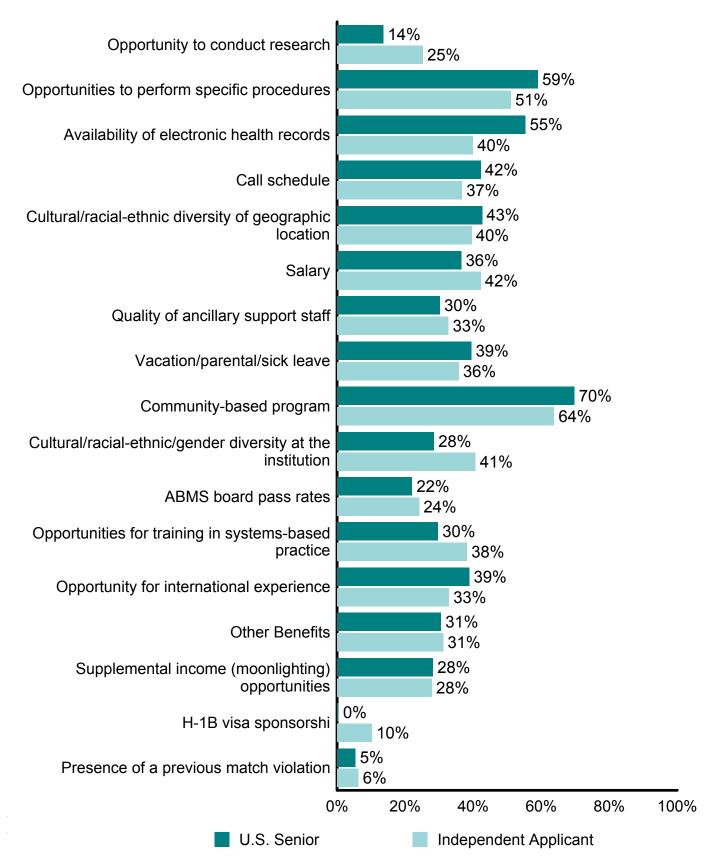
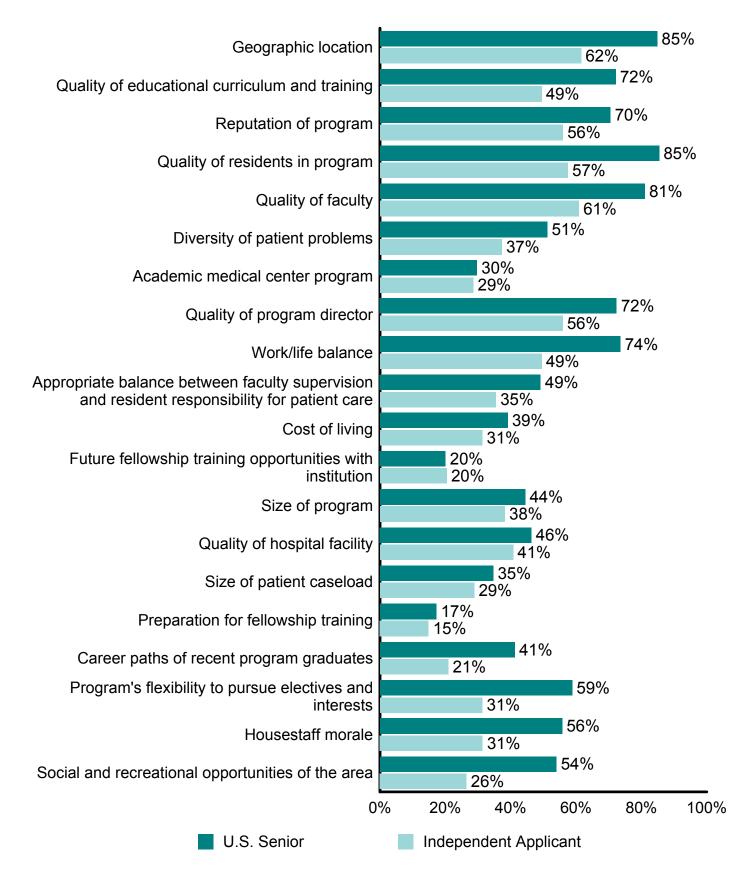
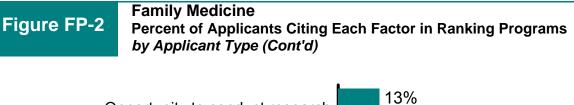


Figure FP-2 Family Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs





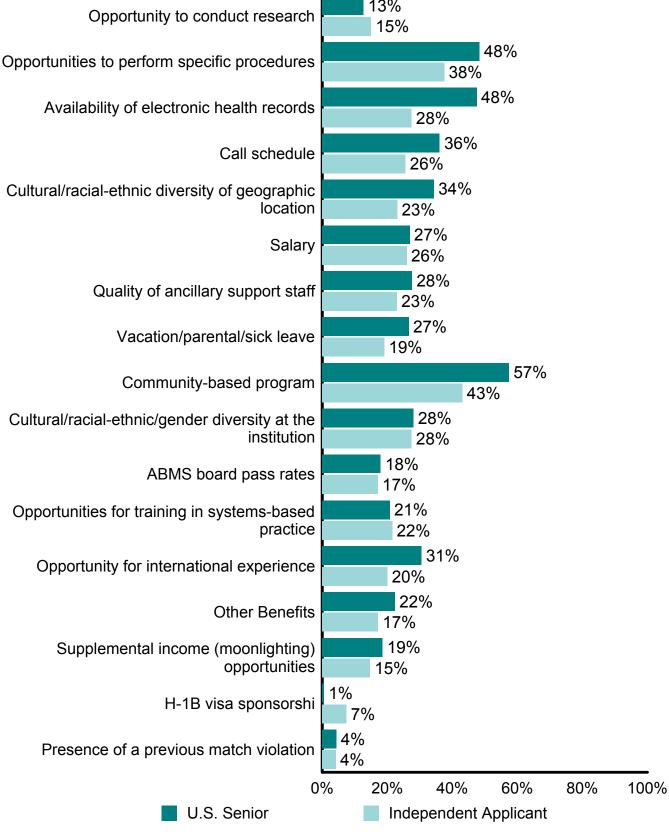
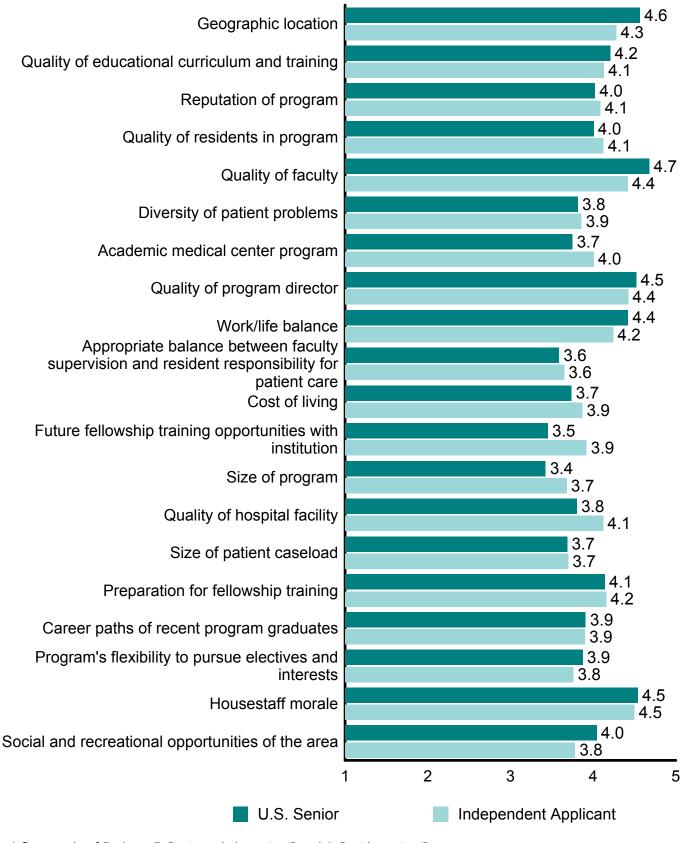
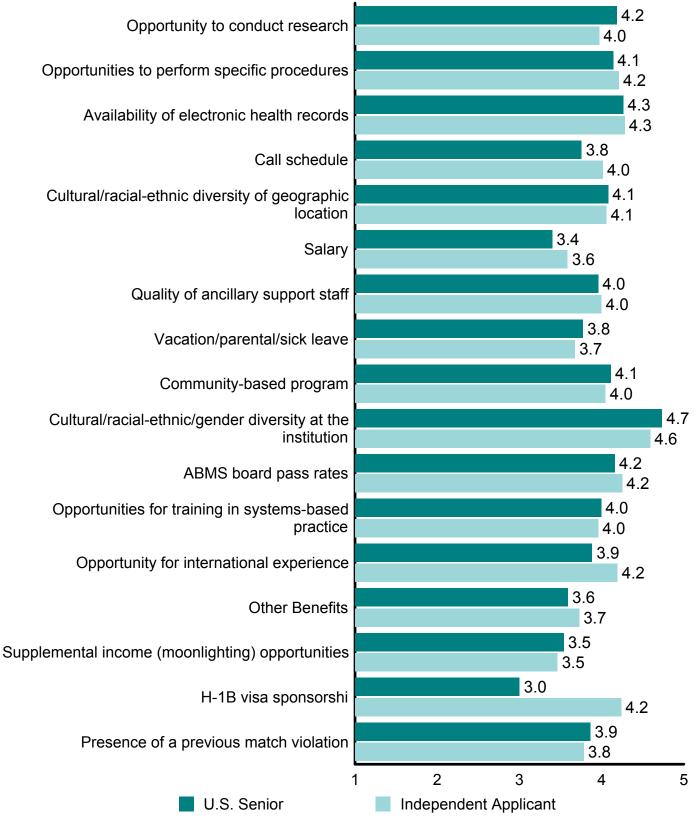


Figure FP-3 Family Medicine Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

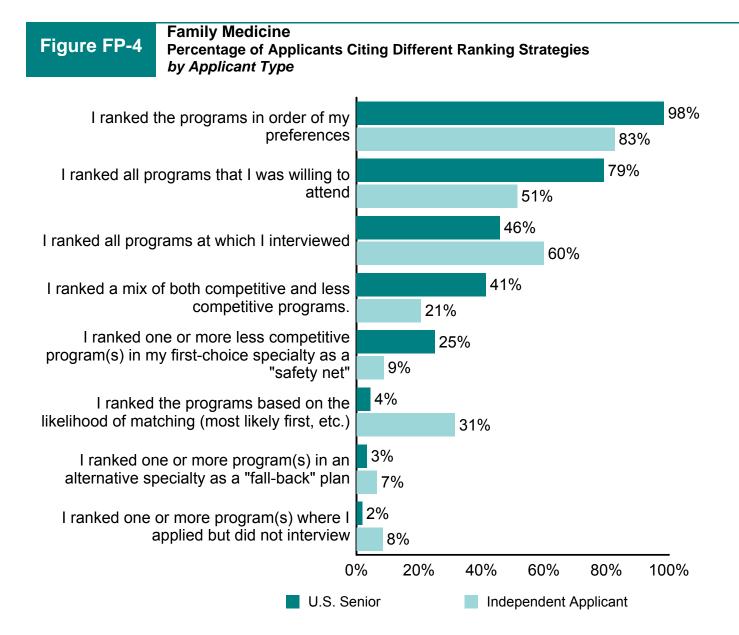


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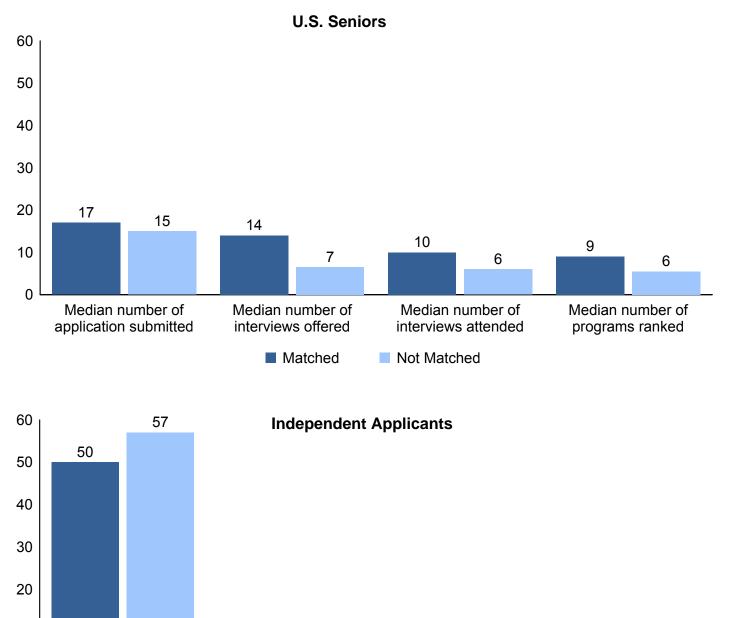
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7

Not Matched

1

Median number of

interviews attended

6

2

Median number of

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*Match outcome is based on preferred specialty (i.e., specialty listed first on rank order list of programs).

8

Median number of

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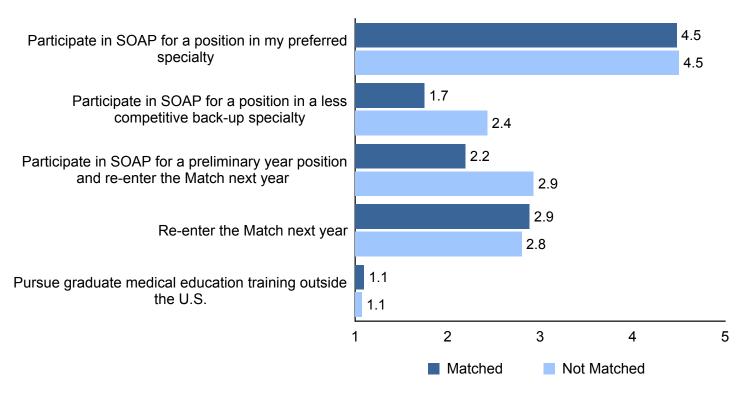
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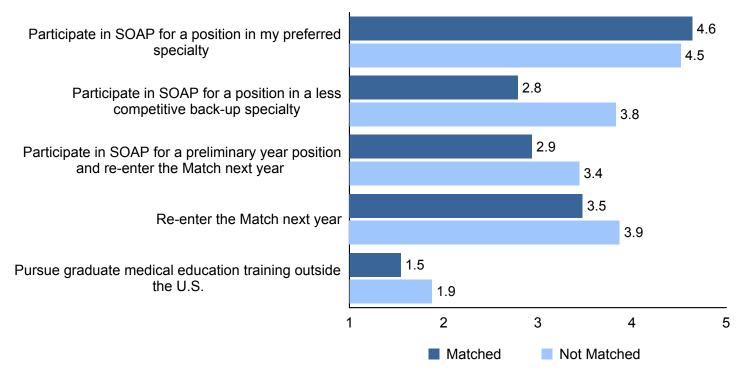
Matched

Figure FP-6 Family Medicine Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants



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Internal Medicine

Figure IM-1

Internal Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

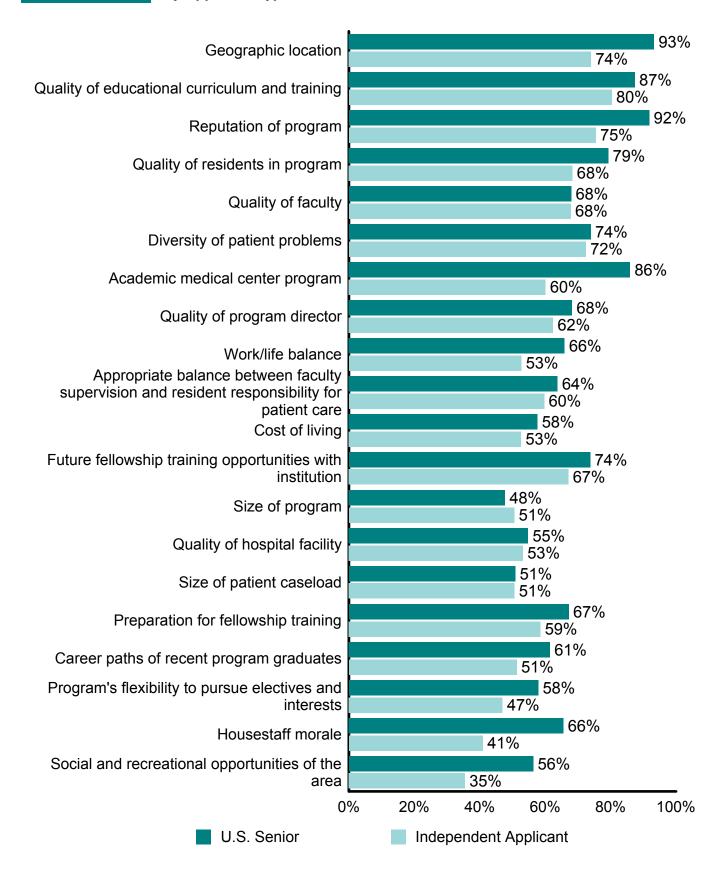
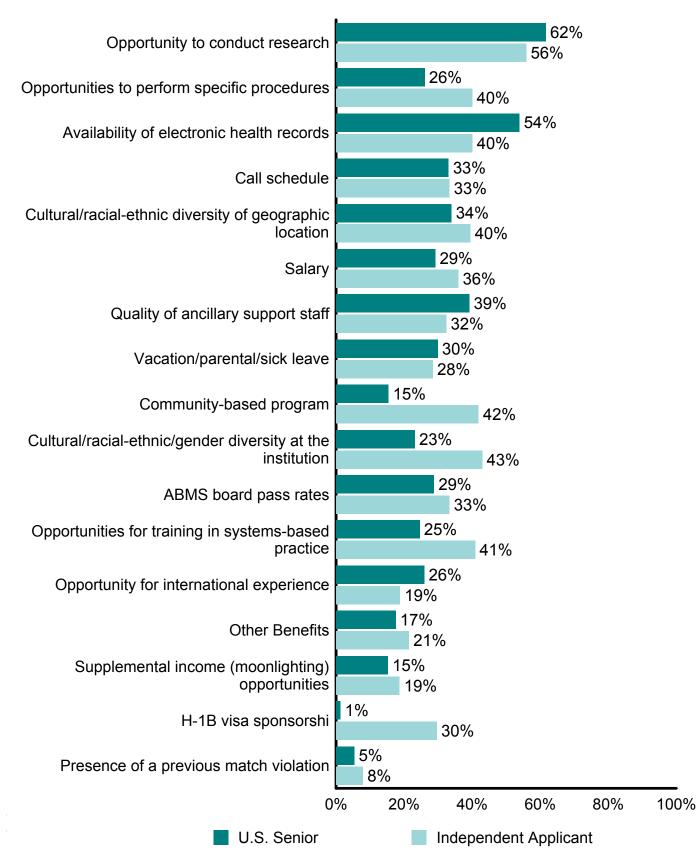
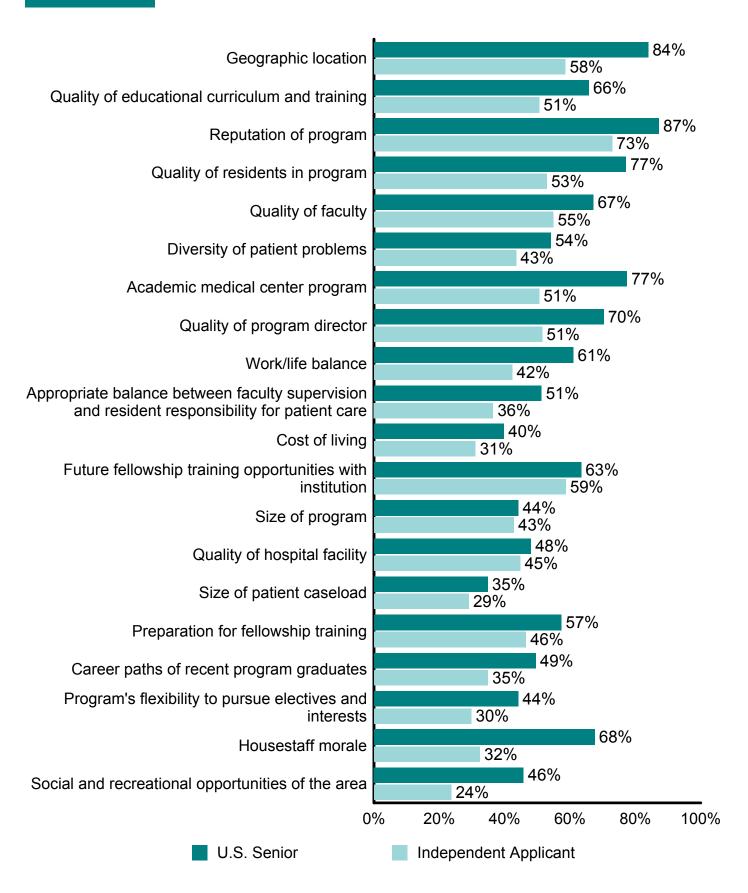
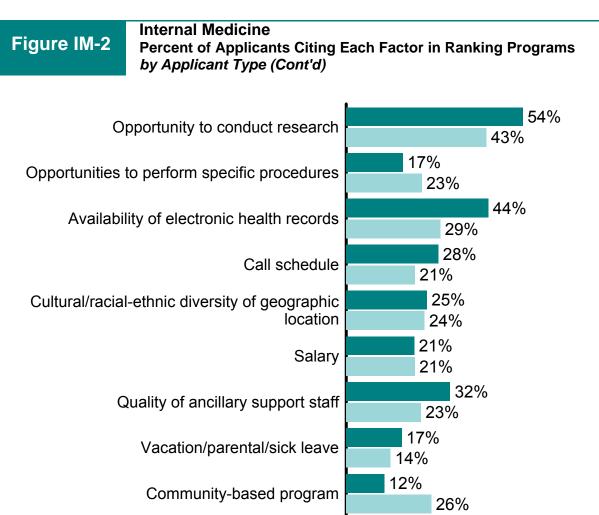
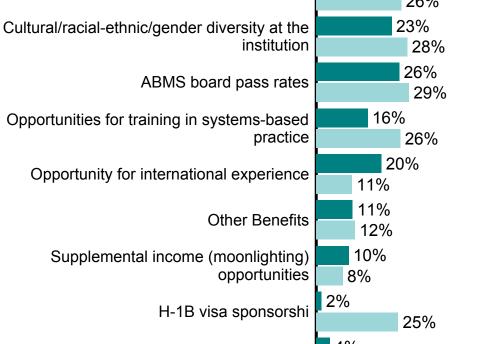


Figure IM-1 Internal Medicine Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont'd)









Presence of a previous match violation 5%

U.S. Senior

Data are presented in a the same order as in Figure 1

0%

20%

40%

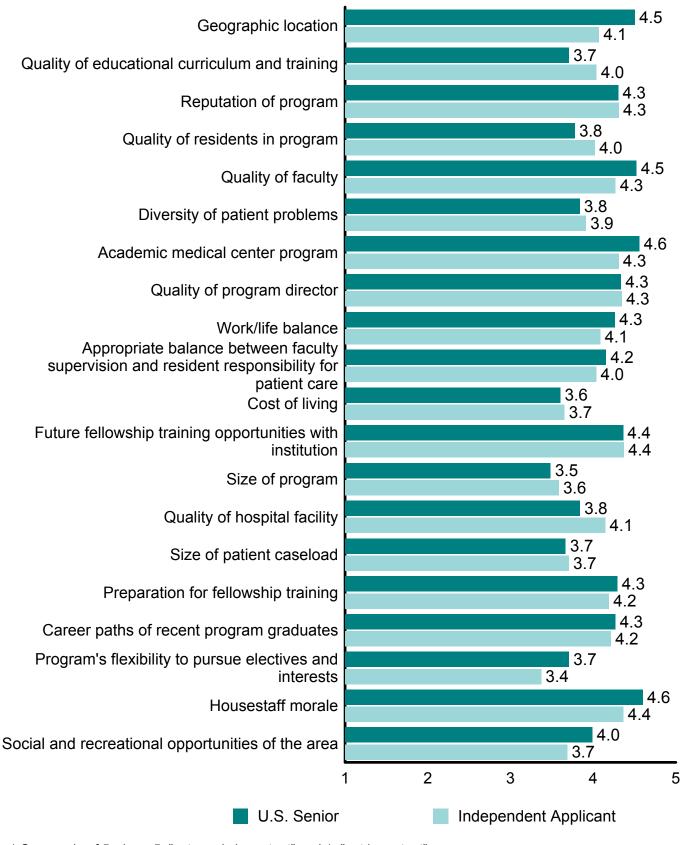
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60%

80%

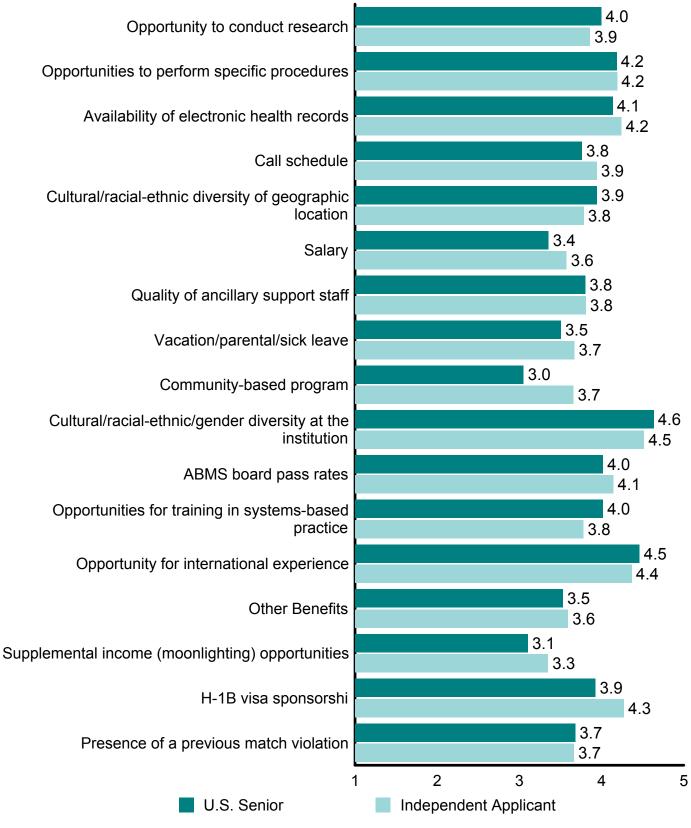
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Figure IM-3 Internal Medicine Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

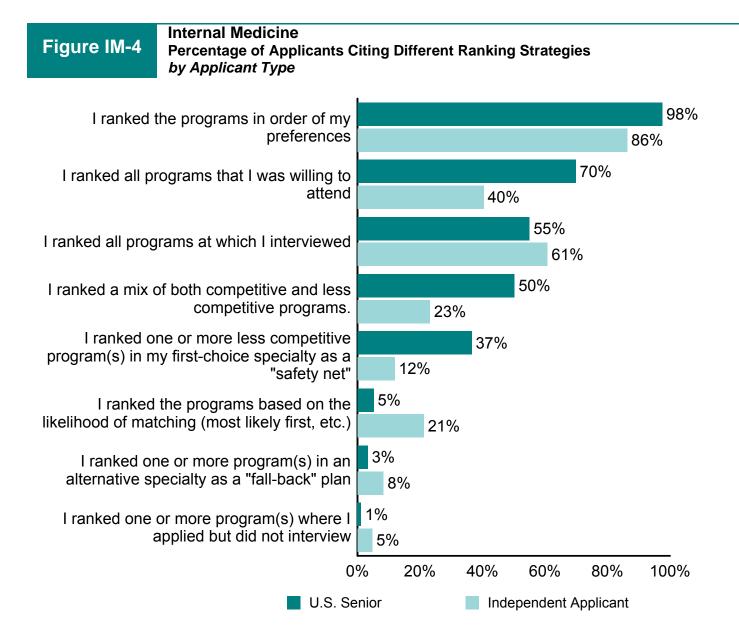


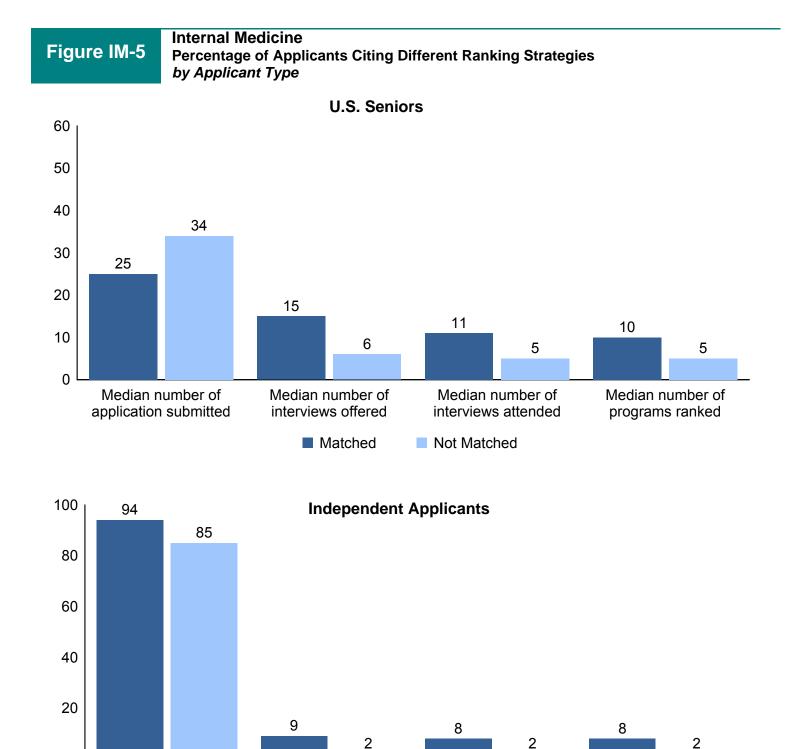
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Figure IM-3 Internal Medicine Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



* On a scale of 5 where 5="extremely important" and 1="not important"





*Match outcome is based on preferred specialty (i.e., specialty listed first on rank order list of programs).

Median number of

interviews offered

Matched

Median number of

application submitted

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Median number of

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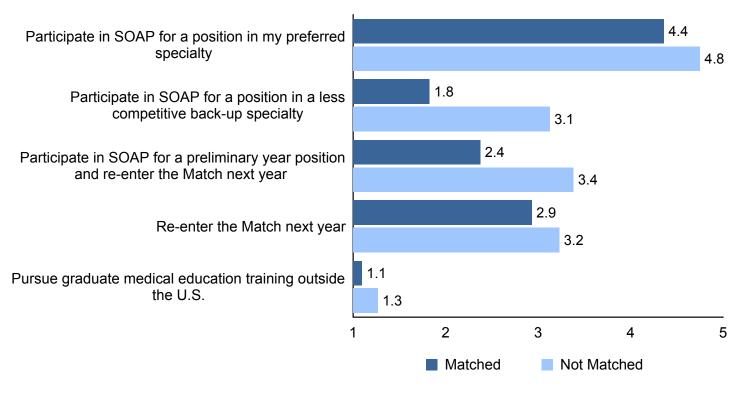
Not Matched

Median number of

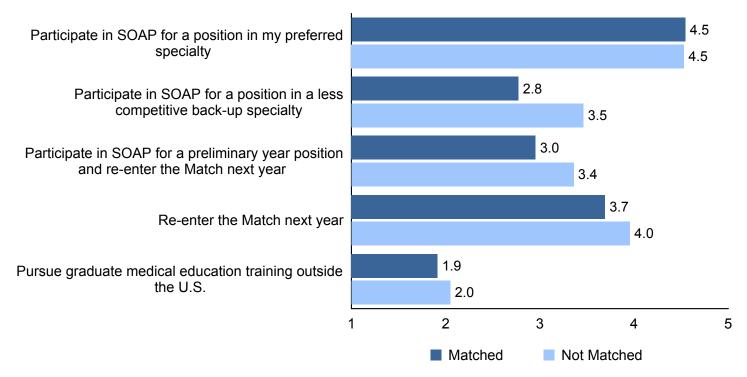
programs ranked

Figure IM-6 Internal Medicine Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants

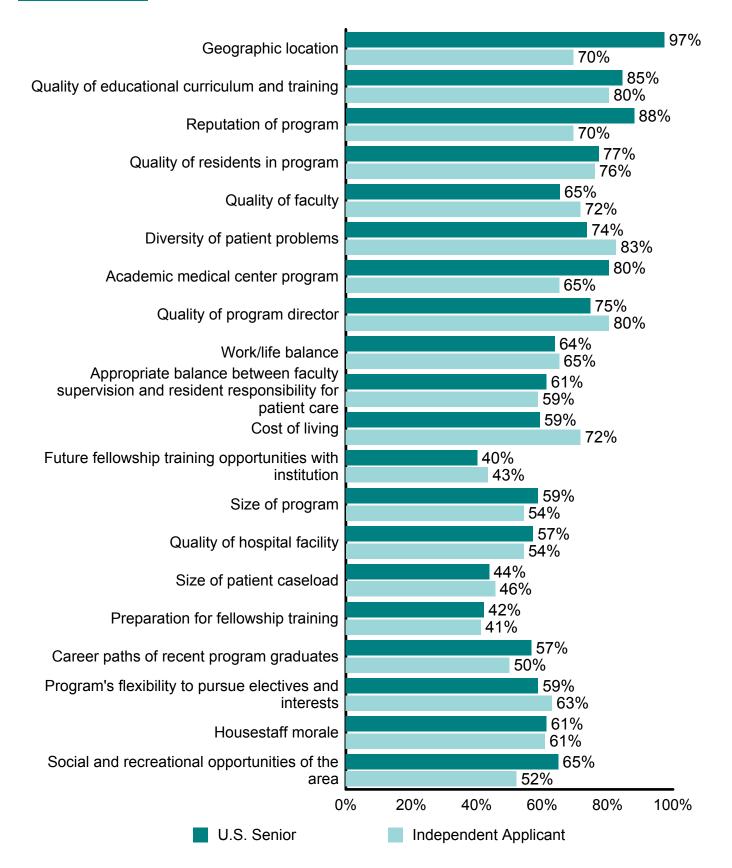


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Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

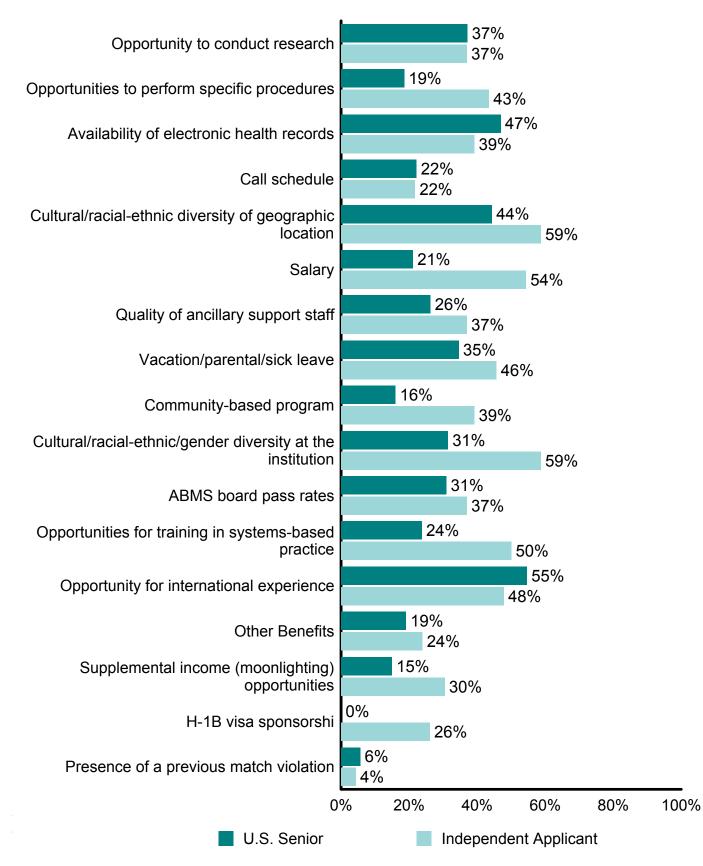
Figure MP-1

Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



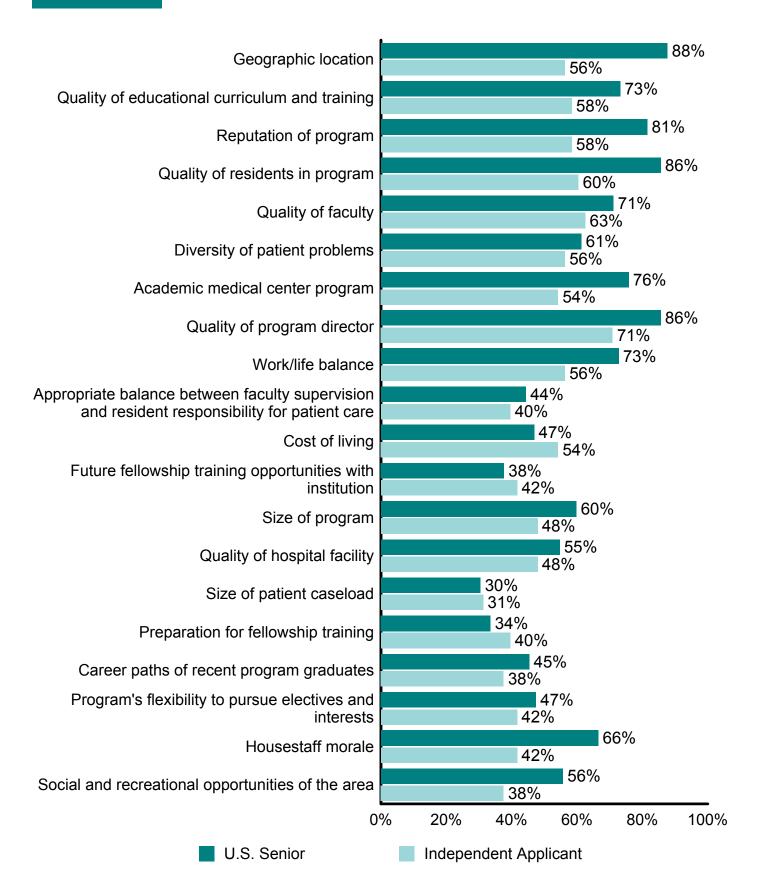
Data are presented in a descending order of percentage of applicants citing each factor for **all respondents and all specilaties**

Figure MP-1 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



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Figure MP-2 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



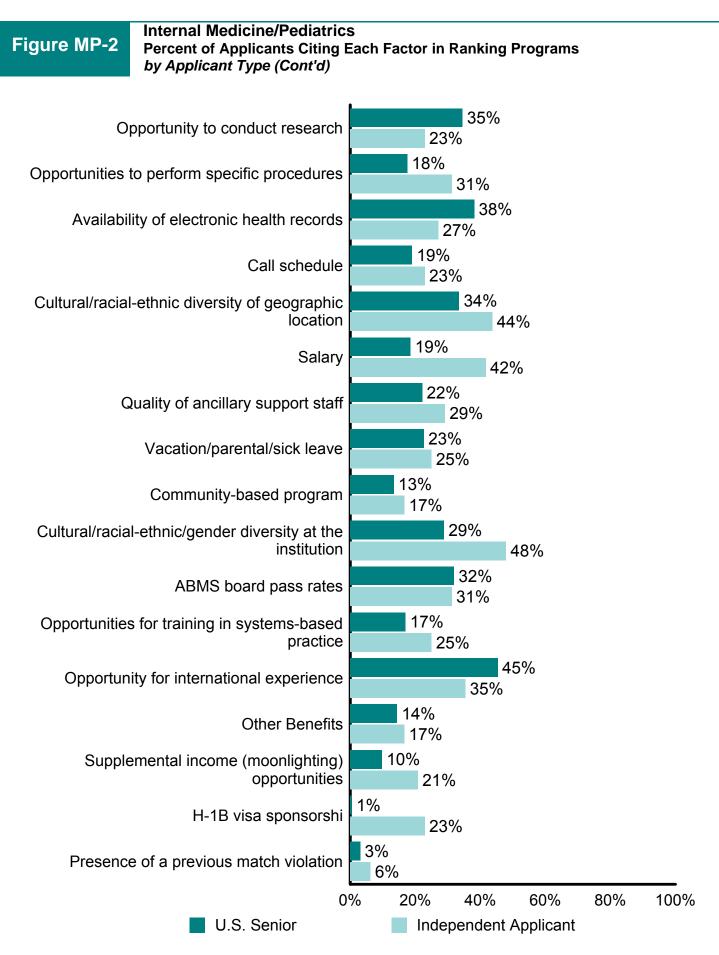
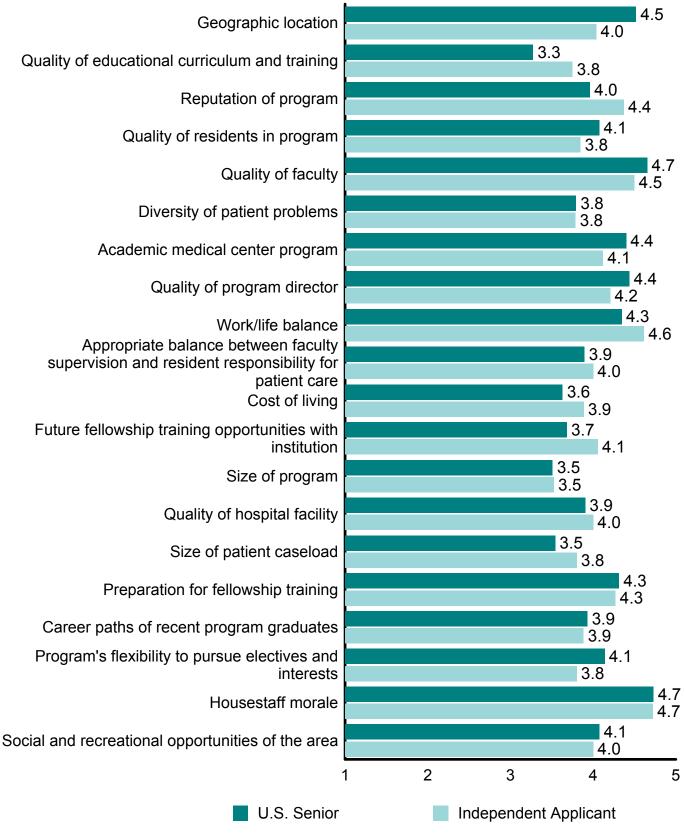
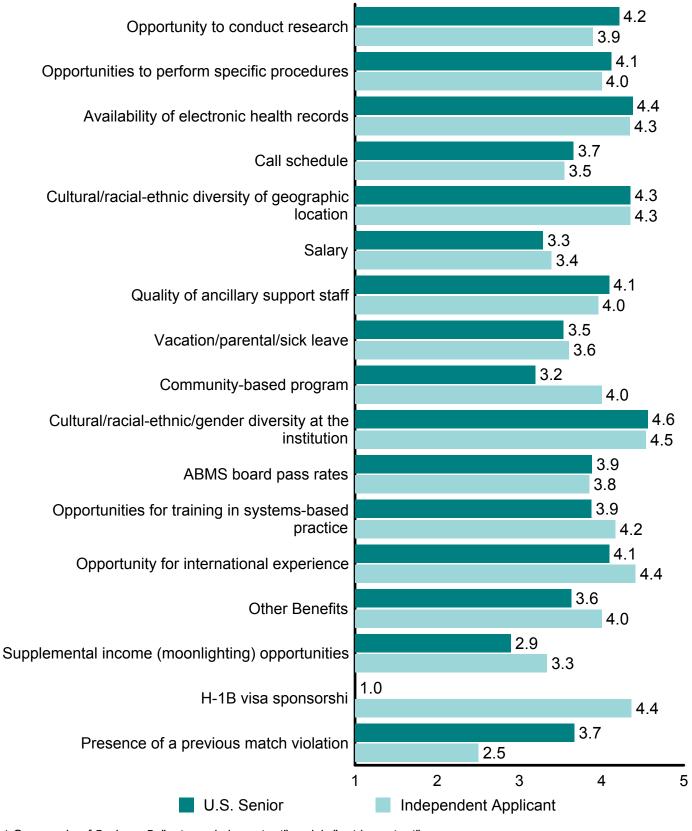


Figure MP-3 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

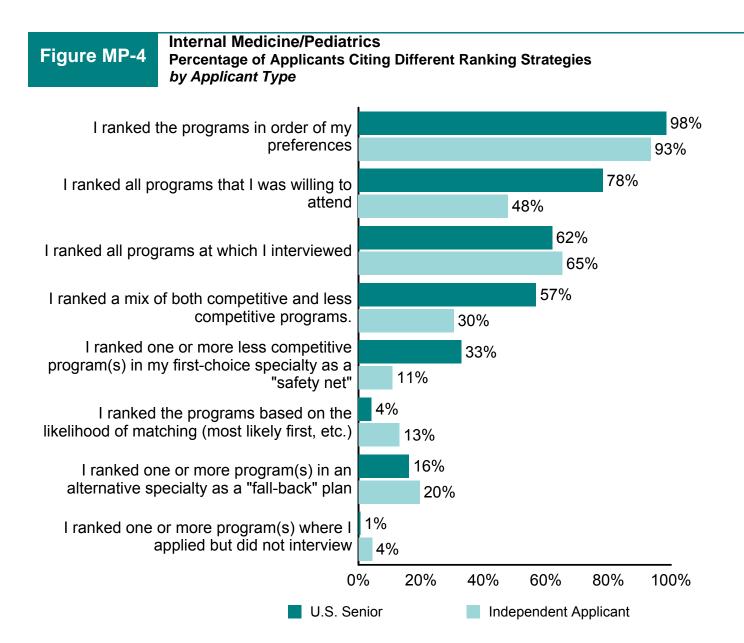


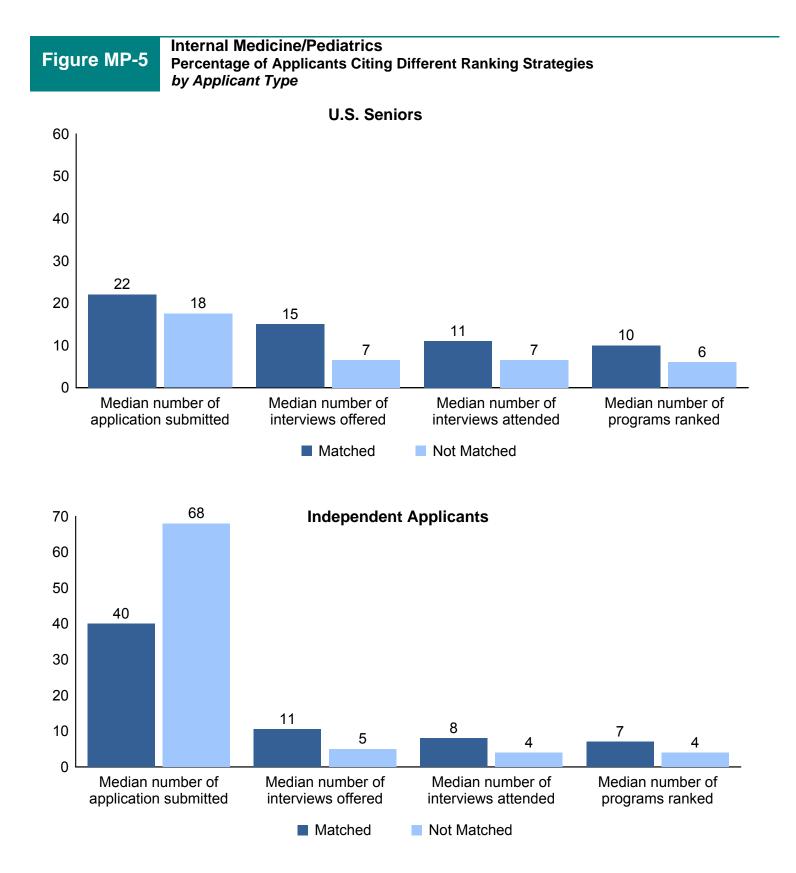
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Figure MP-3 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



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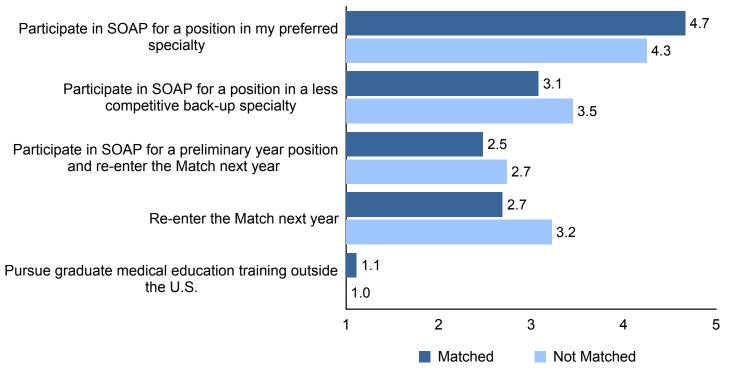




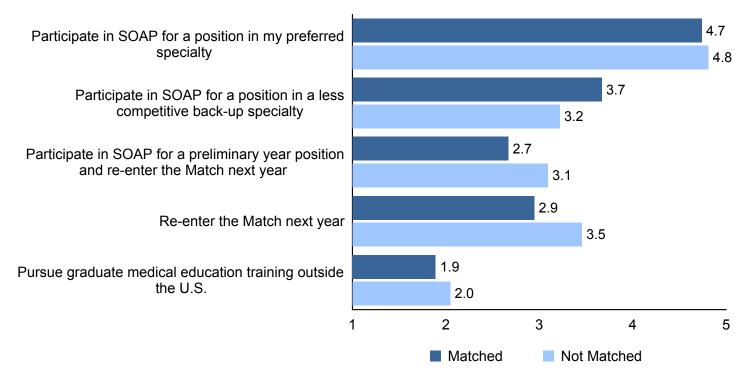
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Figure MP-6 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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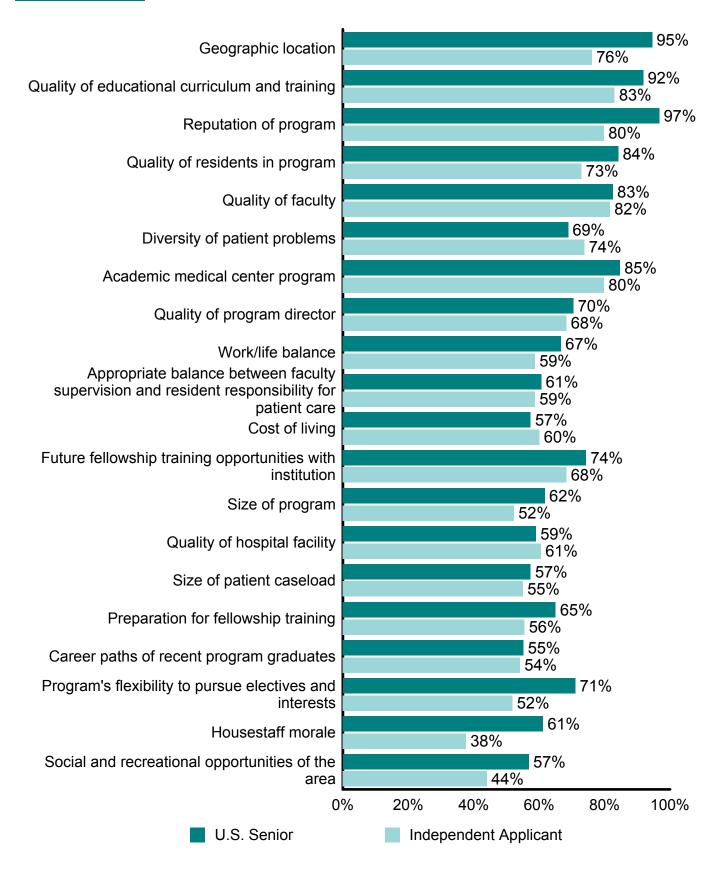
Independent Applicants



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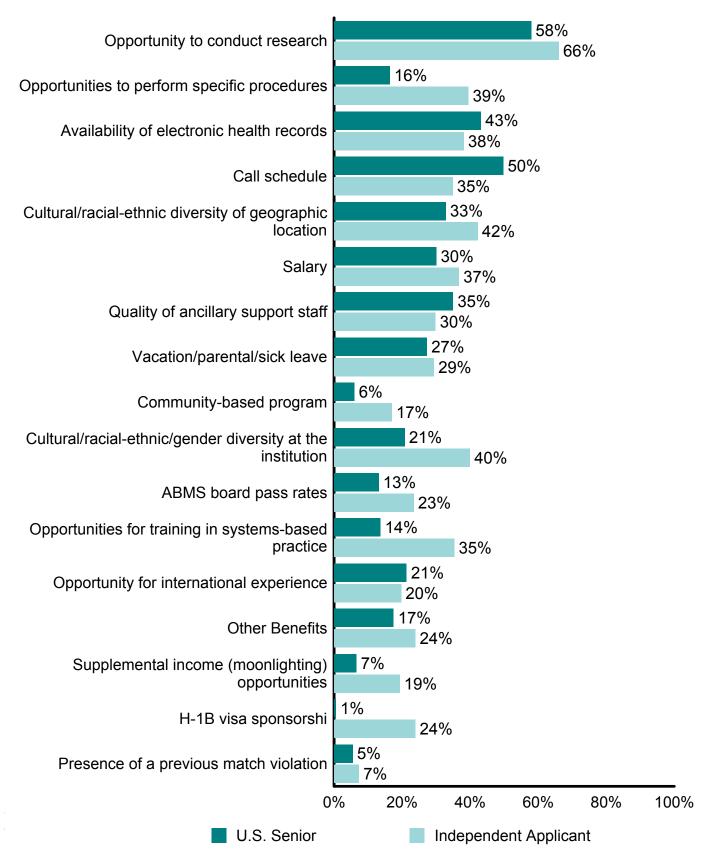
Neurology

Figure NE-1



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Figure NE-1 Neurology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



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Figure NE-2 Neurology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

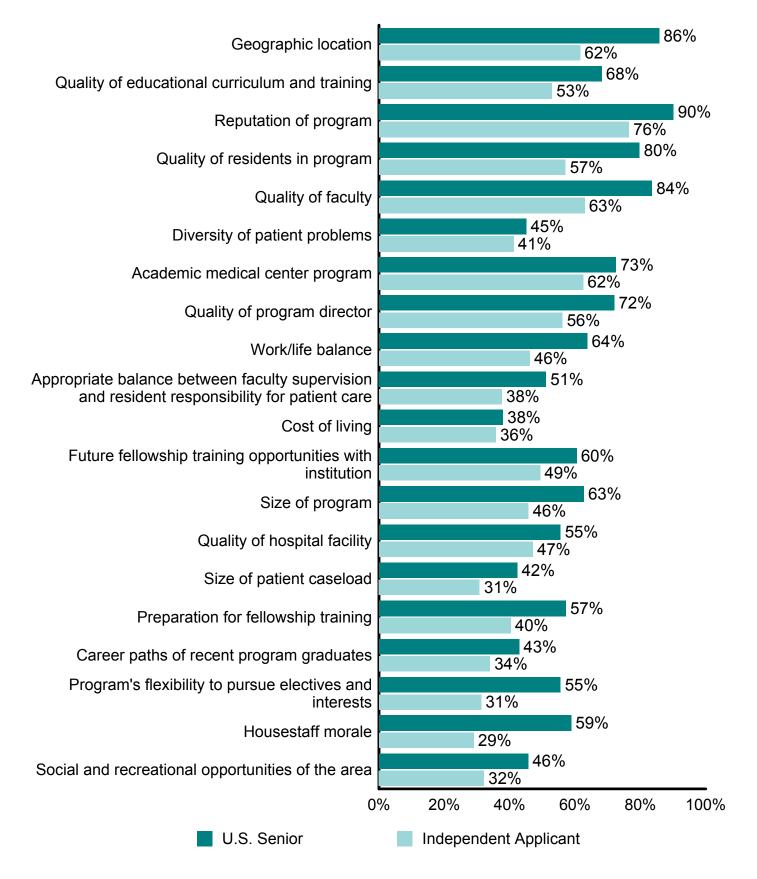


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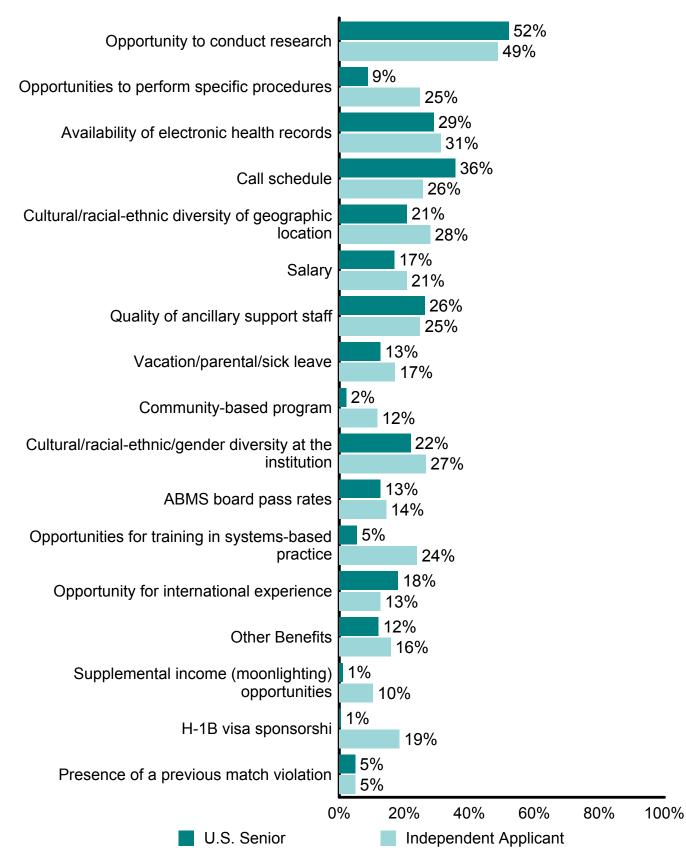
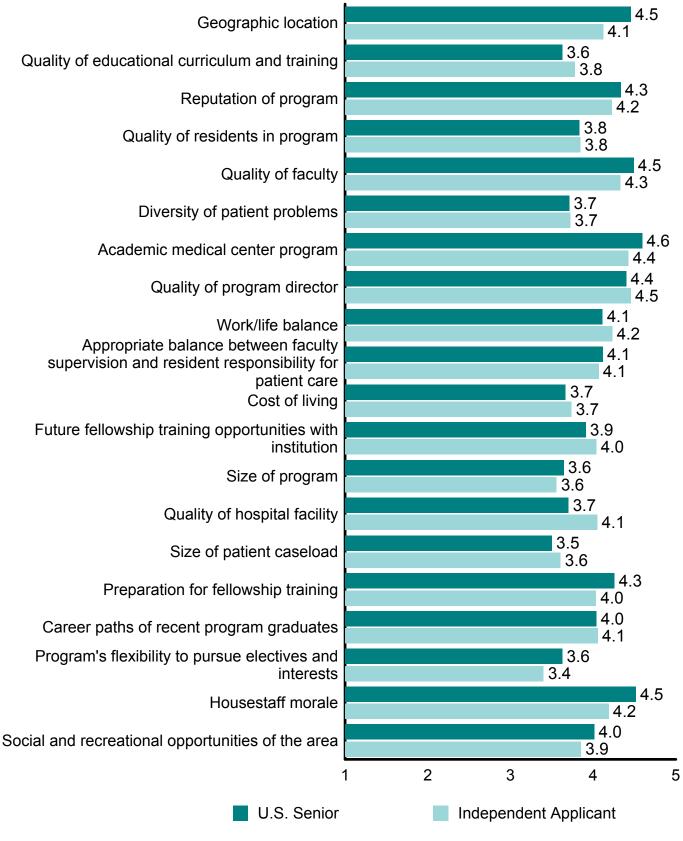


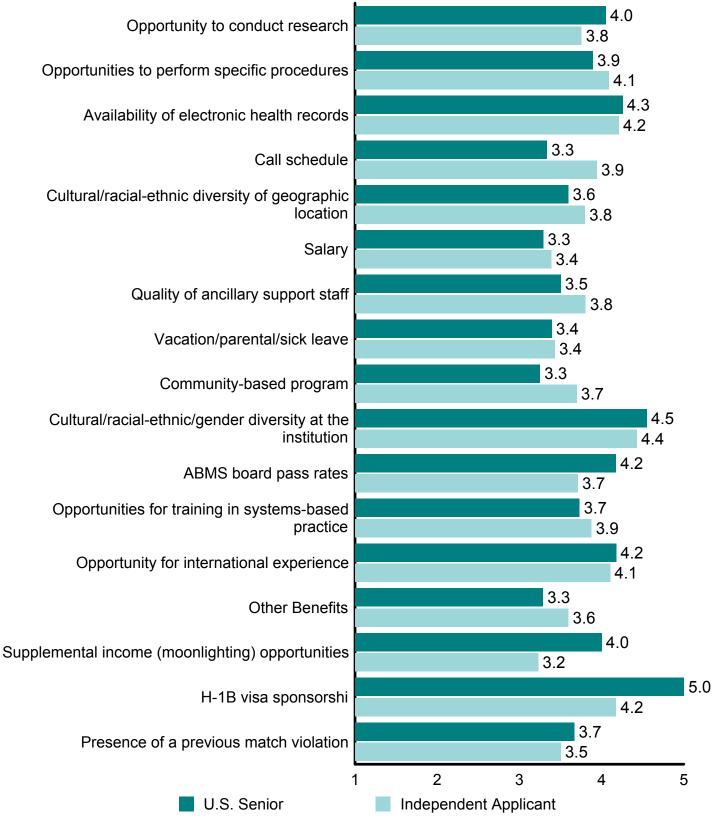
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Neurology Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

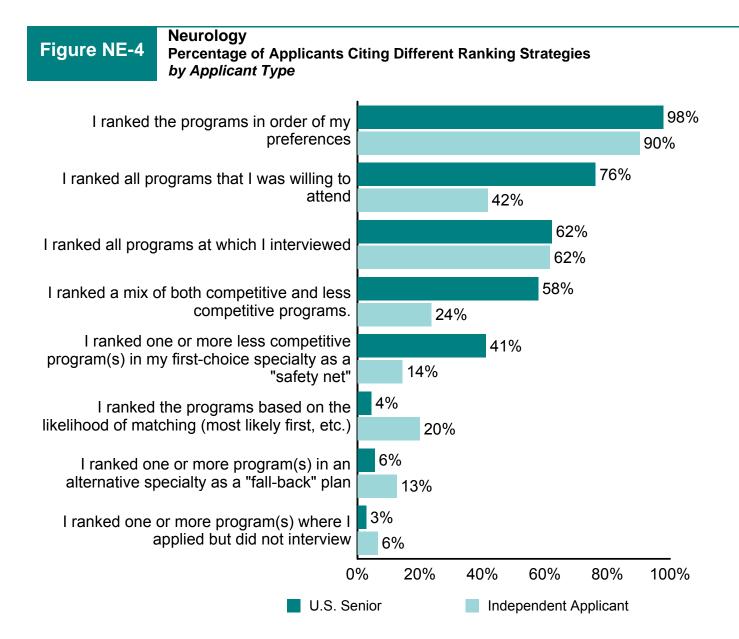


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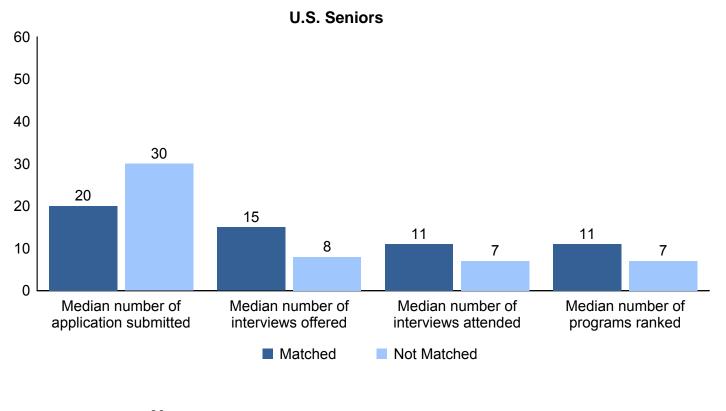
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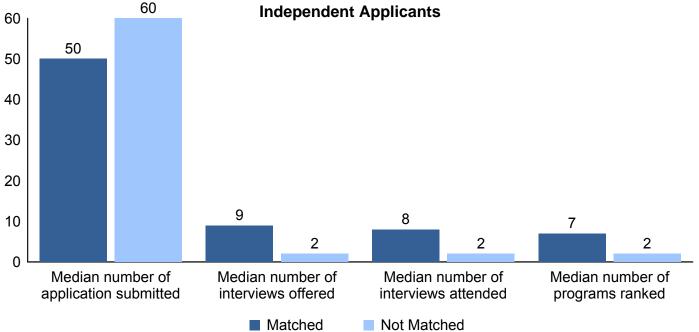


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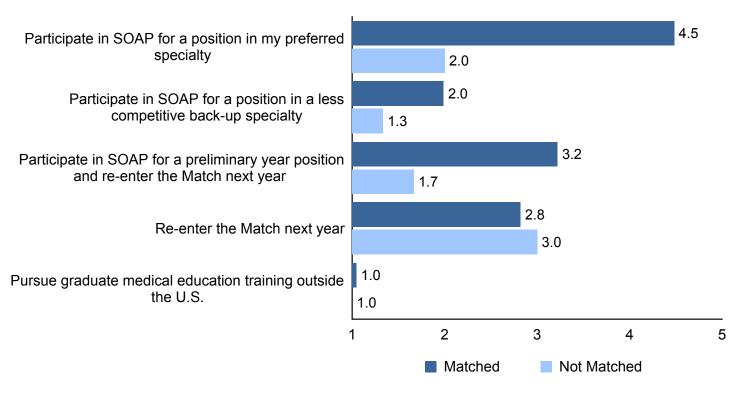




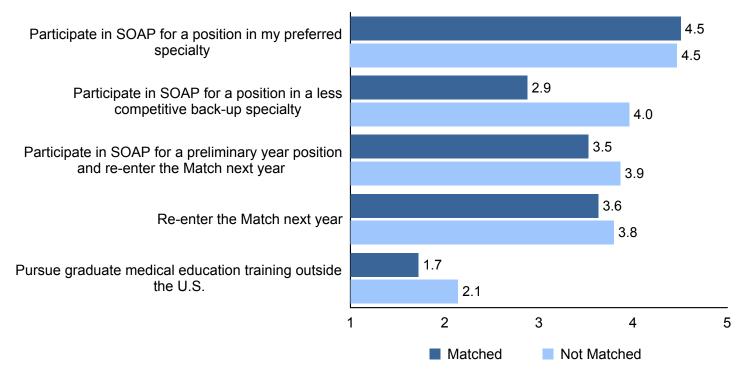
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Figure NE-6 Neurology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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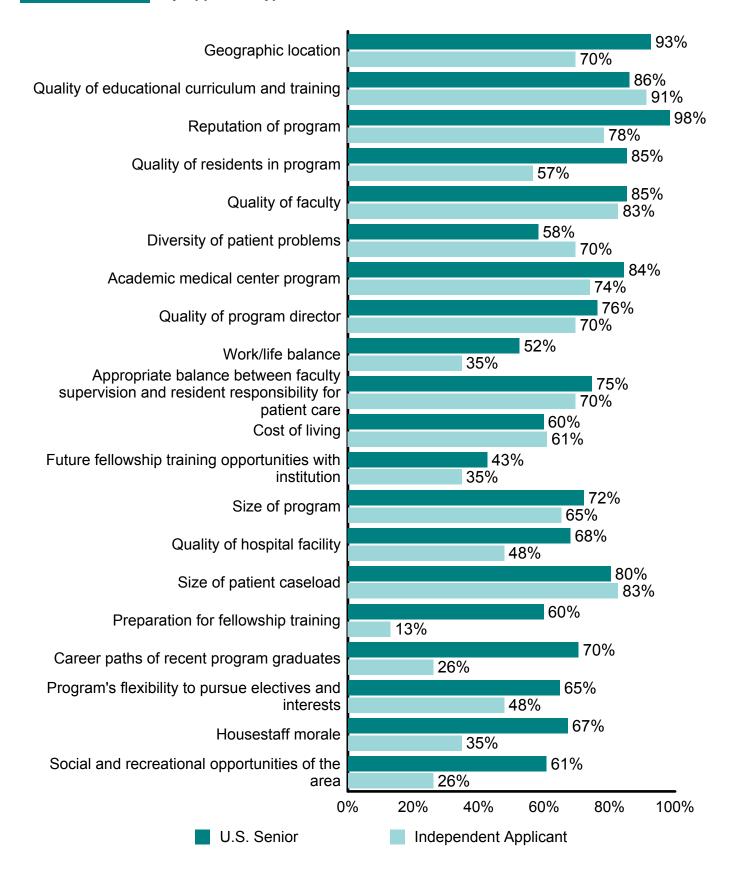
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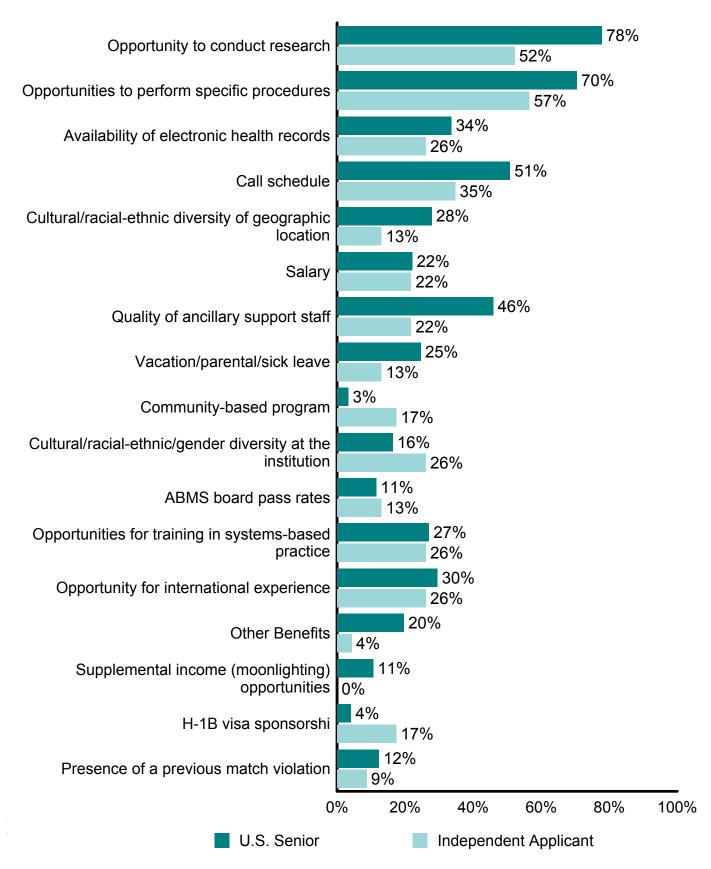
Neurological Surgery

Figure NS-1 Neurological Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



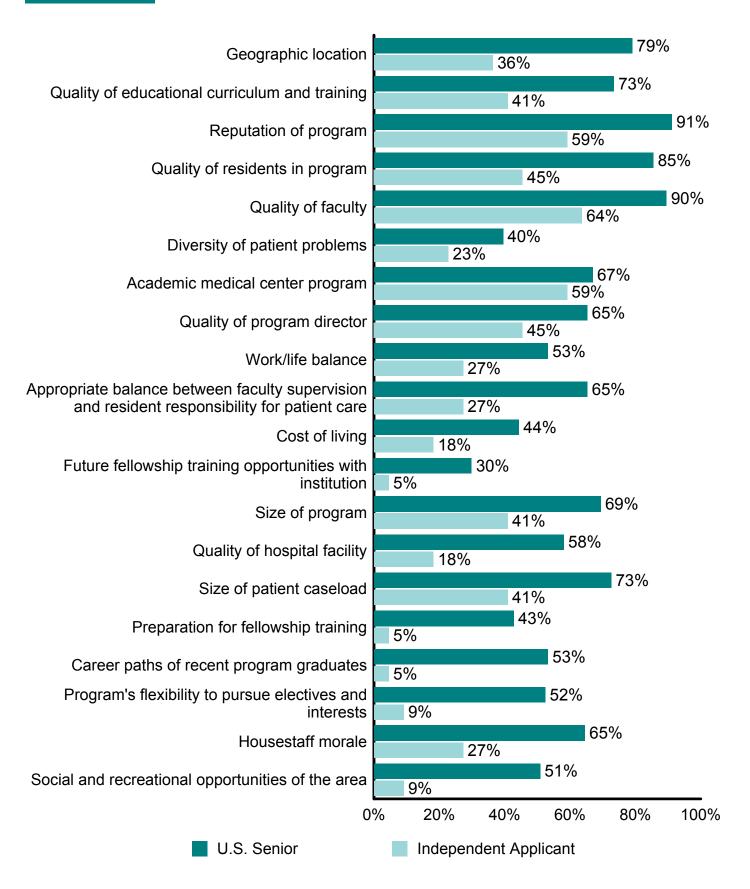
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Figure NS-1Neurological Surgery
Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply
by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



Data are presented in a descending order of percentage of applicants citing each factor for **all respondents and all specilaties**

Figure NS-2 Neurological Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



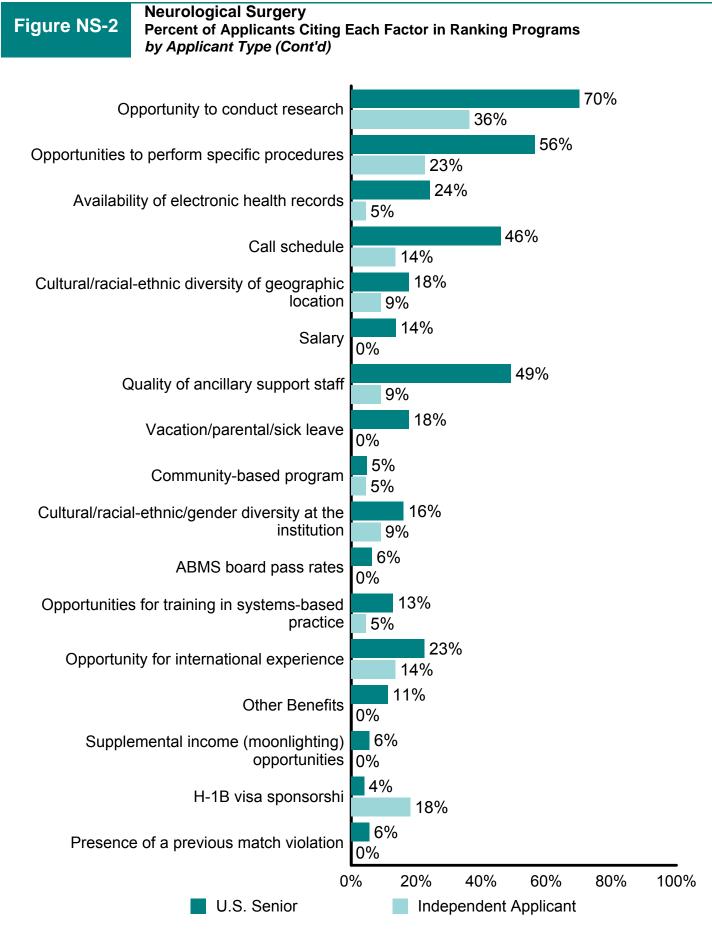


Figure NS-3 Neurological Surgery Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

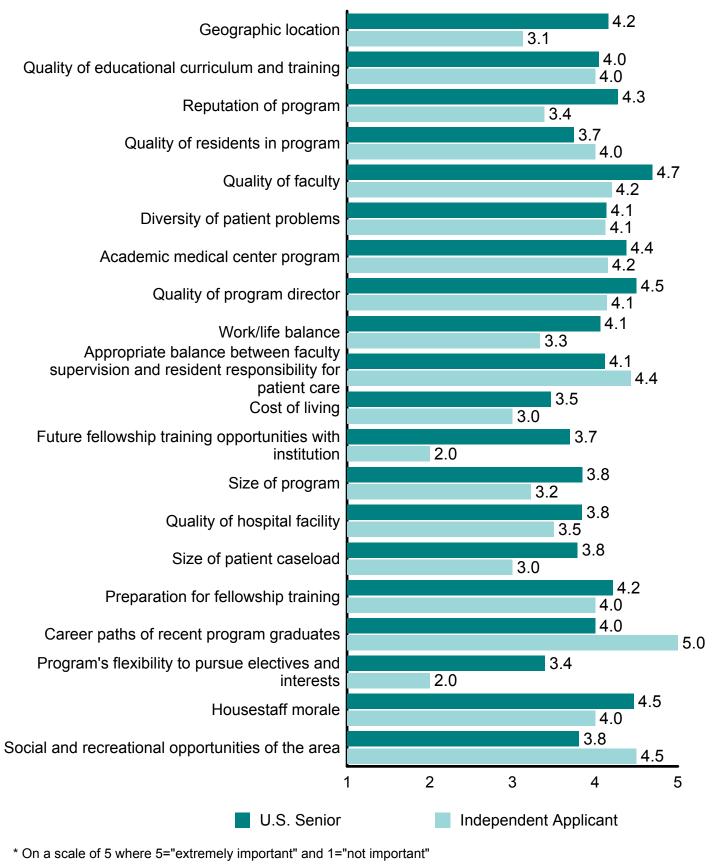
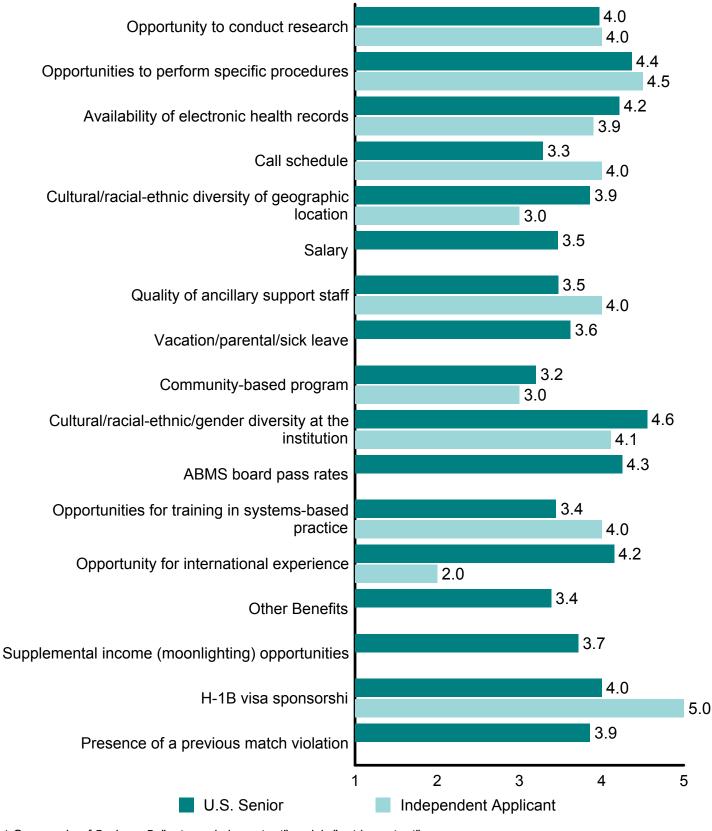


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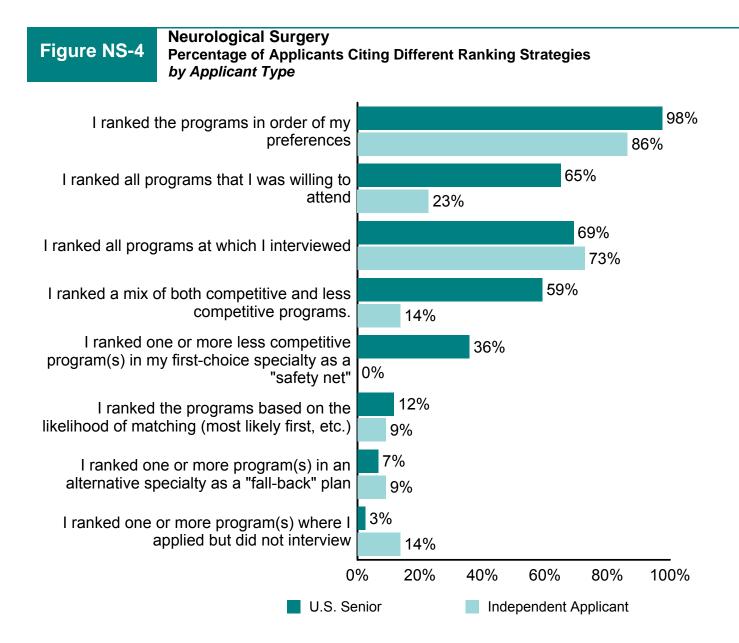
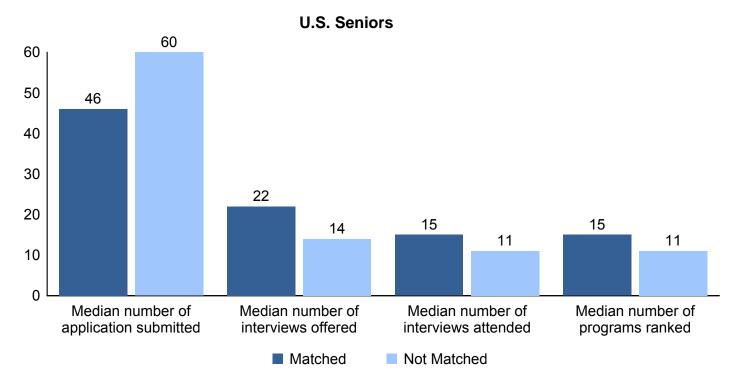
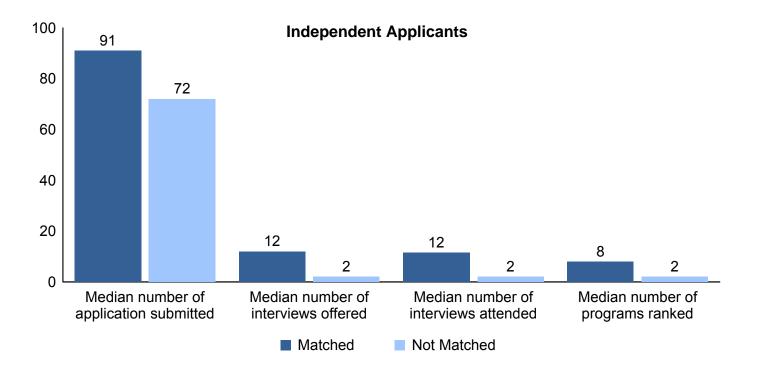


Figure NS-5 Neurological Surgery Percentage of Applicants Citing Different Ranking Strategies by Applicant Type

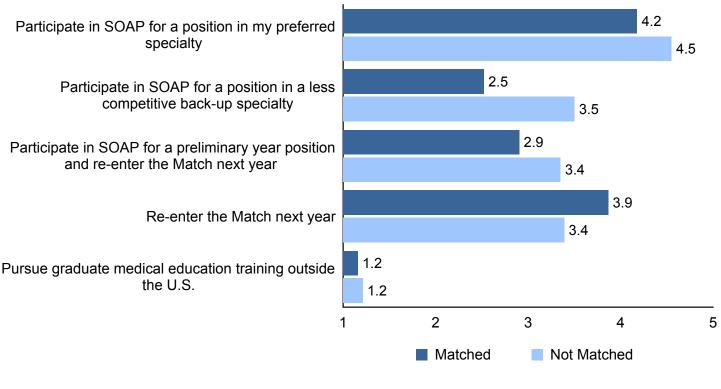




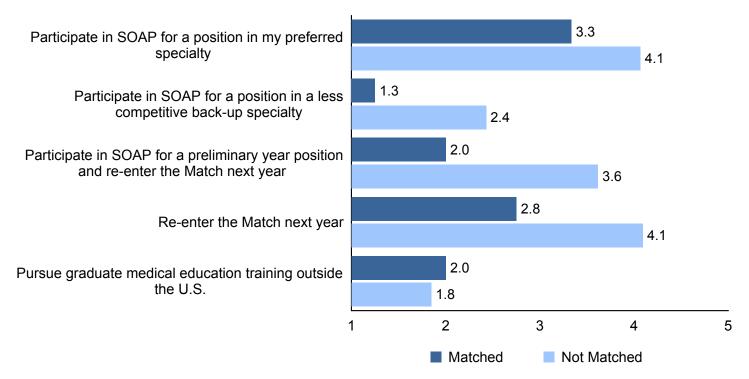
*Match outcome is based on preferred specialty (i.e., specialty listed first on rank order list of programs).

Figure NS-6 Neurological Surgery Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants



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Obstetrics and Gynecology

Figure OB-1 Obstetrics and Gynecology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

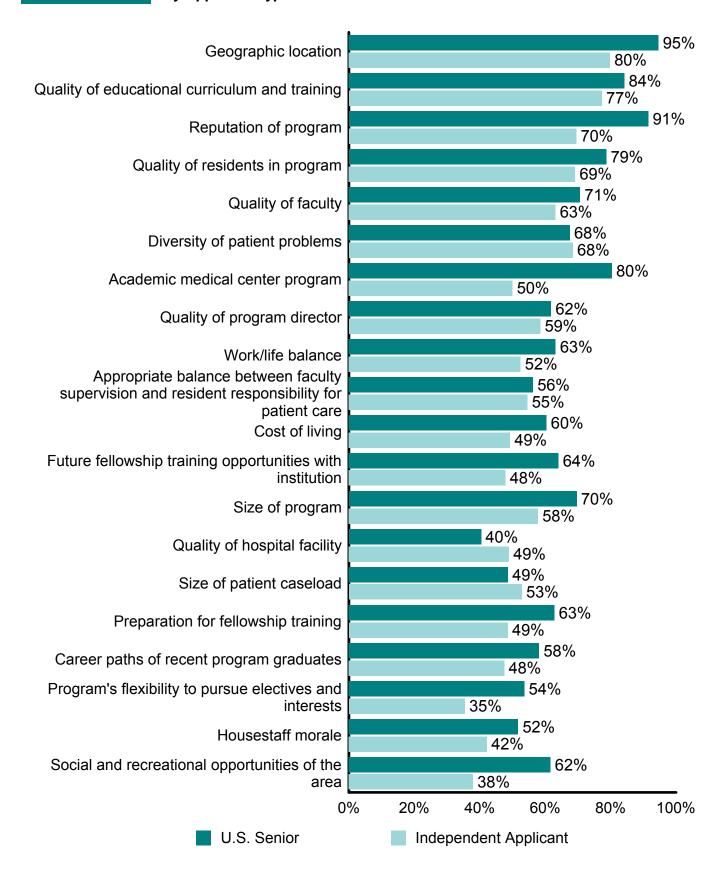


Figure OB-1Obstetrics and Gynecology
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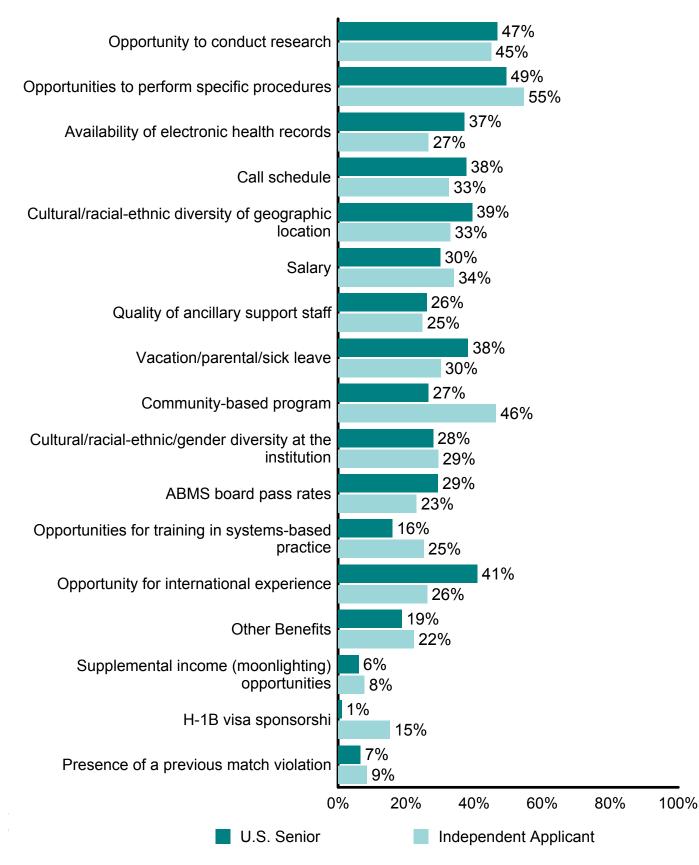
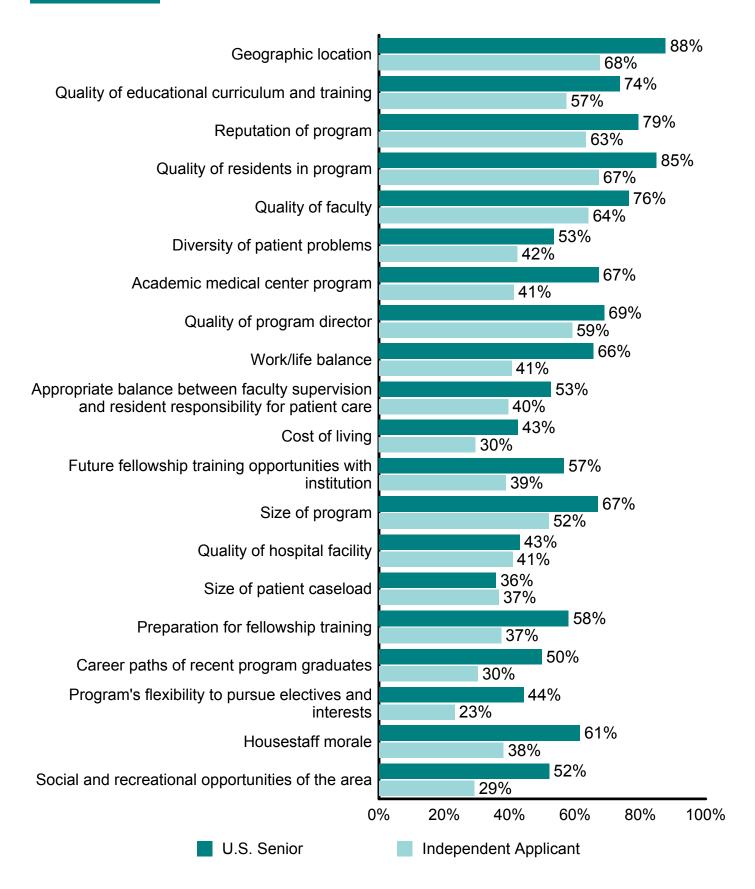


Figure OB-2Obstetrics and Gynecology
Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



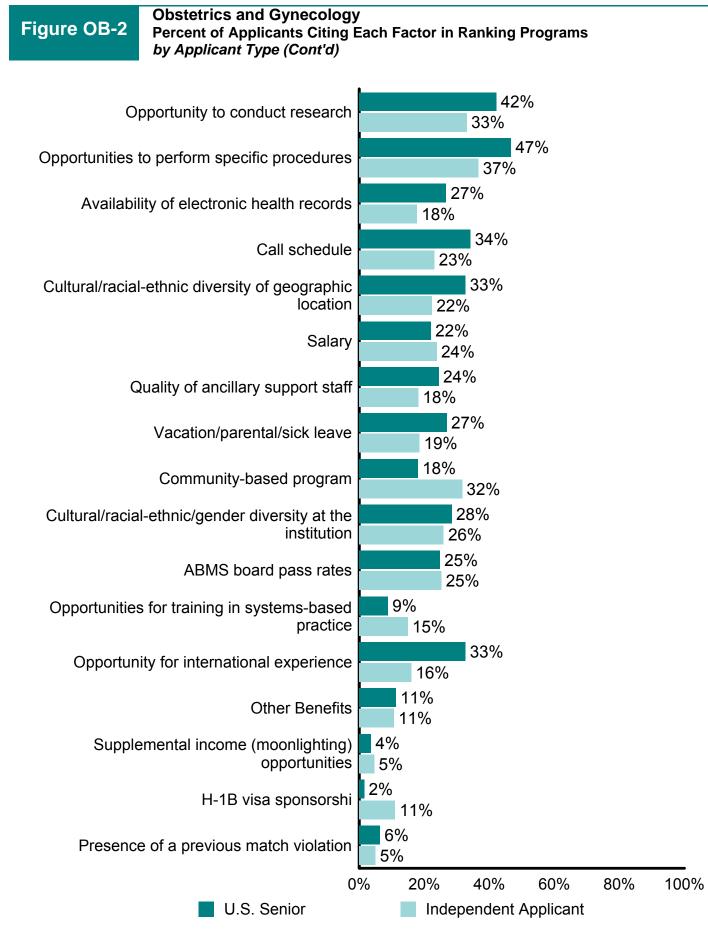
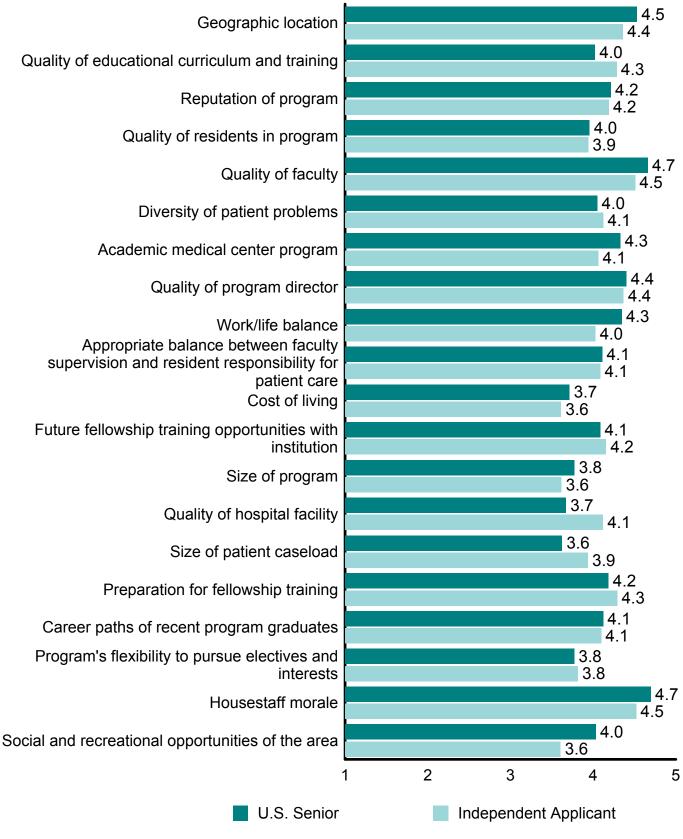
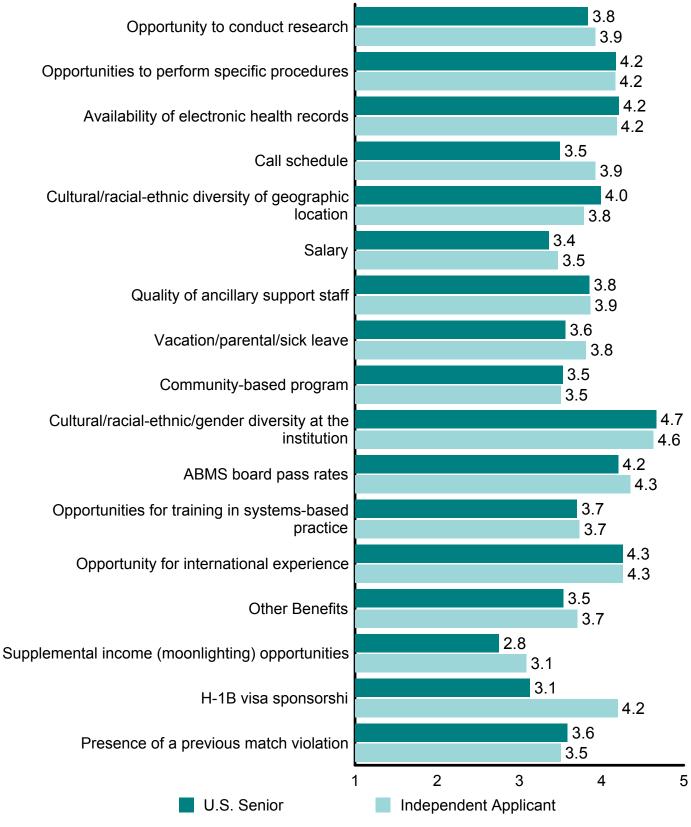


Figure OB-3 Obstetrics and Gynecology Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



* On a scale of 5 where 5="extremely important" and 1="not important"

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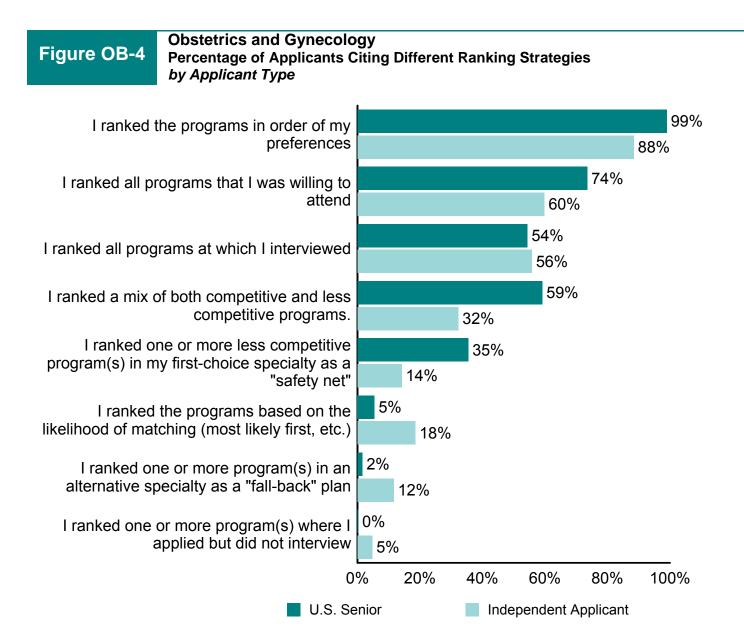
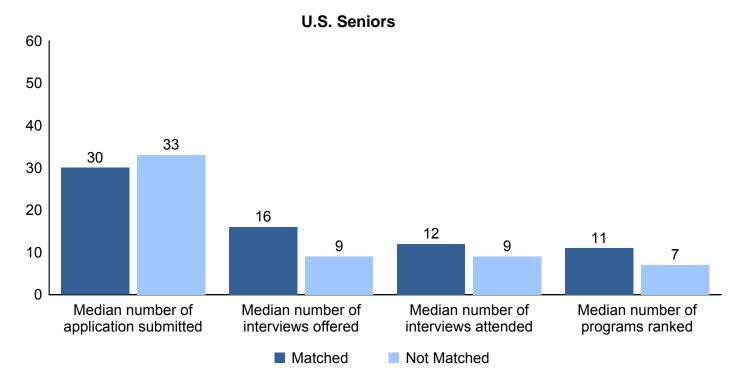
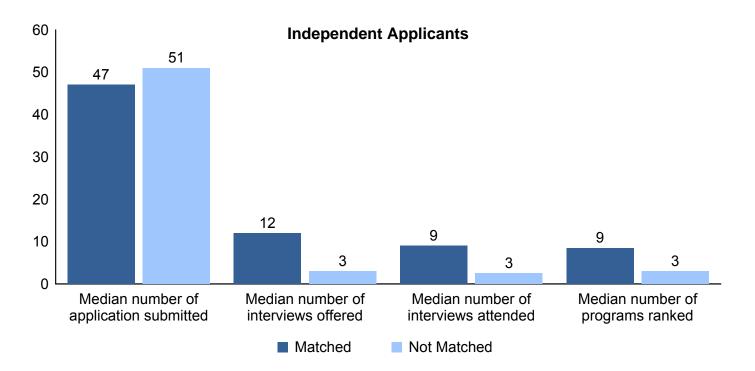


Figure OB-5 Obstetrics and Gynecology Percentage of Applicants Citing Different Ranking Strategies by Applicant Type

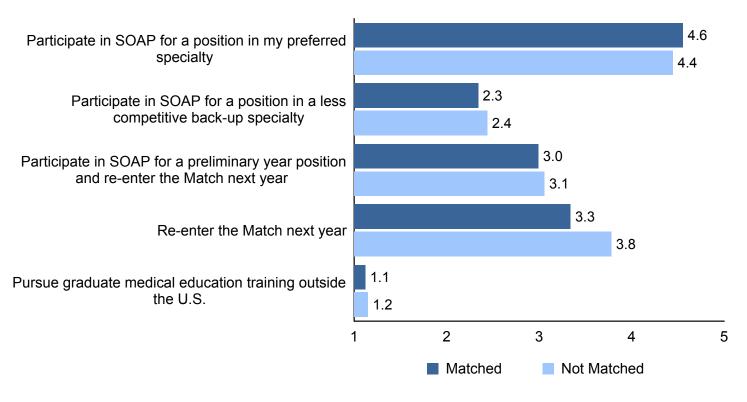




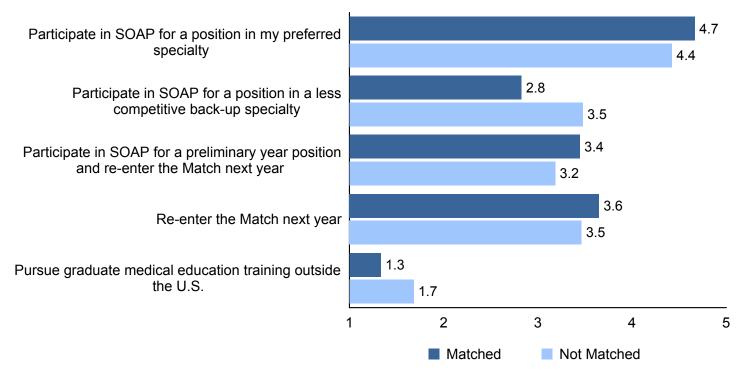
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Figure OB-6 Obstetrics and Gynecology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

U.S. Seniors



Independent Applicants



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Orthopaedic Surgery

Figure OS-1 Orthopaedic Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

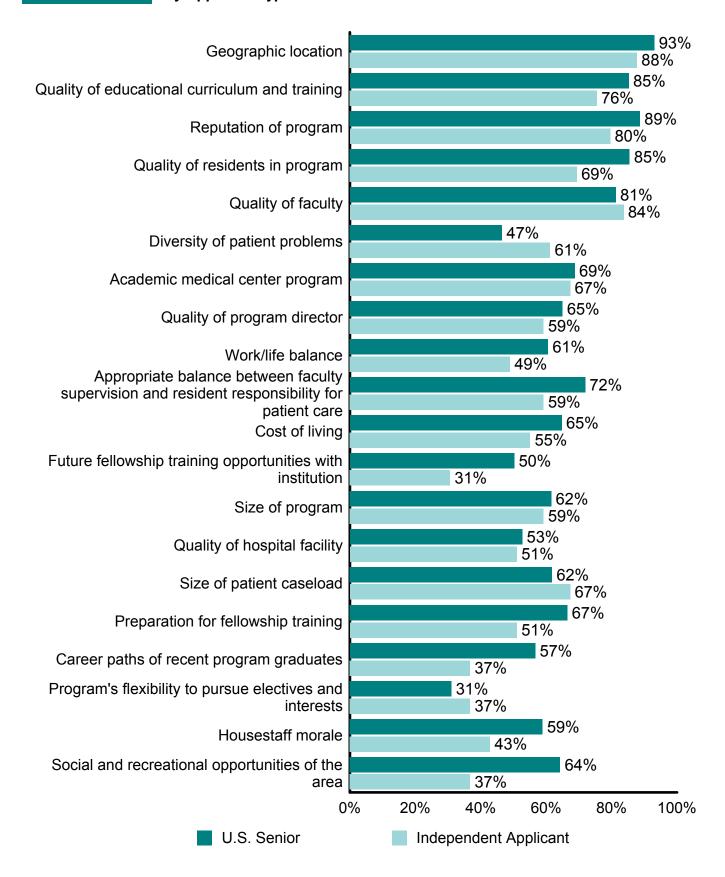


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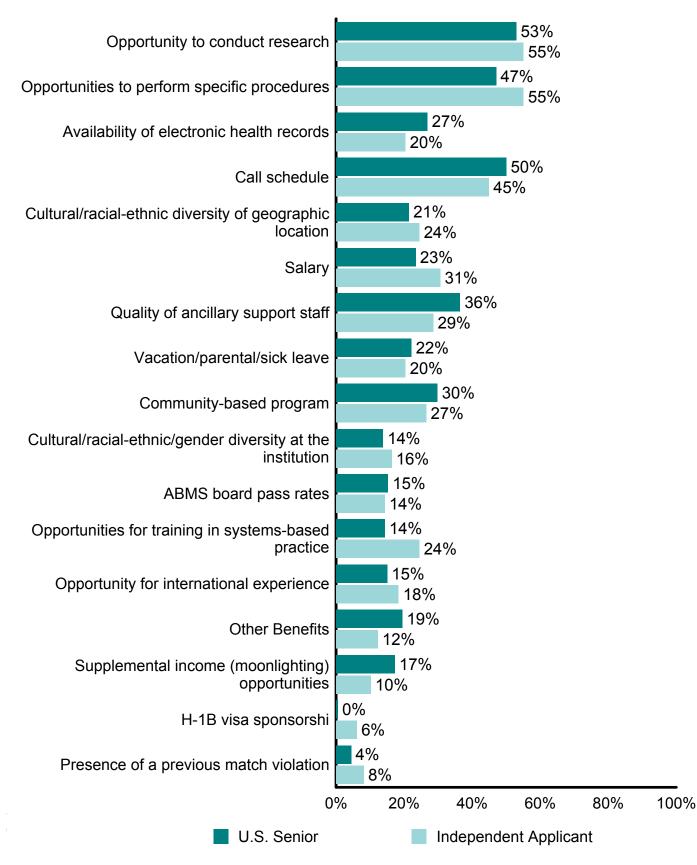
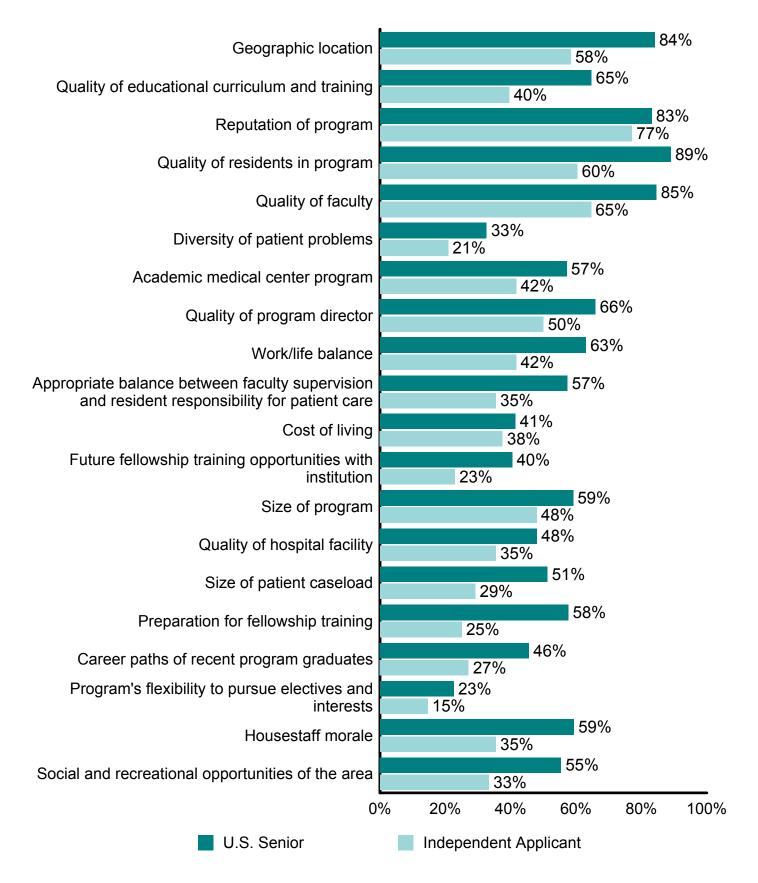


Figure OS-2 Orthopaedic Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



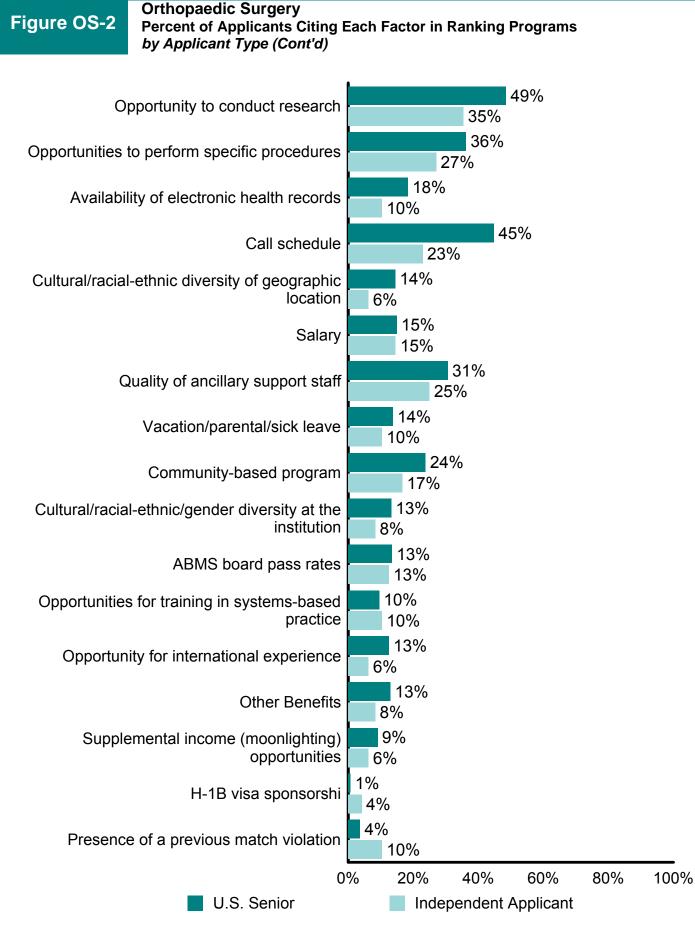
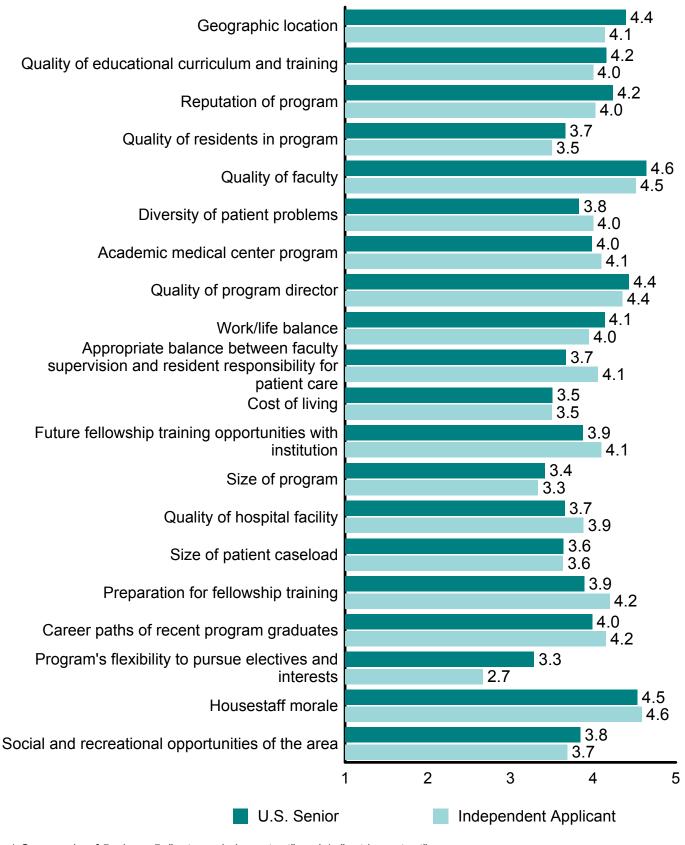
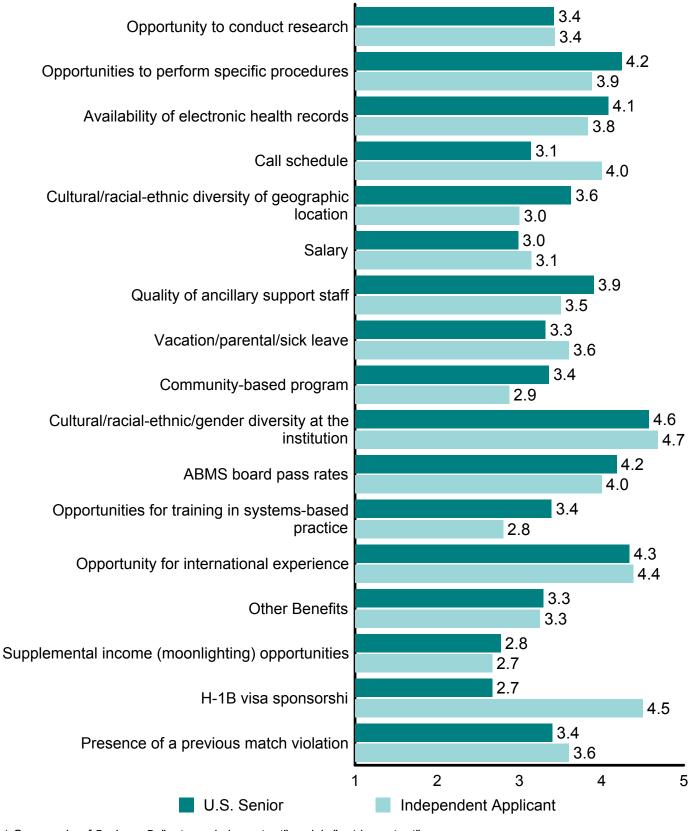


Figure OS-3 Orthopaedic Surgery Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



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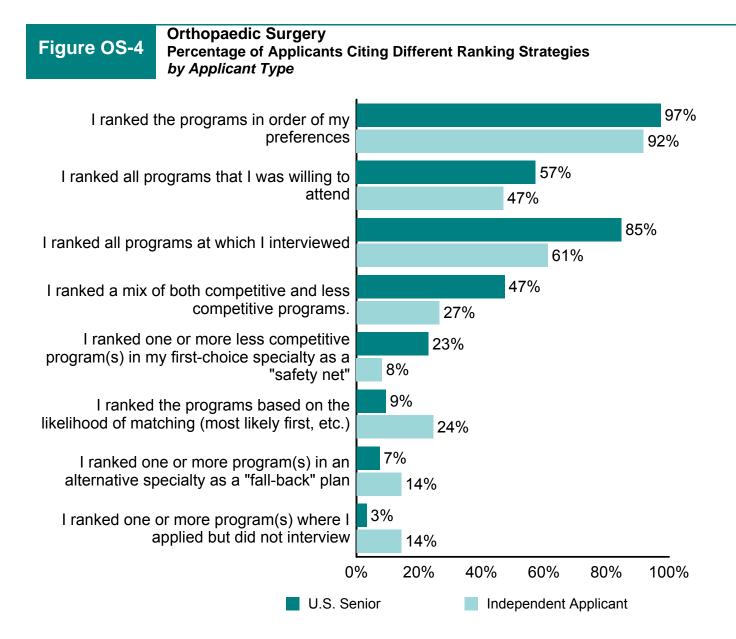
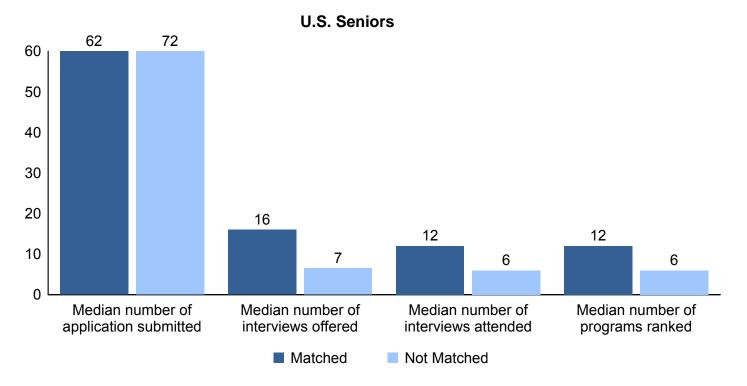
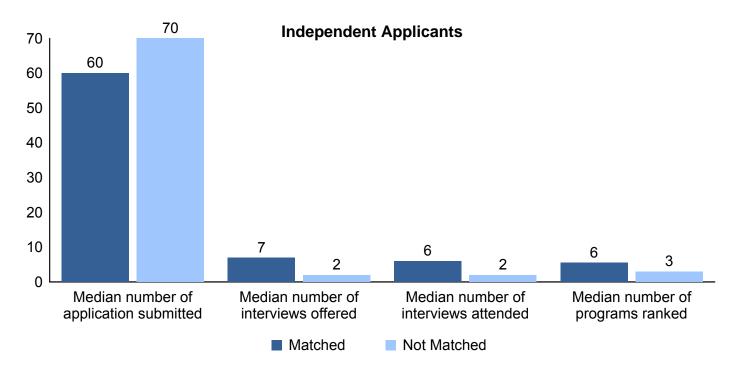


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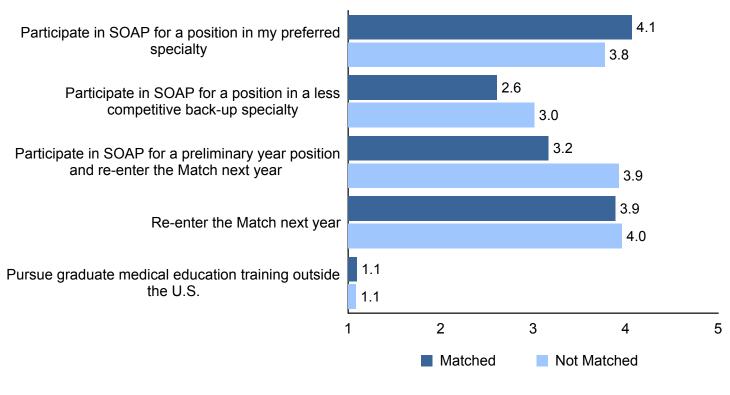




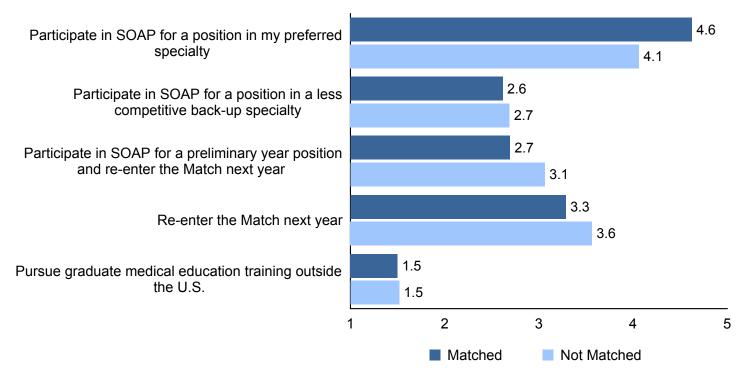
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Figure OS-6 Orthopaedic Surgery Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Otolaryngology

Figure OT-1 Otolaryngology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

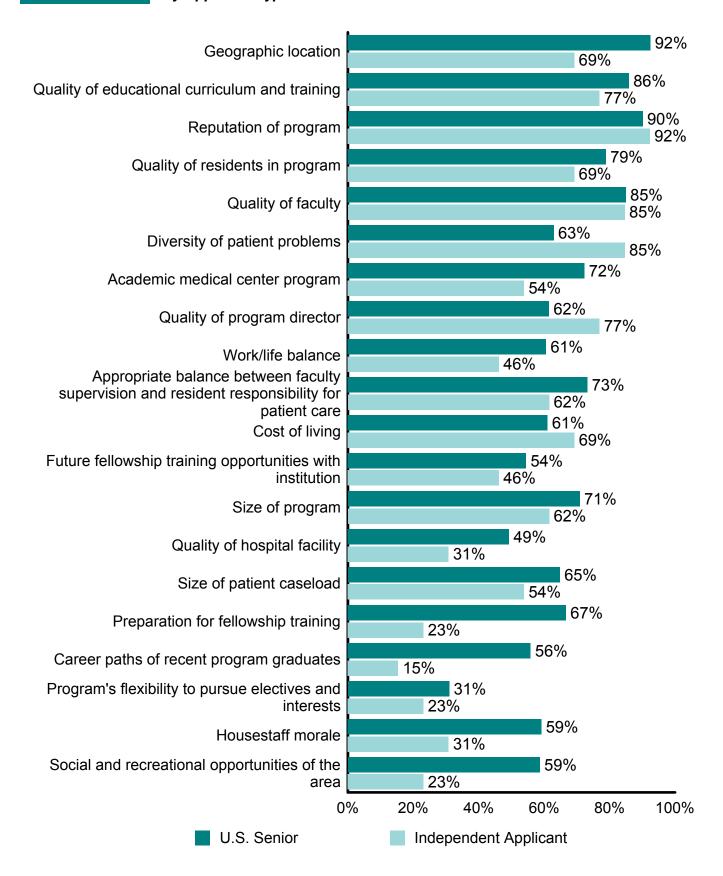


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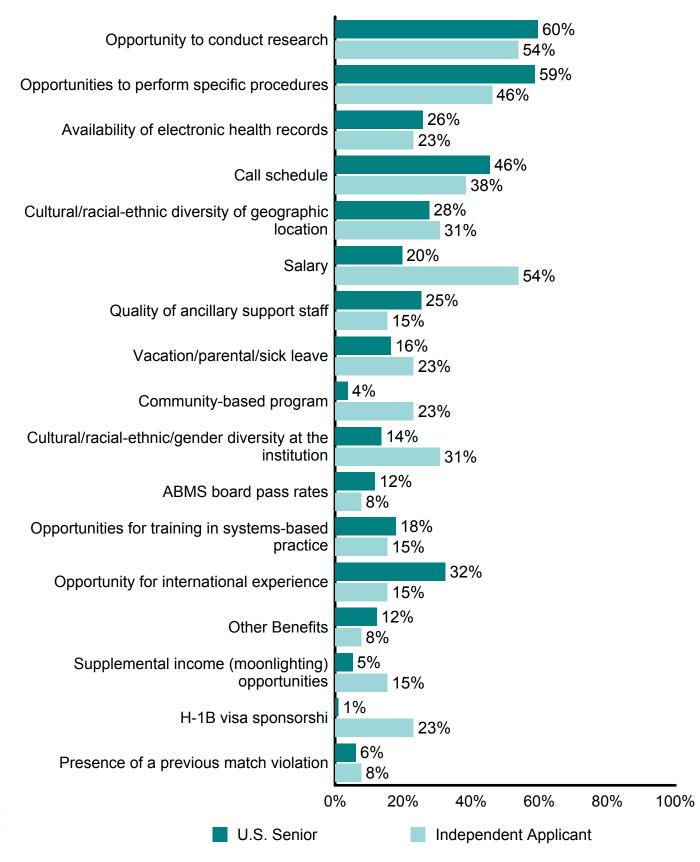
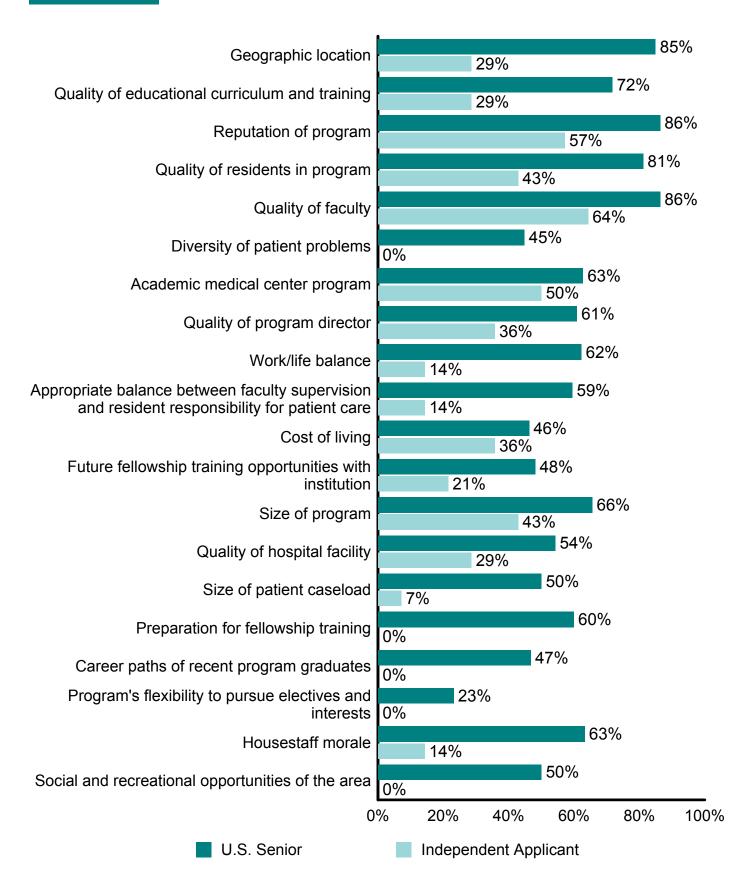
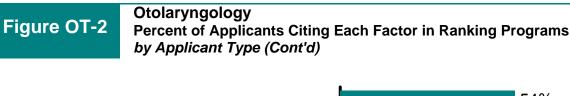


Figure OT-2 Otolaryngology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs





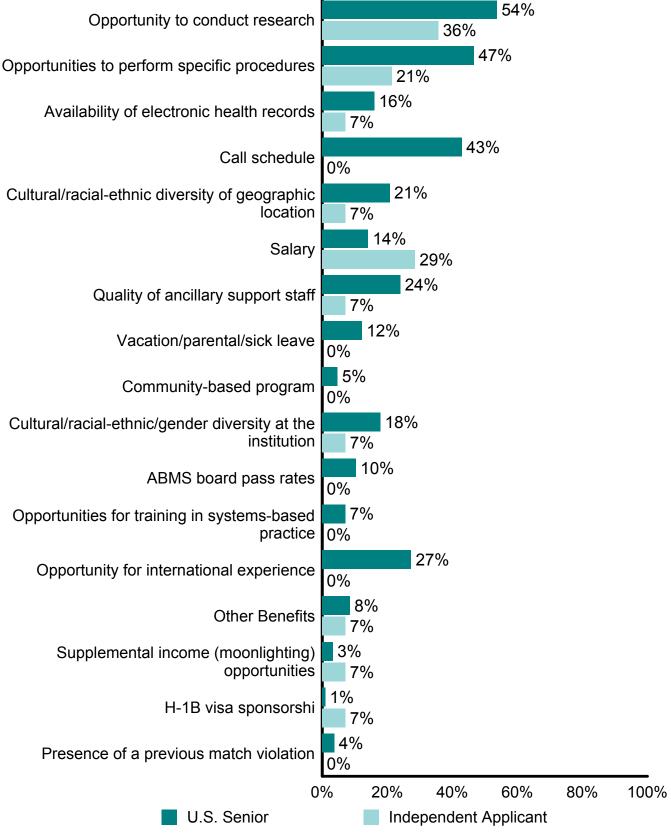


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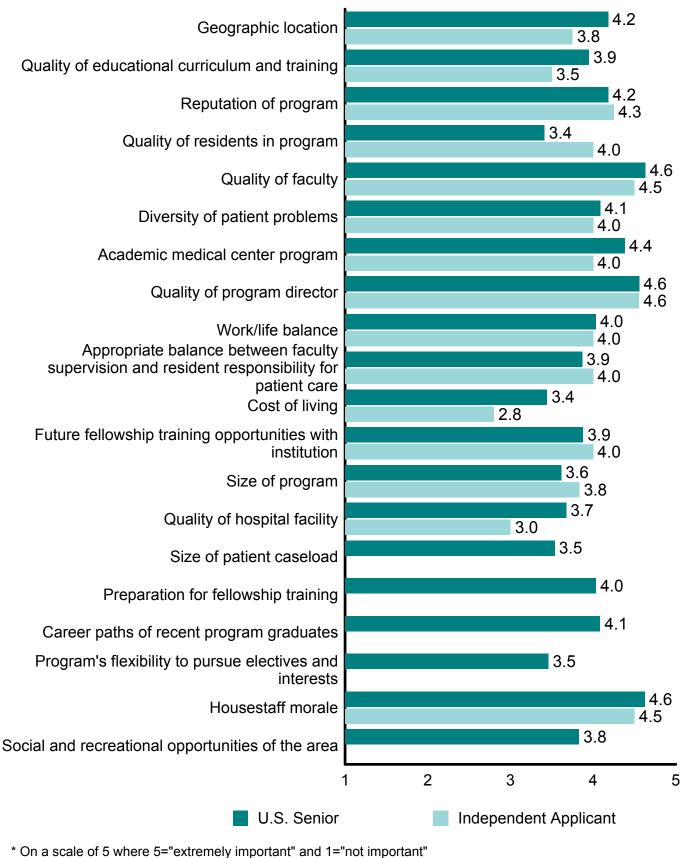
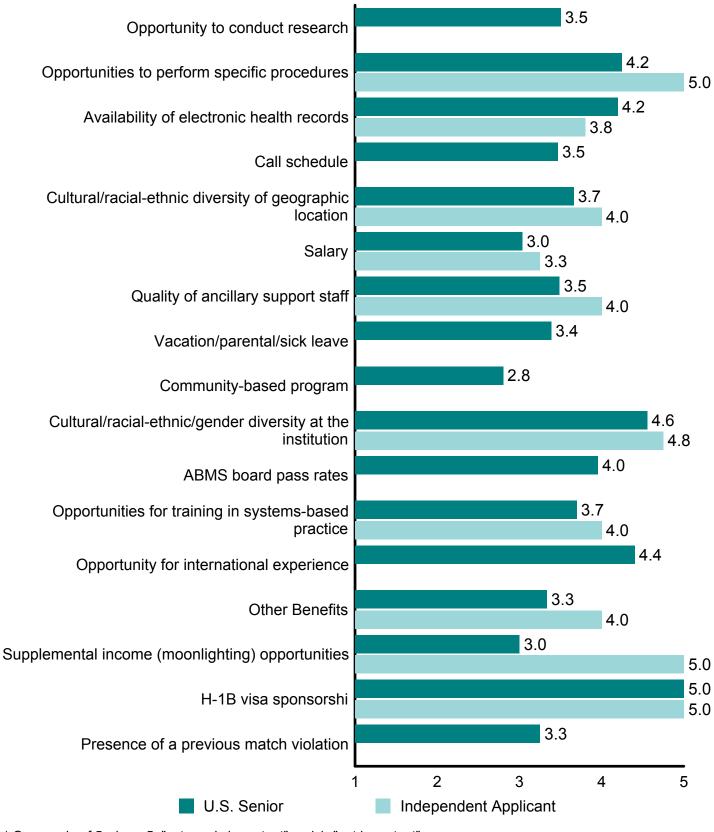


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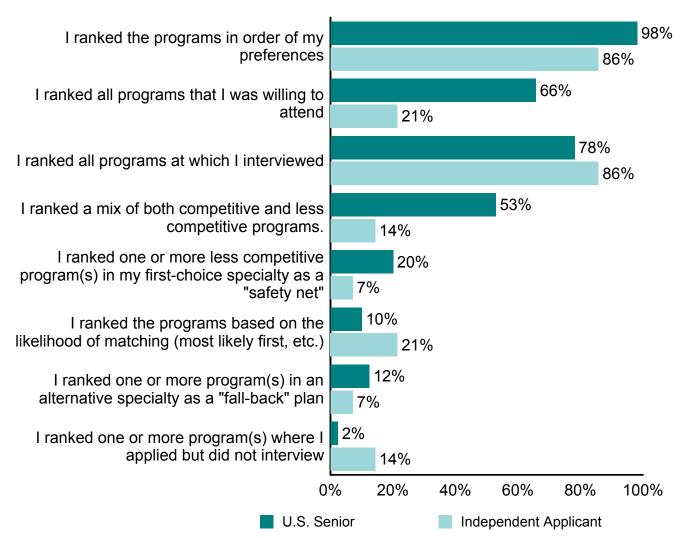
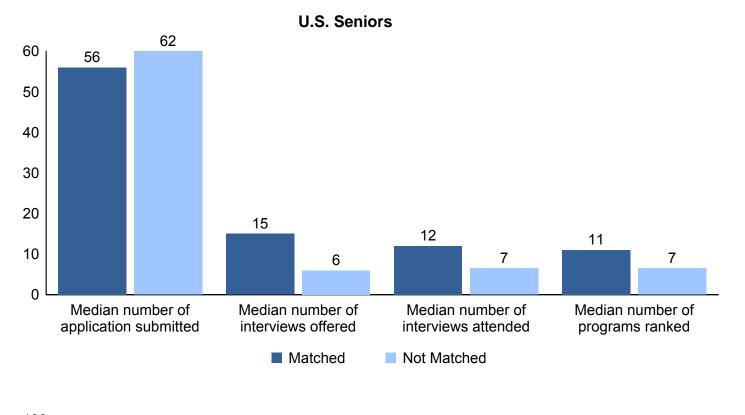
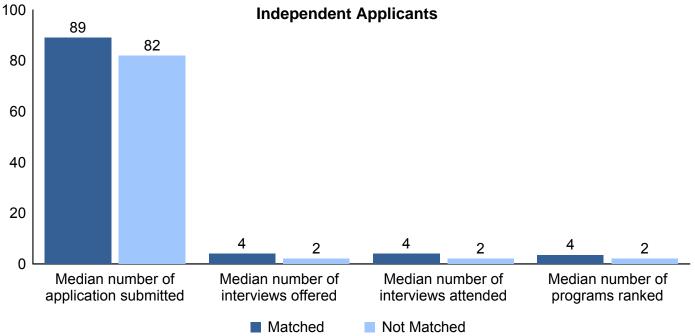


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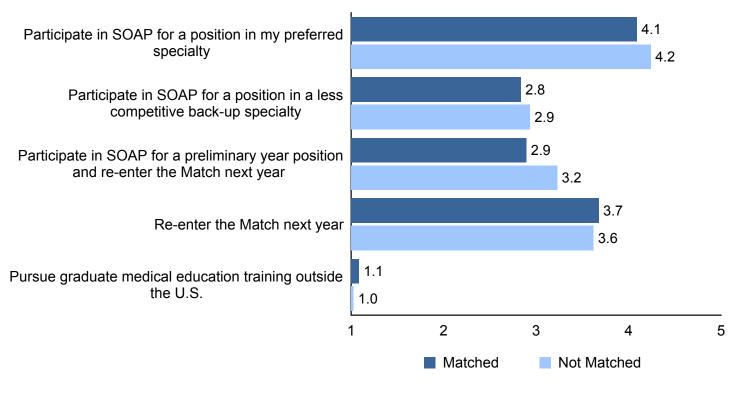




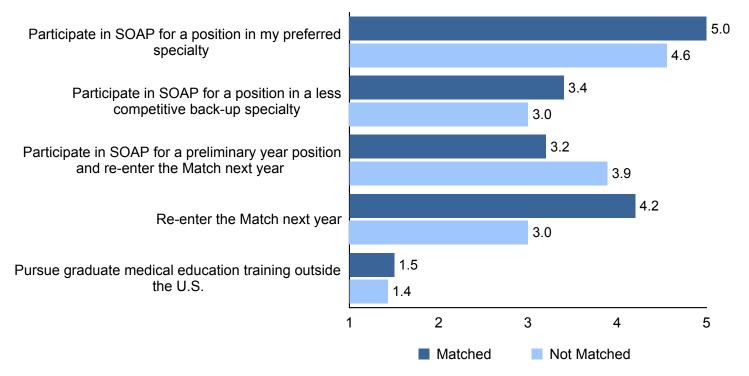
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Figure OT-6 Otolaryngology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Pathology

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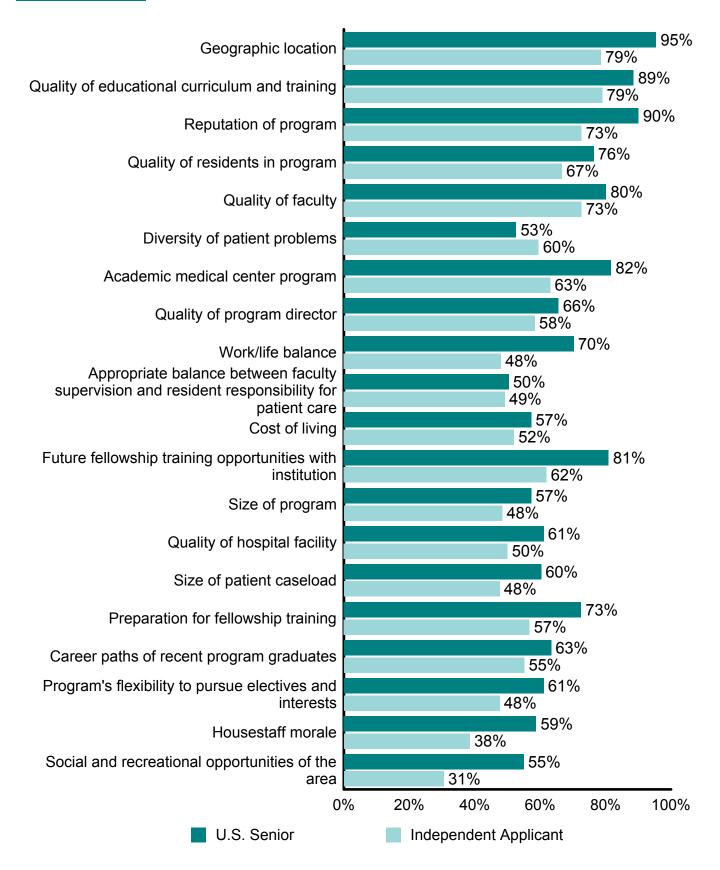


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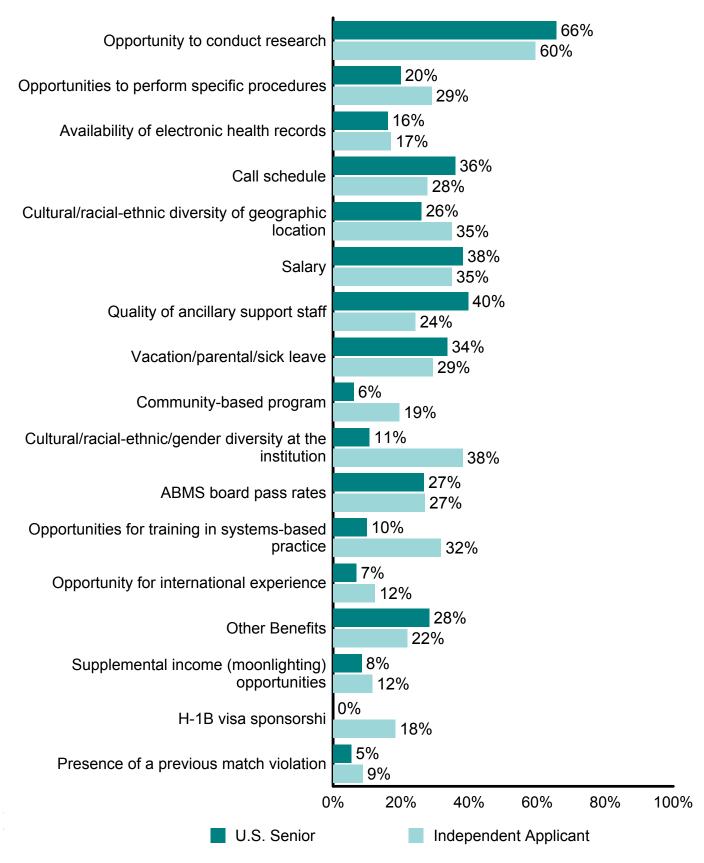
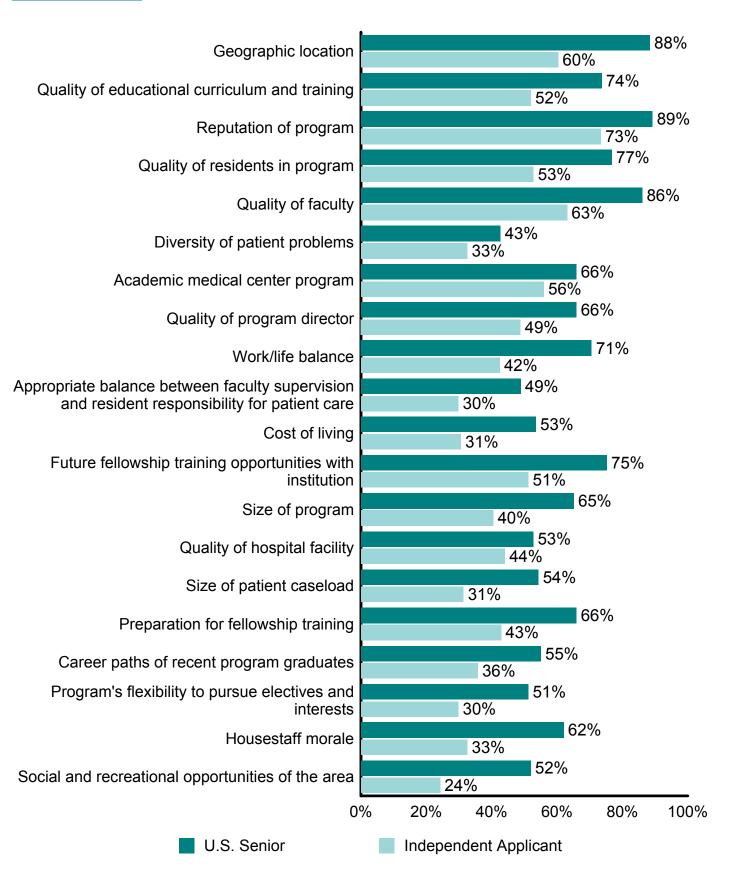


Figure PA-2 Pathology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs





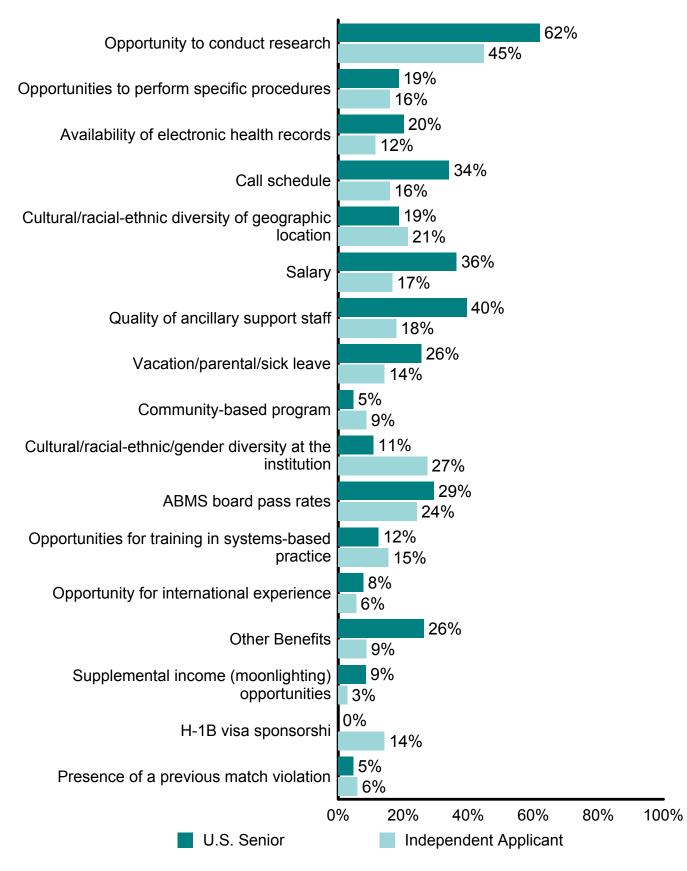
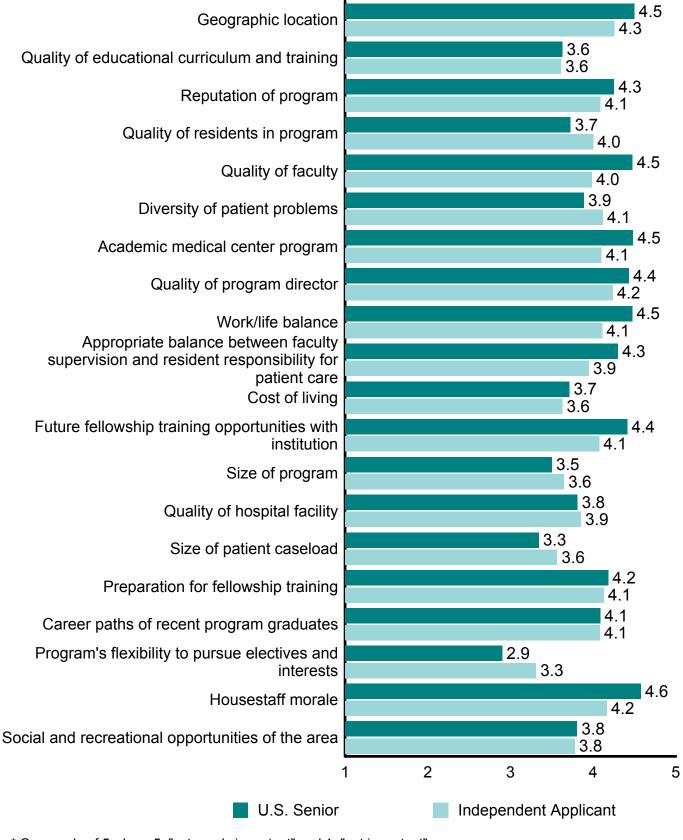


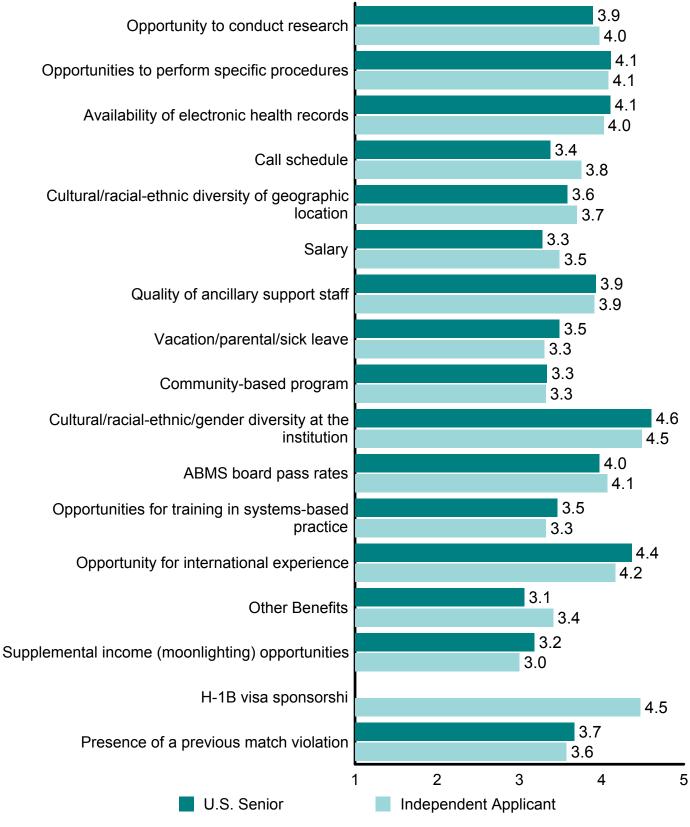
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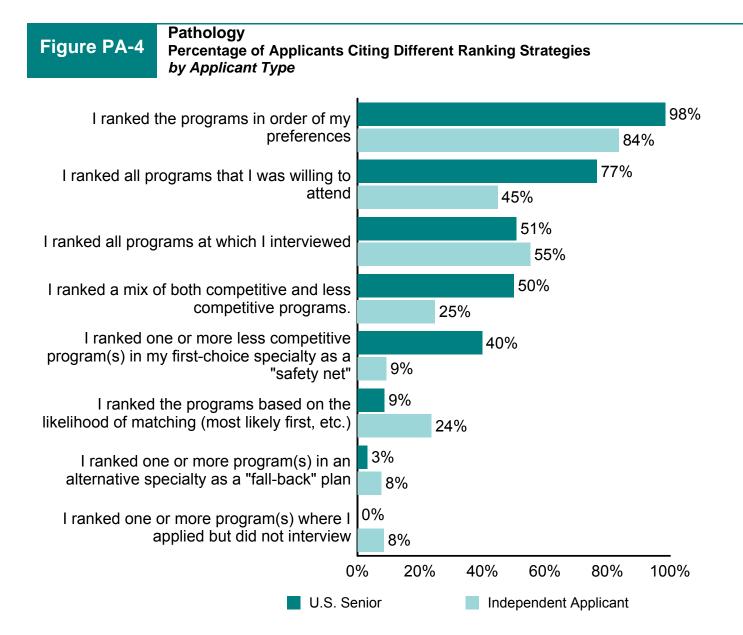


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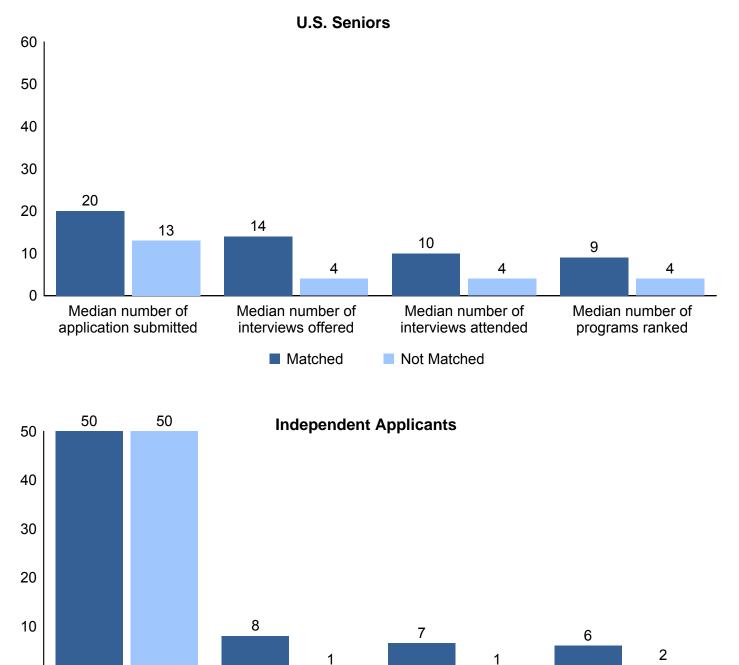
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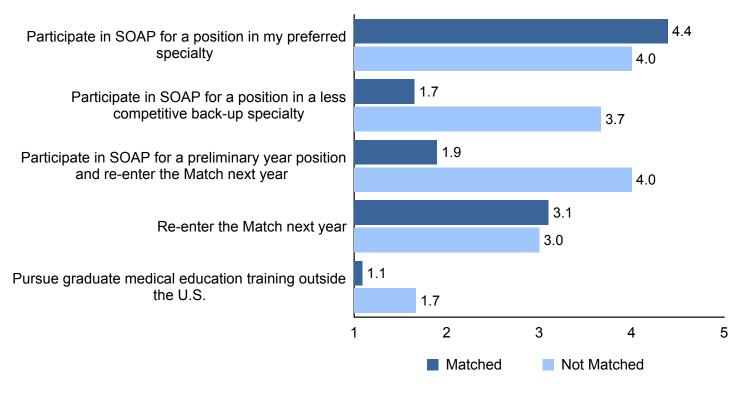
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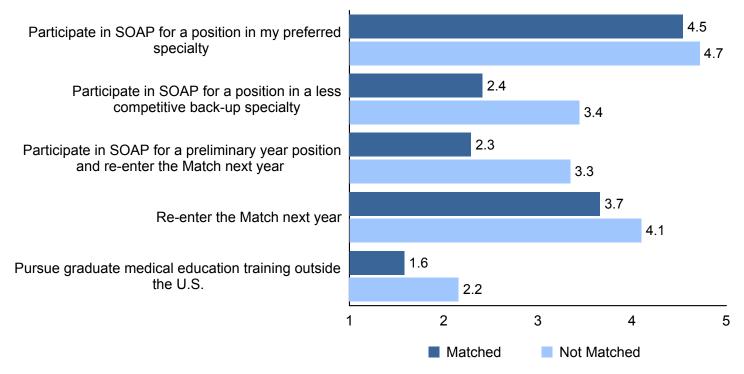
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Figure PA-6 Pathology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Pediatrics

Figure PD-1

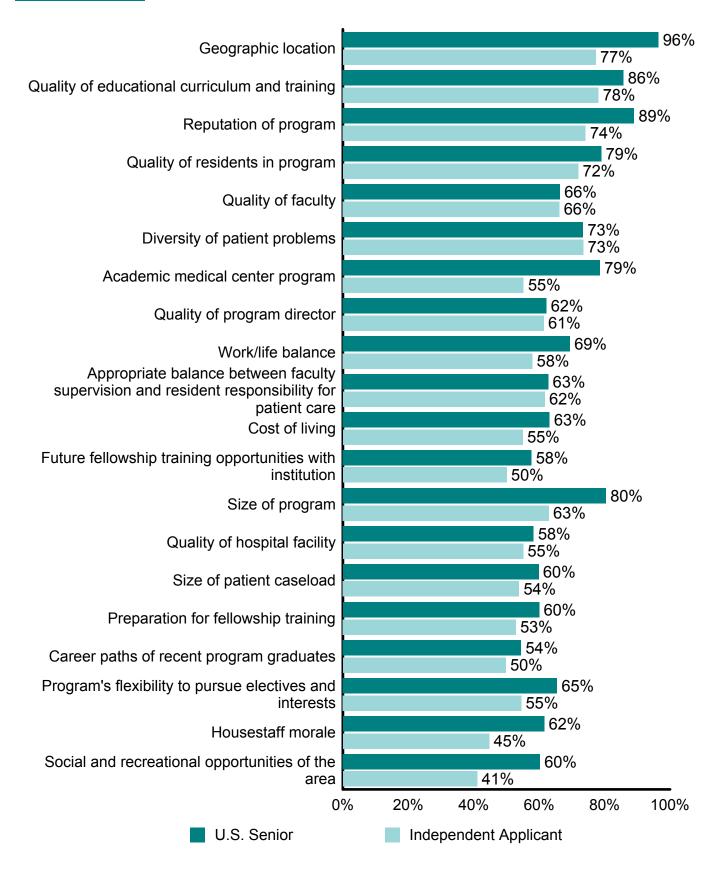


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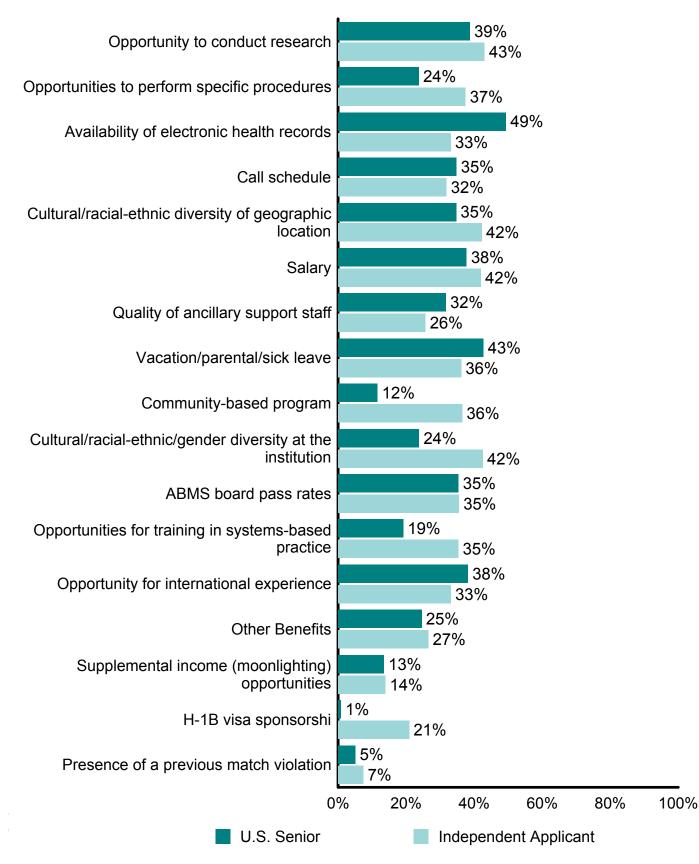


Figure PD-2 Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

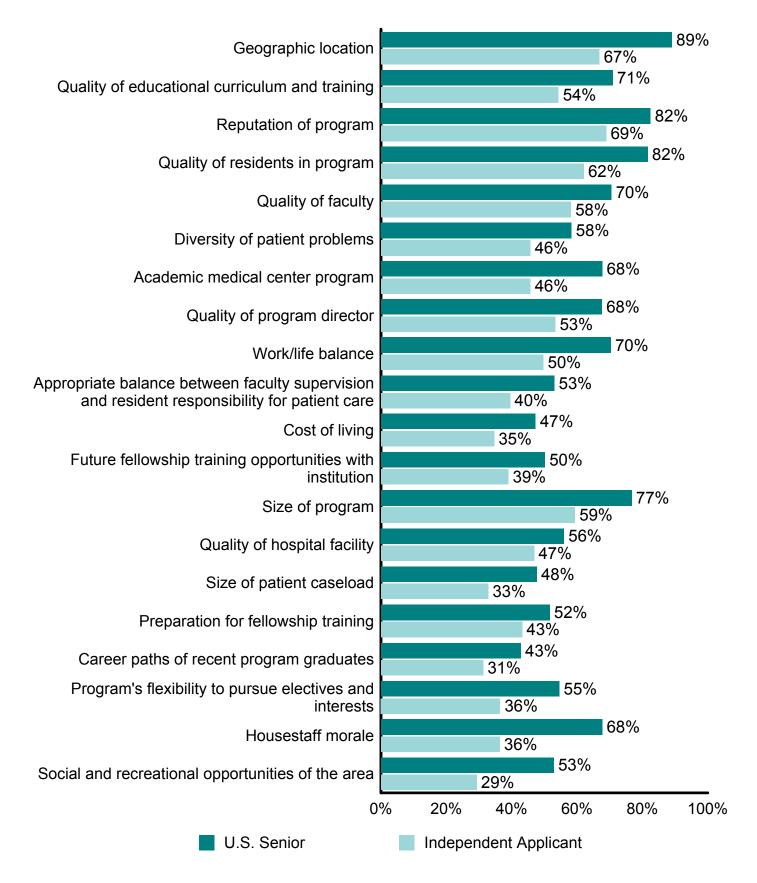


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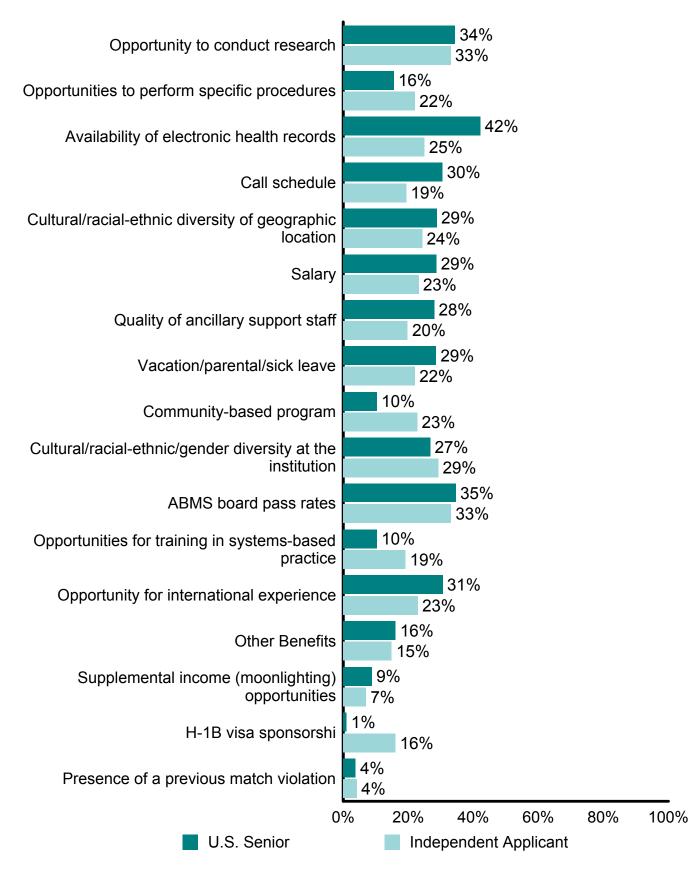
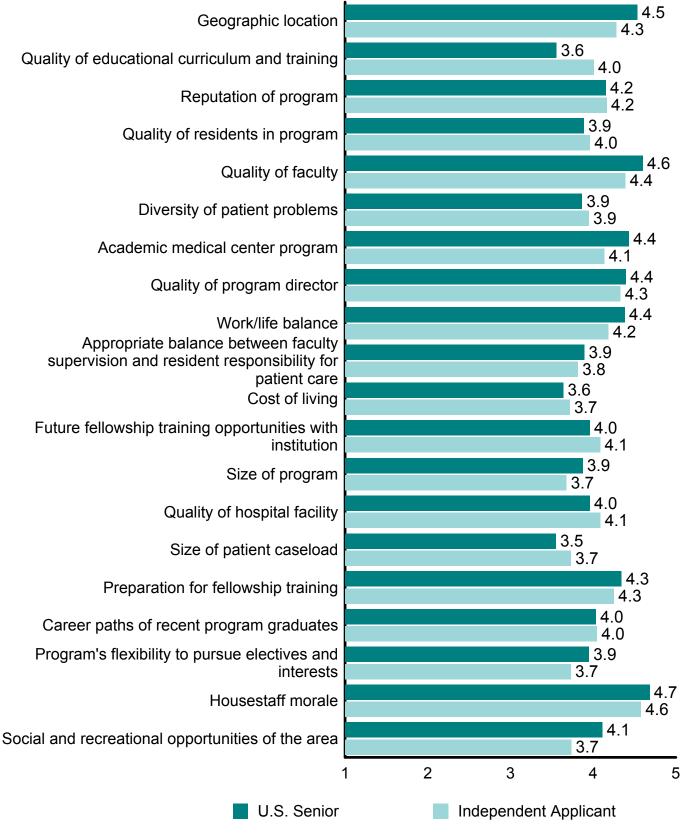


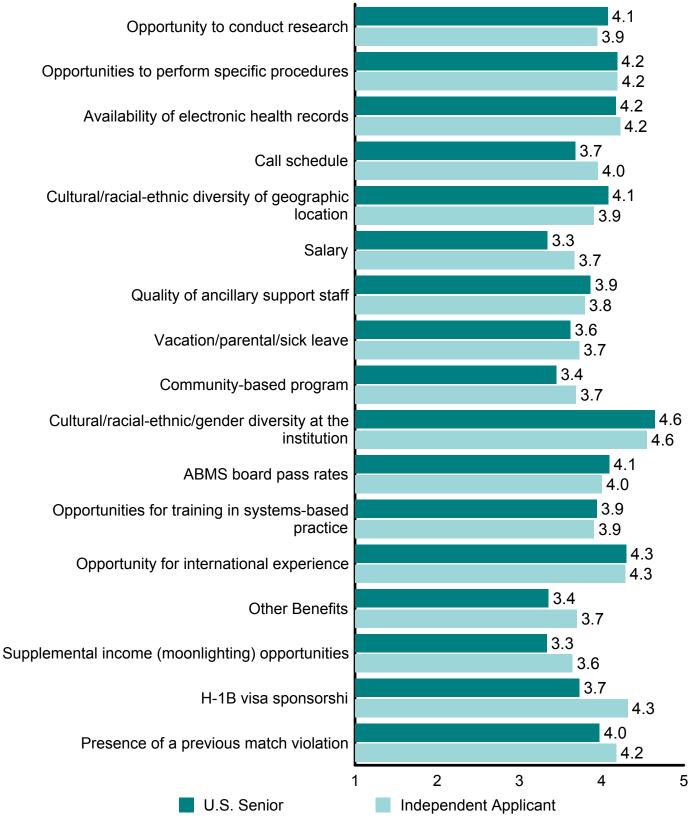
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Pediatrics Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

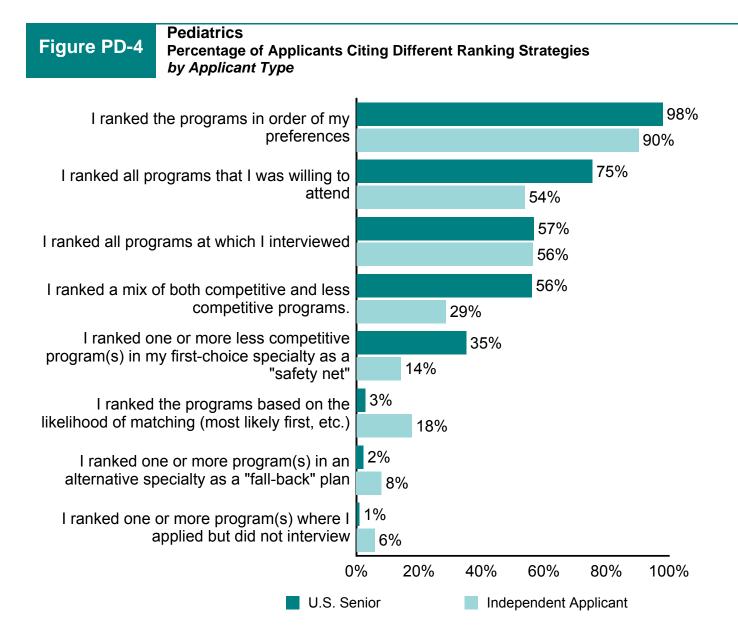


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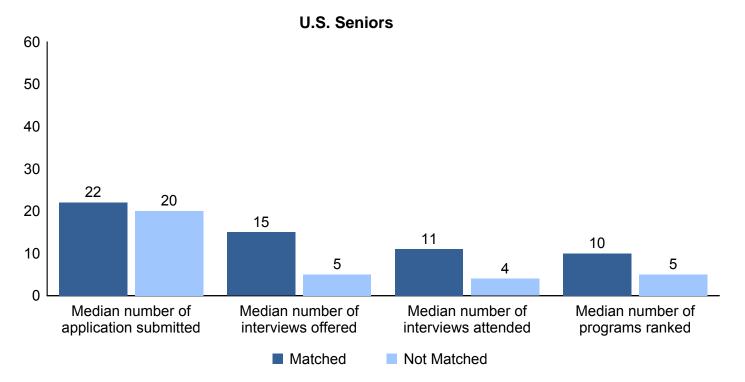
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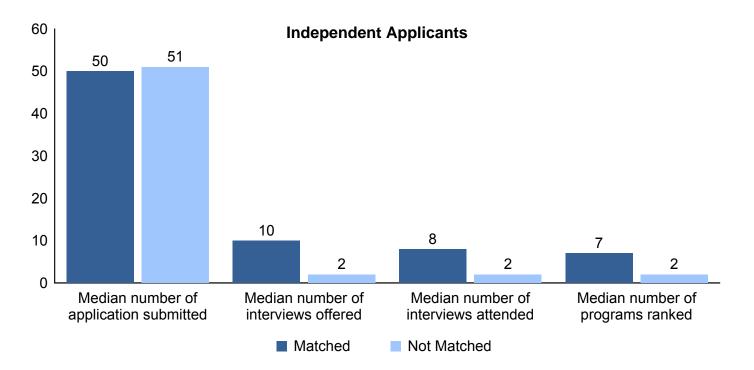


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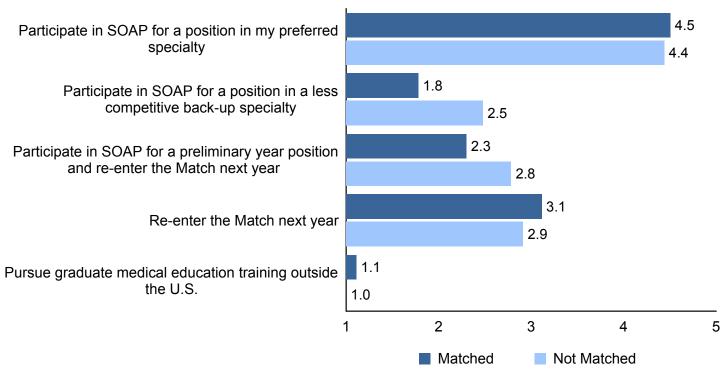




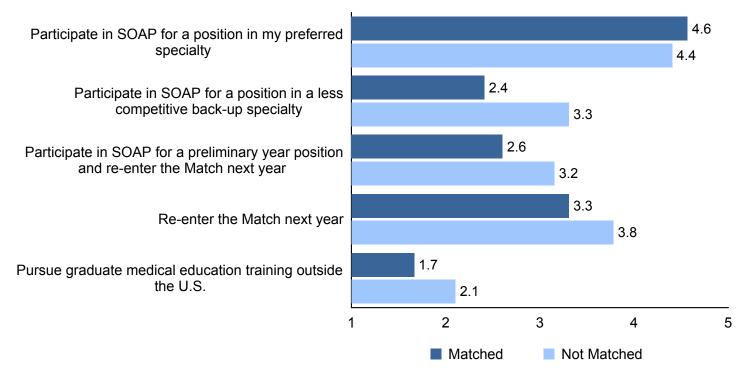
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Figure PD-6 Pediatrics Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Figure PM-1

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

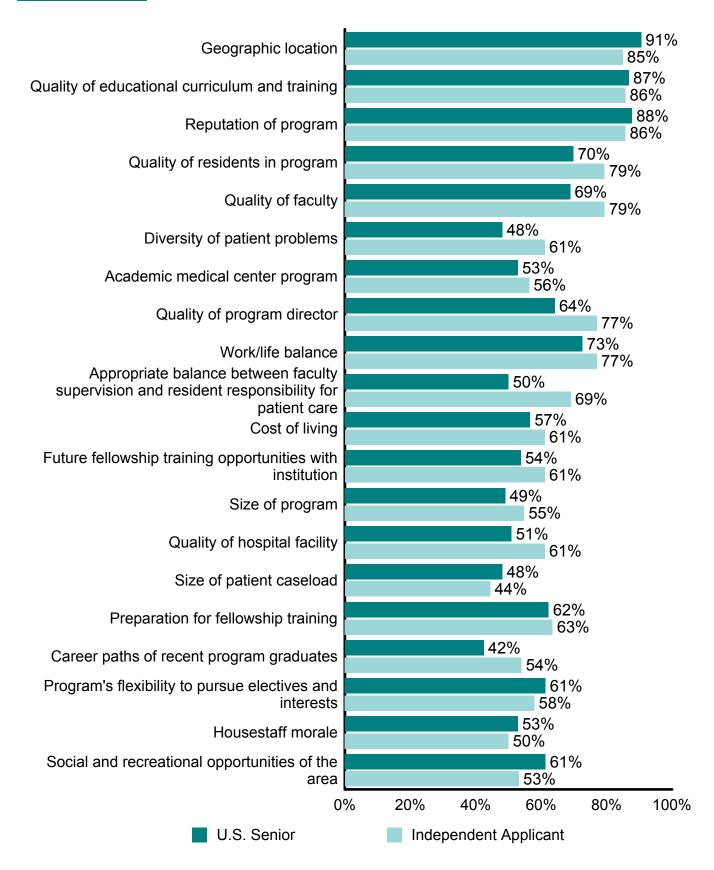
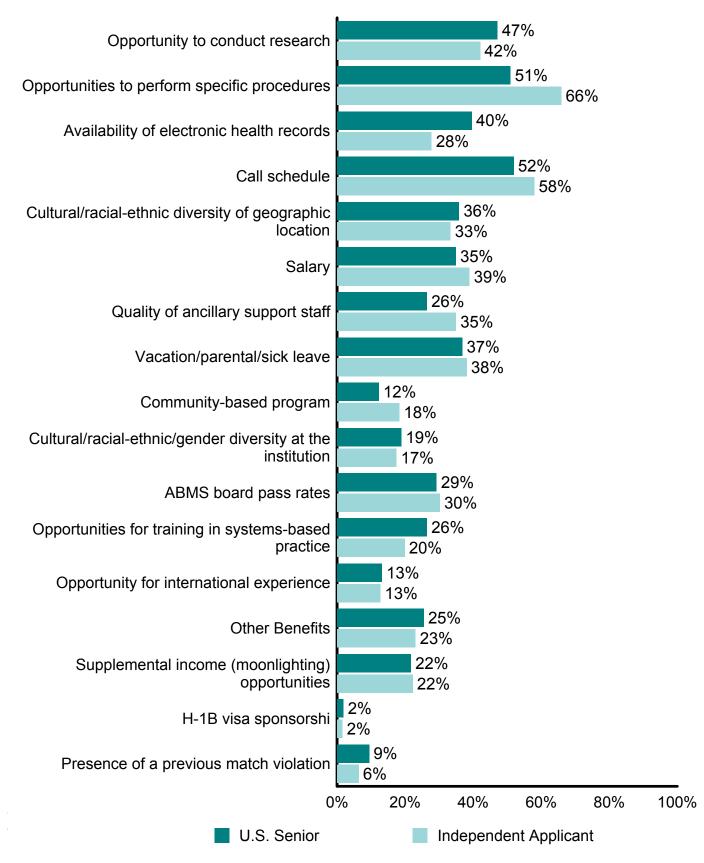
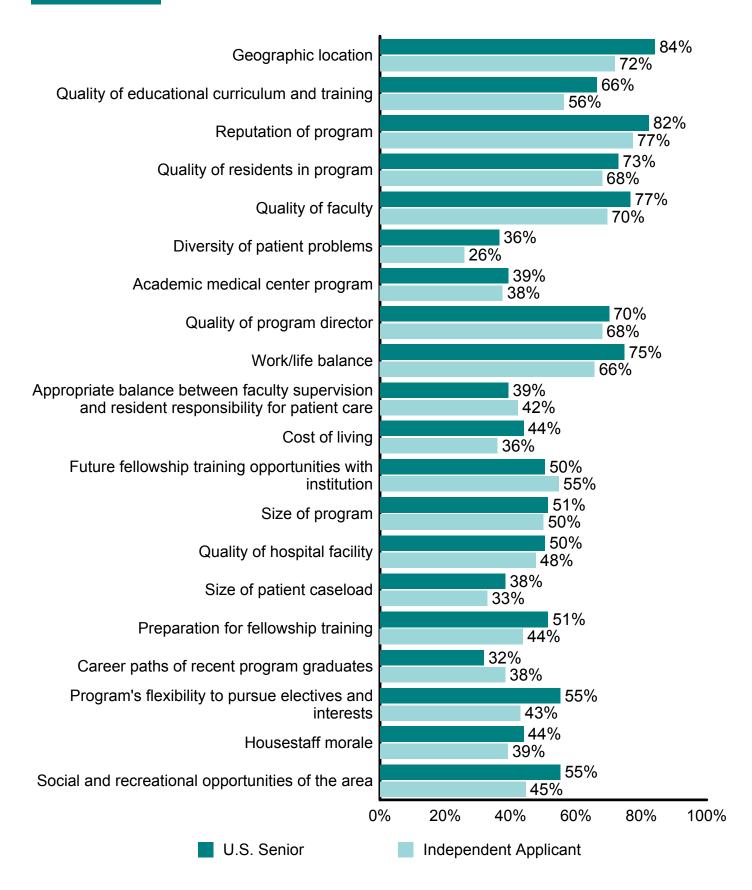


Figure PM-1 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



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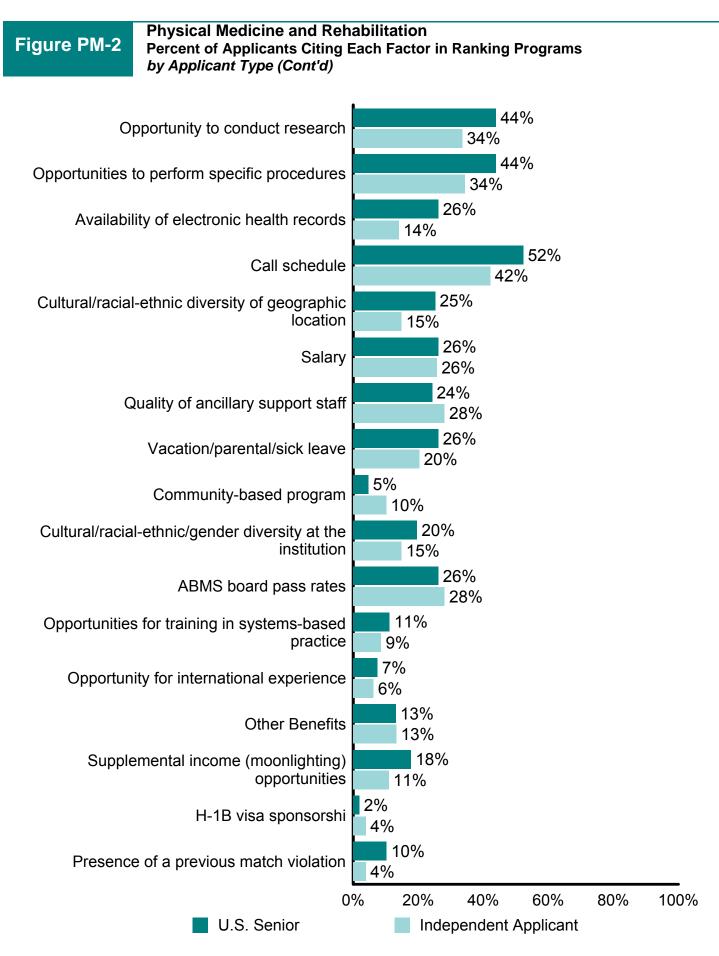
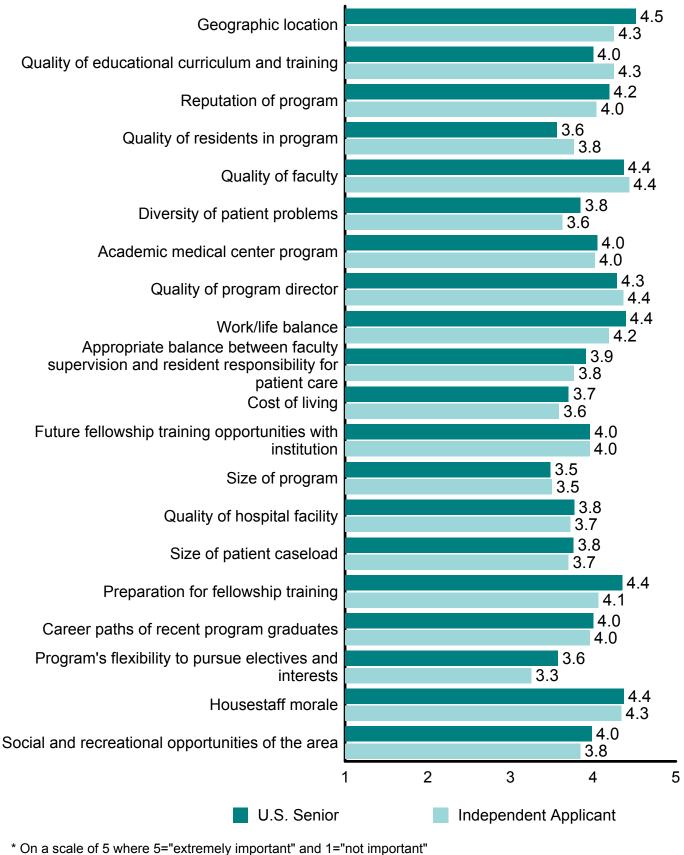
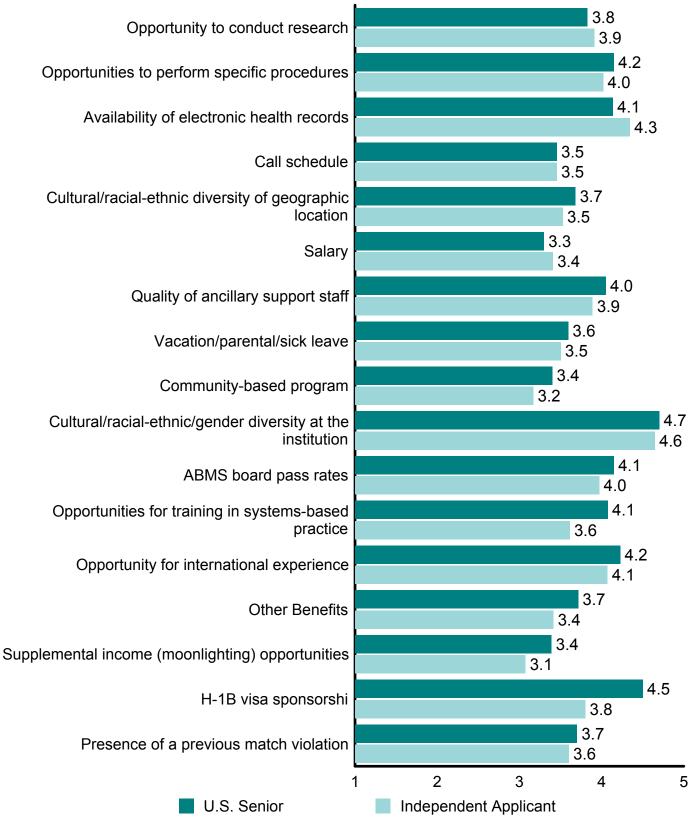


Figure PM-3

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



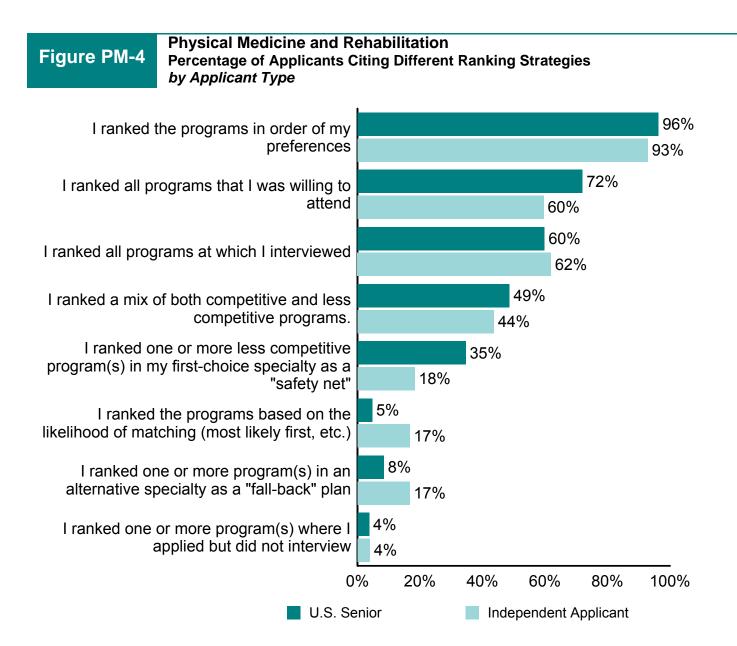
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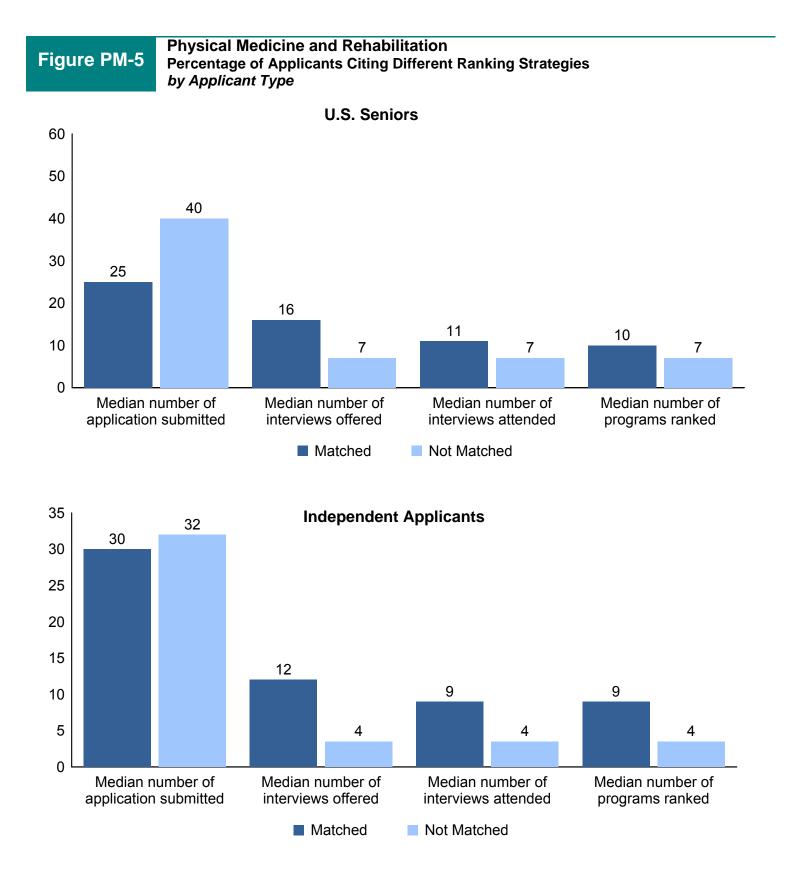


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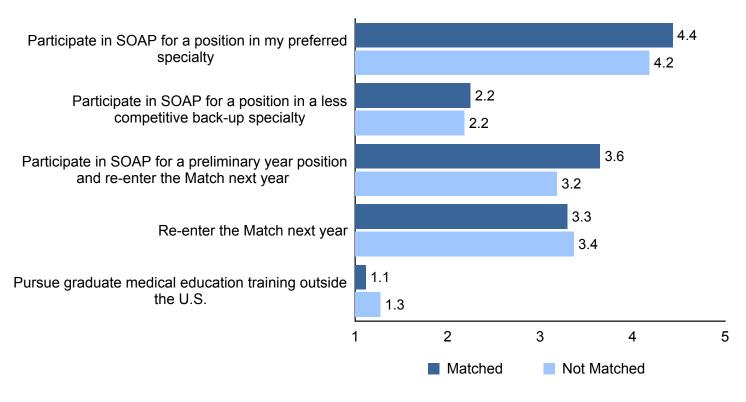
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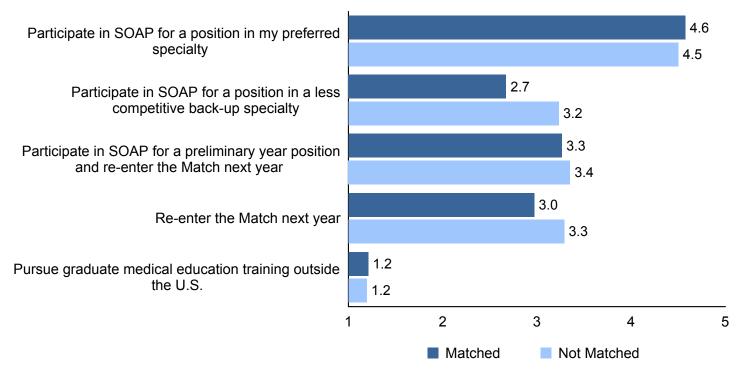


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Plastic Surgery

Figure PS-1 Plastic Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

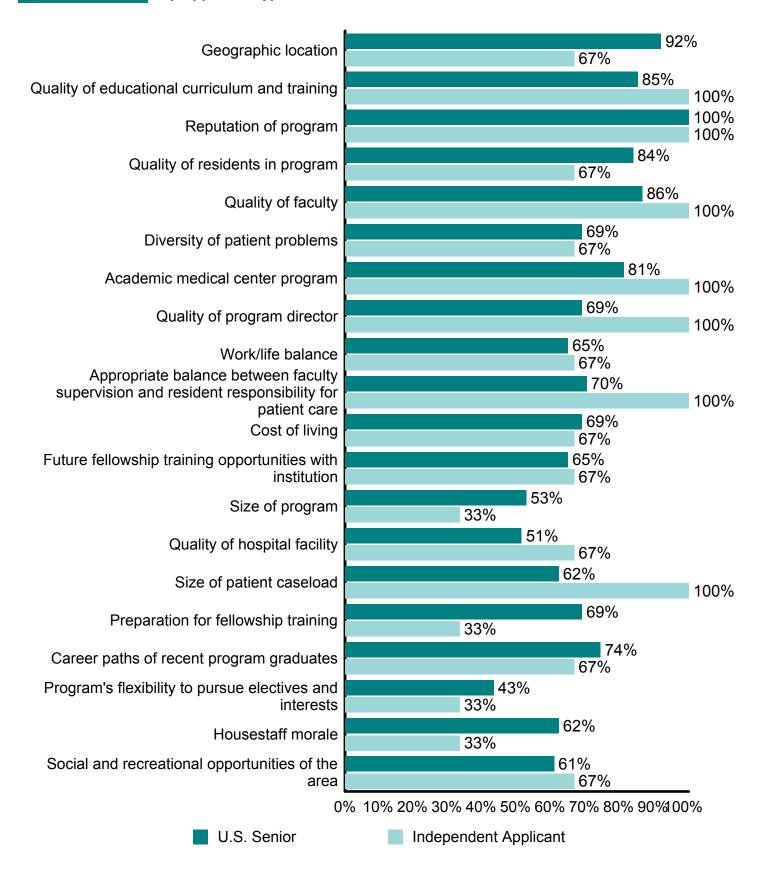


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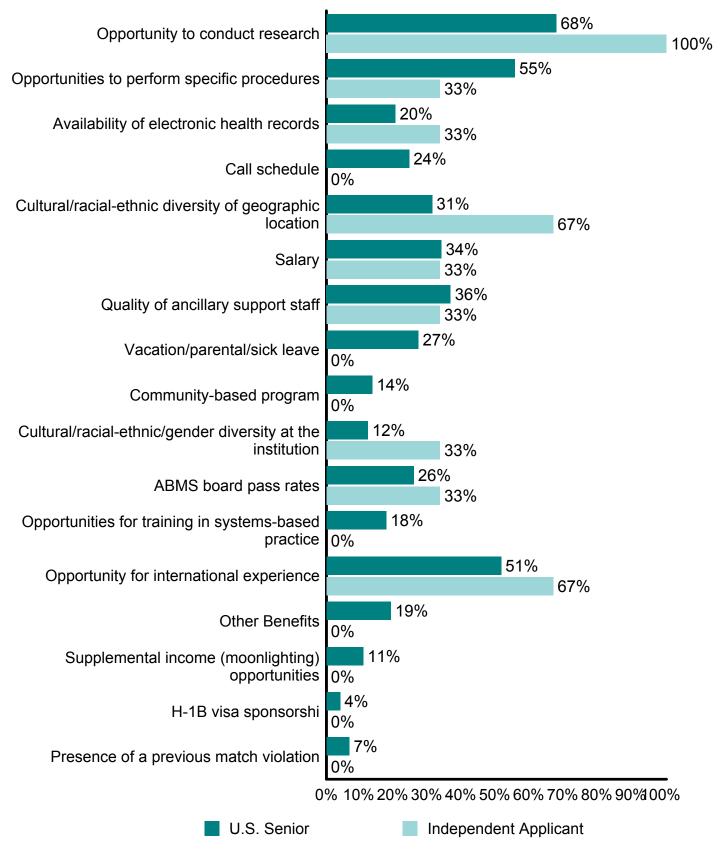


Figure PS-2 Plastic Surgery Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

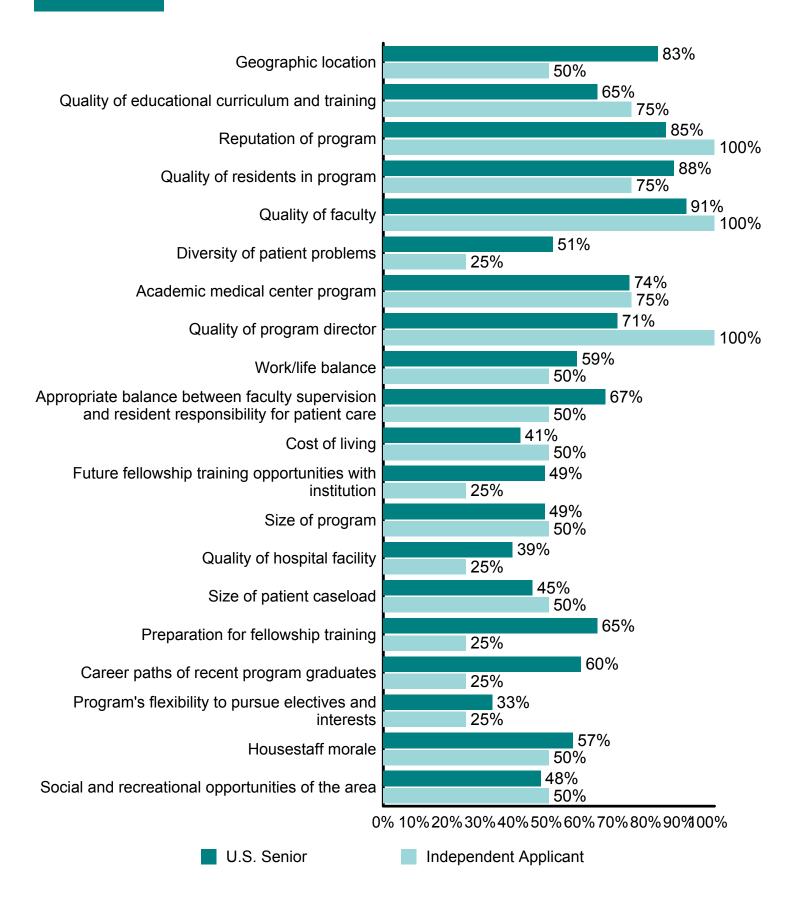


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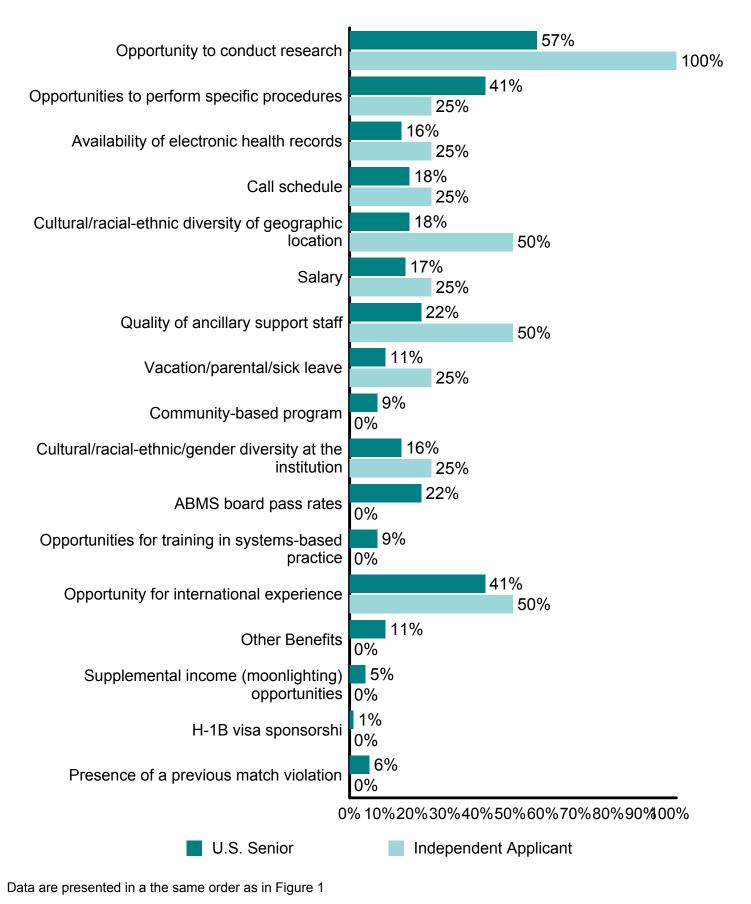


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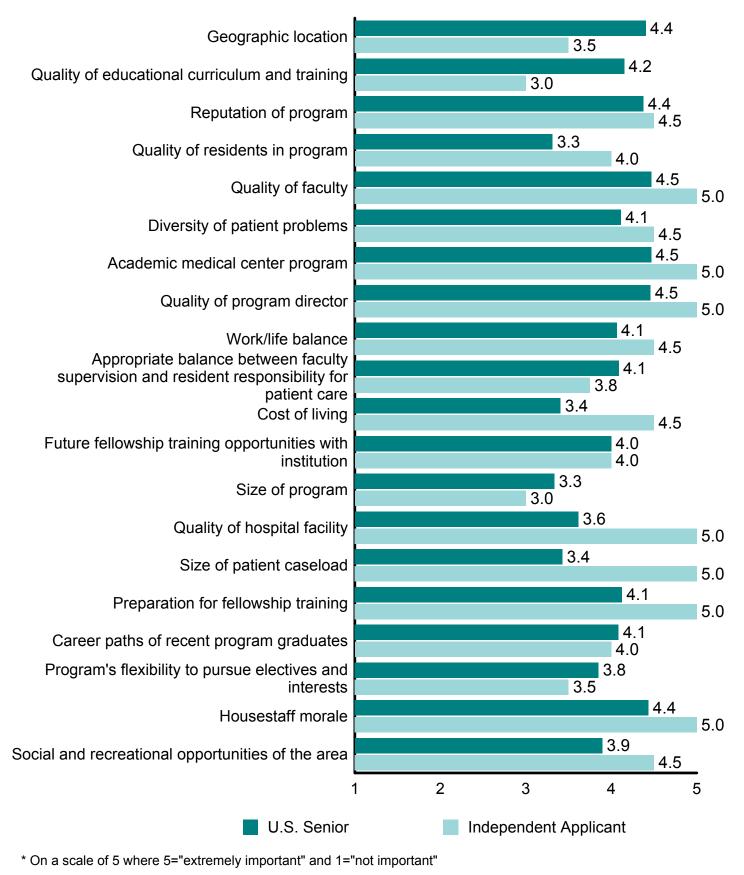
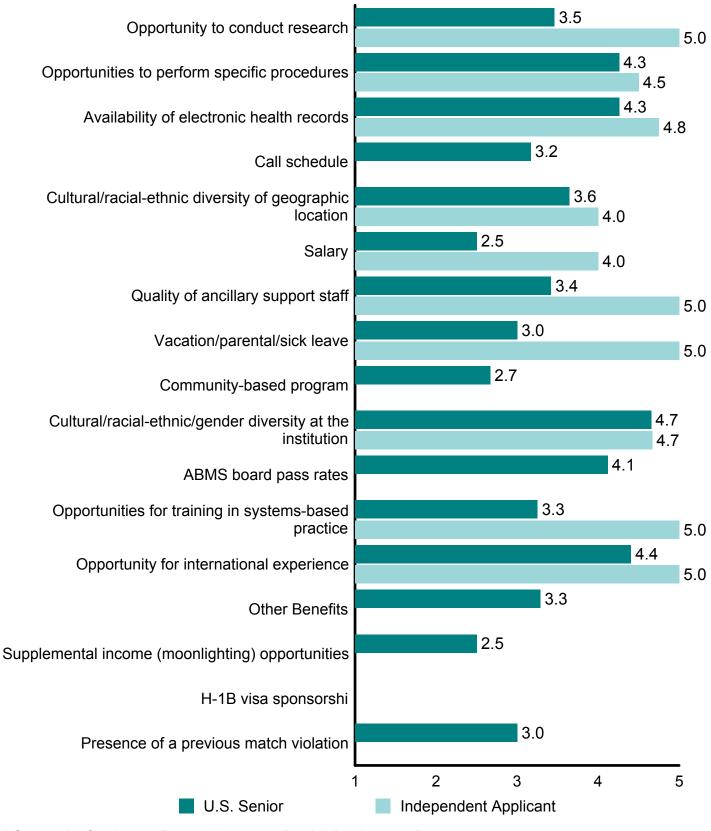


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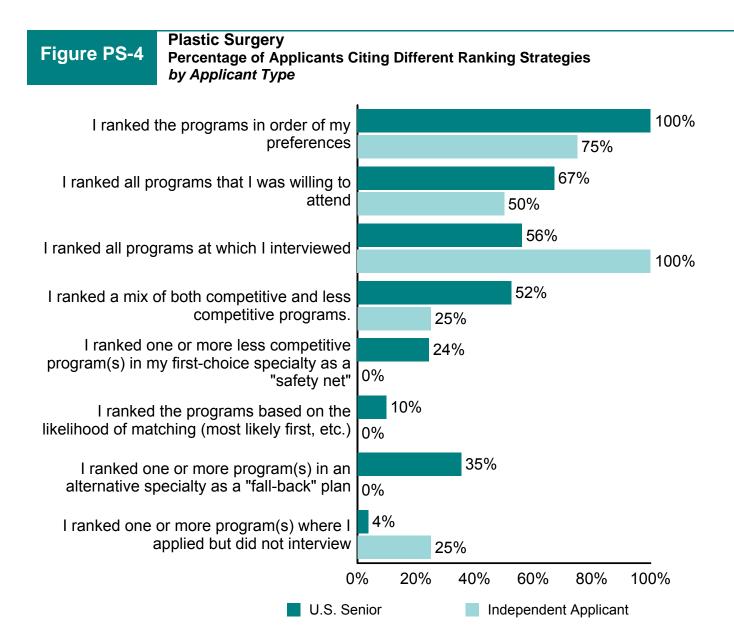
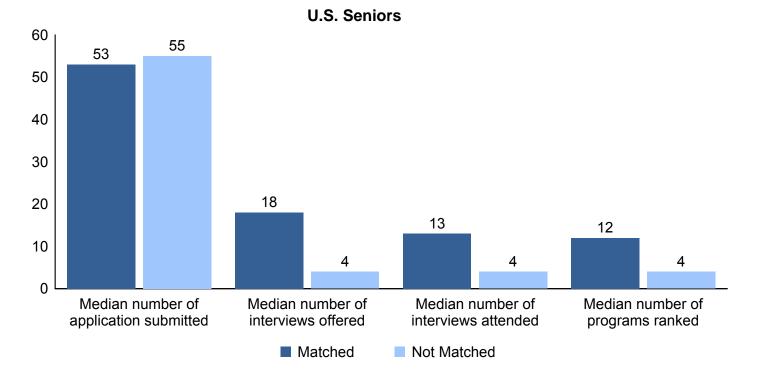
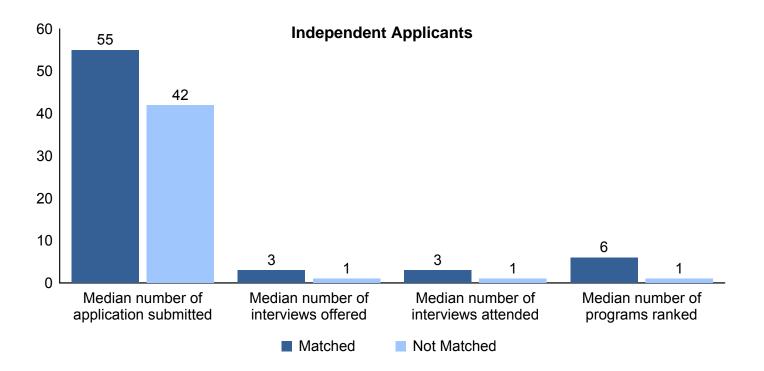


Figure PS-5 Plastic Surgery Percentage of Applicants Citing Different Ranking Strategies by Applicant Type

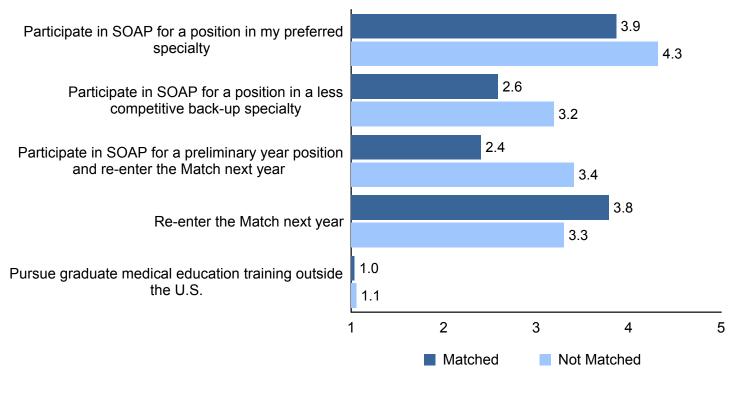




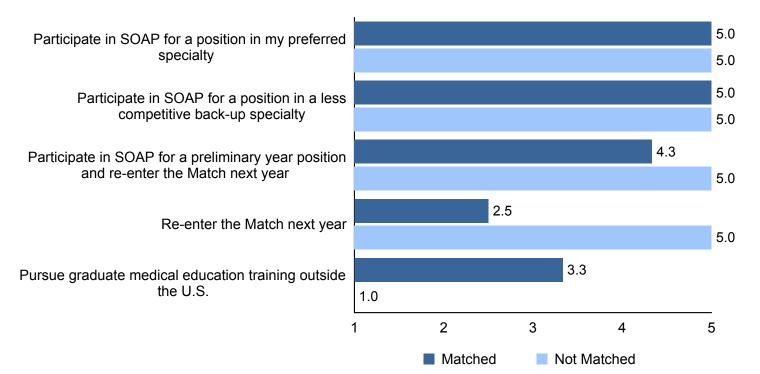
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Figure PS-6 Plastic Surgery Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Psychiatry

Figure PY-1

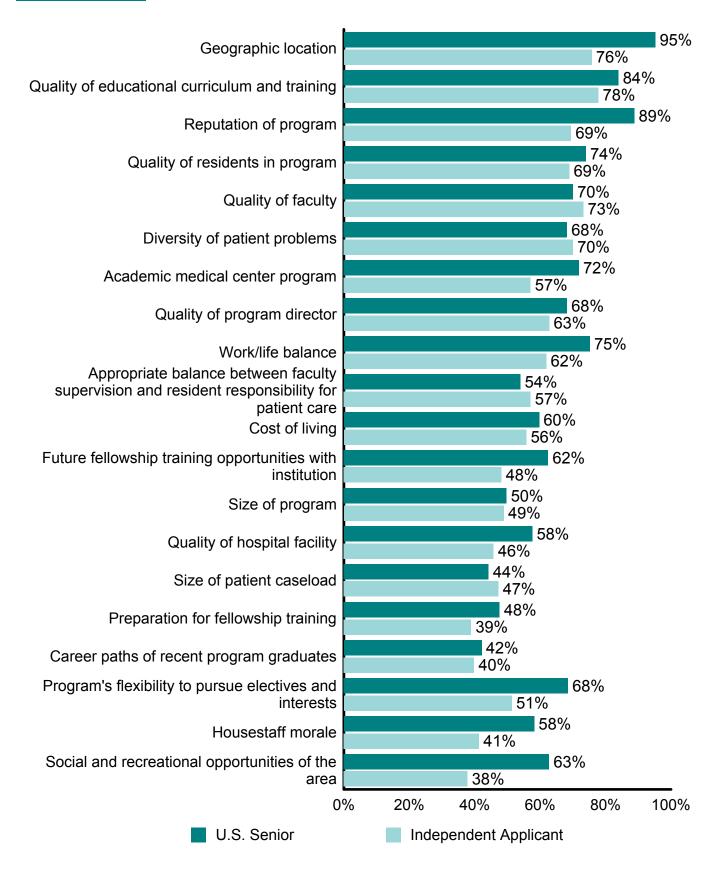


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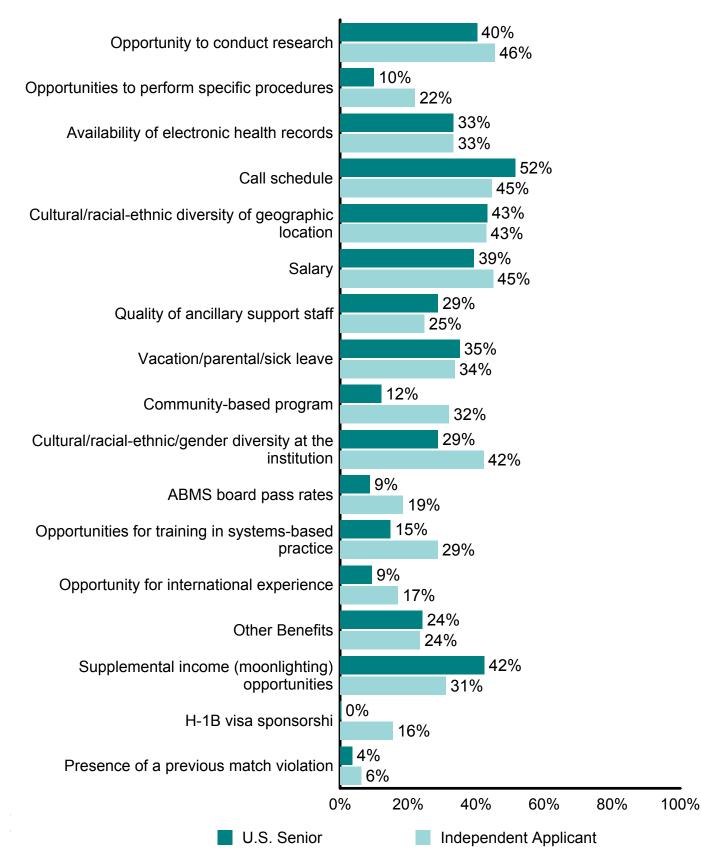


Figure PY-2 Psychiatry Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs

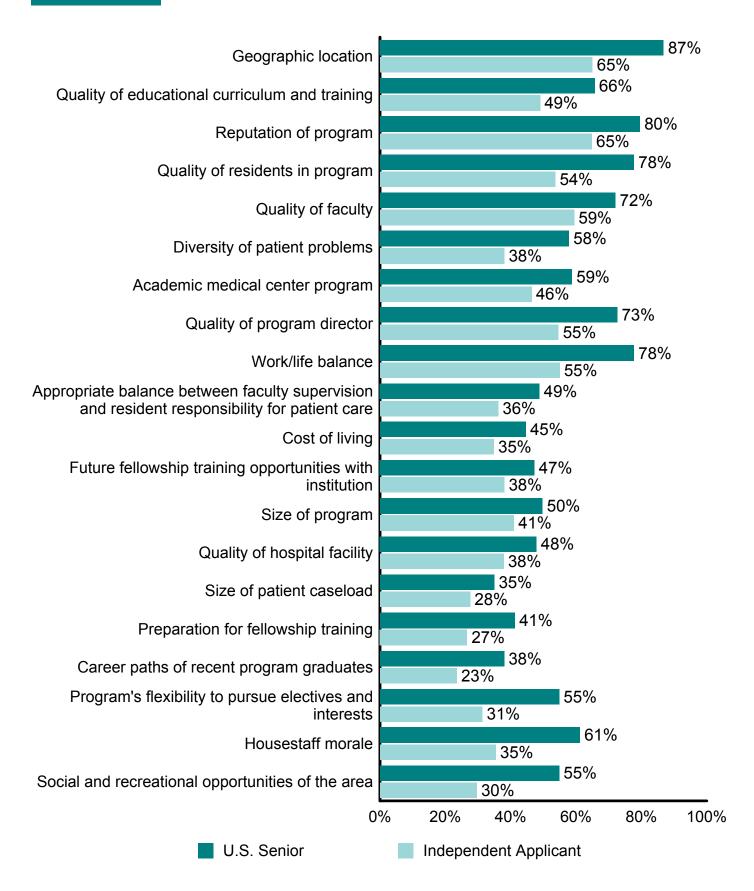


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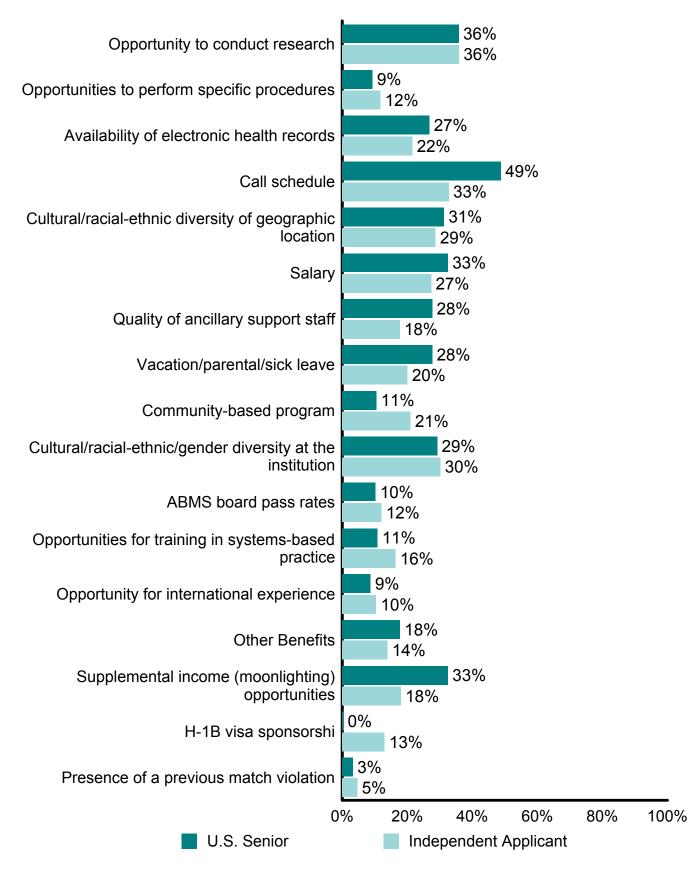
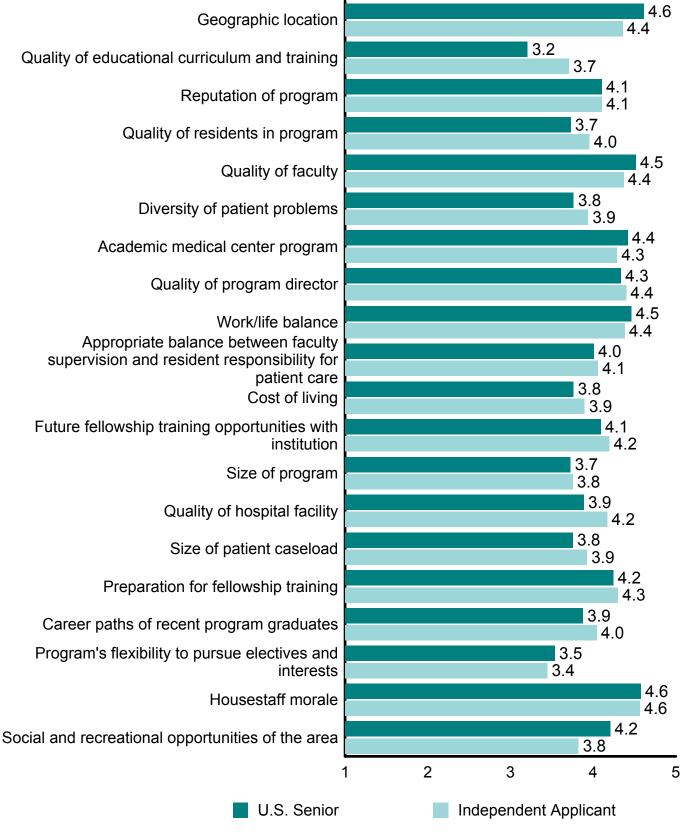


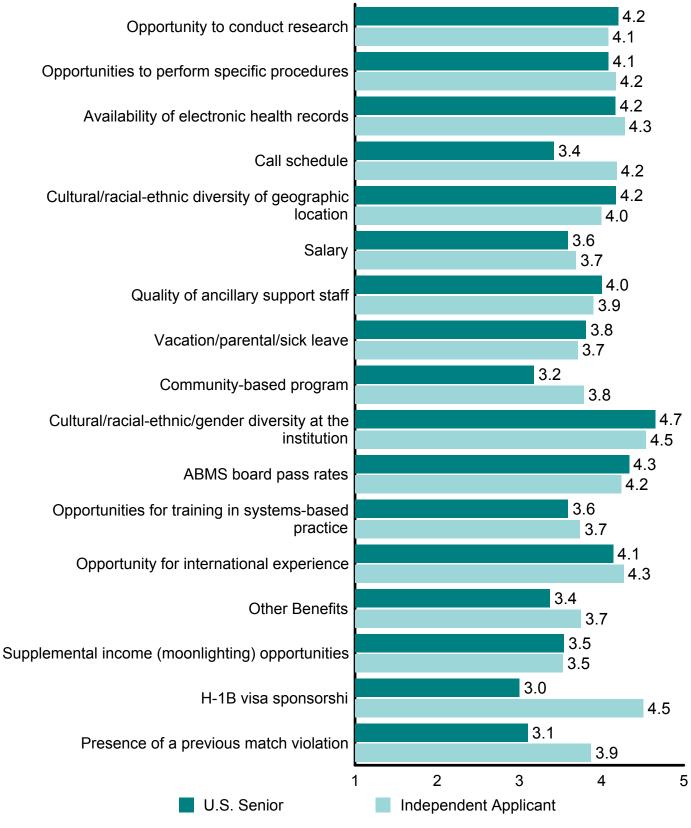
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Psychiatry Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type

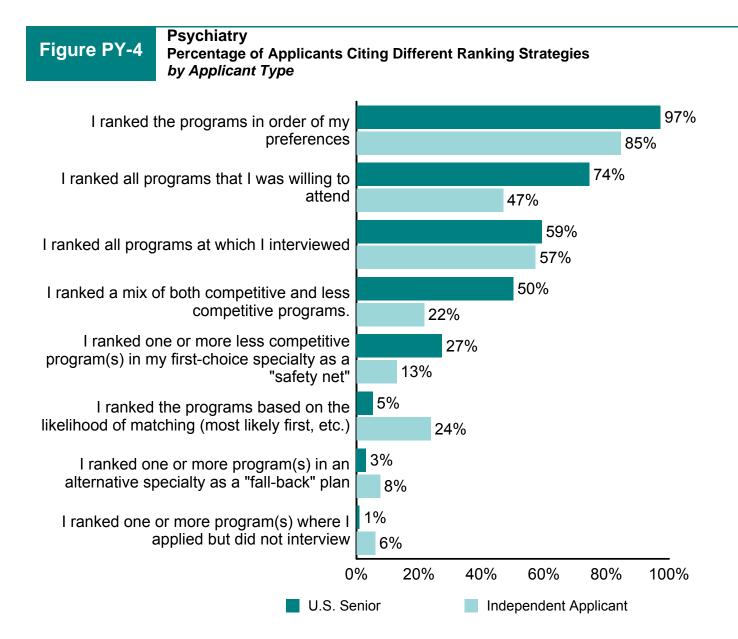


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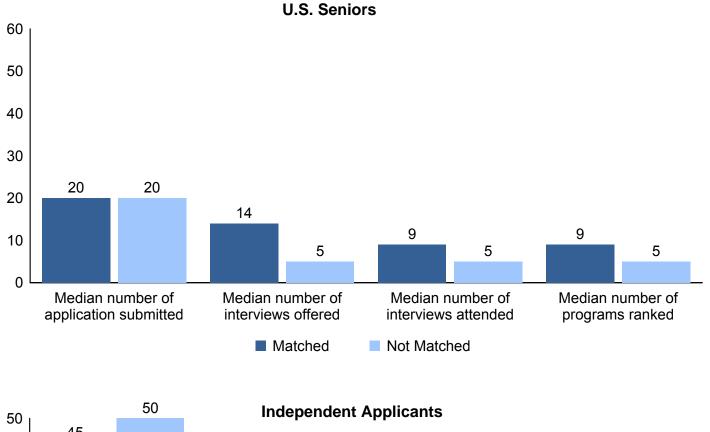
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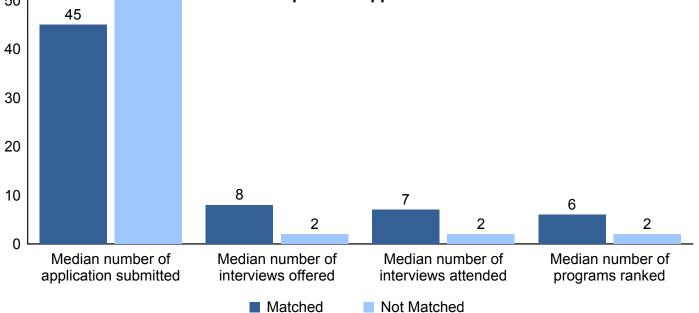


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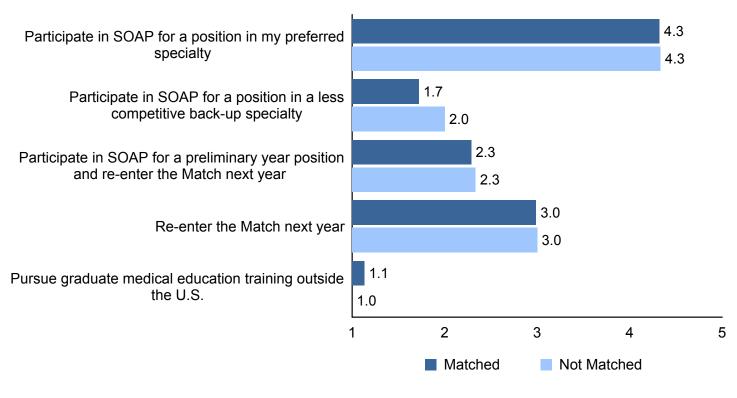




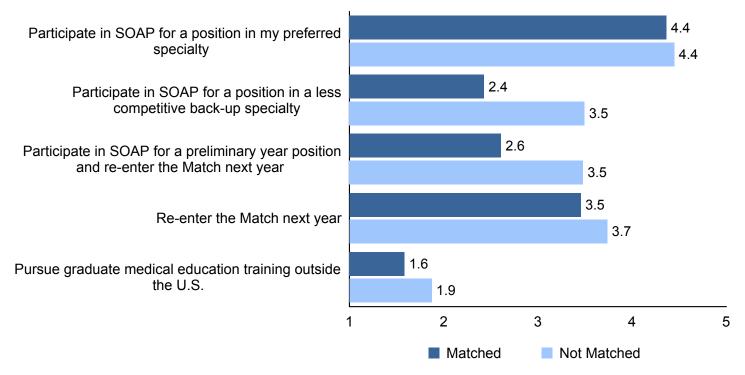
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Figure PY-6 Psychiatry Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Radiation Oncology

Figure RD-1 Radiation Oncology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

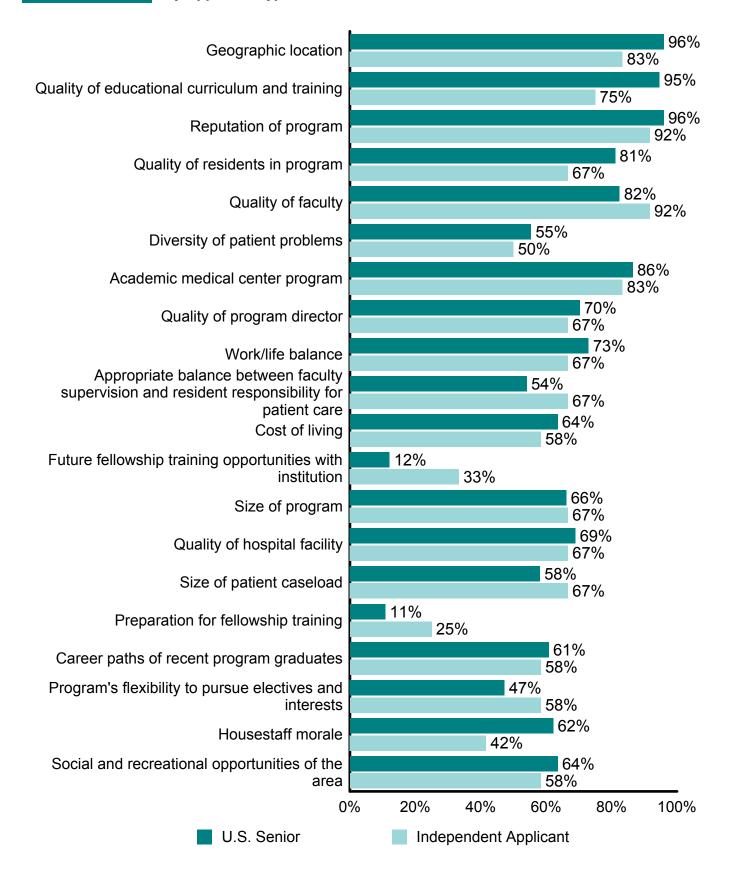


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Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply
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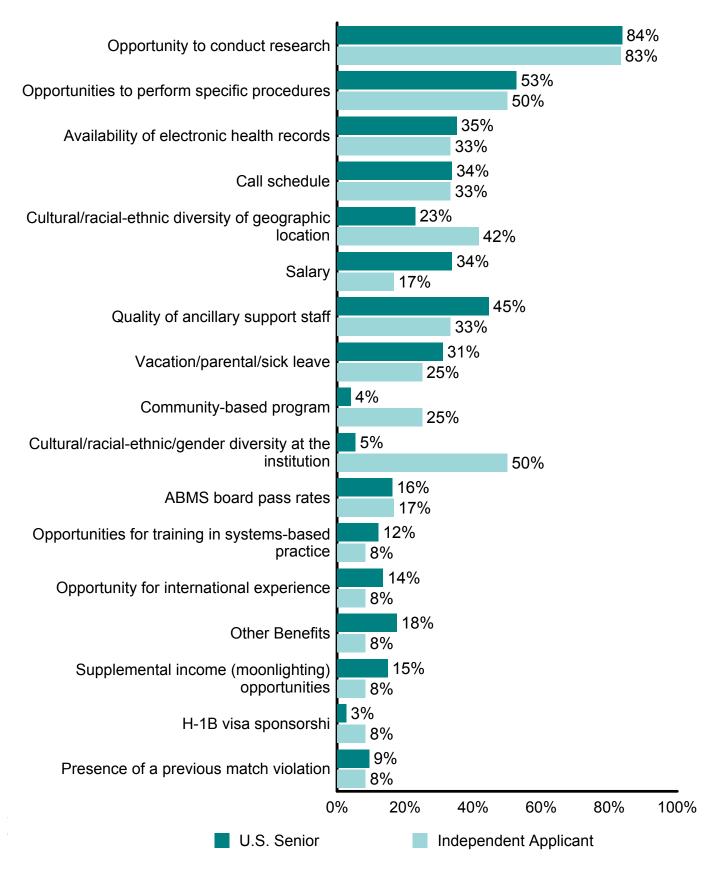
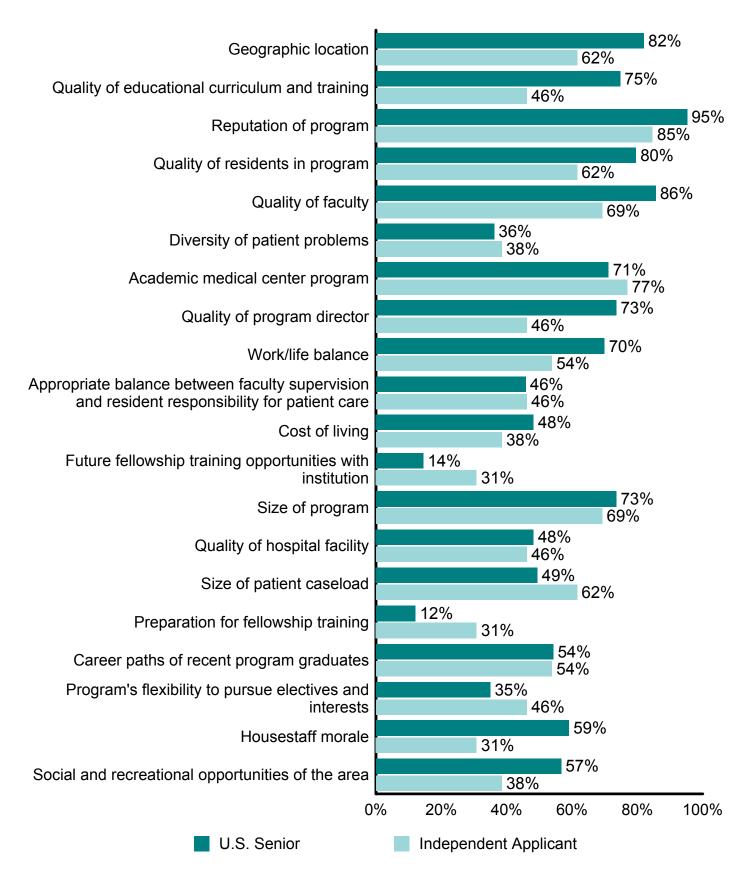


Figure RD-2 Radiation Oncology Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



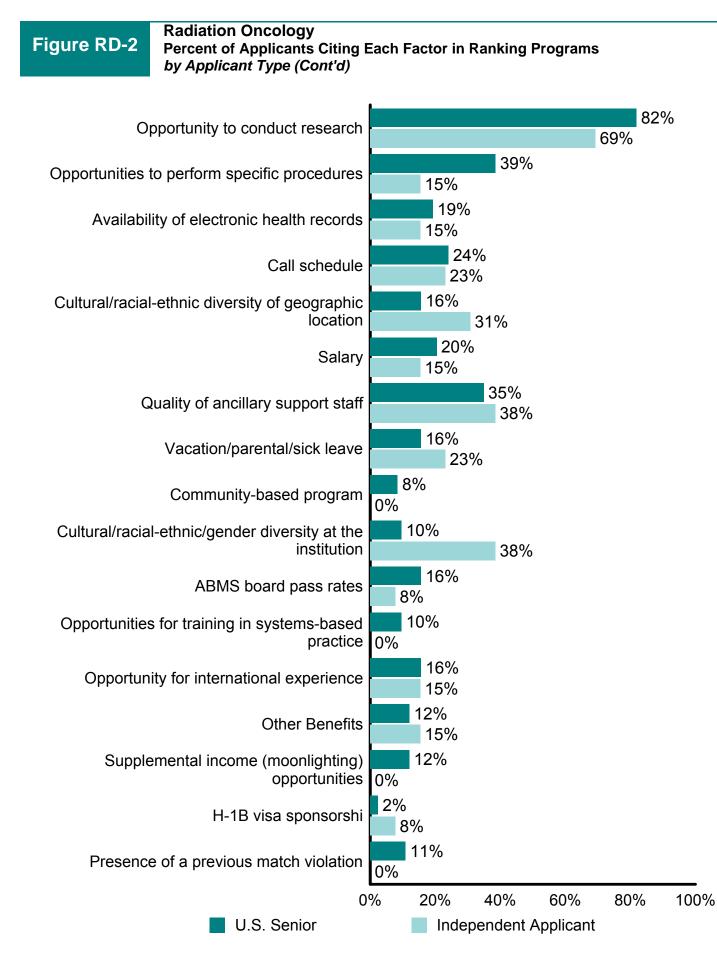
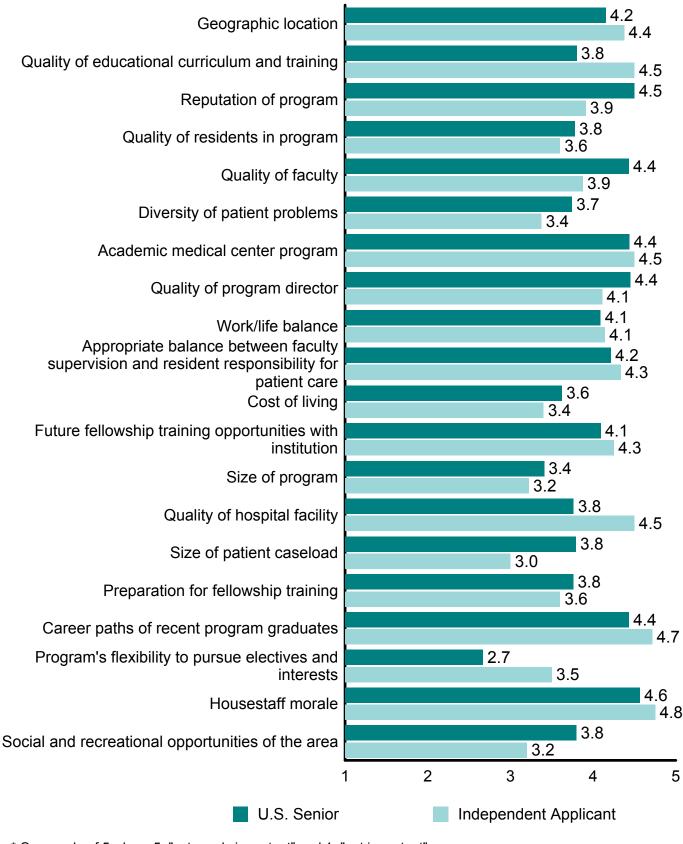
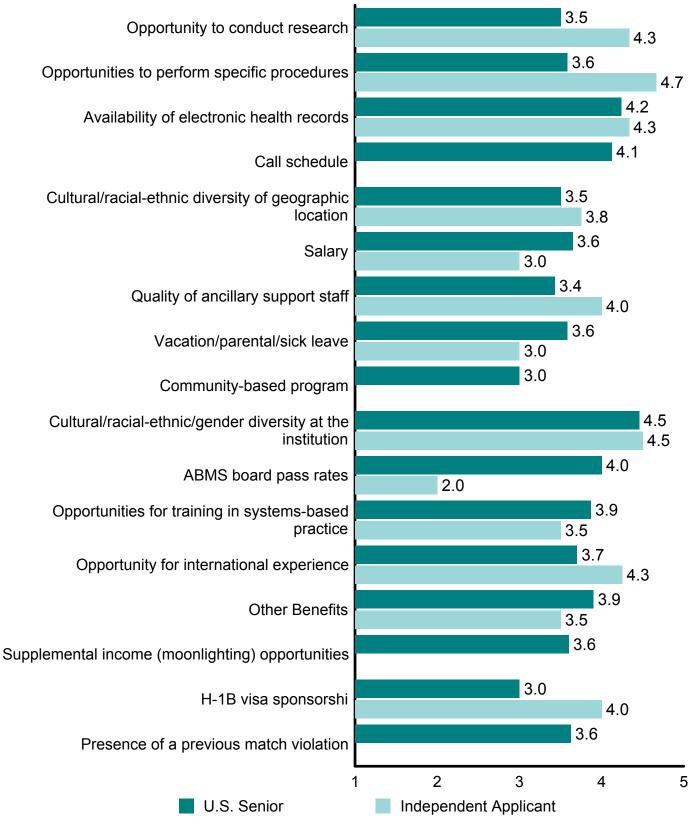


Figure RD-3 Radiation Oncology Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



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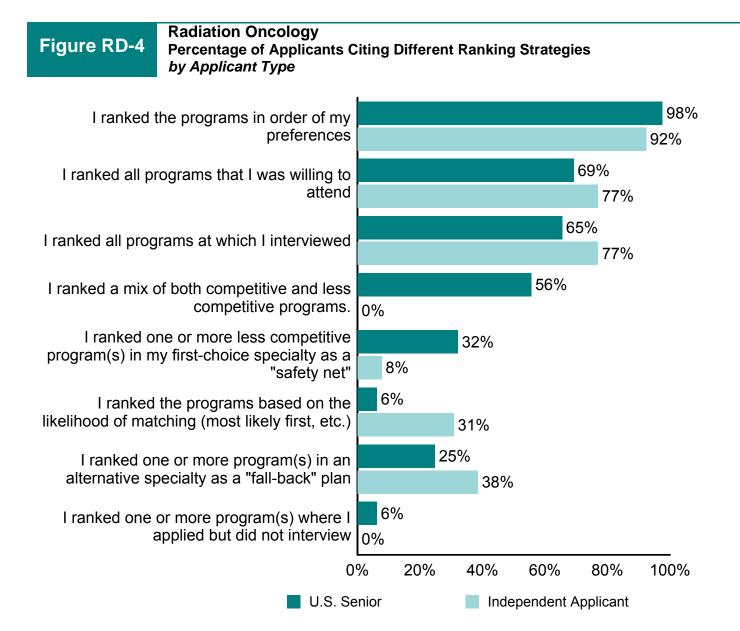
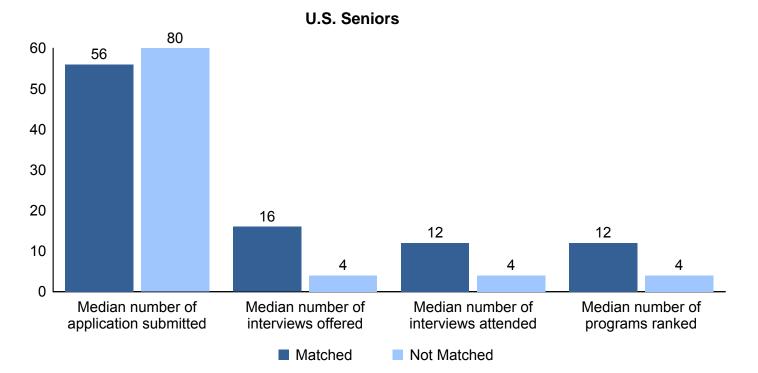
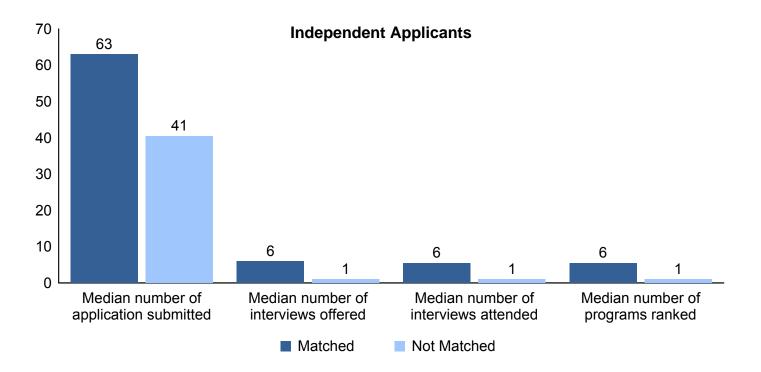


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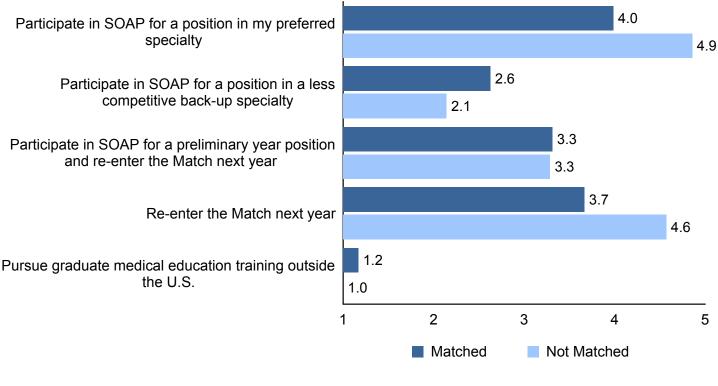




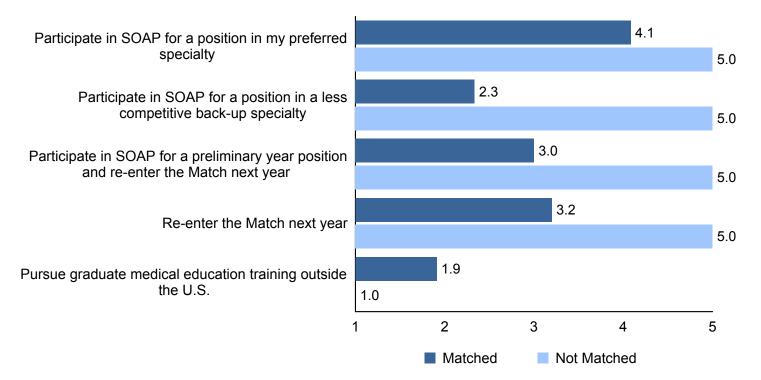
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Figure RD-6 Radiation Oncology Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Radiology-Diagnostic

Figure RO-1 Radiology-Diagnostic Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

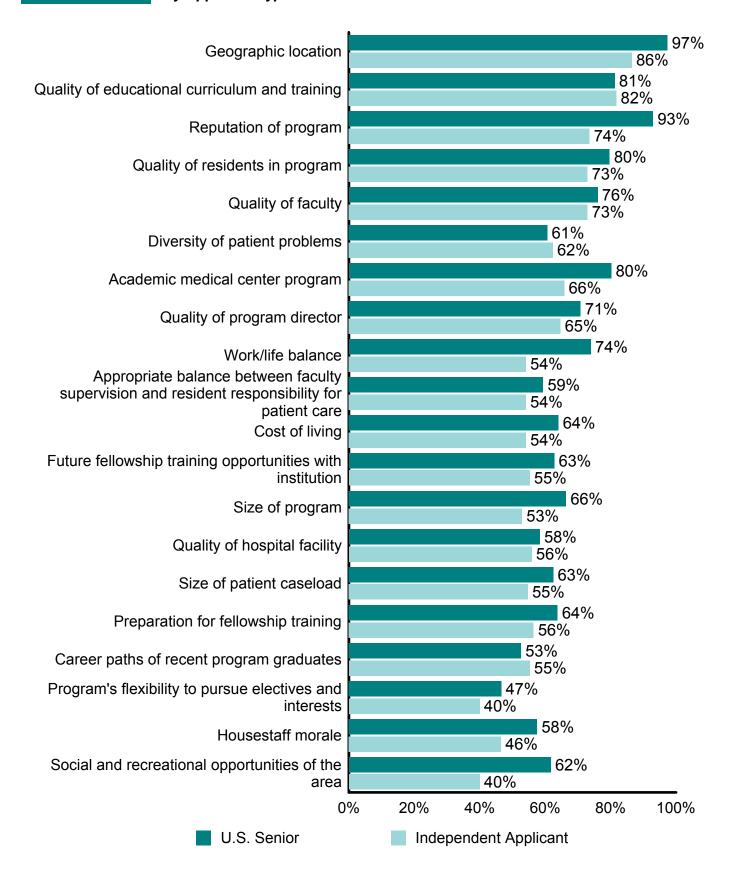


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Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply
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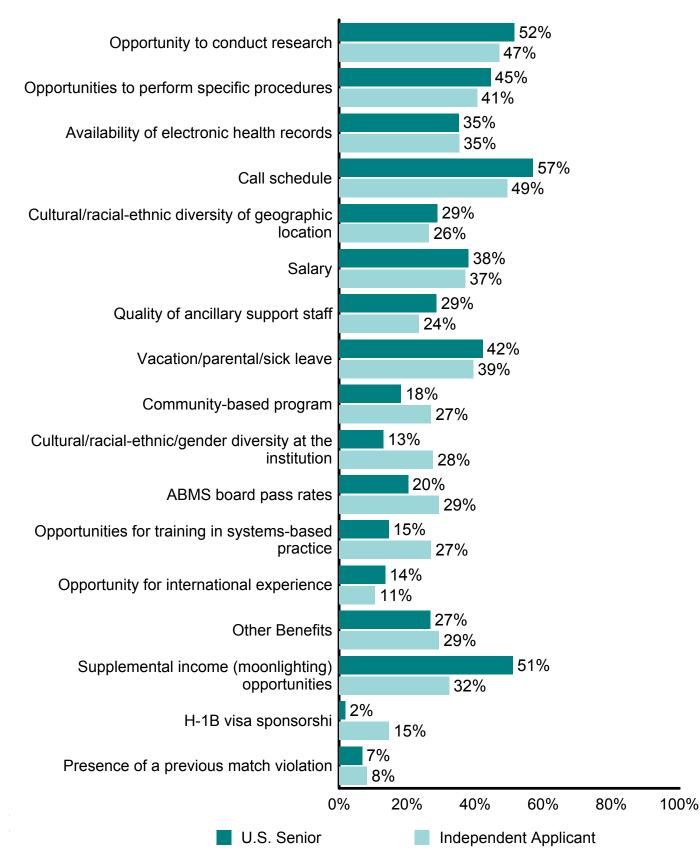
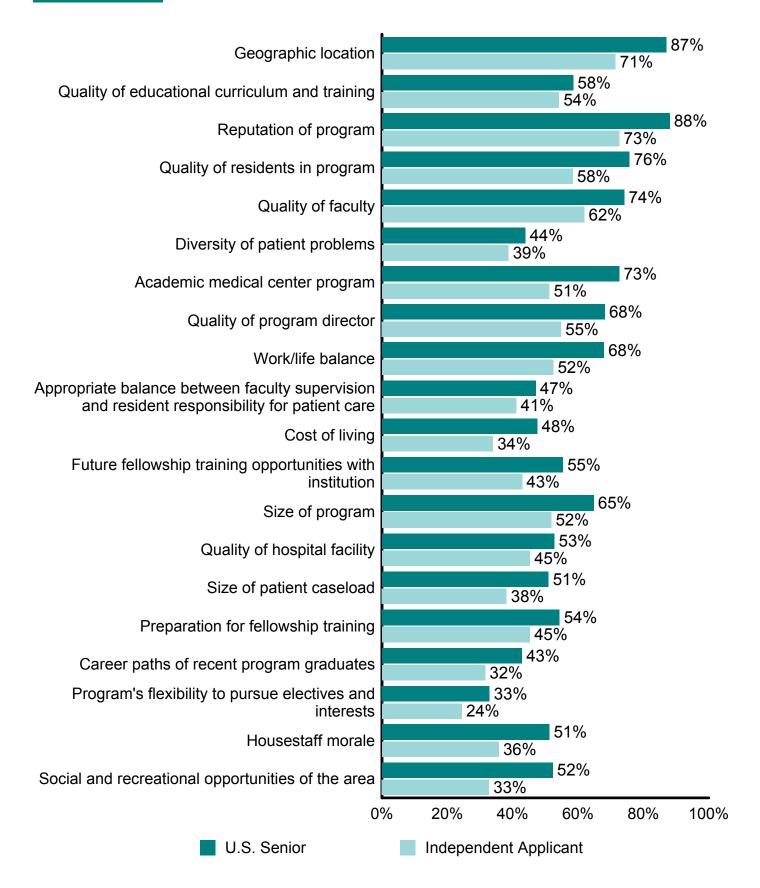
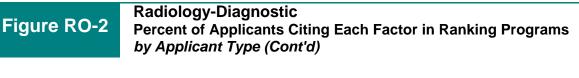


Figure RO-2Radiology-Diagnostic
Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs





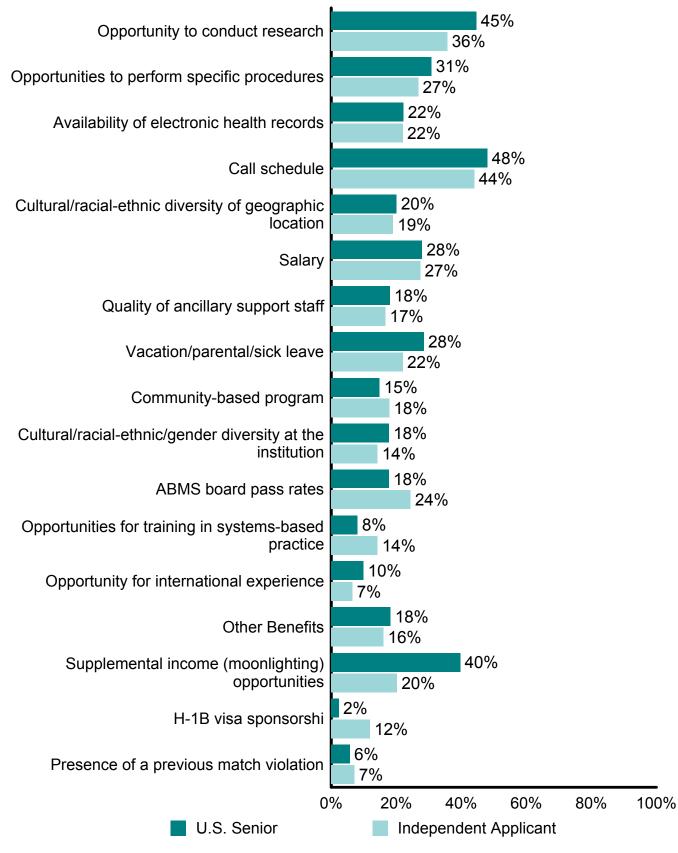
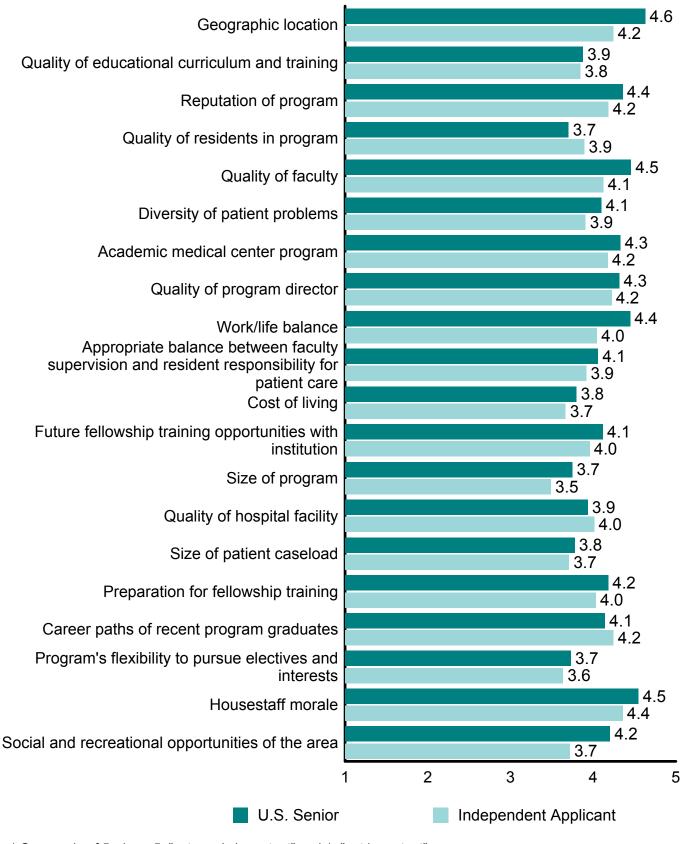
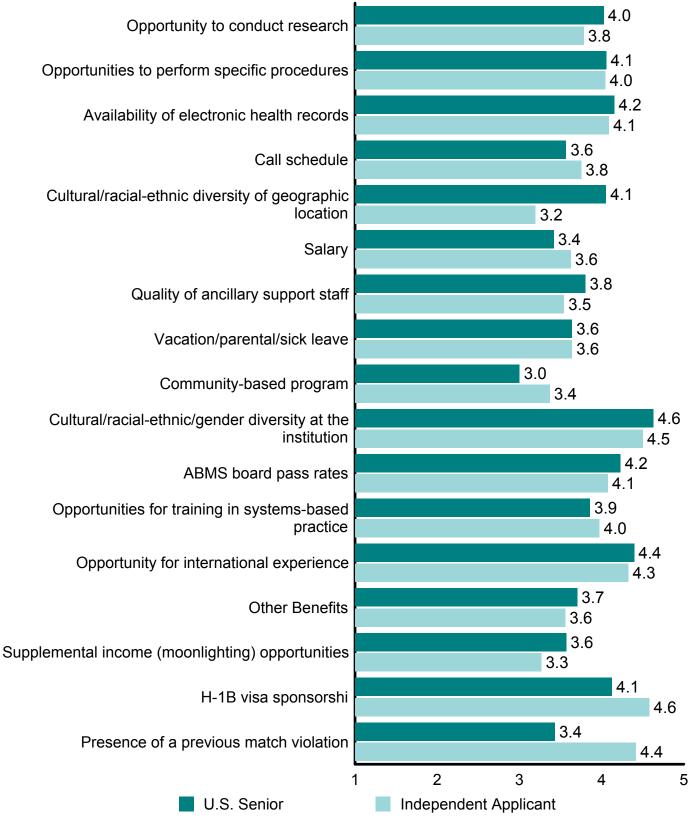


Figure RO-3 Radiology-Diagnostic Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



* On a scale of 5 where 5="extremely important" and 1="not important"

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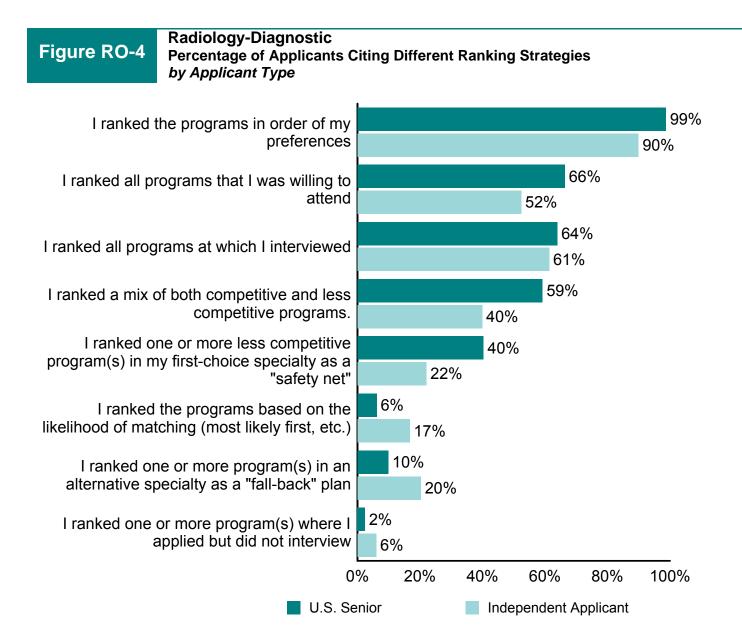
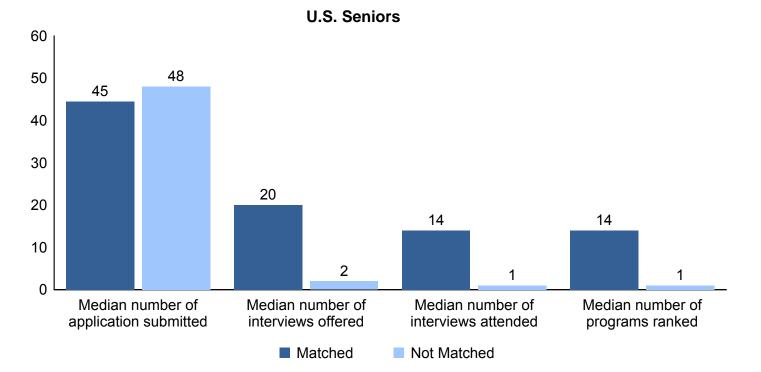
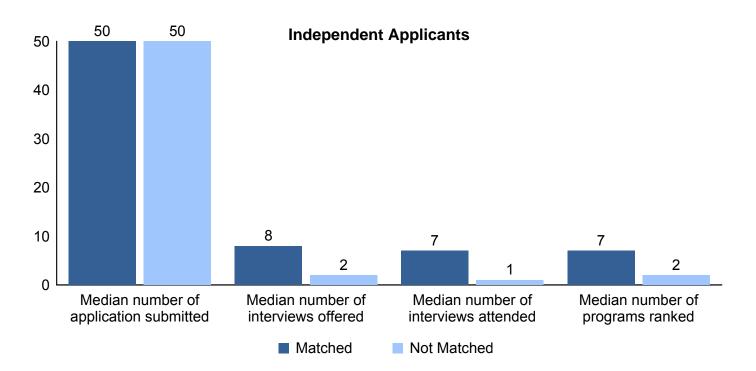


Figure RO-5 Radiology-Diagnostic Percentage of Applicants Citing Different Ranking Strategies by Applicant Type

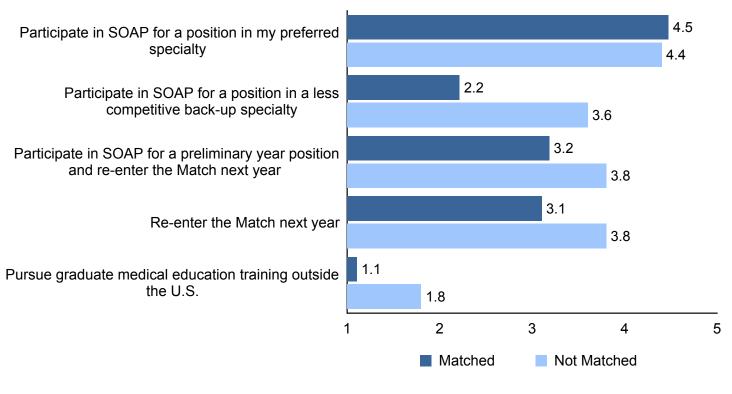




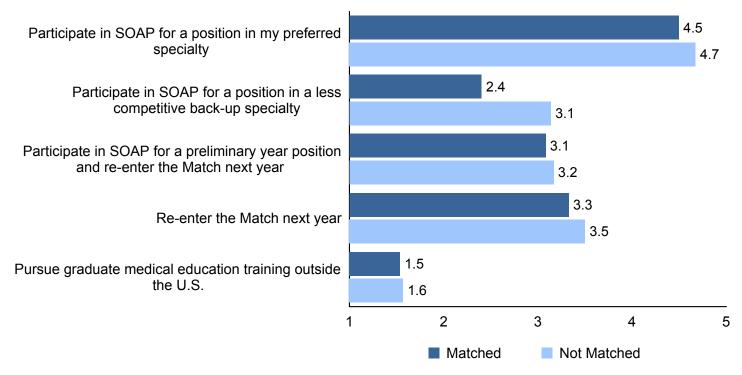
*Match outcome is based on preferred specialty (i.e., specialty listed first on rank order list of programs).

Figure RO-6 Radiology-Diagnostic Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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Surgery-General

Figure SG-1 Surgery-General Percent of Applica

Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type

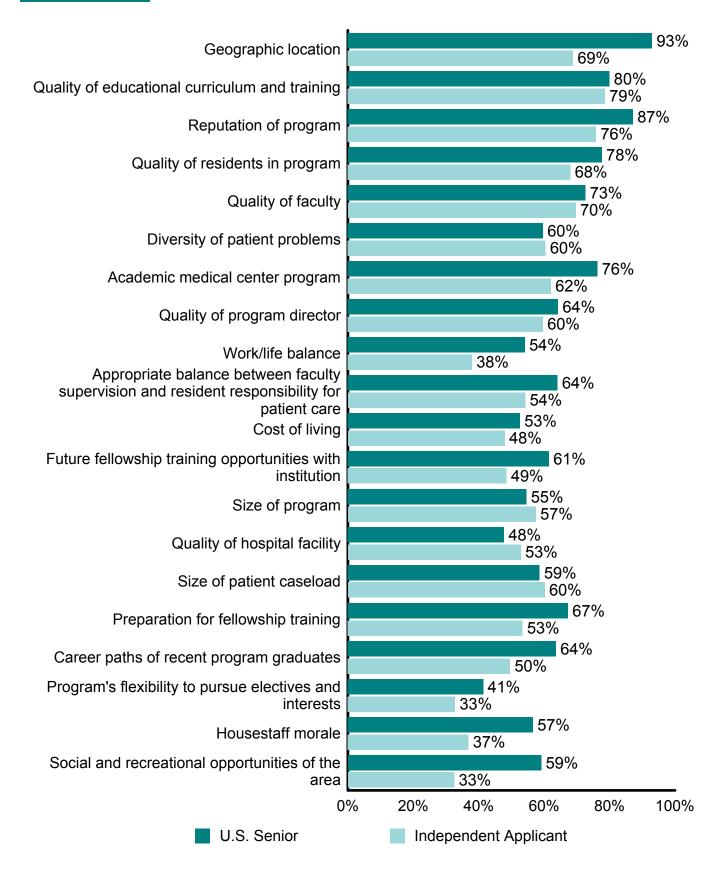


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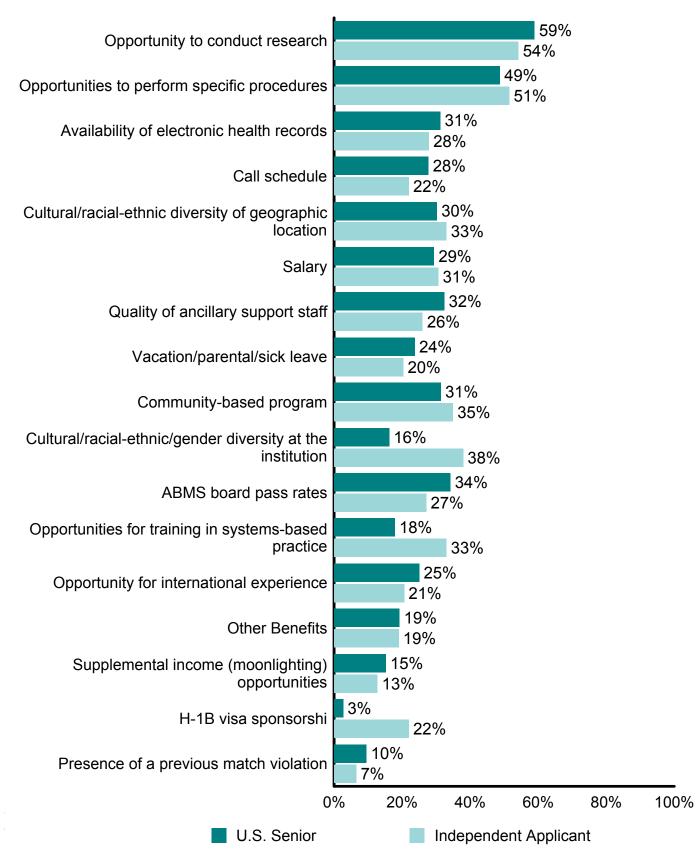
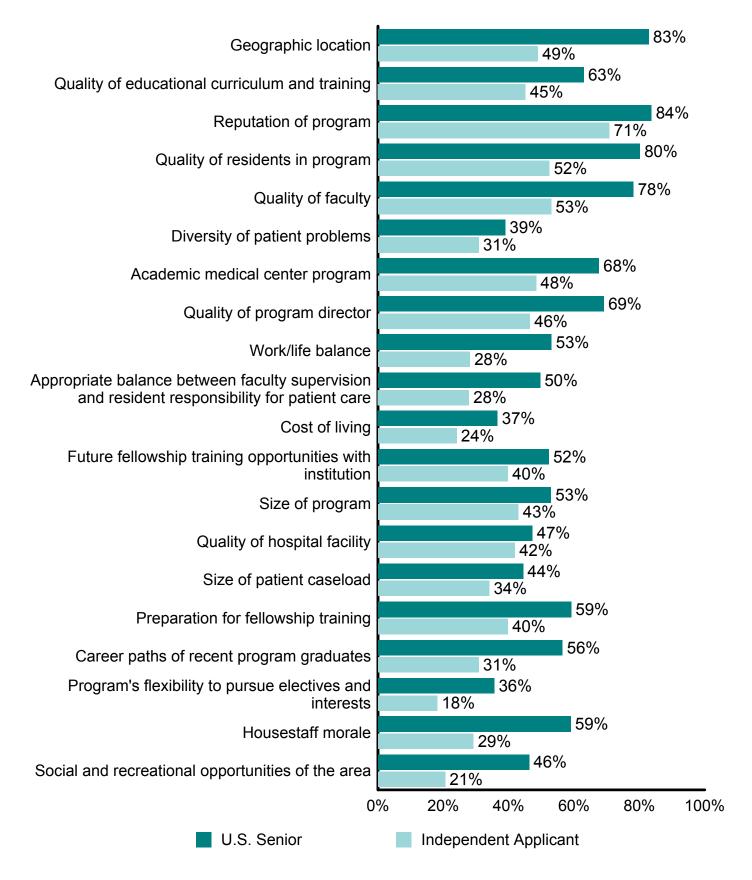


Figure SG-2 Surgery-General Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



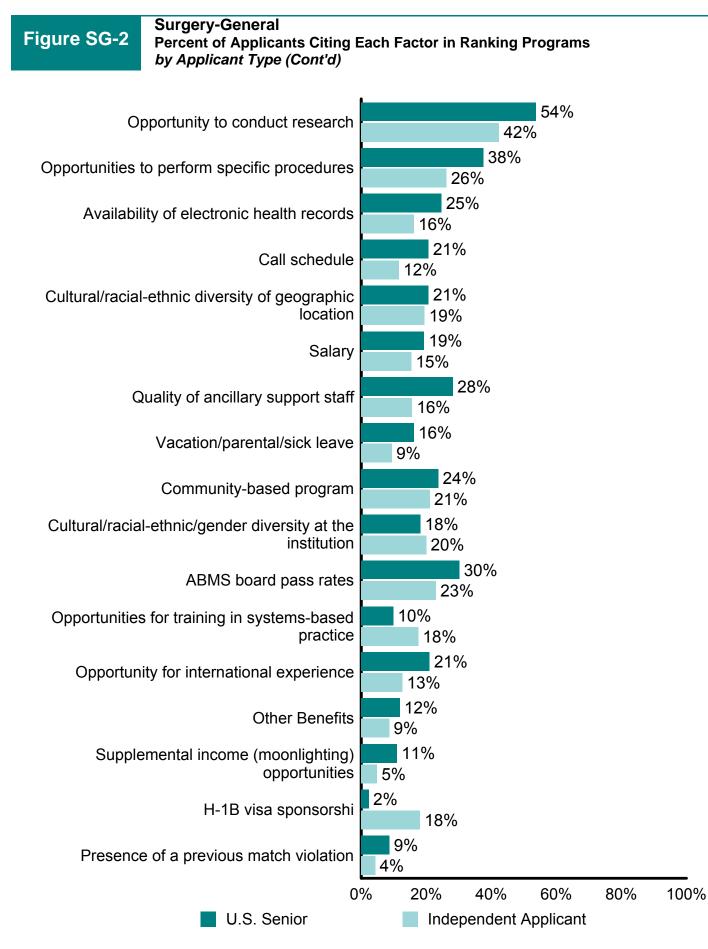
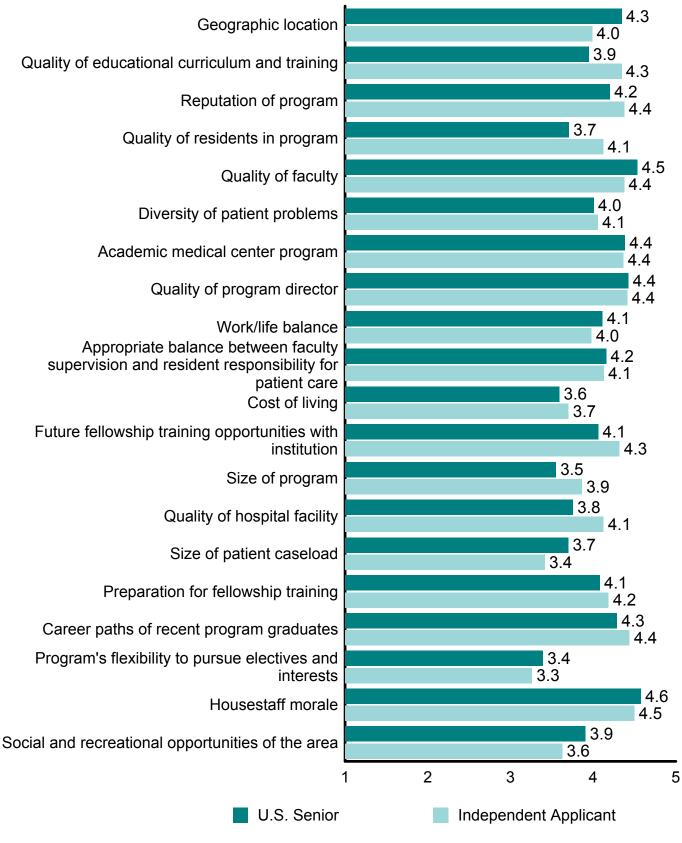
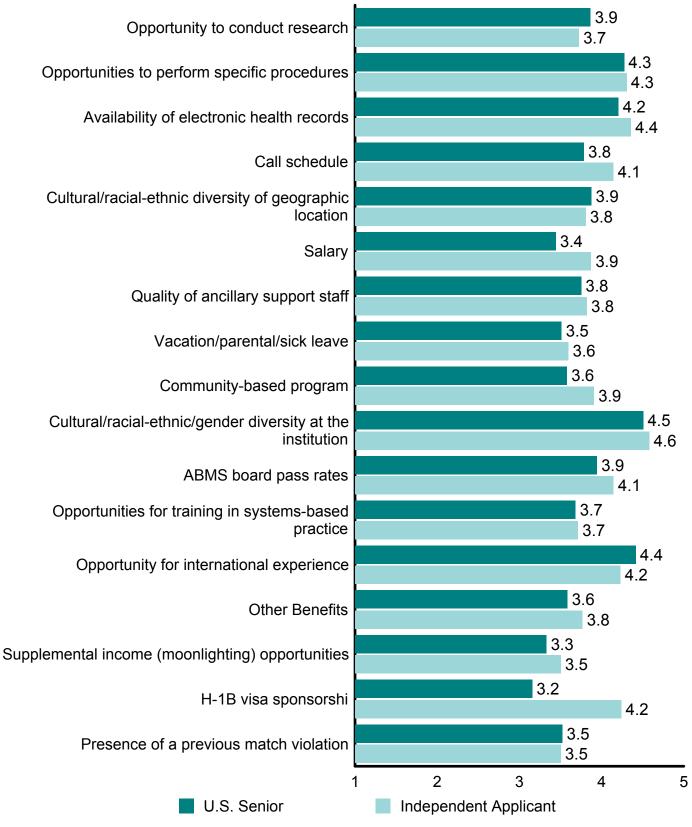


Figure SG-3 Surgery-General Average Rating of Factors Used in Ranking Programs* by Applicant Type



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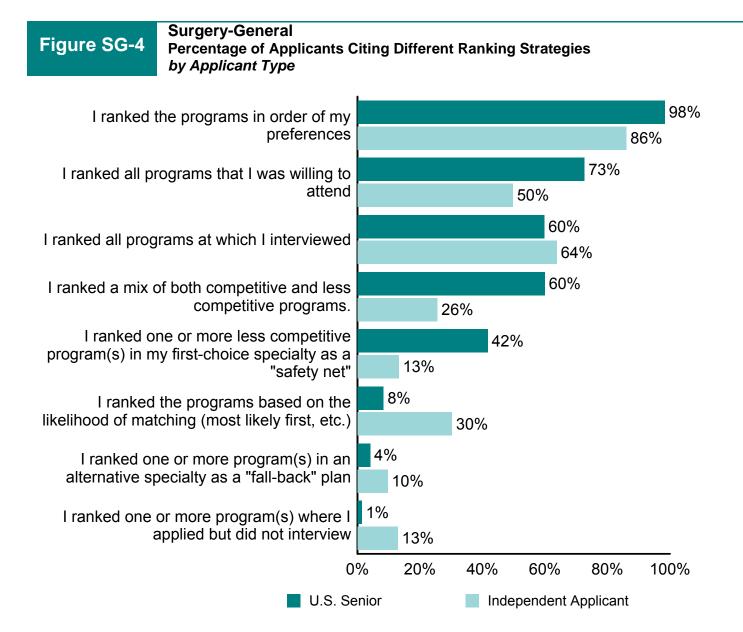
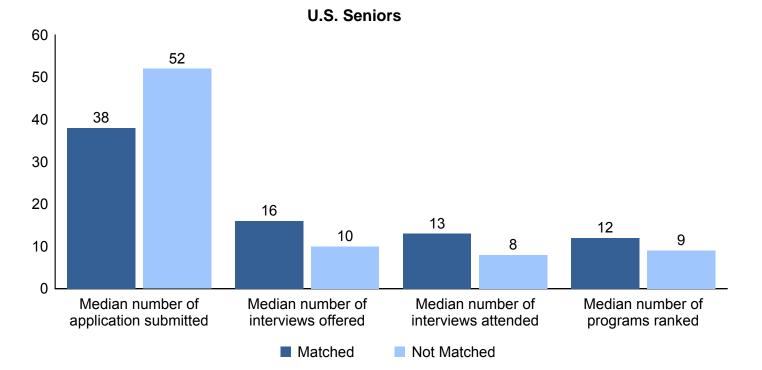
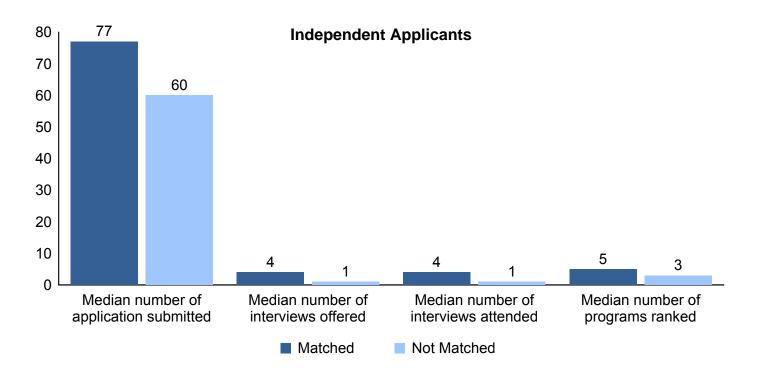


Figure SG-5 Surgery-General Percentage of Applicants Citing Different Ranking Strategies by Applicant Type

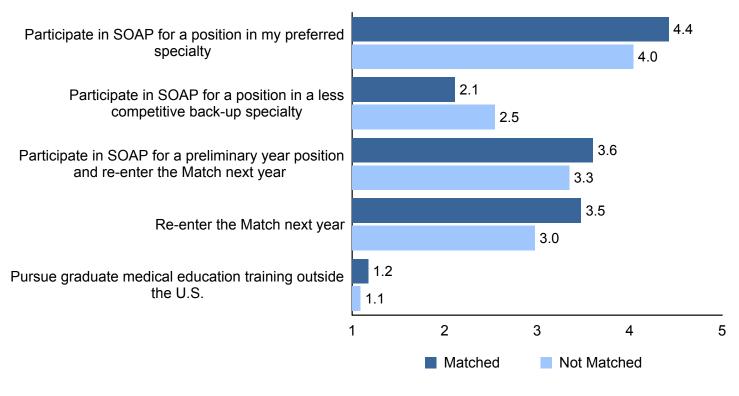




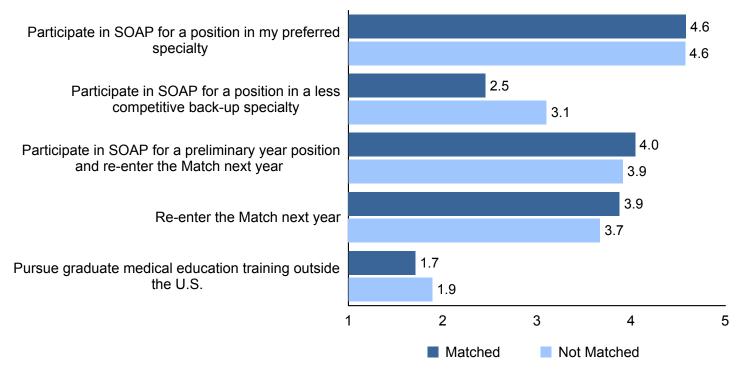
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Figure SG-6 Surgery-General Likelihood to Pursue a Strategy If Applicant Did Not Match* By Applicant Type and Match Outcome*

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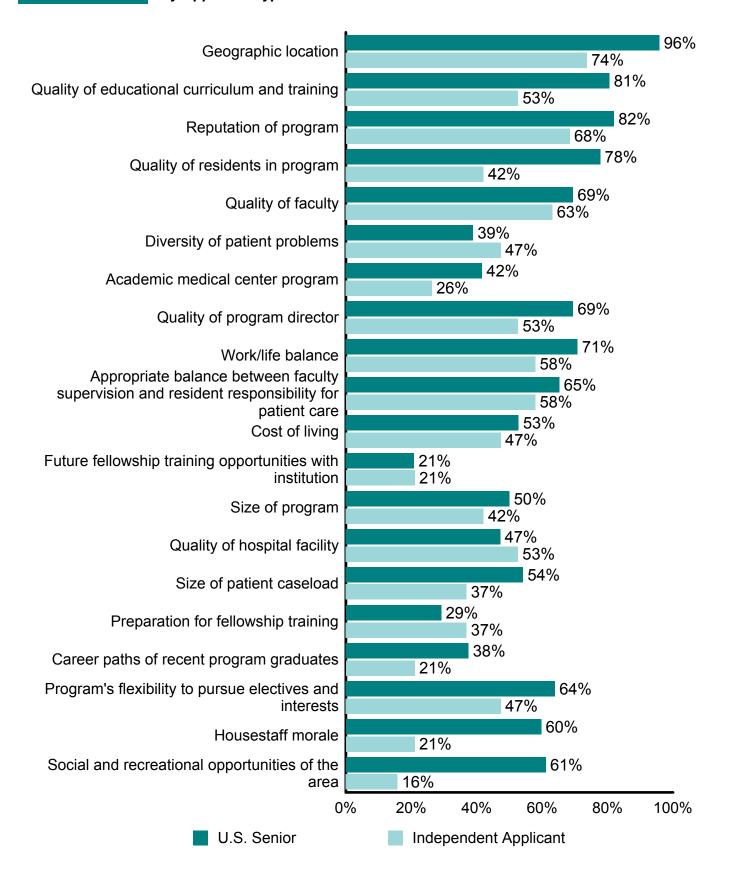
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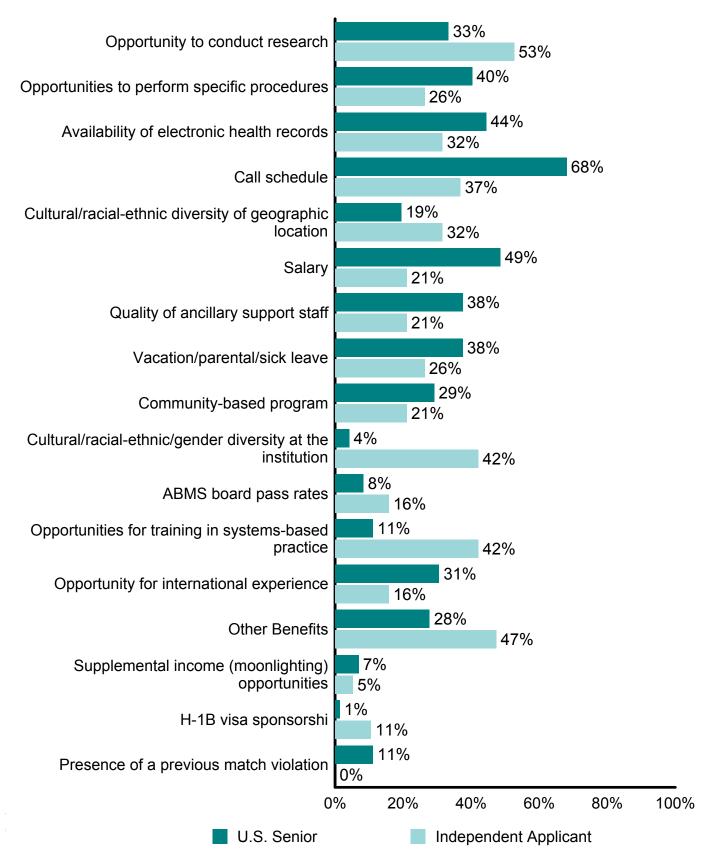
Transitional Year

Figure TR-1 Transitional Year Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type



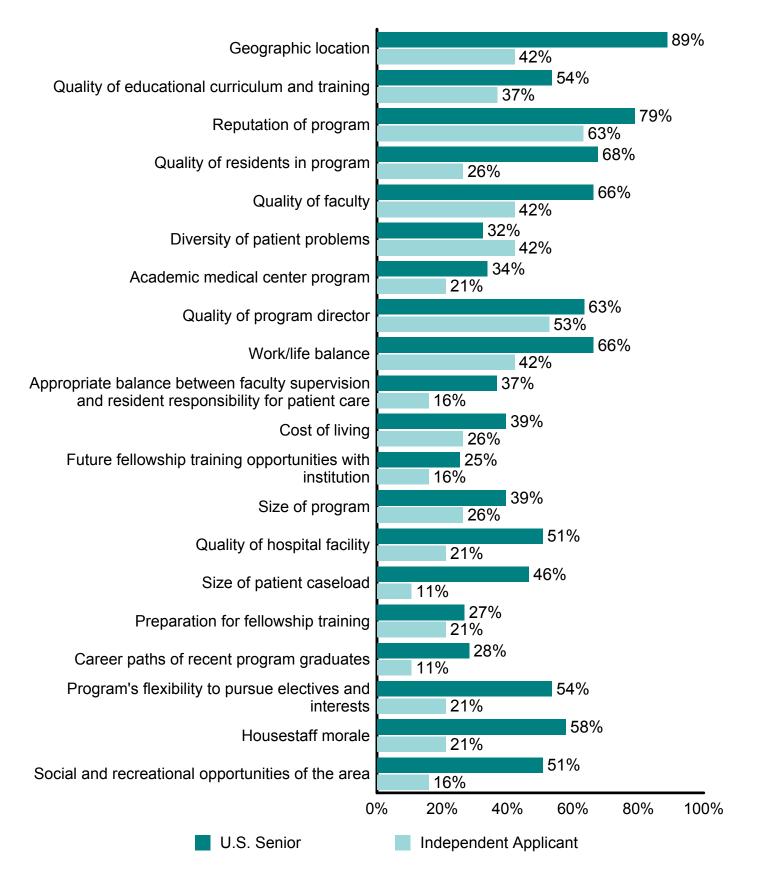
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Figure TR-1 Transitional Year Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Selecting Program to Apply by Applicant Type (Cont'd)



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Figure TR-2 Transitional Year Percent of Applicants Citing Each Factor in Ranking Programs



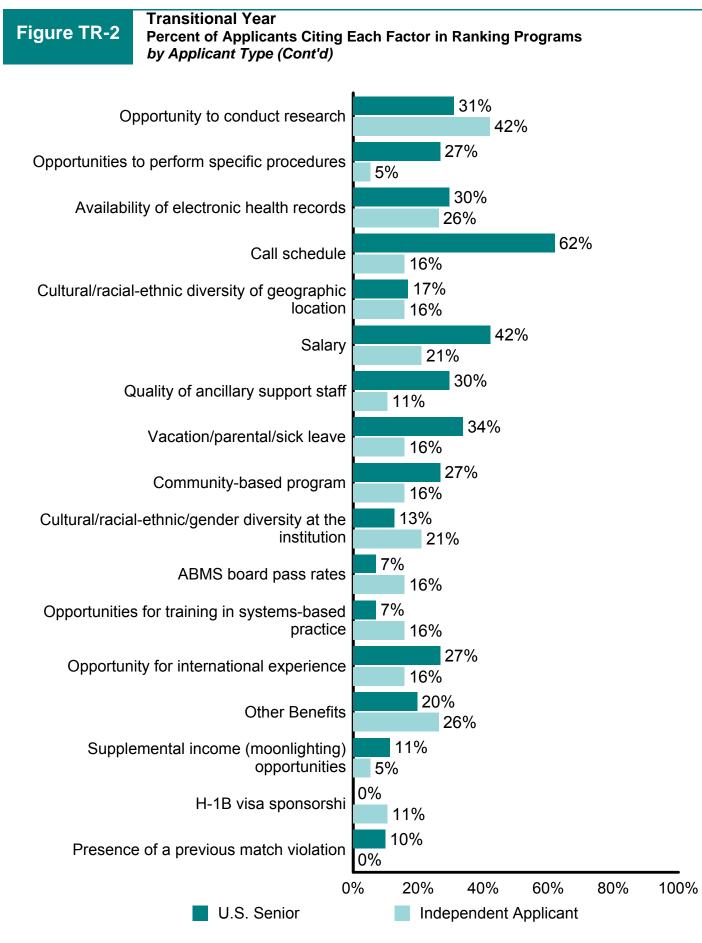
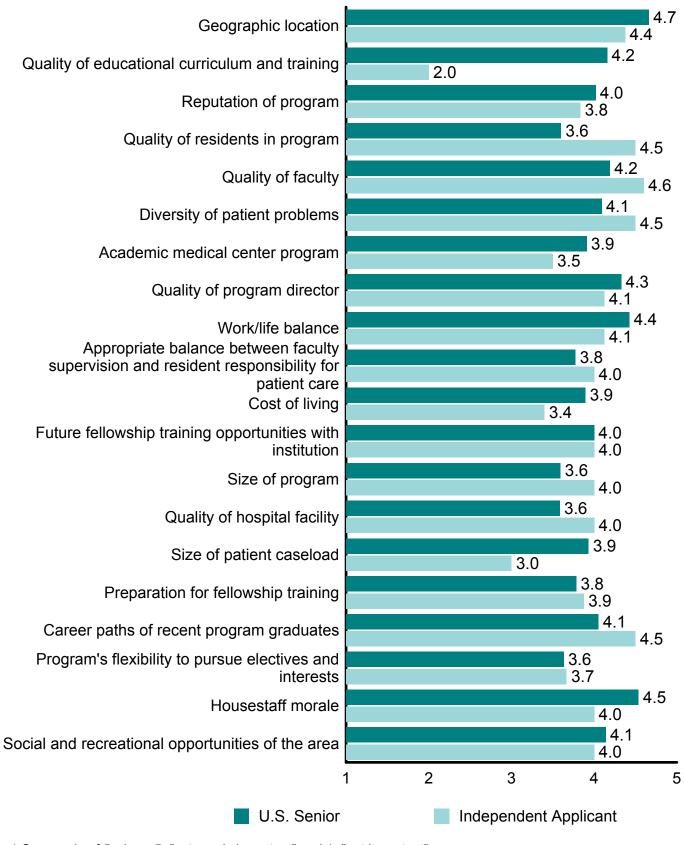
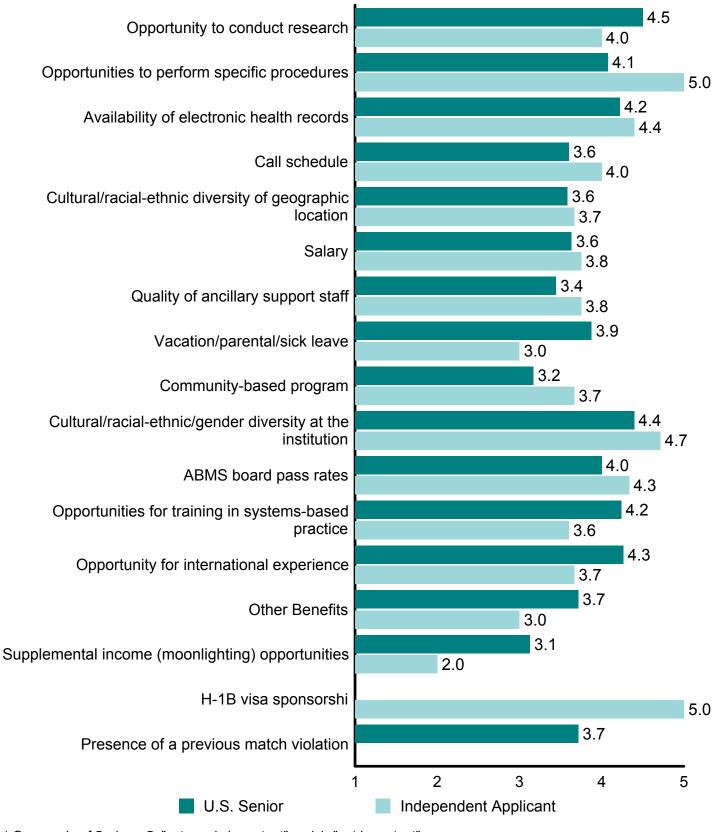


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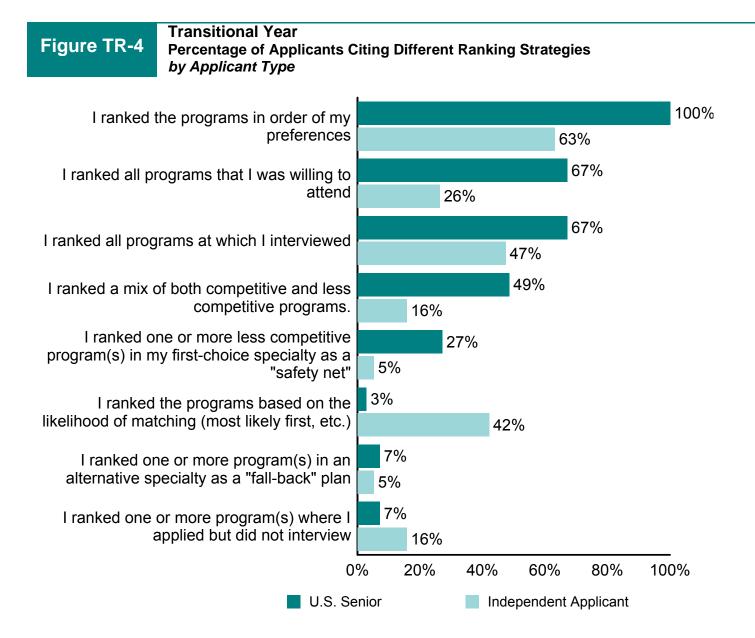


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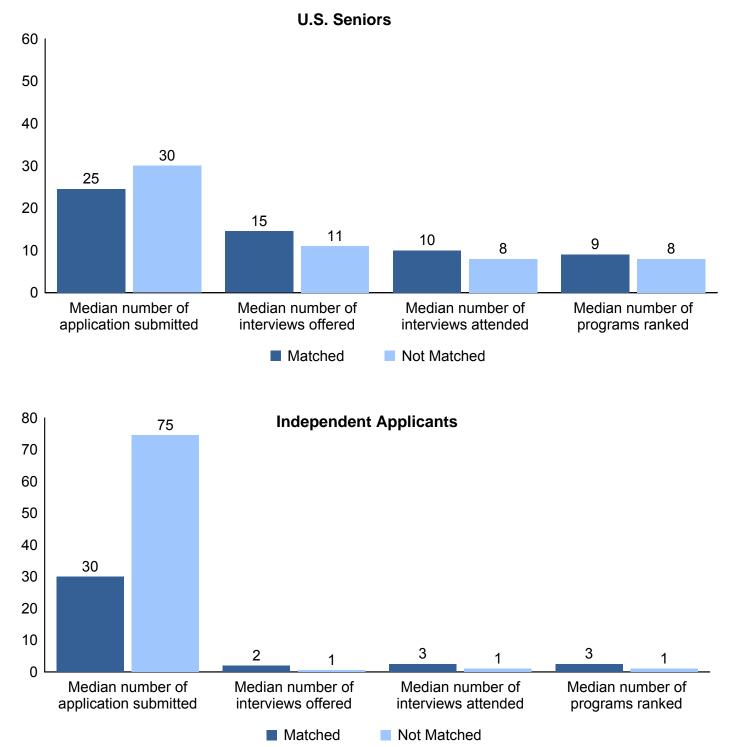
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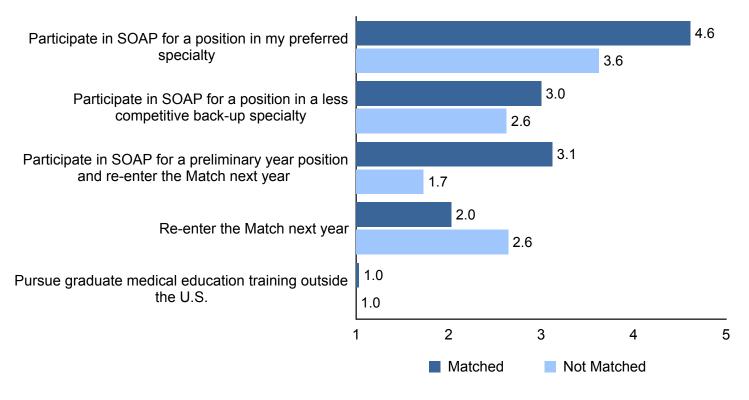




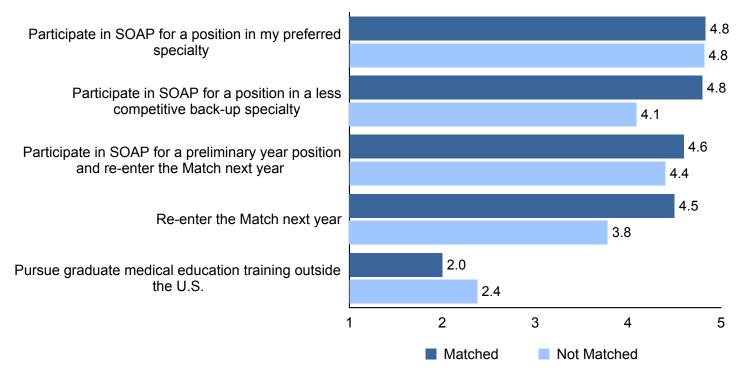
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