

AACP Pharm.D. Seats Report

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The AACP Pharm.D. Seats Report summarizes the results of a survey released by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy on January 22, 2020. The results provide the school-reported number of Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree seats available (target and maximum) for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 P1 entering classes; and the number of seats filled for 2018 and 2019 P1 entering classes. Seats filled data for the 2020 P1 entering class is not yet available. Institutions were instructed to report all P1 seats per entering class, regardless of whether they were filled by or reserved for early assurance or other special students. The survey closed on March 5, 2020. A total of 134 out of 144 colleges and schools of pharmacy completed the form reflecting a 93 percent response rate.

The report only reflects aggregate data as reported by responding institutions. It does not reflect data pulled by PharmCAS. Colleges and schools of pharmacy may have internally revised the anticipated number of target seats for the 2020 (upcoming) P1 entering class after the survey closed due to the potential impact of COVID-19 pandemic on enrollment.

Please contact AACP at cas@aacp.org with questions about the results.

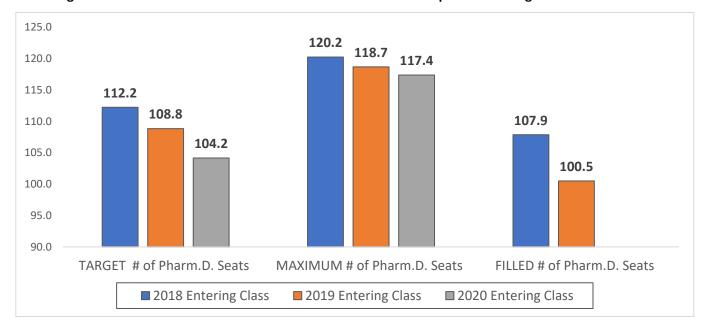


Figure 1: Mean Number of Pharm.D. Seats Available and Filled per P1 Entering Class: 2018-2020

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On average colleges and schools of pharmacy reduced the maximum and target number of Pharm.D. seats available for the 2018, 2019, and (upcoming) 2020 P1 entering classes. The mean number of target seats per school declined from 112.2 to 104.2 and the mean number of maximum seats available per school declined from 120.2 to 117.4. Based on the survey results, the mean number of seats filled per school also declined on average from 107.9 for the 2018 entering class to 100.5 for the 2019 entering class. Seats filled data for the 2020 P1 entering class is not yet available.

Figure 2: Changes to Target Class Size per P1 Entering Class: 2019 and 2020

	2019	2020
	P1 Entering Class	P1 Entering Class
% of Schools with REDUCED Target Class Size	24%	30%
Range in the number of reduced target seats	-3 to -36	-1 to -67
Mean number of reduced target seats	-14.5	-17.2
% of Schools with NO CHANGE to Target Class Size	75%	65%
Range	N/A	N/A
Mean	N/A	N/A
% of Schools with INCREASED Target Class Size	1%	5%
Range in the number of additional target seats	*	+5 to +20
Mean number of additional target seats	*	+8.7

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^{*} Less than 5 institutions represented, so no data is reported.

Figure 3: Target Class Size versus Seats Filled per P1 Entering Class: 2018 and 2019

	2018	2019
	P1 Entering Class	P1 Entering Class
% of Schools with Seats Filled BELOW Target	55%	62%
Range in the number of unfilled target seats	1 to 60 unfilled	1 to 90 unfilled
Mean number of unfilled target seats	11.5 unfilled	15.6 unfilled
% of Schools with Seats Filled EQUAL to Target	11%	15%
Range	N/A	N/A
Mean	N/A	N/A
% of Schools with Seats Filled ABOVE Target	34%	23%
Range in the number of filled seats over target	1 to 17 over	1 to 21 over
Mean number of filled seats over target	5.7 over	5.8 over

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<u>2018 P1 Entering Class</u>: Fifty-five (55) percent did not meet their target class size, 11 percent met it, and 34 percent exceeded it. Of those institutions that did not meet their target, the number of unfilled target seats ranged from 1 to 60 and the mean was 11.5. Of those institutions that exceeded their target, the overage ranged from 1 to 17 students and a mean overage of 5.8 students.

<u>2019 P1 Entering Class</u>: Sixty-two (62) percent did not meet their target class size, 15 percent met it, and 23 percent exceeded it. Of those institutions that did not meet their target, the number of unfilled target seats ranged from 1 to 90 and the mean was 15.6. Of those institutions that exceeded their target, the overage ranged from 1 to 21 students and the mean was 4.8 students.

Figure 4: Changes to Target Class Size Group versus Seats Filled for the 2019 P1 Entering Class

	Schools with	Schools with	Schools with
	REDUCED	NO CHANGE	INCREASED
	Target for 2019	Target for 2019	Target for 2019
	P1 Entering	P1 Entering	P1 Entering
	Class	Class	Class*
% of Schools per Change to Target **	24%	7 5%	1%
% of Schools in Group with Seats Filled BELOW Target	59%	62%	*
Range in the number of unfilled target seats	2 to 53 unfilled	1 to 90 unfilled	*
Mean number of unfilled target seats	14.7 unfilled	15.9 unfilled	*
% of Schools in Group with Seats Filled EQUAL to Target	13%	16%	*
Range	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mean	N/A	N/A	N/A
% of Schools in Group with Seats Filled ABOVE Target	28%	22%	1%
Range in the number of filled seats over target	1 to 21 over	1 to 11 over	*
Mean number of filled seats over target	9.9 over	4.2 over	*

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^{*} Less than 5 institutions reporting, so no data is reported for item; **Percentages in first row were pulled from Figure 2.

Figure 5: Maximum Class Size versus Seats Filled per P1 Entering Class: 2018 and 2019

	2018 P1 Entering Class	2019 P1 Entering Class
% of Schools with Seats Filled BELOW Maximum Class Size	74%	83%
Range in the number of unfilled maximum seats	1 to 90 unfilled	1 to 97 unfilled
Mean number of unfilled maximum seats	17.6 unfilled	22.2 unfilled
% of Schools with Seats Filled EQUAL to Maximum Class Size	14%	11%
Range	N/A	N/A
Mean	N/A	N/A
% of Schools with Seats Filled ABOVE Maximum Class Size	12%	6%
Range in the number of seats filled over maximum	1 to 16 over	1 to 11 over
Mean number of seats filled over maximum	5.3 over	3.6 over

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<u>2018 P1 Entering Class</u>: Twelve (12) percent of responding colleges and schools reported exceeding their maximum class size by a range of 1 to 16 students with a mean overage of 5.3 students. By comparison 74 percent of respondents did **not** fill their maximum class size with an average 17.6 unfilled seats and a range of 1 to 90 unfilled seats. The remaining 14 percent of respondents reported filling their maximum class size with the precise number of students. There were 53 responding schools that entered the same number of target and maximum seats for the 2018 entering class.

<u>2019 P1 Entering Class</u>: Six (6) percent of responding colleges and schools reported exceeding their maximum class size by a range of 1 to 11 students with a mean overage of 3.6 students. By comparison 83 percent of respondents did **not** fill their maximum class size by an average 22.2 unfilled seats and a range of 1 to 97 unfilled seats. The remaining 11 percent of respondents reported filling their maximum class size with the precise number of students. There were 51 responding schools that entered the same number of target and maximum seats for the 2019 entering class.