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## **OPTOMETRY CENTRALIZED APPLICATION SERVICE** OptomCAS Applicant Data Report – A National Snapshot

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## INTRODUCTION

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The Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS), operated by Liaison International on behalf of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO), provides a web-based platform for prospective optometry students to apply to multiple institutions using a single application. Applicants submit comprehensive academic and personal information—including coursework, transcripts, letters of recommendation, work and volunteer experience, and a personal statement. The application is verified and made available to participating schools and colleges of optometry.

OptomCAS was launched for the 2009–2010 admissions cycle, and since its inception, every optometry program has participated. OptomCAS offers standardized, verified application and admissions metrics that support national monitoring of optometric education trends.

This report presents an analysis of applicant data from the 2024–2025 cycle. The cycle opened June 27, 2024, and closed May 29, 2025, with an application fee of \$187 for the first program and \$80 for each additional program.

The number of OptomCAS individual verified applicants to the twenty-five schools and colleges of optometry for this cycle was 2,897. These applicants submitted a total of 12,536 applications for an average of 4.33 applications per applicant.

Unless otherwise noted, all applicant counts reflect verified applications, and acceptance data include the following decision codes: *Matriculated*, *Offer Accepted*, *Offer Made*, *Offer Declined*, and *Deferred*. Data may vary slightly from other ASCO reports due to differences in timing and reporting methodology.



# OVERALL OPTOMCAS TRENDS

Figure 1. OptomCAS Applicants per Institution (2024-2025)

State	Institution	Total Verified Applicants
AZ	Arizona College of Optometry, Midwestern University	743
IL	Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University	738
IL	Illinois College of Optometry	703
IN	Indiana University School of Optometry	575
PR	Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry	204
MA	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry	535
MI	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University	246
MA	New England College of Optometry	860
OK	Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry	226
FL	Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry	801
OH	The Ohio State University College of Optometry	567
OR	Pacific University College of Optometry	353
PA	Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus	825
UT	Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions	272
CA	Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University	423
TN	Southern College of Optometry	729
NY	State University of New York College of Optometry	454
AL	University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry	461
CA	University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science	415
MI	University of Detroit Mercy School of Optometry	228
TX	University of Houston College of Optometry	634
TX	University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry	437
MO	University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry	395
KY	University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry	436
CA	Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry	276

**Figure 2. OptomCAS Number of Institutions, Applicants and Applications (2009-2025)**

Application Cycle	# of Participating Institutions	Number of Applicants	% Change	Number of Applications	% Change	Applications to Applicant Ratio
2009-2010	20	2503		12,835		5.13
2010-2011	20	2513	0.4%	12,775	-0.5%	5.08
2011-2012	21	2545	1.3%	13,393	4.8%	5.26
2012-2013	21	2639	3.7%	13,210	-1.4%	5.01
2013-2014	21	2604	-1.3%	13,164	-0.3%	5.06
2014-2015	21	2732	4.9%	13,261	0.7%	4.85
2015-2016	22	2812	2.9%	13,620	2.7%	4.84
2016-2017	23	2687	-4.4%	13,339	-2.1%	4.96
2017-2018	23	2527	-6.0%	12,293	-7.8%	4.86
2018-2019	23	2472	-2.2%	11,746	-4.4%	4.75
2019-2020	23	2563	3.7%	11,873	1.1%	4.63
2020-2021	23	2684	4.7%	12,513	5.4%	4.66
2021-2022	23	2700	0.6%	12,274	-1.9%	4.55
2022-2023	24	2773	2.7%	11,834	-3.6%	4.27
2023-2024	24	2868	3.4%	12,732	7.6%	4.44
2024-2025	25	2897	1.0%	12,536	-1.5%	4.33

**Figure 3. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants (2009-2025)**

Application Cycle	# of Participating Institutions	Number of Applicants	Number of Accepted Applicants	% of Applicants Accepted
2009-2010	20	2503	1670	67%
2010-2011	20	2513	1722	69%
2011-2012	21	2545	1820	72%
2012-2013	21	2639	1856	70%
2013-2014	21	2604	1846	71%
2014-2015	21	2732	1895	69%
2015-2016	22	2812	1983	71%
2016-2017	23	2687	1965	73%
2017-2018	23	2527	1949	77%
2018-2019	23	2472	1953	79%
2019-2020	23	2563	2014	79%
2020-2021	23	2684	1992	74%
2021-2022	23	2700	1954	72%
2022-2023	24	2773	2028	73%
2023-2024	24	2868	2040	71%
2024-2025	25	2897	2099	72%

## AGE AND SEX

**Figure 4. OptomCAS Applicants by Age and Sex (2024-2025)**

Age	Male		Female		Decline to State		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age Up to 19	4	0.52%	13	0.61%	0	0.00%	17	0.59%

<b>Age 20-25</b>	615	80.29%	1843	86.61%	3	100%	2461	84.95%
<b>Age 26-30</b>	93	12.14%	197	9.26%	0	0.00%	290	10.01%
<b>Age 31-35</b>	30	3.92%	42	1.97%	0	0.00%	72	2.49%
<b>Age 36-40</b>	9	1.17%	18	0.85%	0	0.00%	27	0.93%
<b>Age 41-45</b>	5	0.65%	5	0.23%	0	0.00%	10	0.35%
<b>Age 46+</b>	10	1.31%	7	0.33%	0	0.00%	17	0.59%
<b>Age Unknown</b>	0	0.00%	3	0.14%	0	0.00%	3	0.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2128</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2897</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Median</b>	23		22		25		22	
<b>Mean</b>	24.01		23.02		23.33		23.28	
<b>Range</b>	17-61		19-58		20-25		17-61	

% indicates the proportion of applicants in each age group relative to the total applicants within that sex category.

**Figure 5. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Age and Sex (2024-2025)**

Age	Male		Female		Decline to State		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Age Up to 19</b>	4	0.69%	12	0.79%	0	0.00%	16	0.76%
<b>Age 20-25</b>	495	84.91%	1383	91.35%	2	100%	1880	89.57%
<b>Age 26-30</b>	66	11.32%	86	5.68%	0	0.00%	152	7.24%
<b>Age 31-35</b>	12	2.06%	19	1.25%	0	0.00%	31	1.48%
<b>Age 36-40</b>	3	0.51%	9	0.59%	0	0.00%	12	0.57%
<b>Age 41-45</b>	1	0.17%	2	0.13%	0	0.00%	3	0.14%
<b>Age 46+</b>	2	0.34%	2	0.13%	0	0.00%	4	0.19%
<b>Age Unknown</b>	0	0.00%	1	0.07%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1514</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Median</b>	22		22		22		22	
<b>Mean</b>	23.21		22.45		22.50		22.66	
<b>Range</b>	17-50		19-48		20-25		17-50	

% indicates the proportion of accepted applicants in each age group relative to the total accepted applicants within that sex category.

**Figure 6. OptomCAS Applicants by Sex per Cycle (2009-2025)**

	Male		Female		Declined to State		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
<b>2009-2010</b>	831	33.20%	1672	66.80%	0	0.00%	2503
<b>2010-2011</b>	819	32.59%	1694	67.41%	0	0.00%	2513
<b>2011-2012</b>	844	33.16%	1701	66.84%	0	0.00%	2545
<b>2012-2013</b>	867	32.85%	1772	67.15%	0	0.00%	2639
<b>2013-2014</b>	811	31.14%	1789	68.70%	4	0.15%	2604
<b>2014-2015</b>	822	30.07%	1892	69.20%	18	0.73%	2732
<b>2015-2016</b>	836	29.73%	1966	69.91%	10	0.36%	2812

2016-2017	875	32.56%	1804	67.14%	8	0.30%	2687
2017-2018	749	29.64%	1777	70.32%	1	0.04%	2527
2018-2019	730	29.53%	1737	70.27%	5	0.20%	2472
2019-2020	732	28.56%	1830	71.40%	1	0.04%	2563
2020-2021	755	28.13%	1927	71.80%	2	0.07%	2684
2021-2022	756	28.00%	1942	71.93%	2	0.07%	2700
2022-2023	779	28.09%	1994	71.91%	0	0.00%	2773
2023-2024	758	26.43%	2108	73.50%	2	0.07%	2868
2024-2025	766	26.44%	2128	73.46%	3	0.10%	2897

**Figure 7. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Sex per Cycle (2009-2025)**

	Male		Female		Declined to State		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2009-2010							
2010-2011							
2011-2012							
2012-2013							
2013-2014							
2014-2015	585	30.87%	1294	68.28%	16	0.84%	1895
2015-2016	595	30.01%	1383	69.74%	5	0.25%	1983
2016-2017	691	35.17%	1269	64.58%	5	0.25%	1965
2017-2018	603	30.94%	1346	69.06%	0	0.00%	1949
2018-2019	598	30.62%	1353	69.28%	2	0.10%	1953
2019-2020	607	30.14%	1406	69.81%	1	0.05%	2014
2020-2021	575	28.87%	1416	71.08%	1	0.05%	1992
2021-2022	578	29.58%	1375	70.37%	1	0.05%	1954
2022-2023	603	29.73%	1425	70.27%	0	0.00%	2028
2023-2024	593	29.07%	1447	70.93%	0	0.00%	2040
2024-2025	583	27.78%	1514	72.13%	2	0.10%	2099

Information from 2009 to 2014 was reported by applications, not by individual applicants.

## RACE/ETHNICITY

**Figure 8. OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity (2024-2025)**

Race/Ethnicity	Number of Applicants	% of Applicants
American Indian/Alaska Native	15	0.52%
Hispanic/Latino	376	12.98%
Asian	898	31.00%
Black/African-American	145	5.01%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	3	0.10%
White	1213	41.87%

<b>Two or More Races</b>	130	4.49%
<b>Did Not Report</b>	117	4.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2897</b>	<b>100%</b>

% indicates each race/ethnicity group's share of the total applicant pool (N = 2,897).

**Figure 9. OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Sex (2024-2025)**

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Declined to State		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	4	0.14%	11	0.38%	0	0.00%	15	0.52%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	108	3.73%	268	9.25%	0	0.00%	376	12.98%
<b>Asian</b>	203	7.01%	695	23.99%	0	0.00%	898	31.00%
<b>Black/African-American</b>	34	1.17%	111	3.83%	0	0.00%	145	5.01%
<b>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</b>	1	0.03%	2	0.07%	0	0.00%	3	0.10%
<b>White</b>	353	12.19%	860	29.69%	0	0.00%	1213	41.87%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	31	1.07%	99	3.42%	0	0.00%	130	4.49%
<b>Did Not Report</b>	32	1.10%	82	2.83%	3	0.10%	117	4.04%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>26.44%</b>	<b>2128</b>	<b>73.46%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>2897</b>	<b>100%</b>

% indicates the proportion of all applicants (N = 2,897) represented by each race/ethnicity group within each sex category.

**Figure 10. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity (2024-2025)**

Race/Ethnicity	All Applicants in OptomCAS Applicant Pool		Accepted Applicants in OptomCAS Applicant Pool	
	#	%	#	%
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	15	0.52%	5	0.24%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	376	12.98%	229	10.91%
<b>Asian</b>	898	31.00%	666	31.73%
<b>Black/African-American</b>	145	5.01%	74	3.53%
<b>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</b>	3	0.10%	2	0.10%
<b>White</b>	1213	41.87%	949	45.21%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	130	4.49%	97	4.62%
<b>Did Not Report</b>	117	4.04%	77	3.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2897</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>100%</b>

% indicates each race/ethnicity group's share of the total applicants in that column (All Applicants: N = 2,897; Accepted Applicants: N = 2,099).

**Figure 11. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity and Sex (2024-2025)**

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Declined to State		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	1	0.05%	4	0.19%	0	0.00%	5	0.24%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	68	3.24%	161	7.67%	0	0.00%	229	10.91%

Asian	154	7.34%	512	24.39%	0	0.00%	666	31.73%
Black/African-American	19	0.91%	55	2.62%	0	0.00%	74	3.53%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	0.05%	1	0.05%	0	0.00%	2	0.10%
White	290	13.82%	659	31.40%	0	0.00%	949	45.22%
Two or More Races	23	1.10%	74	3.53%	0	0.00%	97	4.63%
Did Not Report	27	1.29%	48	2.29%	2	0.10%	77	3.68%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>27.78%</b>	<b>1514</b>	<b>72.13%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>100%</b>

% indicates the proportion of all accepted applicants (N = 2,099) represented by each race/ethnicity group within each sex category.

**Figure 12. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by ALL Race/Ethnicity Categories (2024-2025)**

Race/Ethnicity	All Applicants in OptomCAS Applicant Pool		Accepted Applicants in OptomCAS Applicant Pool	
	#	%	#	%
American Indian/Alaska Native	38	1.14%	21	0.88%
Hispanic/Latino	376	11.33%	229	9.63%
Asian	1010	30.43%	752	31.62%
Black/African-American	191	5.75%	101	4.25%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	9	0.27%	6	0.25%
White	1578	47.54%	1192	50.13%
Did Not Report	117	3.53%	77	3.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3319</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2378</b>	<b>100%</b>

Percentages show how each race/ethnicity group contributes to the total applicant count for either all applicants or accepted applicants. Because individuals may select more than one category, totals may exceed the number of unique applicants.

**Figure 13. OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	American Indian		Hispanic/Latino		Asian		Black/African-American	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2009-2010	7	0.28%	61	2.44%	777	31.04%	114	4.55%
2010-2011	9	0.36%	48	1.91%	781	31.08%	114	4.54%
2011-2012	13	0.51%	60	2.36%	785	30.84%	115	4.52%
2012-2013	14	0.53%	80	3.03%	764	28.95%	119	4.51%
2013-2014	11	0.42%	74	2.84%	786	30.18%	105	4.03%
2014-2015	6	0.22%	241	8.81%	807	29.52%	93	3.40%
2015-2016	8	0.28%	261	9.28%	887	31.54%	119	4.23%
2016-2017	10	0.37%	258	9.60%	772	28.73%	104	3.87%
2017-2018	5	0.20%	236	9.34%	769	30.43%	102	4.04%
2018-2019	2	0.08%	265	10.72%	788	31.88%	119	4.81%
2019-2020	6	0.23%	284	11.08%	781	30.47%	140	5.46%
2020-2021	6	0.22%	339	12.63%	801	29.84%	160	5.96%
2021-2022	10	0.37%	326	12.07%	875	32.41%	153	5.67%
2022-2023	11	0.40%	361	13.02%	883	31.84%	134	4.83%
2023-2024	14	0.49%	374	13.04%	901	31.42%	140	4.88%

2024-2025	15	0.52%	376	12.98%	898	31.00%	145	5.01%
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**Figure 13 (cont.) OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	Native Hawaiian		White		Two or More Races		Did Not Report	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2009-2010	2	0.08%	1257	50.22%	137	5.47%	148	5.91%
2010-2011	2	0.08%	1305	51.93%	155	6.17%	99	3.94%
2011-2012	1	0.04%	1296	50.92%	188	7.39%	87	3.42%
2012-2013	4	0.15%	1352	51.23%	192	7.28%	114	4.32%
2013-2014	3	0.12%	1306	50.15%	216	8.29%	103	3.96%
2014-2015	6	0.22%	1315	48.10%	77	2.82%	187	6.84%
2015-2016	2	0.07%	1261	44.84%	84	2.99%	190	6.76%
2016-2017	8	0.30%	1273	47.38%	78	2.90%	184	6.85%
2017-2018	1	0.04%	1186	46.93%	84	3.32%	144	5.70%
2018-2019	5	0.20%	1134	45.87%	78	3.16%	81	3.28%
2019-2020	2	0.08%	1219	47.56%	76	2.97%	55	2.15%
2020-2021	2	0.07%	1210	45.08%	100	3.73%	66	2.46%
2021-2022	4	0.15%	1158	42.89%	99	3.67%	75	2.78%
2022-2023	1	0.04%	1204	43.42%	102	3.68%	77	2.78%
2023-2024	2	0.07%	1238	43.17%	117	4.08%	82	2.86%
2024-2025	3	0.10%	1213	41.87%	130	4.49%	117	4.04%

**Figure 14. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	American Indian		Hispanic/Latino		Asian		Black/African-American	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2009-2010								
2010-2011	3	0.17%	30	1.74%	554	32.17%	51	2.96%
2011-2012	11	0.60%	41	2.25%	537	29.51%	50	2.75%
2012-2013	9	0.48%	56	3.02%	559	30.12%	55	2.96%
2013-2014	5	0.27%	36	1.95%	571	30.93%	44	2.38%
2014-2015	4	0.21%	129	6.81%	564	29.76%	34	1.79%
2015-2016	4	0.20%	160	8.07%	626	31.58%	52	2.62%
2016-2017	7	0.36%	168	8.55%	558	28.40%	51	2.60%
2017-2018	4	0.21%	150	7.70%	593	30.43%	56	2.87%
2018-2019	2	0.10%	181	9.27%	624	31.95%	72	3.69%
2019-2020	4	0.20%	183	9.09%	615	30.54%	83	4.12%
2020-2021	3	0.15%	202	10.14%	613	30.77%	99	4.97%
2021-2022	8	0.41%	195	9.98%	656	33.57%	81	4.15%
2022-2023	8	0.39%	228	11.24%	656	32.35%	73	3.60%
2023-2024	4	0.20%	230	11.27%	659	32.30%	70	3.43%
2024-2025	5	0.24%	229	10.91%	666	31.73%	74	3.53%

2009-2010 data not available.

**Figure 14 (cont.) Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Race/Ethnicity per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	Native Hawaiian		White		Two or More Races		Did Not Report	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>2009-2010</b>								
2010-2011	1	0.06%	938	54.47%	91	5.28%	54	3.14%
2011-2012	1	0.05%	986	54.18%	122	6.70%	72	3.96%
2012-2013	2	0.11%	974	52.48%	122	6.57%	79	4.26%
2013-2014	2	0.11%	989	53.58%	128	6.93%	71	3.85%
2014-2015	5	0.26%	985	51.98%	45	2.37%	129	6.81%
2015-2016	1	0.05%	951	47.98%	56	2.83%	132	6.66%
2016-2017	5	0.25%	981	49.92%	54	2.75%	141	7.18%
2017-2018	1	0.05%	965	49.51%	68	3.49%	112	5.75%
2018-2019	2	0.10%	947	48.49%	64	3.28%	61	3.12%
2019-2020	1	0.05%	1021	50.70%	61	3.03%	46	2.28%
2020-2021	2	0.10%	950	47.69%	78	3.92%	45	2.26%
2021-2022	3	0.15%	887	45.39%	76	3.89%	48	2.46%
2022-2023	0	0.00%	928	45.76%	73	3.60%	62	3.06%
2023-2024	2	0.10%	945	46.32%	76	3.73%	54	2.65%
2024-2025	2	0.10%	949	45.21%	97	4.62%	77	3.67%

2009-2010 data not available.

## CITIZENSHIP

**Figure 15. Accepted OptomCAS Applicants by Citizenship Status (2024-2025)**

Citizenship Status	All Applicants in OptomCAS Applicant Pool		Accepted Applicants in OptomCAS	
	#	%	#	%
US Citizen	2483	85.71%	1804	85.95%
Permanent US Resident	90	3.11%	51	2.43%
Temporary US Resident	24	0.83%	13	0.62%
Non-Resident	139	4.80%	102	4.86%
Did Not Report	161	5.56%	129	6.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2897</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>100%</b>

% indicates each citizenship group's share of the total applicants in that column (All Applicants or Accepted Applicants).

## PERMANENT STATE OF RESIDENCY

**Figure 16. OptomCAS Applicants by Permanent State of Residency (Top 26 in 2024-2025)**

State	#	State	#
California	368	North Carolina	49
Texas	277	Tennessee	47
Florida	179	Puerto Rico	46
New York	165	Missouri	45
Michigan	121	Oklahoma	45

Illinois	116	Washington	45
Pennsylvania	95	Kentucky	42
Ohio	94	Virginia	40
New Jersey	89	Kansas	36
Georgia	66	Wisconsin	34
Indiana	61	Connecticut	31
Arizona	58	Minnesota	31
Massachusetts	55	Utah	30

Canadian Applicants: 274 applicants.

## GRADE POINT AVERAGES (GPAS)

Figure 17. OptomCAS GPAs by Sex (2024-2025)

	Male	Female	Declined to State	All
Freshman	3.41	3.49	3.38	3.47
Sophomore	3.38	3.42	2.84	3.41
Junior	3.39	3.42	3.14	3.41
Senior	3.41	3.45	3.64	3.44
Baccalaureate	3.40	3.45	3.29	3.44
Post-Baccalaureate	3.55	3.46	4.00	3.49
Cumulative Undergraduate	3.41	3.46	3.30	3.44
Graduate	3.15	3.39	3.89	3.32
Baccalaureate Science	3.28	3.29	2.99	3.29
Post-Baccalaureate Science	3.52	3.44	4.00	3.46
Cumulative Undergraduate Science	3.31	3.31	3.01	3.31
Graduate Science	2.95	3.35	3.89	3.25
Overall Science	3.31	3.31	3.08	3.31
Overall	<b>3.41</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.45</b>

Figure 18. Accepted OptomCAS GPAs by Sex (2024-2025)

	Male	Female	Declined to State	All
Freshman	3.52	3.60	3.37	3.58
Sophomore	3.48	3.54	2.69	3.52
Junior	3.52	3.55	3.27	3.54
Senior	3.54	3.58	3.68	3.57
Baccalaureate	3.52	3.57	3.31	3.56
Post-Baccalaureate	3.69	3.60	-	3.63
Cumulative Undergraduate	3.53	3.58	3.31	3.56
Graduate	3.55	3.50	-	3.51
Baccalaureate Science	3.41	3.44	3.04	3.43
Post-Baccalaureate Science	3.66	3.56	-	3.59
Cumulative Undergraduate Science	3.43	3.46	3.04	3.45
Graduate Science	3.47	3.49	-	3.49
Overall Science	3.43	3.46	3.04	3.45
Overall	<b>3.53</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>3.56</b>

**Figure 19. GPAs for OptomCAS Applicants Per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	Science Overall GPA	Overall GPA
2009-2010		
2010-2011		
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015	3.17	3.32
2015-2016	3.16	3.32
2016-2017	3.18	3.33
2017-2018	3.18	3.34
2018-2019	3.20	3.36
2019-2020	3.23	3.38
2020-2021	3.21	3.36
2021-2022	3.27	3.40
2022-2023	3.30	3.42
2023-2024	3.31	3.44
2024-2025	3.31	3.45

Information from 2009 to 2014 was reported by applications, not by individual applicants.

**Figure 20. GPAs for Accepted OptomCAS Applicants Per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	Science Overall GPA	Overall GPA
2009-2010		
2010-2011		
2011-2012		
2012-2013		
2013-2014		
2014-2015	3.30	3.43
2015-2016	3.29	3.42
2016-2017	3.29	3.43
2017-2018	3.27	3.42
2018-2019	3.29	3.44
2019-2020	3.33	3.46
2020-2021	3.35	3.48
2021-2022	3.41	3.52
2022-2023	3.43	3.54
2023-2024	3.45	3.56
2024-2025	3.45	3.56

Information from 2009 to 2014 was reported by applications, not by individual applicants.

## COLLEGE MAJORS

Figure 21. College Majors for OptomCAS Applicants (Top 10 in 2024-2025)

Major	#	Major	#
Biology	1097	Other	103
Biological Sciences	266	Biochemistry	94
Psychology	173	Neuroscience	92
Biomedical Science	170	Human Biology	78
Health Science	167	Chemistry	72

## PRIMARY INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED

Figure 22. Primary Institutions Attended for OptomCAS Applicants (Top 26 in 2024-2025)

State	#	State	#
University of Houston	46	University of Illinois-Chicago	25
University of California-Irvine	43	Indiana University	24
University of California-Davis	39	Arizona State University	24
University of California-San Diego	37	University of Washington	24
University of South Florida	35	Florida International University	23
University of California-Riverside	35	Rutgers University	23
University of California-Los Angeles	31	University of Florida	21
Texas A&M University	31	University of California-Berkeley	21
The Ohio State University	30	Wayne State University	21
University of Texas	29	Brigham Young University	20
University of Central Florida	26	Michigan State University	18
University of Georgia	26	CUNY-Hunter College	18
University of Alberta	25	Nova Southeastern University	18

## OPTOMCAS APPLICANTS TO NUMBER OF FIRST-YEAR MATRICULANTS

Figure 23. Applicant to Matriculant Ratio (2009-2025)

Application Cycle	Applying for Academic Year	Number of Institutions	Number of Applicants	Number of First-Year Matriculants (Profile)	Applicant/Matriculant Ratio
2009-2010	2010-2011	20	2503	1639	1.53
2010-2011	2011-2012	20	2513	1658	1.52
2011-2012	2012-2013	21	2545	1732	1.47
2012-2013	2013-2014	21	2639	*1720	1.53
2013-2014	2014-2015	21	2604	1761	1.48
2014-2015	2015-2016	21	2732	1779	1.54
2015-2016	2016-2017	22	2812	1871	1.50
2016-2017	2017-2018	23	2687	*1811	1.48
2017-2018	2018-2019	23	2527	1822	1.39
2018-2019	2019-2020	23	2472	1848	1.34

<b>2019-2020</b>	2020-2021	23	2563	1892	1.35
<b>2020-2021</b>	2021-2022	23	2684	1846	1.45
<b>2021-2022</b>	2022-2023	23	2700	1814	1.49
<b>2022-2023</b>	2023-2024	24	2773	1923	1.44
<b>2023-2024</b>	2024-2025	24	2868	1918	1.50
<b>2024-2025</b>	2025-2026	25	2897	1956	1.48

Matriculant information is reported in the ASCO Profile of Entering Students report. Matriculants include all first-year, full-time students (does not include any repeat or transfer students). The numbers marked by an asterisk represent that one school did not report that year.

## OAT

**Figure 24. OAT Test Takers Per Cycle (2009-2025)**

Cycle	# of OAT Test Takers	% Change
<b>2009-2010</b>	3913	
<b>2010-2011</b>	4009	2.45%
<b>2011-2012</b>	3867	-3.54%
<b>2012-2013</b>	3949	2.12%
<b>2013-2014</b>	3966	0.43%
<b>2014-2015</b>	3997	0.78%
<b>2015-2016</b>	3965	-0.80%
<b>2016-2017</b>	3751	-5.40%
<b>2017-2018</b>	3528	-5.95%
<b>2018-2019</b>	3308	-6.24%
<b>2019-2020</b>	2849	-13.88%
<b>2020-2021</b>	3226	13.23%
<b>2021-2022</b>	3354	3.97%
<b>2022-2023</b>	3225	-3.85%
<b>2023-2024</b>	3475	7.75%
<b>2024-2025</b>	3592	3.37%

Starting in cycle 2017-2018, some institutions started to accept other exams such as GRE, MCAT, DAT, and PCAT or became test optional. All institutions accept the OAT exam.