

POSTDOCTORAL DENTAL MATCHING PROGRAM

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RESULTS OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM FOR 2020-2021 POSITIONS

OVERVIEW

Summary statistics for the last five years, overall and for each program type, are shown in the tables below. The numbers in parentheses in the columns for 2020 represent the changes as compared to last year.

Overall, 2214 positions (87.9%) were filled in 2020, which is the highest number of matches in any of the last 15 years of the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program. The number of participating applicants and positions offered increased by 6.0% and 0.3% respectively. The relatively larger increase in participating applicants compared to positions offered led to increases in the number of matches, unmatched applicants, and a decrease in the number of unfilled positions.

All program types saw increases in their applicant pools, as measured by the number of applicants who ranked the program types, except for Canadian GPR and ORTHO programs. The number of positions offered across each program type was relatively stable.

This led to an increase in the number of matches and a decrease in the number of unfilled positions in US GPR, AEGD, OMS, PED, and ORTHO programs. PERIO and PROS programs had a small decline in the number of matches, but also a decline in the number of unfilled positions. ANES had small increases in both the number of matches and unfilled positions. The smaller applicant pool for Canadian GPR programs led to a small decrease in the number of matches and an increase in the number of unfilled positions.

OVERALL TOTALS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	2622	2900	3205	3288	3484	(+196)
Positions Offered	2112	2224	2467	2513	2520	(+7)
Matches / Positions Filled	1756	1921	2128	2156	2214	(+58)
Unmatched Applicants	866	979	1077	1132	1270	(+138)
Unfilled Positions	356	303	339	357	306	(-51)

US GPR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	954	990	945	960	1045	(+85)
Positions Offered	837	825	795	782	798	(+16)
Matches / Positions Filled	627	674	629	630	664	(+34)
Unfilled Positions	210	151	166	152	134	(-18)

AEGD	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	502	549	515	514	559	(+45)
Positions Offered	356	381	355	363	366	(+3)
Matches / Positions Filled	238	258	244	219	246	(+27)
Unfilled Positions	118	123	111	144	120	(-24)

OMS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	374	419	382	416	438 (+22)
Positions Offered	227	229	234	236	235 (-1)
Matches / Positions Filled	221	223	223	226	230 (+4)
Unfilled Positions	6	6	11	10	5 (-5)

PED	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	636	676	644	669	685 (+16)
Positions Offered	399	408	417	433	429 (-4)
Matches / Positions Filled	378	396	404	415	416 (+1)
Unfilled Positions	21	12	13	18	13 (-5)

ORTHO	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	494	515	487	536	502 (-34)
Positions Offered	261	285	298	319	318 (-1)
Matches / Positions Filled	260	282	283	307	308 (+1)
Unfilled Positions	1	3	15	12	10 (-2)

PERIO	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	N/A	N/A	280	312	350 (+38)
Positions Offered	N/A	N/A	147	156	152 (-4)
Matches / Positions Filled	N/A	N/A	140	152	151 (-1)
Unfilled Positions	N/A	N/A	7	4	1 (-3)

PROS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	N/A	N/A	219	223	239 (+16)
Positions Offered	N/A	N/A	126	130	123 (-7)
Matches / Positions Filled	N/A	N/A	115	114	108 (-6)
Unfilled Positions	N/A	N/A	11	16	15 (-1)

CAN GPR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	N/A	122	126	128	105 (-23)
Positions Offered	N/A	62	69	69	71 (+2)
Matches / Positions Filled	N/A	61	69	68	65 (-3)
Unfilled Positions	N/A	1	0	1	6 (+5)

ANES	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Applicants Participating in the Match *	50	43	34	44	48 (+4)
Positions Offered	32	34	26	25	28 (+3)
Matches / Positions Filled	32	27	21	25	26 (+1)
Unfilled Positions	0	7	5	0	2 (+2)

* The sum of the number of applicants ranking each program type exceeds the total number of applicants participating in the Match because some applicants rank more than one program type. Applicants who rank a particular type of program but are not matched to that type of program may be unmatched or may have been matched to a different program type.