

National-level data on the academic credentials of applicants whom admissions committees accept reinforce the messages the survey data provide. Table 2 shows the percentages of applicants with different undergraduate GPAs and MCAT total scores who were accepted into one or more medical schools in 2017, 2018, or 2019. These data show that although undergraduate GPAs and MCAT scores are important factors in admissions, they are not the sole determinants of admissions decisions.

Some applicants with high undergraduate GPAs and MCAT scores do not receive any acceptances, while other applicants with modest credentials are accepted by at least one medical school.

Each year, some applicants with high MCAT scores and undergraduate GPAs are rejected by all the medical schools to which they applied. In contrast, other applicants with more modest MCAT scores and undergraduate GPAs are accepted by at least one medical school. In 2017, 2018, and 2019 student selection, 12% of applicants with GPAs of 3.8 or above and MCAT total scores of 518 or above were rejected by all the medical schools to which they applied. In contrast, about 14% of applicants with GPAs of 3.00 to 3.19 and MCAT total scores ranging from 498 to 501 were accepted by at least one medical school.

Table 2. Percentage and Number of 2017, 2018, and 2019 Applicants Accepted Into at Least One Medical School, by MCAT Total Score and Undergraduate GPA Range

GPA Total	MCAT Total									
	472-485	486-489	490-493	494-497	498-501	502-505	506-509	510-513	514-517	518-528
3.80-4.00	3% 4/159	3% 9/320	8% 58/726	19% 298/1,584	31% 1,007/3,272	48% 2,603/5,435	62% 4,945/7,957	75% 6,573/8,778	82% 6,312/7,711	88% 6,893/7,848
3.60-3.79	1% 3/382	1% 8/613	4% 55/1,313	12% 300/2,492	24% 1,017/4,251	35% 2,181/6,291	50% 3,770/7,565	65% 4,670/7,228	74% 3,526/4,793	81% 2,364/2,924
3.40-3.59	1% 5/570	1% 10/846	3% 53/1,593	10% 266/2,683	19% 748/4,023	26% 1,340/5,059	37% 2,034/5,472	51% 2,290/4,497	62% 1,552/2,494	70% 881/1,252
3.20-3.39	<1% 1/705	1% 6/835	2% 35/1,474	7% 155/2,183	15% 424/2,821	22% 683/3,176	30% 865/2,921	40% 865/2,170	51% 571/1,123	57% 252/443
3.00-3.19	<1% 3/777	1% 7/743	2% 17/1,030	7% 94/1,433	14% 226/1,596	21% 327/1,591	25% 359/1,411	34% 339/1,004	41% 168/408	50% 100/201
2.80-2.99	1% 5/673	1% 3/549	2% 14/659	4% 30/700	9% 67/756	17% 126/737	23% 132/565	27% 86/324	28% 48/169	41% 24/58
2.60-2.79	0% 0/468	1% 4/320	1% 2/396	3% 11/354	8% 34/401	16% 44/267	18% 33/186	19% 21/113	40% 23/57	33% 6/18
2.40-2.59	0% 0/331	1% 1/176	2% 3/175	5% 8/170	4% 5/124	13% 12/93	25% 17/69	26% 12/46	25% 4/16	--
2.20-2.39	0% 0/194	0% 0/96	0% 0/83	3% 2/61	11% 5/44	21% 8/39	16% 5/32	14% 3/21	--	--
2.00-2.19	0% 0/107	0% 0/30	3% 1/29	0% 0/20	--	8% 1/13	--	--	--	--
< 2.00	0% 0/51	7% 1/14	7% 1/14	0% 0/10	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	<1% 21/4,417	1% 49/4,542	3% 239/7,492	10% 1,164/11,690	20% 3,533/17,297	32% 7,325/22,703	46% 12,160/26,187	61% 14,859/24,186	73% 12,209/16,779	83% 10,524/12,753
										62,083/148,046

Notes:

1. Dark green shading = acceptance rates $\geq 75\%$; light green shading = acceptance rates of 50-74%; gray shading = acceptance rates of 25-49%.
2. Dashes = cells with fewer than 10 observations; blank cells = cells with zero observations.
3. For students who took the MCAT exam multiple times, the most recent MCAT total score was used in this analysis.
4. Table summarizes data for 2017, 2018, and 2019 applicants who reported MCAT scores from the current exam and undergraduate GPAs (N = 148,046). About 94% of 2017, 2018, and 2019 applicants applied with scores from the current version of the MCAT exam.