



## National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®)

The NRMP, also known as The Match®, is a non-profit organization that for more than 70 years has placed medical students and young physicians into the nation's clinical training programs. The Match ensures that a steady pipeline of highly qualified professionals is building the necessary skills to care for patients across the country through a process that is fair, equitable, efficient, transparent, and reliable.



### 2025 Main Residency Match

**47,208**

**Certified Applicants**  
5.3% increase  
since 2024

**43,237**

**Total Positions**  
4.2% increase  
since 2024



**Active Applicants  
Placed**



**Overall Positions  
Filled**

### Overall Placement Rates

PERCENT CHANGE IN MATCHED APPLICANTS SINCE 2024

**97.8%**

**Active Applicant  
Placement Rate**  
↓0.1% US MD Seniors

**98.4%**

**Active Applicant  
Placement Rate**  
↓0.1% US DO Seniors

**73.5%**

**Active Applicant  
Placement Rate**  
↑0.1% US Citizen IMGs

**60.3%**

**Active Applicant  
Placement Rate**  
↓1.2% Non-US Citizen IMGs

### Program and Position Highlights

INCREASE IN NUMBER FROM 2024

- 1,734 more certified positions
- 231 more certified programs
- 877 more positions in Primary Care



## How We Make A Difference

- NRMP data informs national trends in specialty preferences and reflects physician distribution across the U.S.
- NRMP research drives national conversations about bias in medical education and equity in population health.
- NRMP Matches have served more than 1.4 million applicants for both residency and fellowship training since 1992.



## How We Do It

- Applicants submit to the NRMP lists of programs ranked from most to least preferred of where they would like to train. At the same time, training programs submit lists of applicants who they would most like to train.
- Using a proprietary algorithm, the NRMP places applicants with their most preferred programs that also prefer them.
- Once matched, applicants and programs enter into a binding commitment for training. The binding commitment ensures the continuity and distribution of physicians into community-based and academic centers across the U.S.
- With a Match, applicants and programs are treated equally, and their preferences drive outcomes, thereby reducing bias and inequities in training selection.

# 2025 Main Residency Match Snapshot

## IOWA

The 2025 Main Residency Match (MRM) was completed on March 21. New residents begin their core training in their matched hospital by July 1 and remain there, depending on their specialty, for 3 to 7 years.

288

Applicants Placed In Residency Training Programs in Iowa



Overall Positions

14 more positions since 2024



Overall Positions Filled

No percent change since 2024

### SPECIALTIES OF INTEREST



Pediatrics  
positions filled  
22 Total Positions



Emergency Medicine  
positions filled  
16 Total Positions

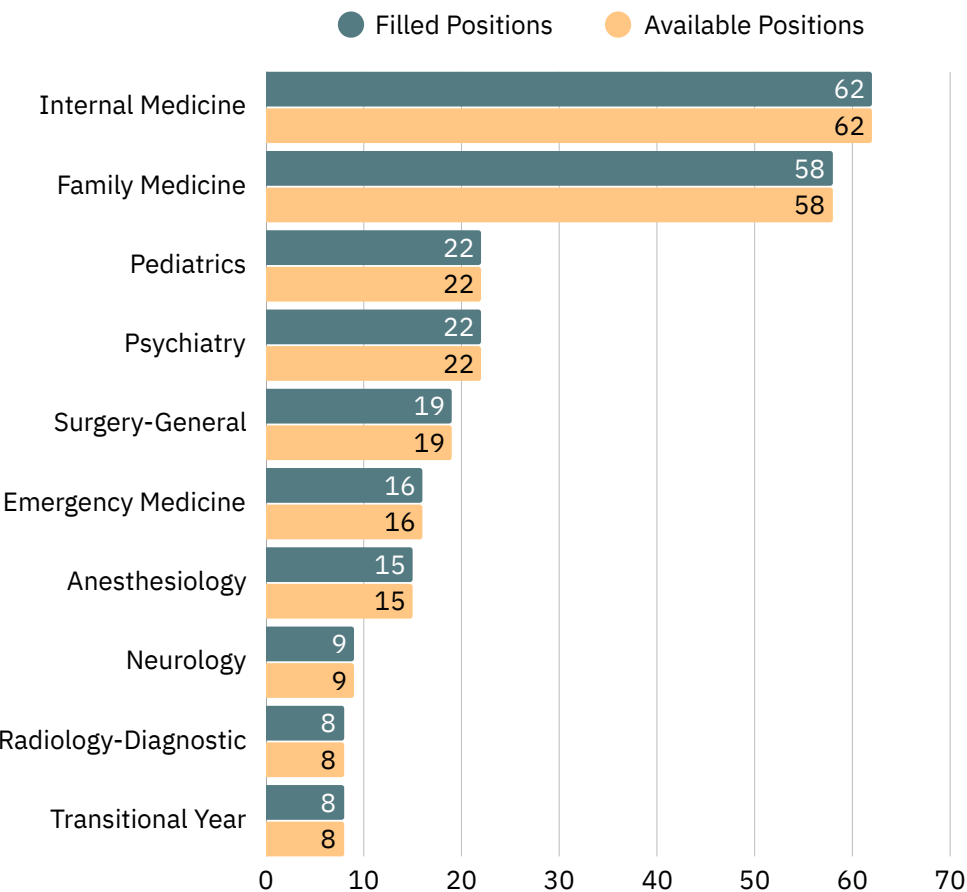


OB-GYN  
positions filled  
6 Total Positions



Internal Medicine  
positions filled  
62 Total Positions

### TOP 10 MRM POSITIONS OFFERED/FILLED BY SPECIALTY



### APPLICANT TYPES IN IOWA PROGRAMS IN 2025

49.7% US MD Seniors

26% US DO Seniors

3.5% US MD Grads

2.1% US DO Grads

3.5% US IMGs

14.9% Non-US IMGs

#### APPLICANT TYPE ABBREVIATIONS:

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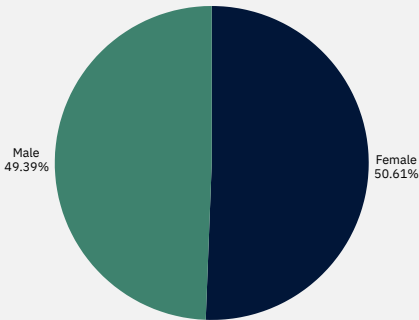
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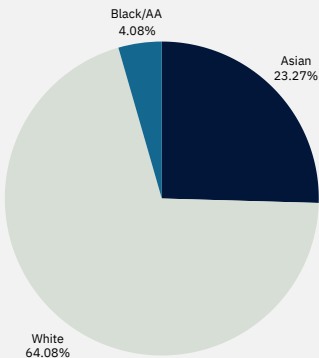
# Matched Applicant Characteristics

The below data is self-reported. Please note, not all applicants chose to respond and the NRMP has suppressed fields that did not meet minimum thresholds to protect confidentiality.

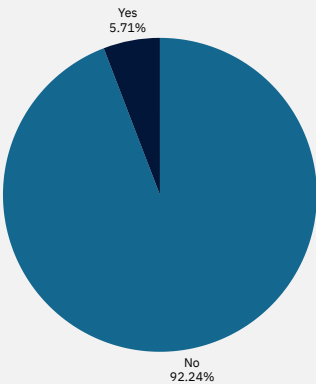
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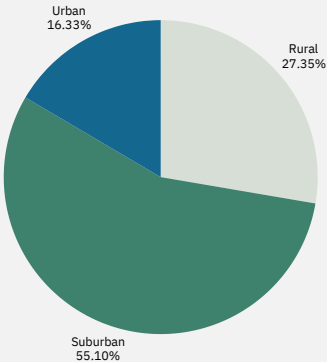
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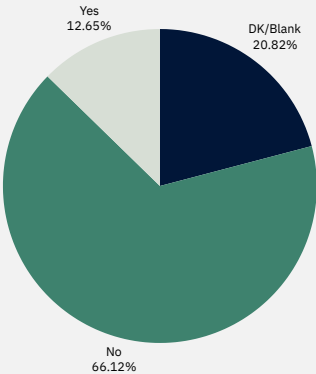
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish Descent



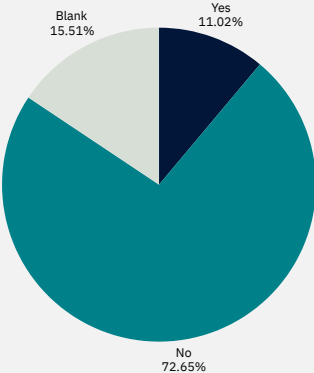
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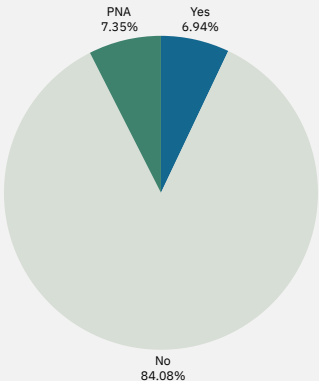
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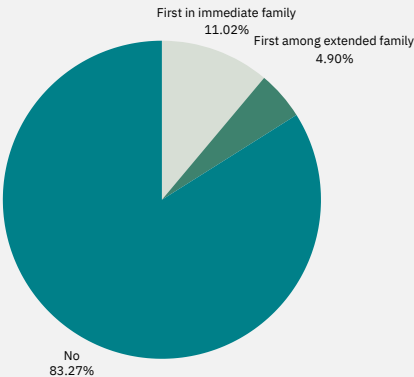
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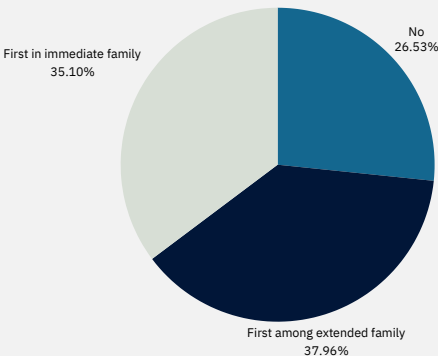
Disability Status



First Generation College



First Generation Med School



## Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®)

The NRMP Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®) conducts matches for subspecialty fellowship positions. The first Fellowship Match was conducted in 1984. For the 2025 appointment year, the SMS provided services for 77 subspecialties in 22 separate matches.



### SMS Fellowship Matches 2025 Appointment Year

**14,833 Active Applicants**

AN INCREASE OF 799 FROM 2024

**14,620 Positions**

AN INCREASE OF 451 FROM 2024



% Applicants Matched



% Positions Filled



Total Specialties



Specialties filling at  
least 90% of positions

### 5-Year Trend (2021–2025)

#### ACTIVE APPLICANTS

AN INCREASE OF 1,908 FROM 2021

▲ **685**

US MD Grads

▲ **280**

US Citizen IMGs

▲ **619**

US DO Grads

▲ **332**

Non-US Citizen IMGs

IMGs=International Medical Graduates

## FELLOWS

After medical school, physician learners, or residents, complete a residency in a core specialty. Some residents may then seek additional training in a subspecialty or fellowship program. Interested eligible individuals can then apply to subspecialties or fellowships and register for the appropriate match.

To participate in a Specialties Matching Service® Fellowship Match, prior to the start of training, an applicant must have completed all training required for the position, must meet all requirements for entry into graduate medical education (GME) as prescribed by the appropriate organization, and any additional eligibility requirements provided by the sponsoring institution (e.g., a teaching hospital).

## FELLOWSHIP MATCHES

Colon and Rectal Surgery  
Emergency Medicine  
Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology  
Female Pelvic Med & Reconstructive Surgery  
Hand Surgery  
Headache Medicine  
Laryngology  
Medical Genetics  
Medicine and Pediatrics Specialties  
Pain Medicine  
Pathology  
Pediatric Surgery  
Psychiatry  
Radiology  
Rehabilitation Medicine  
Spinal Cord Injury Medicine  
Sports Medicine  
Surgical Critical Care  
Surgical Oncology  
Thoracic Surgery  
Vascular Neurology  
Vascular Surgery

# 2025 Specialties Matching Service Snapshot

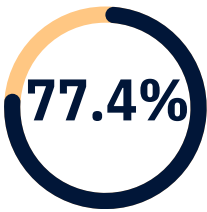
## IOWA

The data for the 2025 NRMP Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®) was conducted in 2024 and early 2025. New residents generally begin their fellowship training in their matched hospital by July 1.

**72**  
Applicants Placed In Fellowship Training Programs in Iowa

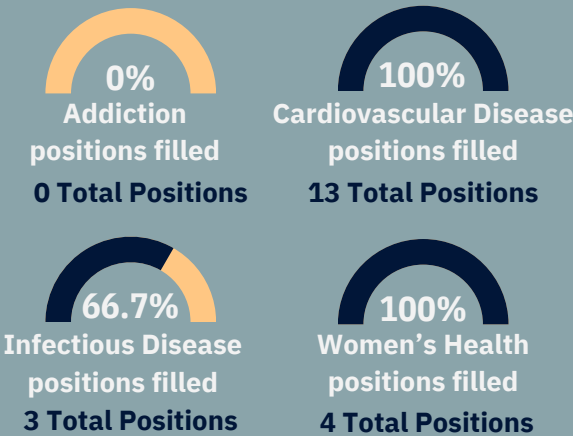


Overall Positions

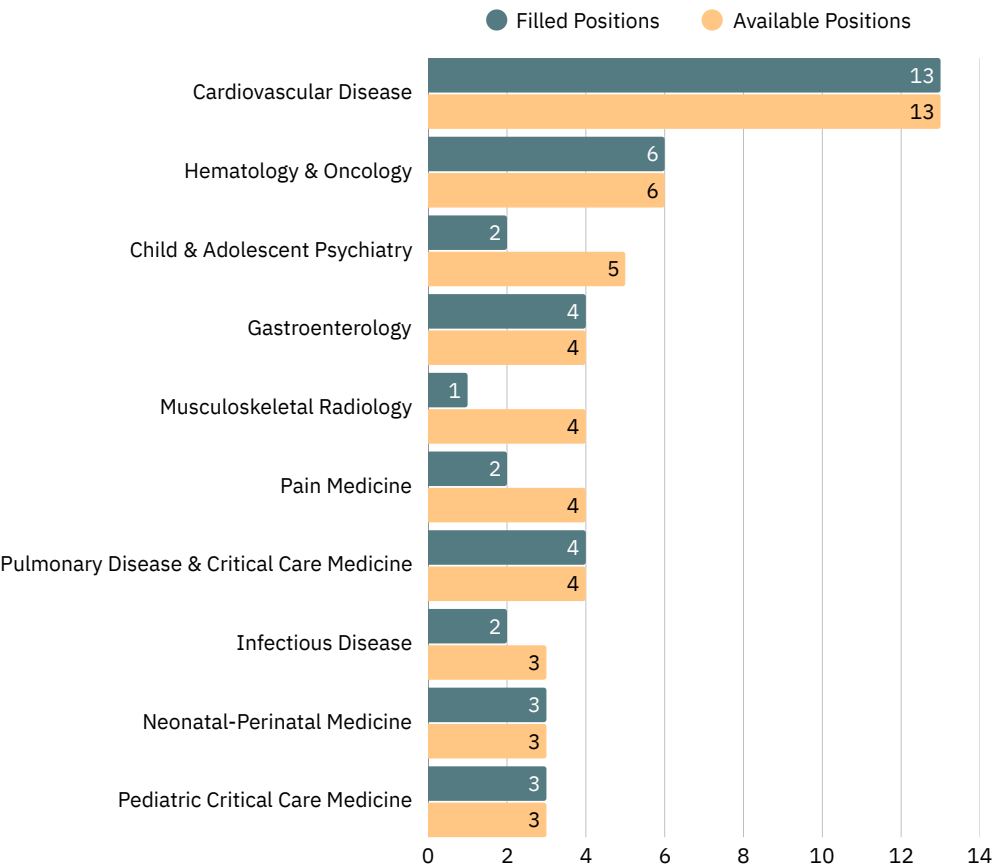


Overall Positions Filled

### SPECIALTIES OF INTEREST



### TOP 10 SMS POSITIONS OFFERED/FILLED BY SPECIALTY



### APPLICANT TYPES IN IOWA PROGRAMS IN 2025

41.7% US MD Grads  
13.9% US DO Grads  
5.6% US IMGs  
38.9% Non-US IMGs

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