

AN OVERVIEW OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE IN FLORIDA

- Florida ranks 37th nationally in allopathic (M.D.) medical school enrollment per 100,000 state population, 12th nationally in osteopathic (D.O.) medical school enrollment per 100,000 state population and 37th nationally in total (M.D. & D.O.) medical school enrollment per 100,000 state population. Florida would need to add approximately 4,500 additional M.D. and D.O. medical students to meet the national ratio of medical students per 100,000 state population.
- Florida ranks 45th nationally in allopathic (M.D.) residency (GME) positions per 100,000 state population, 11th nationally in osteopathic (D.O.) residency (GME) positions per 100,000 state population and 46th nationally in total (M.D. & D.O.) residency (GME) positions per 100,000 state population. Florida would need to add approximately 2,700 additional M.D. and D.O. residency (GME) positions to meet the national ratio of residency (GME) positions per 100,000 state population.
- Florida's physician supply, based on the ratio of physicians to population, consistently exceeds national averages. In 2000, Florida ranked 11th nationally in total allopathic (M.D.) physicians per 100,000 state population.
- The age distribution of Florida's M.D. physician workforce is different from the national M.D. physician workforce. Florida has more M.D.s 65 years of age or older than the Nation (26% of Florida M.D.s, as contrasted to 18% of U.S. M.D.s). At the other end of the age spectrum, only 10% of Florida M.D.s are under 35, as contrasted to 17% of M.D.s nationally.
- Approximately 26% of allopathic (M.D.) physicians in Florida practice primary care (family/general practice, general internal medicine and general pediatrics). Nationally approximately 32% the national M.D. physician workforce practices primary care.
- Only approximately 20% of the allopathic (M.D.) physicians holding active Florida medical licenses graduated from a Florida medical school. Nationally, approximately 32% of the physicians practicing in a given state graduated from a medical school in that state.
- Approximately 45% of Florida allopathic (M.D.) medical school graduates remain in Florida for residency (GME) training.
- 55%-60% of physicians who complete a residency program in Florida remain in Florida to practice. Florida ranks 4th nationally in retaining physicians (M.D. & D.O.) in state practice after completion of residency (GME) training.
- The percentage of physicians (M.D. & D.O.) completing primary care residencies (family/general practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics) in Florida who remain in Florida to practice is even higher (65%-70%) and significantly exceeds the national average of 57%.