



Navigating Match Week and SOAP® for Medical Schools

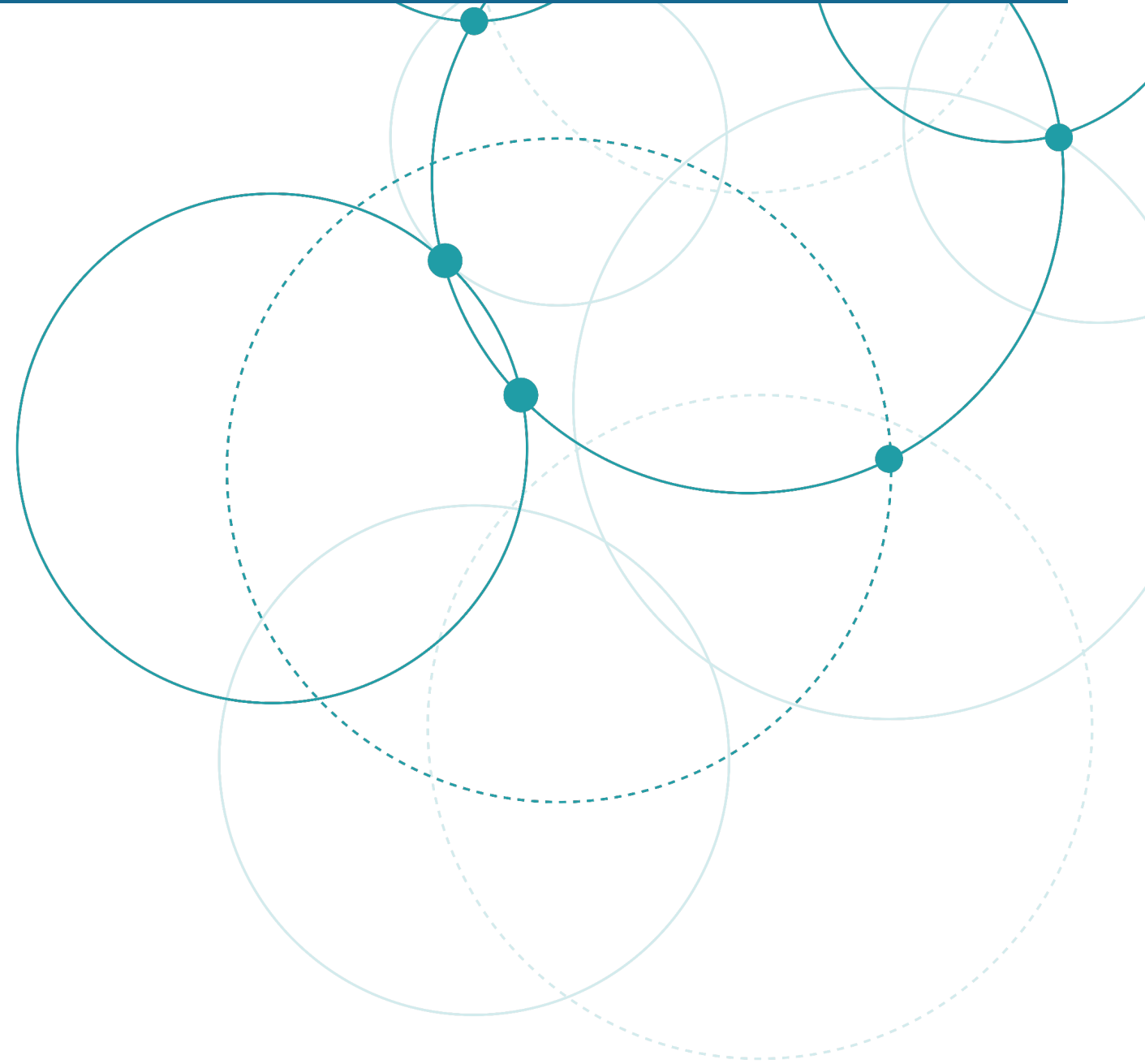
2025 Main Residency Match®

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What's New in the 2025 Main Residency Match®

New application service providers

Applicants may need to complete additional applications for SOAP

Each application service will display ALL the unfilled programs using that service for SOAP



2025 Main Residency Match Calendar

Friday, January 31
11:59 P.M. ET

Standard Registration Deadline for Applicants. \$50 additional fee for late registration after January 31.

Monday, February 3
12:00 P.M. ET

Ranking Opens for applicants and programs
Schools can begin verifying eligibility

Wednesday, March 5
9:00 P.M. ET

Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline for applicants and programs
Eligibility verification deadline for schools

March 17 - 21

Match Week and SOAP



Applicant Participation

The Rank Order List Certification Deadline and the deadline for your students and graduates to register for the Match and SOAP:

Wednesday, March 5 at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Applicants must:


- Complete the NRMP registration process
- Electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement
- Pay all Match fees
- Certify their rank order list
- Be verified as eligible to enter GME by July 1



What is SOAP?

SOAP is not another Match


Applicants apply to programs using the application service designated by the program



Programs review applications and contact applicants of interest. Programs then create preference lists of applicants in the NRMP's R3 system



Unfilled positions are offered to eligible applicants on the program's preference list in a series of four rounds



Positions offered and accepted constitute a binding commitment under the Match Participation Agreement

Applicant SOAP Eligibility



There is no separate
SOAP registration

Applicants must be
registered in the
NRMP by March 5th
to participate in the
Match and SOAP

To participate in SOAP, applicants must **register** by March 5, be **verified** as eligible to enter GME on July 1, and be fully or partially **unmatched**

- How an applicant is verified depends on applicant type:
 - ✓ The ECFMG® verifies credentials of IMGs
 - ✓ Medical Schools verify eligibility for US MD and DO Seniors and Graduates
- Either the school or the NRMP withdraws applicants whose credentials are not verified by the Rank Order List (ROL) Deadline

2025 Match Week & SOAP Schedule

Monday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Medical school *Unmatched Applicants* report available (embargoed until 10:00 am ET)

10:00 a.m. **SOAP Begins**

Applicants learn if they matched

SOAP-eligible applicants have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs* in the NRMP R3 system

Programs learn if they filled

SOAP Begins



Applicants learn if they matched on Monday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. ET via NRMP's R3 system and courtesy email



Partially-unmatched applicants and couple applicants whose partner did not match will have the city, state, and zip code of their matched program provided in the R3 system



Unmatched or partially unmatched applicants will have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs* under the SOAP tab in **NRMP**

The *List* includes the application service being used by the program



Applicants can begin applying to programs in the application service designated by the program at 11:00 a.m. ET

SOAP Unfilled Programs List

The screenshot shows the The Match NRMP website interface. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the 'THE MATCH' logo on the left. To the right of the logo are icons for information, notifications, and a home button. Further right are links for 'Home', 'Options', 'ROL', and 'SOAP'. The 'SOAP' link is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to its dropdown menu, which contains 'Unfilled Programs' and 'Offers'. To the right of the navigation bar is the user's name, 'Imani Sekibo'. Below the navigation bar is a green banner with the text 'United States - Registration, Ranking, and Results ©(R3 ©)'. The main content area has a dark green header 'Match Home Page'. Below this is a light blue box containing applicant information. On the left, it lists 'Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School', 'Username: isekibo', 'NRMP ID: N0478930', 'AAMC ID: 23424542', and 'USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5'. On the right, it lists 'Applicant Status: CERTIFIED', 'Fee Status: PAID', 'Verification Status: VERIFIED', and 'SOAP Status: SOAP ELIGIBLE'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'Match Results: We are sorry, you did not match to any position.'

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Match Home Page

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School

Username: isekibo
NRMP ID: N0478930
AAMC ID: 23424542
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Applicant Status: **CERTIFIED**
Fee Status: **PAID**
Verification Status: **VERIFIED** ?
SOAP Status: **SOAP ELIGIBLE**

Match Results: We are sorry, you did not match to any position.

SOAP Unfilled Programs List

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Specialty	Unfilled Programs	Unfilled Positions	Specialty	Unfilled Programs	Unfilled Positions
Anesthesiology - R	2	4	Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical - C	8	10
Child Neurology - A	1	1	Pediatrics - C	27	80
Child Neurology - C	12	14	Pediatrics - M	1	1
Child Neurology - R	8	8	Pediatrics - P	2	2
Dermatology - A	2	3	Pediatrics/Medical Genetics - C	1	1
Dermatology - C	1	2	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - A	1	2
Dermatology - R	3	3	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation - R	2	6
Emergency Medicine - C	67	217	Psychiatry - C	9	14
Family Medicine - C	176	468	Radiation Oncology - A	20	26
Internal Medicine - C	88	451	Radiation Oncology - C	1	1
Internal Medicine - M	3	10	Radiation Oncology - R	2	2
Internal Medicine - P	46	140	Radiology-Diagnostic - A	1	1
Neurology - C	7	11	Radiology-Diagnostic - C	1	1
Neurology - R	5	5	Radiology-Diagnostic - R	1	1
Obstetrics and Gynecology - C	3	4	Surgery-General - C	3	3
Obstetrics and Gynecology - P	7	10	Surgery-General - P	145	537
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine - C	2	3	Transitional Year - P	44	218
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine - R	1	2			

35 specialties found.
 Unfilled Programs: 703
 Unfilled Positions: 2262

Types of Programs in the Match

Categorical	C	Training that is 3-7 years in length, begins in the PGY-1 year, and leads to specialty board certification.
Primary Care Categorical	M	Categorical programs in primary care offered by some <u>Internal Medicine</u> and <u>Pediatrics</u> programs.
Preliminary	P	Training that is one year in length in transitional, medicine, surgery, or other specialty programs and provides the prerequisite training for advanced programs.
Advanced	A	Training that is 3-4 years in length in specialty programs that begin after one or more years of preliminary training. Advanced positions in the 2025 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2026.
Reserved-Physician	R	Training in specialty programs reserved for physicians with prior graduate medical education and who can enter advanced training in the year of the Match. Reserved-Physician positions in the 2025 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2025.

Communication During SOAP

SOAP-eligible applicants:

- Can access the *List of Unfilled Programs* in NRMP. The *List* will show only programs for which the applicant is eligible based on their matched status
- Are prohibited from using any means other than the application designated by the program to apply to and contact programs
- Can apply only to unfilled Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP



Other than submitting the application, applicants (or their representatives) cannot contact programs until the program initiates contact

SOAP Participation Exception

Fully unmatched SOAP-eligible applicants who want to pursue interests other than clinical residency training may do so provided:

- the position sought is not affiliated with a Match- or SOAP-participating residency program;
- the position does not qualify for training credit in an ACGME-accredited residency program; and
- the applicant does not submit any applications to SOAP-participating programs during Match Week.

Application Services

NRMP and the application services are separate organizations with separate systems

- AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®), providing application services for programs in every Match-participating specialty besides Plastic Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Central Application, providing application services for programs in Plastic Surgery
- ResidencyCAS, providing application services for programs in Obstetrics and Gynecology



Application Services (cont.)

All application services will adhere to the same schedule, number of applications, and costs

- 45 applications to use in each application service for the duration of SOAP
 - Not all services may have 45 unfilled programs during SOAP
- No additional fees to apply during SOAP if the applicant applied to at least one program using that application service for the 2025 season, prior to the start of SOAP

If the applicant did not use a specific application service during the regular season:

- \$99 fee to apply during SOAP

NRMP does not manage the application process for the Match or SOAP

2025 Match Week & SOAP Schedule

Monday, March 17

11:00 a.m. SOAP applicants can start preparing and sending applications via the application designated by the program

Tuesday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Programs can begin viewing SOAP applications and can contact/interview applicants upon receipt of an application

Applying to Unfilled Programs

SOAP-eligible applicants can view the *List of Unfilled Programs* in the NRMP's R3 system and then apply for unfilled positions for which they are eligible

Each application service will display **ALL** the unfilled programs using that service for SOAP

- Example: An applicant who matched to an advanced Radiology program is only eligible to apply to and accept preliminary positions during SOAP. The applicant will be able to see all unfilled Radiology programs in ERAS.



Applicants are responsible for ensuring they apply only to positions for which they are eligible, as shown on the *List of Unfilled Programs*.

Applicants can apply to:

- Different specialties than they previously applied
- Unfilled program(s) to which they previously applied

Advising Applicants

Students at risk of going unmatched who have applied during the regular season only through Central Application or ResidencyCAS should:

- Complete an ERAS application in advance of SOAP if they intend to apply to unfilled positions in other specialties

Students at risk of going unmatched who have applied during the regular season only through ERAS should:

- Complete a ResidencyCAS application in advance of SOAP if they intend to apply to any unfilled positions in Ob/Gyn
- Complete a Central Application in advance of SOAP if they intend to apply to any unfilled positions in Plastic Surgery

After Applying

Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 AM, ET

- Programs can begin reviewing applications and contacting applicants, usually via phone or email
- Applicants (or their representatives) cannot contact programs until a program contacts them in response to their application

Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19

- Applicants should be available for communication and interviews



How programs review applications, contact applicants, and conduct interviews is up to the programs

Offer Rounds Thursday, March 20

Round 1

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

8:55 a.m.

Program Deadline to certify preference list for Round 1 offers

9:00 a.m.

Applicants receive offers

11:00 a.m.

Applicant deadline to accept or reject offers

Round 2

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

11:55 a.m.

Program Deadline to modify and re-certify preference list for Round 2 offers

12:00 p.m.

Applicants receive offers

2:00 p.m.

Applicant deadline to accept or reject offers

Round 3

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

2:55 p.m.

Program Deadline to modify and re-certify preference list for Round 3 offers

3:00 p.m.

Applicants receive offers

5:00 p.m.

Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 3 offers

Round 4

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

5:55 p.m.

Program Deadline to modify and re-certify preference list for Round 4 offers

6:00 p.m.

Applicants receive offers

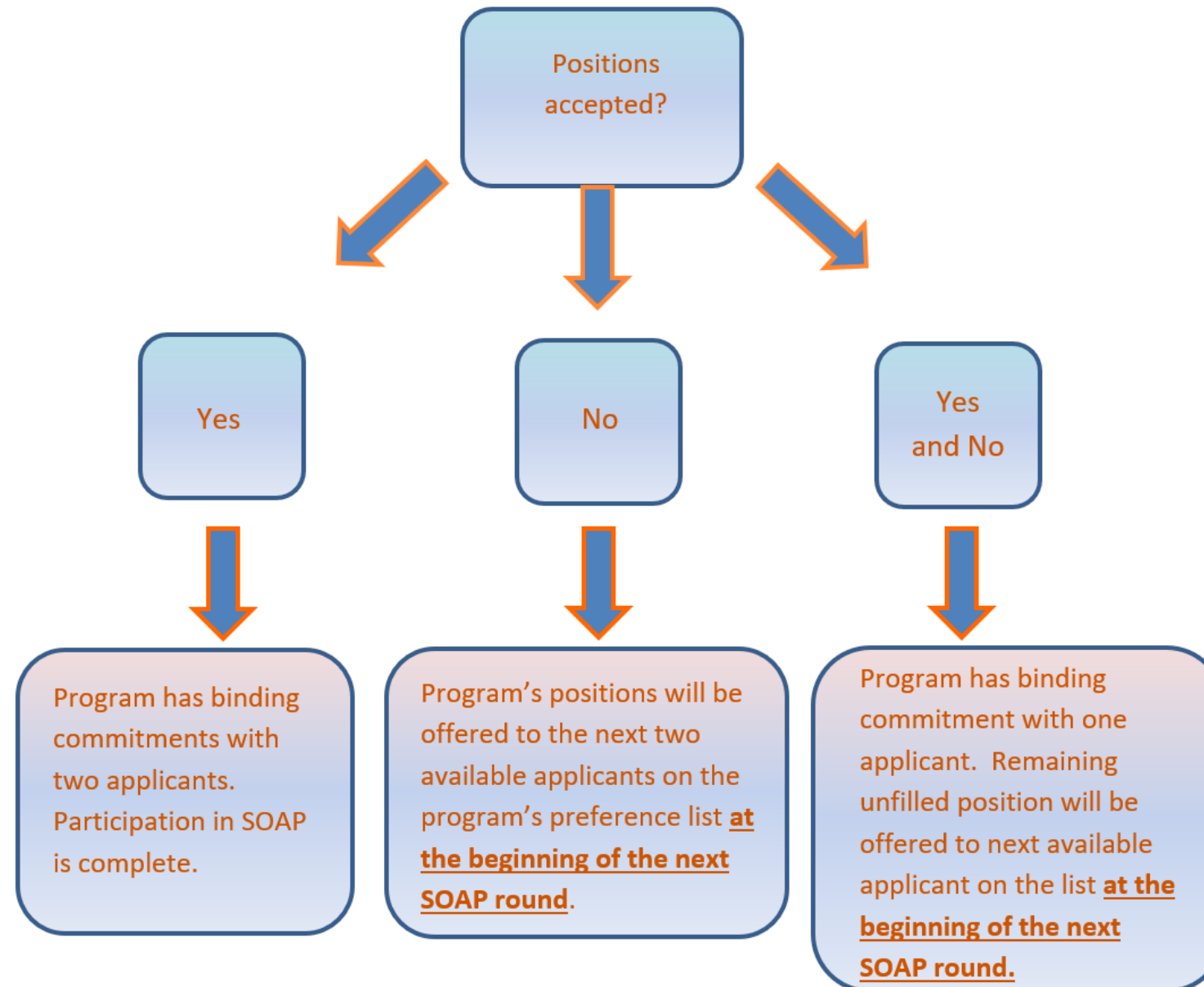
8:00 p.m.

Applicant deadline to accept or reject Round 4 offers

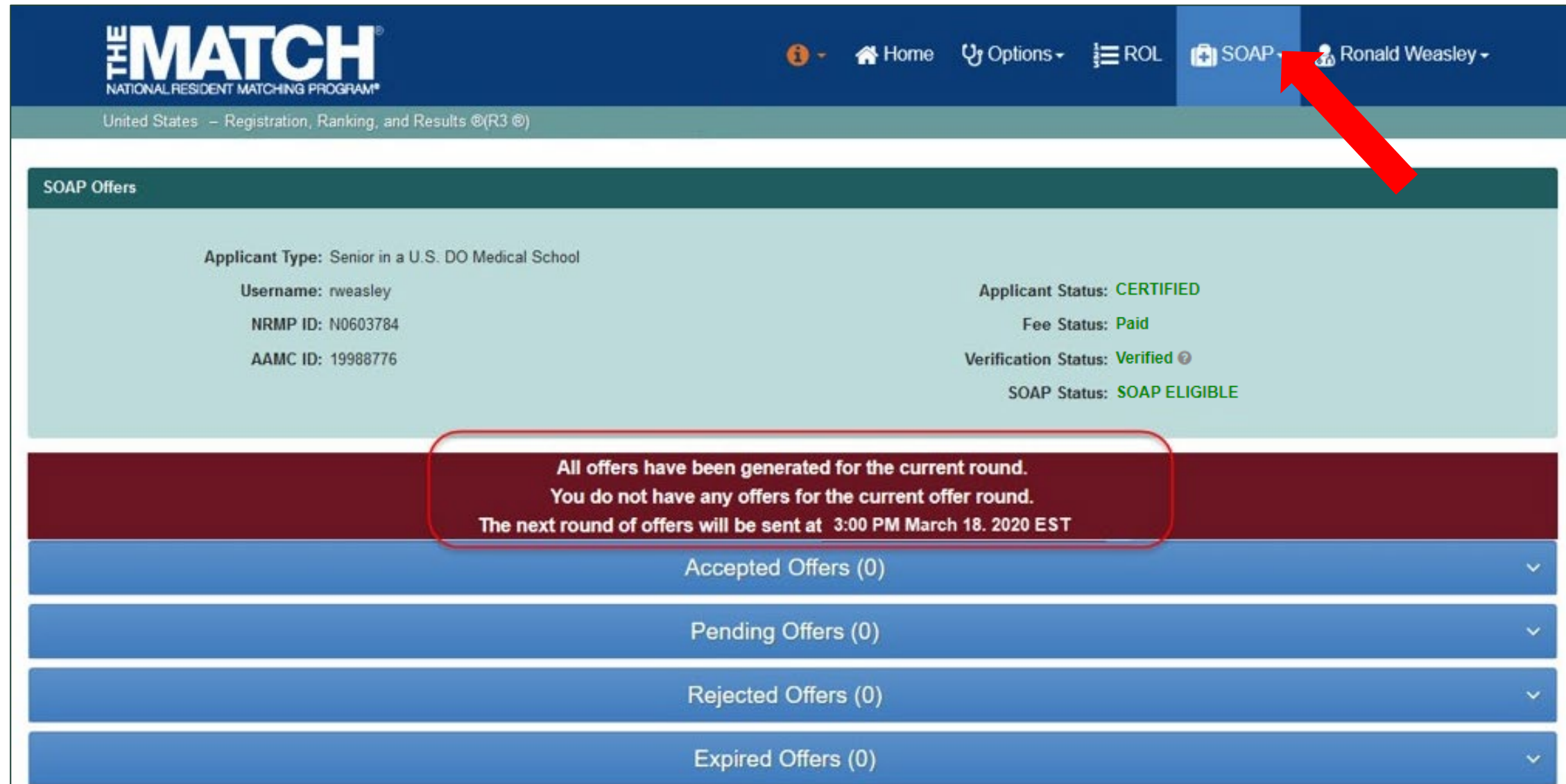
How SOAP Rounds Work



How SOAP Rounds Work



Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers



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SOAP Offers

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. DO Medical School

Username: rweasley
NRMP ID: N0603784
AAMC ID: 19988776

Applicant Status: **CERTIFIED**
Fee Status: **Paid**
Verification Status: **Verified** ⓘ
SOAP Status: **SOAP ELIGIBLE**

**All offers have been generated for the current round.
You do not have any offers for the current offer round.
The next round of offers will be sent at 3:00 PM March 18, 2020 EST**

Accepted Offers (0) ▾

Pending Offers (0) ▾

Rejected Offers (0) ▾

Expired Offers (0) ▾

Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers

The screenshot shows the 'SOAP Offers' page on The Match website. The user is logged in as 'Hermione Granger'. The page displays applicant information, status, and a list of pending offers. Red circles highlight the 'Pending Offers (2)' tab and the 'View Offer' button for the first offer.

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SOAP Offers

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. DO Medical School

Username: hgranger

NRMP ID: N0627640

AAMC ID: 19876543

USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Applicant Status: **CERTIFIED**

Fee Status: **Paid**

Verification Status: **Verified** ⓘ

SOAP Status: **SOAP ELIGIBLE**

All offers have been generated for the current round.
These offers will expire at 2:00 PM March 18, 2020 EST
The next round of offers will be sent at 3:00 PM March 18, 2020 EST

Accepted Offers (0) ▾

Pending Offers (2) ▾

ABC Healthcare/St. Mungo's Hosp-FL - Internal Medicine

Program Code: 2137140C0

ACGME Code: 1403333333

View Offer

Tarheel University-NC - Internal Medicine

Program Code: 2128140C0

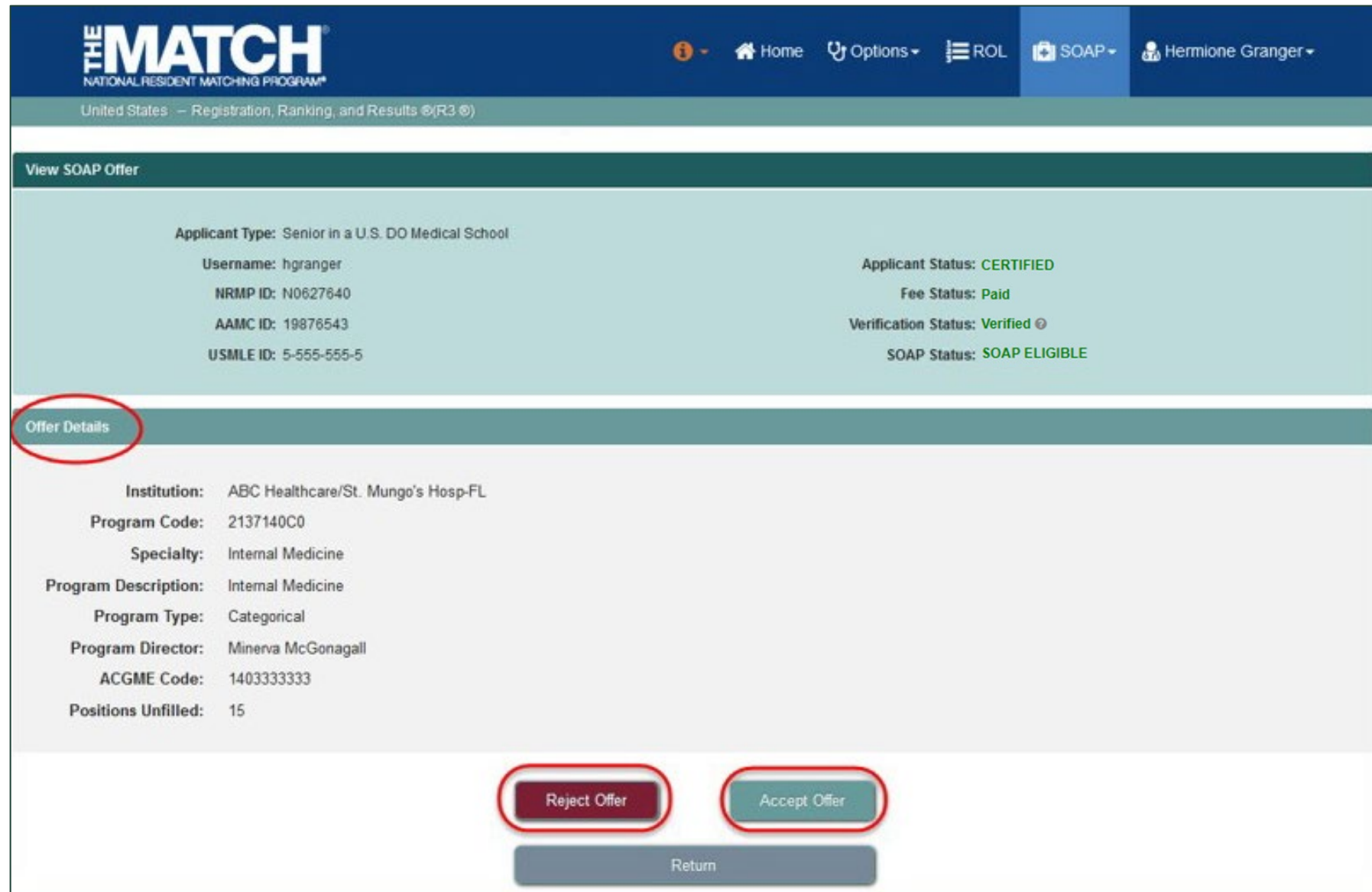
ACGME Code: 1404444444

View Offer

Rejected Offers (0) ▾

Expired Offers (0) ▾

Viewing and Accepting SOAP Offers



The screenshot shows the 'View SOAP Offer' page on The Match website. The page is divided into several sections. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'THE MATCH' logo, a home icon, 'Options', 'ROL', 'SOAP', and a user profile for 'Hermione Granger'. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'United States - Registration, Ranking, and Results @R3 @'. The main content area is titled 'View SOAP Offer' and contains two columns of information. The left column lists applicant details: 'Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. DO Medical School', 'Username: hgranger', 'NRMP ID: N0627640', 'AAMC ID: 19876543', and 'USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5'. The right column lists status information: 'Applicant Status: CERTIFIED', 'Fee Status: Paid', 'Verification Status: Verified', and 'SOAP Status: SOAP ELIGIBLE'. Below this information, there is a section titled 'Offer Details' which is circled in red. This section contains the following details: 'Institution: ABC Healthcare/St. Mungo's Hosp-FL', 'Program Code: 2137140C0', 'Specialty: Internal Medicine', 'Program Description: Internal Medicine', 'Program Type: Categorical', 'Program Director: Minerva McGonagall', 'ACGME Code: 1403333333', and 'Positions Unfilled: 15'. At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: 'Reject Offer' (circled in red), 'Accept Offer' (circled in red), and 'Return'.

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View SOAP Offer

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AAMC ID: 19876543

USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Applicant Status: CERTIFIED

Fee Status: Paid

Verification Status: Verified

SOAP Status: SOAP ELIGIBLE

Offer Details

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Program Code: 2137140C0

Specialty: Internal Medicine

Program Description: Internal Medicine

Program Type: Categorical

Program Director: Minerva McGonagall

ACGME Code: 1403333333

Positions Unfilled: 15

Reject Offer **Accept Offer** **Return**

Monitoring Students During SOAP

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Home Switch Options School SOAP Michelle Carter

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SOAP Schools Report

School Name: National School of Medicine and Health Sciences - Test School
School Code: 100

Applicants who have offers pending in current round

AAMC ID	Applicant Name	Institution Name	Program Name	Program Code
33224789	Young, Michelle	Henrico Univ Hlth Sys-VA	Pediatrics	1743320C0
92774826	Blake, Morgan	Henrico Univ Hlth Sys-VA	Pediatrics	1743320C0

Applicants who accepted C positions

AAMC ID	Applicant Name	Institution Name	Program Name	Program Code
23424542	Sekibo, Imani	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Anesthesiology	1802040C0
58746759	Conway, Christopher	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Anesthesiology	1802040C0
40987384	Townsend, Arianna	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Pathology	1802300C0
47675638	Mellon, Eric	Henrico Univ Hlth Sys-VA	Pediatrics	1743320C0
58636588	Brooks, Kelso	Henrico Univ Hlth Sys-VA	Pediatrics	1743320C0

Applicants who accepted PGY1 and PGY2

AAMC ID	Applicant Name	Institution Name	Program Name	Program Code
30477834	Thomas, Deondre	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Anesthesiology	1802040A0

Applicants who accepted PGY1

AAMC ID	Applicant Name	Institution Name	Program Name	Program Code
48656638	Reed, Gabriella	Charlottesville University-VA	Surgery-Preliminary	1737440P1
69093474	Lombardo, Andrew	Charlottesville University-VA	Surgery-Preliminary	1737440P1

Applicants who accepted PGY2

AAMC ID	Applicant Name	Institution Name	Program Name	Program Code
83662840	Perez, Katherine	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Anesthesiology	1802040A0
34867206	Dunbar, Meghan	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Anesthesiology	1802040A0
58960038	Cooke, Claire	Capitol University Hospital-DC	Neurology	1802180A0

Applicants who received offers but did not accept at least one are not displayed on the report.

2025 Match Week & SOAP Schedule

Thursday, March 20

- 8:00 a.m. Confidential *Advance Data Tables* available
Medical school confidential Match results and Match notification letters available
- 9:00 a.m. **SOAP Offer Rounds Begin**
Medical schools can view the *SOAP Schools Report*
SOAP-ineligible applicants may begin accepting offers from non-SOAP-/non-Match-participating programs
- 2:00 p.m. Program *Confidential Roster of Matched Applicants* released
- 8:00 p.m. **SOAP Offer Rounds End**
- 8:30 p.m. Programs can update the number of unfilled positions
- 9:00 p.m. **SOAP ends**
Updated *List of Unfilled Programs* available to applicants

Post-SOAP

All applicants who are unmatched or partially matched will have access to the *List of Unfilled Programs*

Applicants apply to remaining unfilled programs

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Specialty	Unfilled Programs	Unfilled Positions
Anesthesiology - R	1	1
Child Neurology - A	3	3
Child Neurology - C	1	1
Child Neurology - R	6	6
Emergency Medicine - C	3	4
Internal Medicine - P	1	4
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities - A	1	2
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities - R	1	1
Neurology - R	1	1
Nuclear Medicine - A	1	1
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine - R	1	1
Radiation Oncology - A	6	7
Radiology-Diagnostic - A	5	7
Radiology-Diagnostic - R	2	3
Surgery-General - P	1	2
Thoracic Surgery - C	1	1

35 program(s) found with 45 currently unfilled position(s)

Program Type Legend
 C = Categorical programs that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide the full training required for specialty board certification.
 P = Preliminary one-year programs that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide prerequisite training for advanced programs.
 A = Advanced programs that begin in the PGY-2 year after a year of prerequisite training.
 R = Physician reserved programs for physicians who have had prior graduate medical education. Reserved programs offer PGY-2 positions that begin in the year of the Match and thus are not available to senior medical students.
 M = Categorical programs in primary care medicine and primary care pediatrics that begin in the PGY-1 year and provide the full training required for specialty board certification.

Match Day!

Friday, March 21

12:00 p.m. Medical school Match Day ceremonies
Applicant Match results available
Advance Data Tables available



SOAP Policies: Schools

During SOAP:

- School officials or other faculty cannot contact the directors of unfilled programs about an unmatched applicant until the director initiates contact
- School officials or other faculty cannot share the *List of Unfilled Programs* with an applicant who is ineligible to receive such information
- School officials or other faculty cannot share the *Unmatched Applicants* report until the designated time on Monday of Match Week

SOAP Policies: Applicants

SOAP-eligible applicants:

- Can access the *List of Unfilled Programs* only for positions for which they are eligible
- Can apply only to unfilled Match-participating programs that are participating in SOAP
- Are responsible for ensuring they apply only to positions for which they are eligible
- Are prohibited from using any means other than the application designated by the program to apply to and contact programs
- Must refrain from communicating with programs until the program contacts the applicant
- Can receive multiple offers in any SOAP round

Positions offered and accepted during SOAP establish a binding commitment

General Resources

- Match Calendars: general and detailed versions outlining Match milestones and deadlines
www.nrmp.org/match-calendars
- Match Checklists, Support Guides, and FAQs: important deadlines, reminders, frequently asked questions, and step-by-step instructions
www.nrmp.org/help
- Policies and Compliance: access to current Match Participation Agreements, Codes of Conduct, Waiver and Violations Policies
www.nrmp.org/policies
- Match Data: access to current *Results and Data*, *Charting Outcomes*™ reports, and Survey Reports
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2025 SOAP Guide for Applicants



2024 Main Residency Match By The Numbers

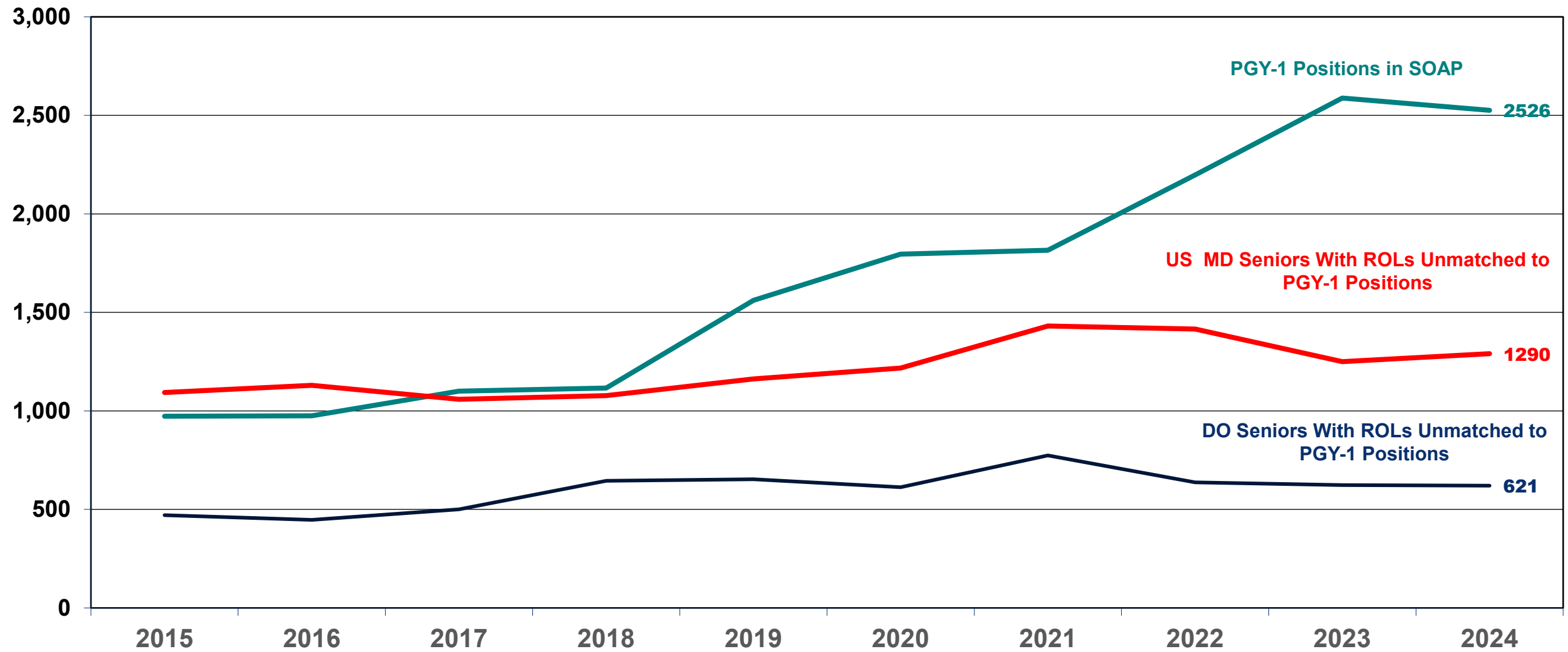
Positions

Total Positions:	41,503	↑ 1,128	2.8% from 2023
Positions Filled:	38,491	↑ 1,251	3.3% from 2023
Unfilled Positions:	2,562	↓ 123	4.6% from 2023

Applicants

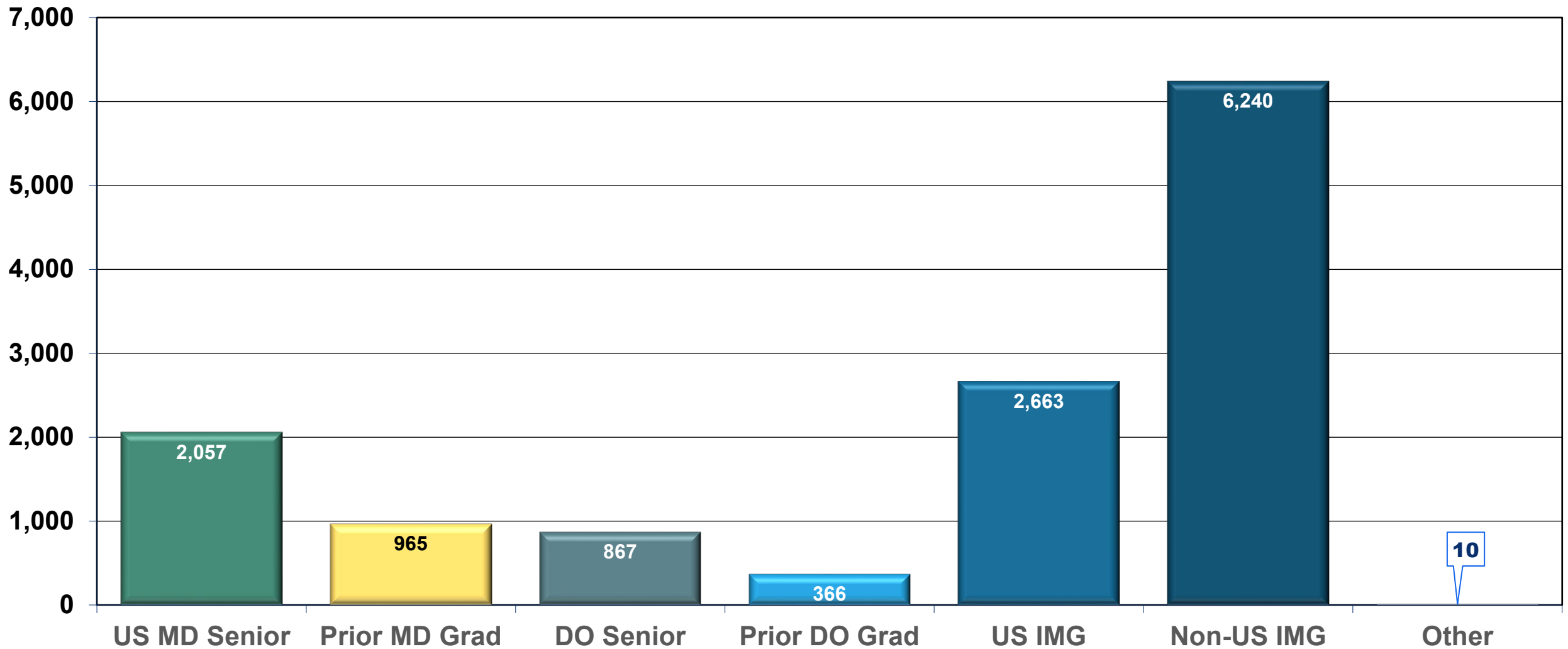
Registered:	50,413	↑ 2,257	4.7% from 2023
Active:	44,853	↑ 1,901	4.4% from 2023
Matched PGY-1:	35,984	↑ 1,162	3.3% from 2023
% Matched to PGY-1:	80.2	↓ 0.8%	

Unmatched U.S. Seniors: 2,526 PGY-1 Positions in SOAP



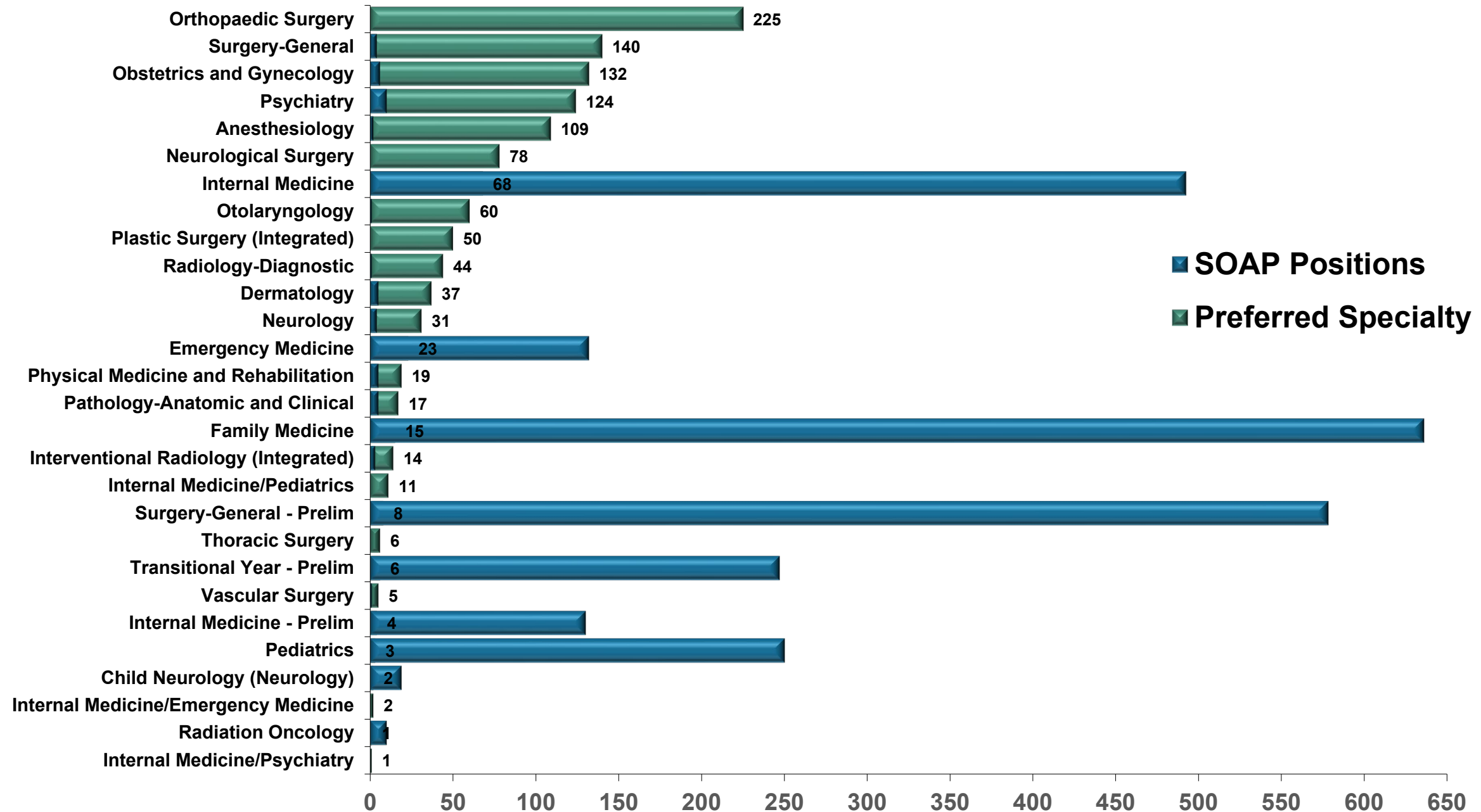
13,168 (9,894 Active) SOAP-Eligible Applicants

803 fewer than 2023

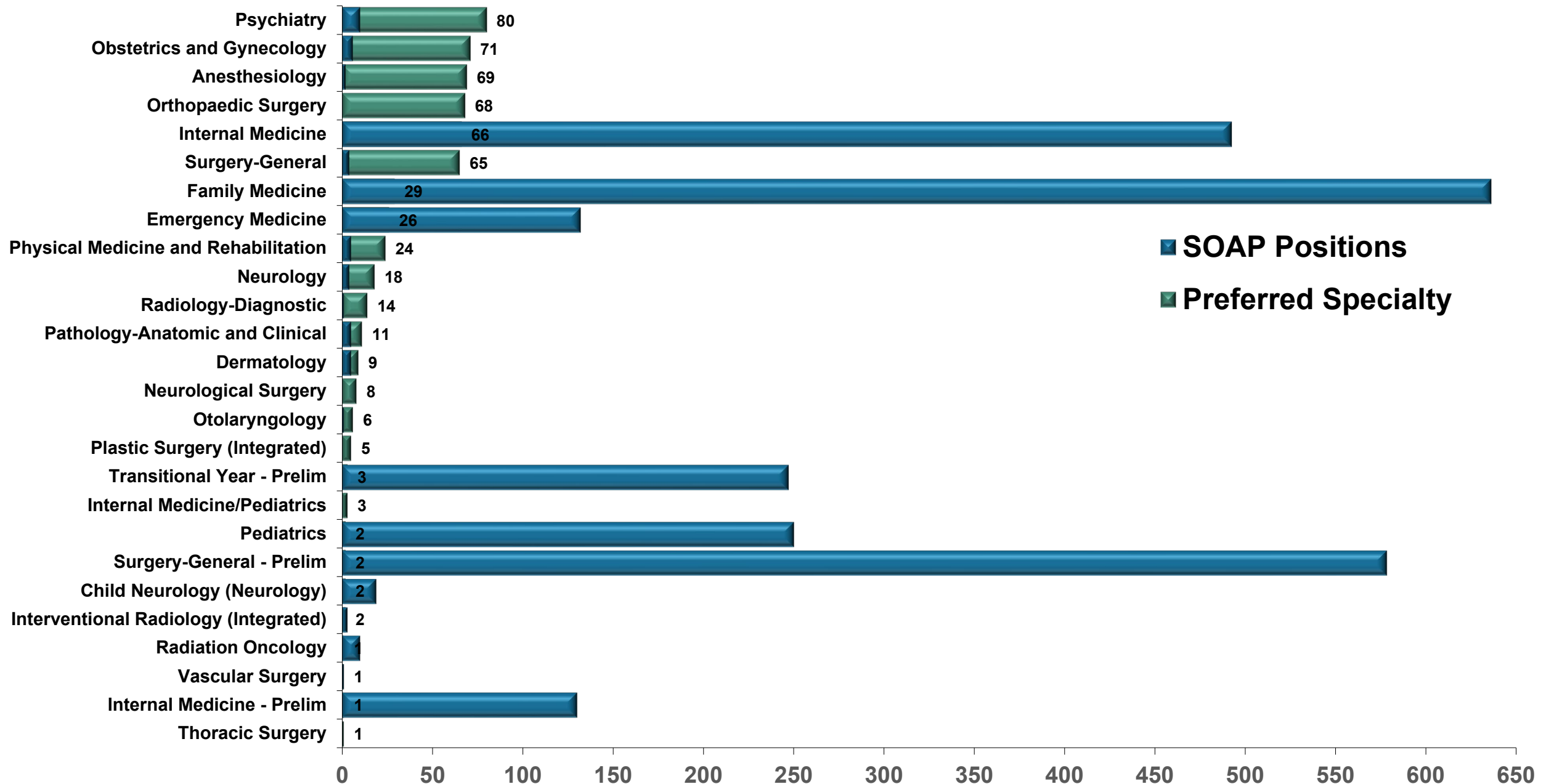


SOAP-eligible applicants include fully unmatched and partially unmatched applicants.

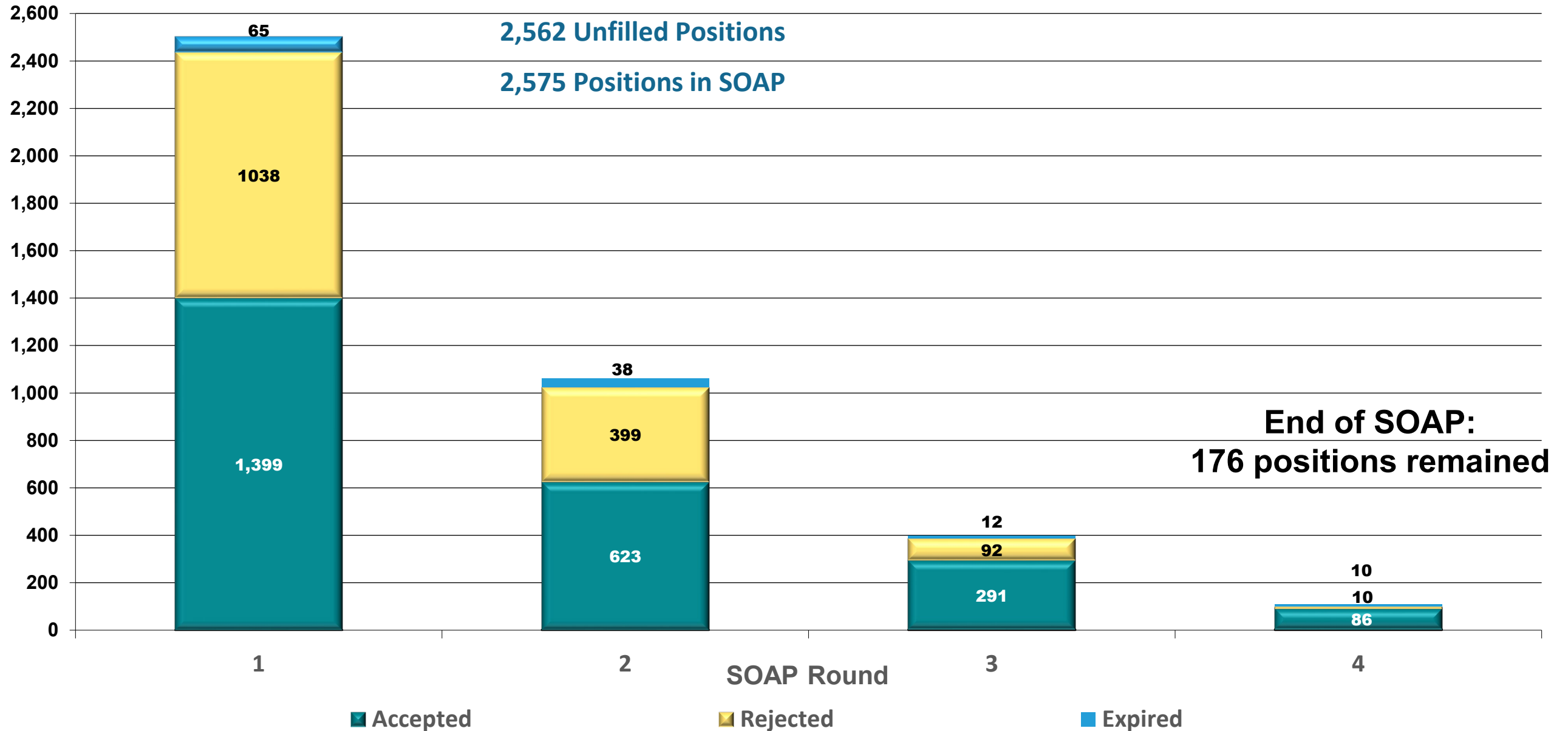
Preferences of Unmatched MD Seniors: Available SOAP Positions



Preferences of Unmatched DO Seniors: Available SOAP Positions

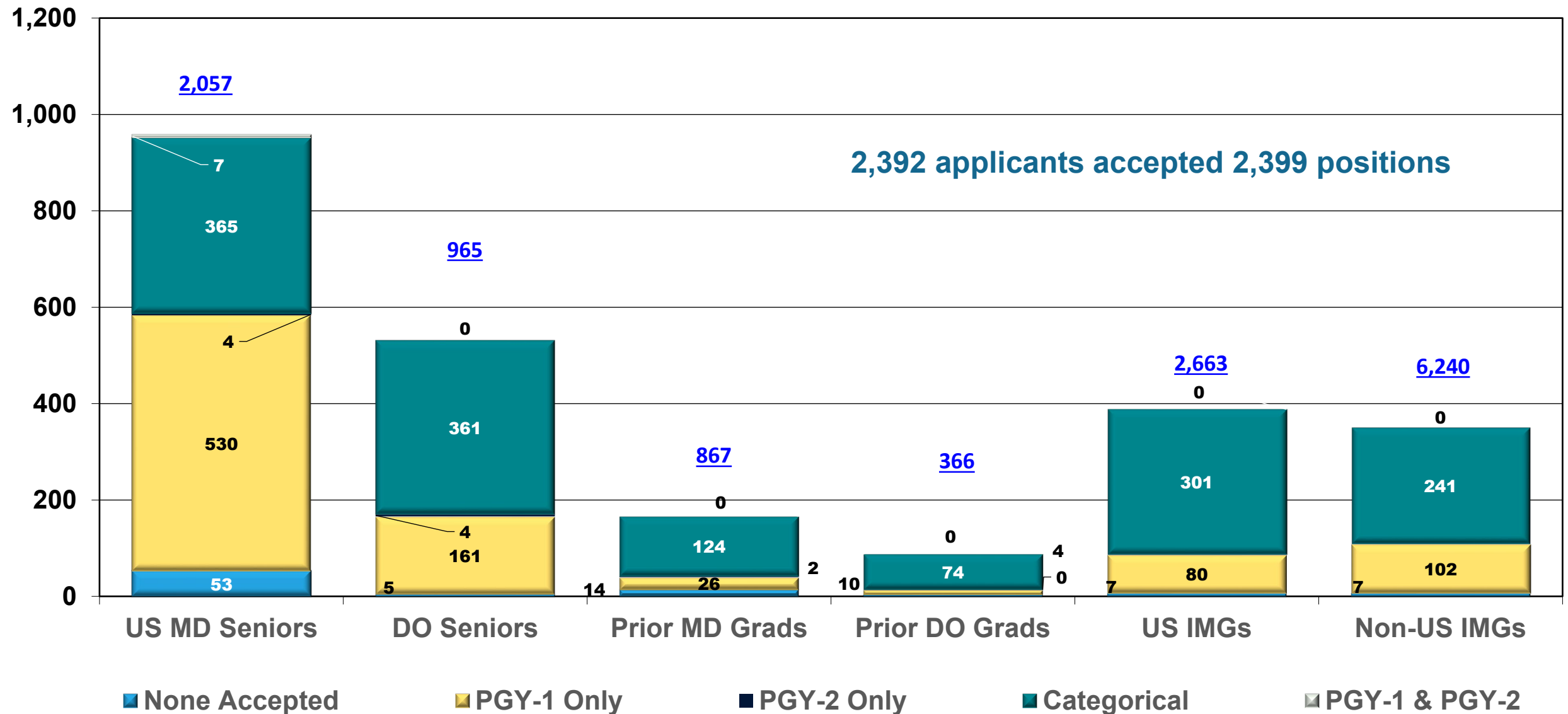


2024 SOAP: Positions Offered & Accepted by Round

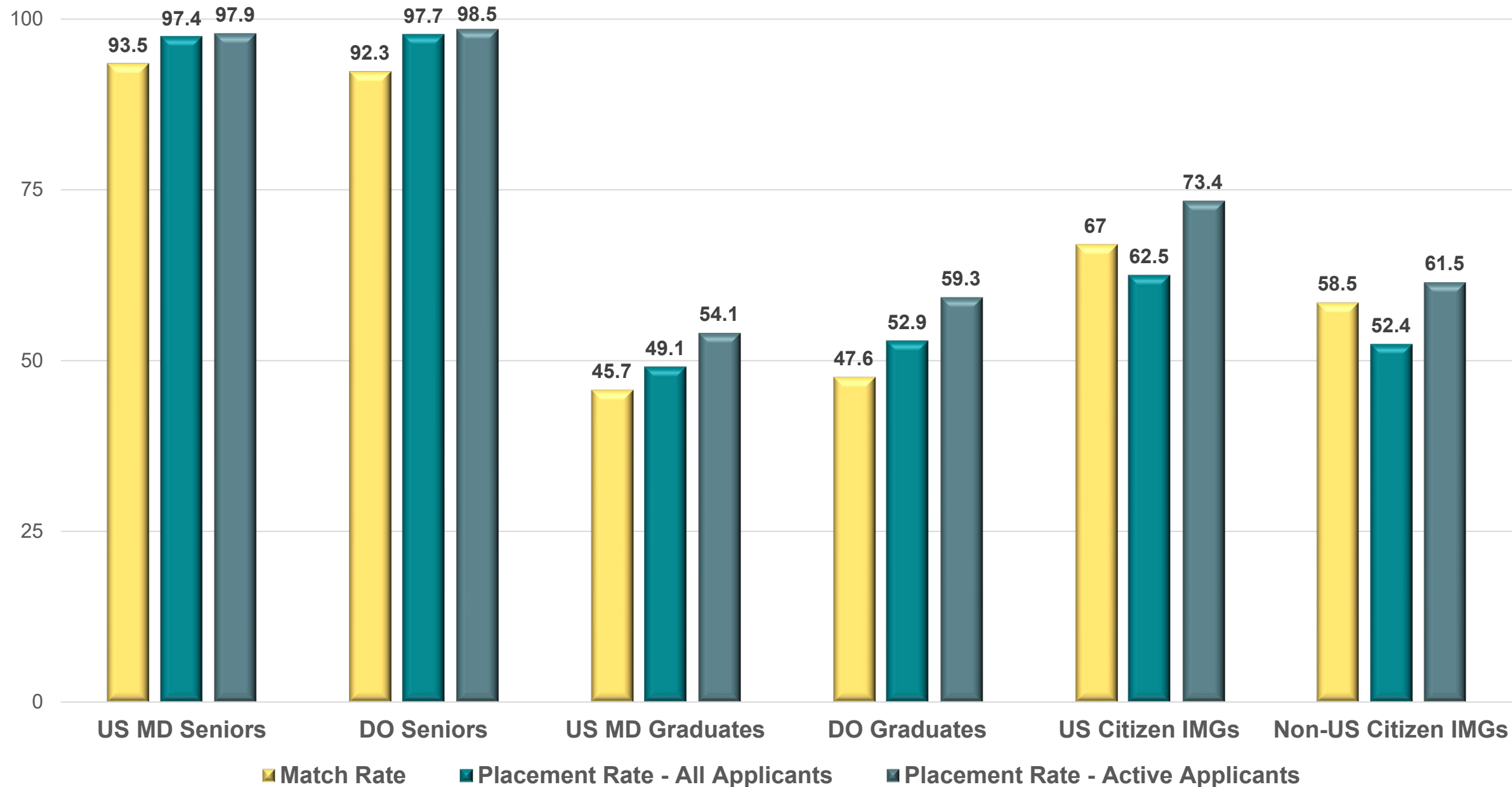


2024 SOAP Positions

Offered and Accepted by Applicant and Position Type



2024 Match & Placement Rates by Applicant Type



Questions?

NRMP	Central Application	ResidencyCAS	ERAS
866-653-6767 support@nrmp.org	help@accessgme.com	Upcoming Webinar on 2/5: https://apgo.org/page/rrrwebinars 617-612-2870 schoolsupport@residencycas.com	202-862-6264 www.aamc.org/contact-eras

Representatives from each organization are ready to answer your questions.
Please submit your questions in the Q&A box.

This session is being recorded and will be shared with all NRMP school officials and administrators and will be posted on the NRMP website.