

# POSTDOCTORAL DENTAL MATCHING PROGRAM

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## RESULTS OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022 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 2021 represent the changes as compared to last year.

Overall, a record number of 2294 positions (92.3%) were filled in the 2021 Dental Match. The number of participating applicants increased by 12.4% while the number of positions offered decreased by 1.4%. The large increase in participating applicants combined with a small decrease in the number of positions offered resulted in a 37.6% decrease in the number of unfilled positions and a 27.6% increase in the number of unmatched applicants.

All program types saw increases in their applicant pools, as measured by the number of applicants who ranked each program type, with increases exceeding 20% for AEGD, ORTHO, Canadian GPR and ANES programs. The number of positions offered across each program type was comparatively stable, with decreases in US and Canadian GPR, AEGD, and PERIO positions, and small increases in OMS, PED, ORTHO, PROS and ANES positions..

This led to an increase in the number of matches in all programs types except PERIO. The number of unfilled positions decreased in all program types except PED and ORTHO, with substantial decreases in US GPR and AEGD programs; PERIO, ANES and Canadian GPR programs had no unfilled positions in the Match, while OMS had only 1 unfilled position.

<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	2900	3205	3288	3484	3915	(+431)
Positions Offered	2224	2467	2513	2520	2485	(-35)
Matches / Positions Filled	1921	2128	2156	2214	2294	(+80)
Unmatched Applicants	979	1077	1132	1270	1621	(+351)
Unfilled Positions	303	339	357	306	191	(-115)

<b>US GPR</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	990	945	960	1045	1178	(+133)
Positions Offered	825	795	782	798	779	(-19)
Matches / Positions Filled	674	629	630	664	704	(+40)
Unfilled Positions	151	166	152	134	75	(-59)

<b>AEGD</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	549	515	514	559	678	(+119)
Positions Offered	381	355	363	366	336	(-30)
Matches / Positions Filled	258	244	219	246	266	(+20)
Unfilled Positions	123	111	144	120	70	(-50)

<b>OMS</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	419	382	416	438	493	(+55)
Positions Offered	229	234	236	235	236	(+1)
Matches / Positions Filled	223	223	226	230	235	(+5)
Unfilled Positions	6	11	10	5	1	(-4)

<b>PED</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	676	644	669	685	744	(+59)
Positions Offered	408	417	433	429	440	(+11)
Matches / Positions Filled	396	404	415	416	417	(+1)
Unfilled Positions	12	13	18	13	23	(+10)

<b>ORTHO</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	515	487	536	502	608	(+106)
Positions Offered	285	298	319	318	332	(+14)
Matches / Positions Filled	282	283	307	308	322	(+14)
Unfilled Positions	3	15	12	10	10	(0)

<b>PERIO</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	N/A	280	312	350	357	(+7)
Positions Offered	N/A	147	156	152	137	(-15)
Matches / Positions Filled	N/A	140	152	151	137	(-14)
Unfilled Positions	N/A	7	4	1	0	(-1)

<b>PROS</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	N/A	219	223	239	283	(+44)
Positions Offered	N/A	126	130	123	130	(+7)
Matches / Positions Filled	N/A	115	114	108	118	(+10)
Unfilled Positions	N/A	11	16	15	12	(-3)

<b>CAN GPR</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	122	126	128	105	154	(+49)
Positions Offered	62	69	69	71	66	(-5)
Matches / Positions Filled	61	69	68	65	66	(+1)
Unfilled Positions	1	0	1	6	0	(-6)

<b>ANES</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	43	34	44	48	71	(+23)
Positions Offered	34	26	25	28	29	(+1)
Matches / Positions Filled	27	21	25	26	29	(+3)
Unfilled Positions	7	5	0	2	0	(-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.