

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Subject: Demographic Report of the House of Delegates and AMA Membership

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1 INTRODUCTION

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3 This informational report, “Demographic Report of the House of Delegates and AMA
4 Membership,” is prepared pursuant to Policy G-600.035, “House of Delegates Demographic
5 Report,” which states:

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7 A report on the demographics of our AMA House of Delegates will be issued annually and
8 include information regarding age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, life stage, present
9 employment, and self-designated specialty.

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11 In addition, this report includes information pursuant to Policy G-635.125, “AMA Membership
12 Demographics,” which states:

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14 Stratified demographics of our AMA membership will be reported annually and include
15 information regarding age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, life stage, present employment,
16 and self-designated specialty.

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18 This document compares the House of Delegates (HOD) with the entire American Medical
19 Association (AMA) membership and with the overall United States physician and medical student
20 population. Medical students are included in all references to the total physician population
21 throughout this report to remain consistent with the bi-annual Council on Long Range Planning and
22 Development report. In addition, residents and fellows endorsed by their states to serve as sectional
23 delegates and alternate delegates are included in the appropriate comparisons for the state and
24 specialty societies. For the purposes of this report, AMA-HOD includes both delegates and
25 alternate delegates.

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27 DATA SOURCES

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29 Lists of delegates and alternate delegates are maintained in the Office of House of Delegates
30 Affairs and are based on official rosters provided by the relevant society. The lists used in this
31 report reflect 2023 year-end delegation rosters.

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33 Data on individual demographic characteristics are taken from the AMA Physician Professional
34 Data, which provides comprehensive demographic, medical education, and other information on all
35 United States and international medical graduates (IMGs) who have undertaken residency training
36 in the United States. Data on AMA membership and the total physician and medical student
37 population are taken from the Masterfile and are based on 2023 year-end information.

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39 Some key considerations must be kept in mind regarding the information captured in this report.
40 Vacancies in delegation rosters mean that the total number of delegates is less than the 705 allotted

1 at the November 2023 Interim Meeting, and the number of alternate delegates is nearly always less
 2 than the full allotment. As such, the total number of delegates and alternate delegates is 1091 rather
 3 than the 1410 allotted. Race and ethnicity information, which is provided directly by physicians, is
 4 missing for approximately 15 percent of AMA members and approximately 19 percent of the total
 5 United States physician and medical student population, limiting the ability to draw firm
 6 conclusions. Efforts to improve AMA data on race and ethnicity are part of Policy D-630.972.
 7 Improvements have been made in collecting data on race and ethnicity, resulting in a decline in
 8 reporting race/ethnicity as unknown in the HOD and the overall AMA membership.

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 10 **CHARACTERISTICS OF AMA MEMBERSHIP AND DELEGATES**

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 12 Table 1 presents basic demographic characteristics of AMA membership and delegates along with
 13 corresponding figures for the entire physician and medical student population.

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 15 Data on physicians’ and students’ current activities appear in Table 2. This includes life stage as
 16 well as present employment and self-designated specialty.

Table 1. Basic Demographic Characteristics of AMA Members & Delegates, December 2023

2023	AMA Members	All Physicians and Medical Students	AMA Delegates & Alternate Delegates 1,2
Total	282,952	1,514,092	1,091
Mean Age (Years)	46.7	52.8	54.2
Age			
Under Age 40	52.9%	30.5%	19.1%
40-49 Years	11.1%	17.2%	18.1%
50-59 Years	9.5%	15.8%	20.2%
60-69 Years	9.0%	15.6%	25.8%
70 or More	17.5%	20.8%	16.9%
Gender			
Male	58.9%	61.9%	60.8%
Female	40.5%	37.2%	39.0%
Unknown	0.6%	0.9%	0.2%
Race/Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.17%	0.17%	0.2%
Asian	17.5%	16.7%	14.8%
Black or African American	5.3%	4.5%	5.8%
Hispanic	4.1%	4.5%	3.3%
Mixed Race/Ethnicity	5.8%	4.0%	3.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.05%	0.04%	0.0%
White	50.4%	49.9%	62.9%
Unknown	14.9%	18.5%	8.3%
Other	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%
Education			
US or Canada	81.3%	77.2%	90.6%
IMG	18.7%	22.8%	9.4%

¹ There were 319 vacancies as of year’s end.

² Numbers include medical students and residents endorsed by their states for delegate and alternate delegate positions.

³ Age as of December 31. Mean age is the arithmetic average.

⁴ Includes other self-reported racial and ethnic groups.

Table 2. Life Stage, Present Employment and Self-Designated Specialty⁵, December 2021

2023	AMA Members	All Physicians and Medical Students	AMA Delegates & Alternate Delegates 1,2
Life Stage			
Student	18.2%	7.7%	6.1%
Resident	29.0%	11.5%	6.9%
Young (under 40 or first 8 years in practice)	10.0%	15.3%	6.5%
Established (40-64)	20.8%	36.7%	49.9%
Senior (65+)	22.0%	28.7%	30.6%
Present Employment			
Self-Employed Solo Practice	5.8%	7.2%	10.5%
Two physician practice	1.3%	1.7%	1.6%
Group practice	23.5%	38.9%	38.5%
HMO	0.2%	0.1%	0.8%
Medical School	0.8%	1.3%	3.4%
Non-government hospital	3.0%	4.2%	8.2%
State or local government hospital	3.4%	5.6%	10.4%
US government	0.8%	1.5%	2.5%
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Retired/Inactive	11.0%	12.8%	7.3%
Resident/Intern/Fellow	29.1%	11.6%	6.9%
Student	18.3%	7.8%	6.1%
Other/Unknown	2.8%	7.1%	3.6%
Specialty			
Family Medicine	7.9%	10.3%	10.8%
Internal Medicine	21.0%	22.8%	20.3%
Surgery	12.8%	12.8%	20.0%
Pediatrics	5.5%	8.6%	4.0%
Obstetrics & Gynecology	4.9%	4.4%	6.8%
Radiology	3.4%	4.3%	4.9%
Psychiatry	4.4%	5.1%	4.5%
Anesthesiology	3.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Pathology	1.7%	2.2%	2.1%
Other Specialty	16.6%	17.4%	17.0%
Students	18.2%	7.7%	6.1%

⁵ See Appendix for a listing of specialty classifications.

⁶ Students and residents are categorized without regard to age.

Appendix

Specialty classification using physician's self-designated specialties.

Major Specialty Classification	AMA Physician Masterfile Classification
Family Practice	General Practice, Family Practice
Internal Medicine	Internal Medicine, Allergy, Allergy and Immunology, Cardiovascular Diseases, Diabetes, Diagnostic Laboratory Immunology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Hematology, Immunology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Nutrition, Medical Oncology, Pulmonary Disease, Rheumatology
Surgery	General Surgery, Otolaryngology, Ophthalmology, Neurological Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Urological Surgery
Pediatrics	Pediatrics, Pediatric Allergy, Pediatric Cardiology
Obstetrics/Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Radiology	Diagnostic Radiology, Radiology, Radiation Oncology
Psychiatry	Psychiatry, Child Psychiatry
Anesthesiology	Anesthesiology
Pathology	Forensic Pathology, Pathology
Other Specialty	Aerospace Medicine, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, General Preventive Medicine, Neurology, Nuclear Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Public Health, Other Specialty, Unspecified