

Table 2. Geographic distribution of applicants to optometry, medical and dental school from the United States and Puerto Rico during the 2019-2020 application cycle as compared to bachelor’s degree conferred in natural sciences and mathematics during the 2019-2020 academic year.

United States	Bachelor’s Degree Conferrals in Natural Sciences and Mathematics*		Optometry School Applicants		Medical School Applicants		Dental School Applicants	
	#	#	#	%	#	%	#	%
1. California	23,952	13%	317	14%	6,228	12%	1,237	12%
2. New York	13,162	7%	151	6%	3,530	7%	591	6%
3. Texas	12,550	7%	234	10%	4,894	9%	959	9%
4. Pennsylvania	9,613	5%	81	3%	1,642	3%	293	3%
5. Florida	9,063	5%	159	7%	3,493	7%	875	9%
6. Massachusetts	6,702	4%	58	2%	1,298	2%	197	2%
7. Ohio	6,101	3%	72	3%	1,794	3%	282	3%
8. North Carolina	5,958	3%	50	2%	1,322	3%	383	4%
9. Illinois	5,818	3%	136	6%	2,241	4%	511	5%
10. Michigan	5,655	3%	86	4%	1,974	4%	443	4%
11. Georgia	5,449	3%	44	2%	1,616	3%	351	3%
12. Virginia	5,356	3%	48	2%	1,407	3%	313	3%
13. New Jersey	4,527	2%	99	4%	1,934	4%	355	3%
14. Wisconsin	4,276	2%	28	1%	827	2%	172	2%
15. Washington	4,187	2%	44	2%	1,135	2%	190	2%
16. Arizona	4,032	2%	37	2%	916	2%	166	2%
17. Minnesota	3,886	2%	43	2%	997	2%	182	2%
18. Colorado	3,843	2%	21	1%	845	2%	122	1%
19. Indiana	3,777	2%	42	2%	765	1%	168	2%
20. Maryland	3,232	2%	32	1%	1,173	2%	197	2%
21. Missouri	3,108	2%	45	2%	771	1%	139	1%
22. South Carolina	3,041	2%	12	1%	724	1%	134	1%
23. Alabama	2,862	2%	40	2%	579	1%	131	1%
24. Tennessee	2,584	1%	45	2%	857	2%	212	2%
25. Puerto Rico	2,550	1%	30	1%	636	1%	0	0%
26. Oregon	2,414	1%	23	1%	572	1%	96	1%
27. Utah	2,409	1%	20	1%	632	1%	163	2%

28. Connecticut	2,292	1%	22	1%	615	1%	90	1%
29. Louisiana	2,199	1%	22	1%	869	2%	150	1%
30. Iowa	2,122	1%	15	1%	368	1%	101	1%
31. Kentucky	1,843	1%	43	2%	613	1%	120	1%
32. Oklahoma	1,777	1%	35	2%	446	1%	121	1%
33. Kansas	1,433	1%	28	1%	524	1%	74	1%
34. Mississippi	1,502	1%	26	1%	457	1%	136	1%
35. Arkansas	1,262	1%	14	1%	374	1%	91	1%
36. Nebraska	1,176	1%	23	1%	309	1%	65	1%
37. Rhode Island	1,128	0.60%	8	0.34%	117	0.23%	11	0.11%
38. Idaho	1,016	0.54%	9	0.39%	201	0.39%	44	0.43%
39. New Hampshire	984	0.53%	12	0.51%	117	0.23%	13	0.13%
40. West Virginia	938	0.50%	8	0.34%	247	0.48%	54	0.53%
41. Nevada	893	0.48%	10	0.43%	341	1%	89	1%
42. Maine	834	0.45%	6	0.26%	99	0.19%	22	0.30%
43. New Mexico	741	0.40%	2	0.09%	265	0.51%	24	0.23%
44. Montana	733	0.39%	4	0.17%	126	0.24%	27	0.26%
45. District of Columbia	654	0.35%	1	0.04%	103	0.20%	4	0.04%
46. Vermont	651	0.35%	1	0.04%	104	0.20%	7	0.07%
47. Hawaii	579	0.31%	17	1%	265	1%	31	0.30%
48. Delaware	496	0.27%	2	0.09%	101	0.19%	32	0.31%
49. South Dakota	488	0.26%	12	1%	164	0.31%	22	0.21%
50. North Dakota	429	0.23%	9	0.39%	155	0.30%	37	0.36%
51. Wyoming	295	0.16%	4	0.17%	70	0.13%	11	0.11%
52. Alaska	164	0.09%	3	0.13%	95	0.18%	19	0.19%
TOTAL	186,736	100%	2,333	100%	51,947	100%	10,257	100%

* Includes biological and biomedical sciences; physical sciences; science technologies/technicians; and mathematics and statistics