

Table 1. Geographic distribution of applicants to optometry school from the United States and Puerto Rico during the 2014-2015 through 2020-2021 application cycles.

United States	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. California	381	16%	407	16%	387	16%	362	16%	280	12%	317	14%	356	14%
2. Texas	234	10%	244	9%	265	11%	230	10%	231	10%	234	10%	260	11%
3. Florida	154	6%	171	7%	154	6%	148	6%	153	7%	159	7%	172	7%
4. New York	148	6%	171	7%	166	7%	148	6%	159	7%	151	6%	180	7%
5. Pennsylvania	120	5%	94	4%	90	4%	81	4%	85	4%	81	3%	102	4%
6. Illinois	119	5%	119	5%	130	5%	125	5%	119	5%	136	6%	107	4%
7. Michigan	99	4%	110	4%	112	5%	86	4%	104	5%	86	4%	89	4%
8. Ohio	87	4%	87	3%	77	3%	86	4%	85	4%	72	3%	83	3%
9. New Jersey	82	3%	92	4%	80	3%	86	4%	90	4%	99	4%	79	3%
10. Indiana	58	2%	69	3%	46	2%	49	2%	59	3%	42	2%	56	2%
11. Virginia	57	2%	45	2%	58	2%	51	2%	51	2%	48	2%	55	2%
12. North Carolina	51	2%	42	2%	34	1%	46	2%	38	2%	50	2%	64	3%
13. Georgia	47	2%	45	2%	38	2%	41	2%	45	2%	44	2%	48	2%
14. Washington	43	2%	44	2%	43	2%	48	2%	48	2%	44	2%	43	2%
15. Missouri	43	2%	41	2%	48	2%	37	2%	35	2%	45	2%	43	2%
16. Kansas	41	2%	38	1%	23	1%	24	1%	21	1%	28	1%	24	1%
17. Massachusetts	39	2%	45	2%	53	2%	54	2%	62	3%	58	2%	57	2%
18. Tennessee	40	2%	50	2%	49	2%	50	2%	44	2%	45	2%	32	1%
19. Arizona	38	2%	34	1%	35	1%	22	1%	28	1%	37	2%	37	2%
20. Oregon	36	1%	33	1%	22	1%	21	1%	28	1%	23	1%	29	1%
21. Oklahoma	34	1%	44	2%	48	2%	47	2%	33	1%	35	2%	35	1%
22. Iowa	34	1%	31	1%	22	1%	23	1%	12	1%	15	1%	25	1%
23. Minnesota	34	1%	30	1%	45	2%	37	2%	31	1%	43	2%	29	1%
24. Wisconsin	33	1%	37	1%	35	1%	34	1%	32	1%	28	1%	24	1%
25. Alabama	30	1%	42	2%	34	1%	34	1%	22	1%	40	2%	36	1%
26. Colorado	28	1%	21	1%	18	1%	22	1%	21	1%	21	1%	22	1%
27. Mississippi	27	1%	26	1%	25	1%	18	1%	17	1%	26	1%	20	1%
28. Maryland	25	1%	38	1%	35	1%	31	1%	26	1%	32	1%	31	1%
29. Kentucky	24	1%	51	2%	40	2%	28	1%	41	2%	43	2%	42	2%

30. Connecticut	23	1%	21	1%	20	1%	16	1%	20	1%	22	1%	20	1%
31. Arkansas	22	1%	23	1%	32	1%	32	1%	21	1%	14	1%	23	1%
32. Louisiana	20	1%	30	1%	22	1%	27	1%	32	1%	22	1%	26	1%
33. Utah	19	1%	14	1%	27	1%	19	1%	22	1%	20	1%	22	1%
34. Idaho	19	1%	14	0.54%	14	0.57%	8	0.35%	13	0.58%	9	0.39%	5	0.20%
35. Nebraska	17	1%	22	1%	20	1%	15	1%	22	1%	23	1%	13	1%
36. Maine	16	1%	11	0%	9	0%	7	0%	9	0%	6	0%	15	1%
37. Hawaii	15	1%	18	1%	15	1%	13	1%	11	0%	17	1%	13	1%
38. Puerto Rico	15	1%	16	1%	14	1%	12	1%	12	1%	30	1%	46	2%
39. South Carolina	14	1%	13	1%	6	0.24%	11	0%	7	0%	12	1%	19	1%
40. South Dakota	13	1%	6	0.23%	17	1%	5	0%	8	0%	12	1%	13	1%
41. Nevada	13	1%	18	1%	8	0%	15	1%	19	1%	10	0%	13	1%
42. North Dakota	13	1%	10	0.39%	8	0.32%	10	0.43%	13	0.58%	9	0.39%	9	0.37%
43. Rhode Island	11	0.45%	11	0.43%	6	0.24%	11	0.48%	7	0.31%	8	0.34%	4	0.16%
44. West Virginia	10	0.41%	17	0.66%	8	0.32%	9	0.39%	8	0.36%	8	0.34%	7	0.28%
45. New Hampshire	10	0.41%	9	0.35%	4	0.16%	11	0.48%	5	0.22%	12	0.51%	5	0.20%
46. Wyoming	5	0.20%	2	0.08%	5	0.20%	5	0.22%	3	0.13%	4	0.17%	4	0.16%
47. Delaware	5	0.20%	6	0.23%	4	0.16%	5	0.22%	4	0.18%	2	0.09%	2	0.08%
48. New Mexico	4	0.16%	8	0.31%	8	0.32%	7	0.30%	6	0.27%	2	0.09%	6	0.24%
49. Alaska	4	0.16%	1	0.04%	5	0.20%	1	0.04%	3	0.13%	3	0.13%	2	0.08%
50. Montana	2	0.08%	4	0.16%	6	0.24%	1	0.04%	1	0.04%	4	0.17%	11	0.45%
51. Vermont	2	0.08%	1	0.04%	2	0.08%	1	0.04%	1	0.04%	1	0.04%	0	0.00%
52. District of Columbia	0	0.00%	1	0.04%	0	0.00%	2	0.09%	0	0.00%	1	0.04%	1	0.04%
TOTAL	2,458	100%	2,577	100%	2,472	100%	2,312	100%	2,247	100%	2,333	100%	2,459	100%