

PharmCAS Volume Update

February 2, 2021

	February 2, 2020	February 2, 2021	% Change
PharmCAS APPLICANTS			
In-progress Applicants*	9,976	11,258	12.9%
Verified Applicants**	9,154	8,021	-12.4%
Submitted Applicants***	10,185	9,825	-3.5%
All PharmCAS Applicant Accounts****	20,161	21,083	4.6%
All PharmCAS Applications****	60,076	61,188	1.9%
Submitted Applications***	23,234	22,948	-1.2%
Mean # of Applications per Applicant	2.281	2.336	2.4%

* "In-progress" applicants should be considered individuals who have expressed an interest in the program, rather than confirmed applicants in the program's queue.

**Applicants with "verified" status have submitted the application, fee payment, and all transcripts; and their coursework has been verified by PharmCAS. Once verified, schools can view an applicant's full file via WebAdMIT. Final PharmCAS data reflects applicants with verified status.

***Submitted" data represents individuals with the following PharmCAS statuses: received, completed, and verified. Submitted data is shared to indicate the year-to-year application trends to date.

****All PharmCAS Applicant Accounts include all individuals with an applicant account, including in-progress, received, complete, verified, on hold, and undelivered status. Accounts includes current applicants, individuals with dummy/test accounts, and prospective students who plan to apply in a future cycle.

PharmCAS Volume by School Type and District
February 2, 2020 vs February 2, 2021

PharmCAS Programs for 2019-20 & 2020-21	Mean # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Mean # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Mean: % Change Per Program to Date	Range: % Change Per Program to Date	% of Programs with Increase in Applicants to Date	% of Programs with Decrease in Applicants to Date	% of Programs with No Change in Applicants to Date	Median # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Median # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Range in # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Range in # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Total # of Applicants for Group of Programs 2/2/2021
All	165.7	162.2	-2.1%	-85% to +221%	36.8%	61.8%	1.5%	150	137	13 to 481	2 to 603	22061
Public	182.8	191.6	4.8%	-43% to +122%	42.4%	57.6%	0.0%	171	170	31 to 427	33 to 603	12643
Private	149.6	134.5	-10.1%	-85% to +221%	31.4%	65.7%	2.9%	139	120	13 to 481	2 to 417	9418
Districts 1 & 2	138.2	122.2	-11.6%	-85% to +94%	35.3%	64.7%	0.0%	122	109	13 to 295	2 to 228	4154
District 3	171.7	180.3	5.0%	-26% to +122%	43.3%	56.7%	0.0%	145	141	59 to 379	56 to 603	5408
District 4	159.7	165.4	3.6%	-48% to +221%	42.9%	52.4%	4.8%	157	124	19 to 353	35 to 396	3474
Districts 5, 6, 7	153.6	155.1	1.0%	-37% to +85%	30.0%	66.7%	3.3%	130	115	33 to 378	24 to 507	4654
District 8	225.0	208.1	-7.5%	-25% to +20%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	176	161	47 to 481	44 to 498	4371

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- District 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, New Hampshire, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont
- District 2: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Virginia, and West Virginia
- District 3: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands
- District 4: Australia, Bahamas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin
- District 5: Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and South Dakota
- District 6: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas
- District 7: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming
- District 8: Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah

PharmCAS Volume by Program Deadline and Type
February 2, 2020 vs February 2, 2021

PharmCAS Programs for 2019-20 & 2020-21	Mean # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Mean # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Mean: % Change Per Program to Date	Range: % Change Per Program to Date	% of Programs with Increase in Applicants to Date	% of Programs with Decrease in Applicants to Date	% of Programs with No Change in Applicants to Date	Median # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Median # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Range in # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2020	Range in # of Applicants Per Program 2/2/2021	Total # of Applicants for Group of Programs 2/2/2021
PharmCAS Application Deadlines for 2020-2021 (as of 1/3/2021)												
Nov, Dec 2020 & Jan 2021	260.3	262.7	0.9%	-18% to +28%	55.6%	44.4%	0.0%	196	176	89 to 427	107 to 498	2364
Feb-21	243.9	278.0	14.0%	-29% to +122%	41.2%	58.8%	0.0%	208	223	73 to 481	70 to 603	4726
Mar-21	175.5	169.5	-3.4%	-27% to +43%	45.8%	54.2%	0.0%	157	139	33 to 413	24 to 334	4069
Apr-21	160.2	151.9	-5.1%	-37% to +67%	27.8%	72.2%	0.0%	164	159	45 to 279	33 to 288	2735
May-21	126.8	119.4	-5.8%	-48% to +94%	31.3%	68.8%	0.0%	106	101	48 to 355	43 to 407	1911
Jun-21	133.1	120.3	-9.6%	-85% to +221%	32.7%	64.5%	3.8%	128	110	13 to 332	2 to 308	6256
Program Structure in PharmCAS School Directory (Programs identified as 0-6/7 are not reflected in table)												
2-3 Prg	175.1	147.4	-15.9%	-39% to +13%	11.8%	88.2%	0.0%	145	139	47 to 427	52 to 355	2505
2-4 Prg	161.1	144.7	-10.1%	-48% to +85%	28.3%	69.6%	2.2%	143	121	45 to 353	33 to 396	6658
3-4 Prg & Other	136.8	135.1	-1.2%	-43% to +44%	46.2%	53.8%	0.0%	157	120	33 to 214	24 to 224	1756
4 Prg	179.1	190.7	6.5%	-85% to +94%	48.1%	51.9%	0.0%	153	147	13 to 481	2 to 603	10297

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Colleges Attended

Colleges attended data for the current 2020-2021 cycle to date is reported as a separate file. Final colleges attended data for the previous cycle is reflected in the 2019-2020 PharmCAS Applicant Data Report (PDF) released in October 2020.

State of Residency

Table reflects the permanent state of residency of PharmCAS applicants with verified status to date. States without any verified applicants to date were excluded from the table.

State/Province	PharmCAS Verified Applicants as of 02/02/2021	% of Pool
Alabama	128	1.58%
Alaska	9	0.11%
American Samoa	1	0.01%
Arizona	200	2.48%
Arkansas	66	0.82%
Armed Forces Europe, Africa, Canada, Middle East	1	0.01%
California	952	11.78%
Colorado	75	0.93%
Connecticut	106	1.31%
Delaware	11	0.14%
Did Not Report	0	0.00%
District of Columbia	4	0.05%
Florida	504	6.24%
Georgia	233	2.88%
Guam	2	0.02%
Hawaii	40	0.50%
Idaho	32	0.40%
Illinois	348	4.31%
Indiana	215	2.66%
International	172	2.13%
Iowa	87	1.08%
Kansas	91	1.13%
Kentucky	162	2.01%
Louisiana	135	1.67%
Maine	13	0.16%

Maryland	104	1.29%
Massachusetts	112	1.39%
Michigan	337	4.17%
Minnesota	180	2.23%
Mississippi	97	1.20%
Missouri	132	1.63%
Montana	26	0.32%
Nebraska	50	0.62%
Nevada	61	0.76%
New Hampshire	21	0.26%
New Jersey	135	1.67%
New Mexico	76	0.94%
New York	406	5.03%
North Carolina	230	2.85%
North Dakota	34	0.42%
Ohio	249	3.08%
Oklahoma	47	0.58%
Oregon	79	0.98%
Other/Unknown	17	0.21%
Pennsylvania	247	3.06%
Puerto Rico	236	2.92%
Rhode Island	7	0.09%
South Carolina	167	2.07%
South Dakota	8	0.10%
Tennessee	177	2.19%
Texas	668	8.27%
Utah	51	0.63%
Vermont	2	0.02%
Virginia	135	1.67%
Washington	170	2.10%
West Virginia	53	0.66%
Wisconsin	170	2.10%
Wyoming	8	0.10%