

Table 158. Physicians by Sex and Specialty: 1980 to 2007

[In thousands (467.7 represents 467,700). As of Dec. 31, except 1990 as of Jan. 1, and as noted. Includes Puerto Rico and Island Areas]

Activity	1980		1990		2000		2007	
	Total	Office-based	Total	Office-based	Total	Office-based	Total	Office-based
Doctors of medicine, total ¹	467.7	272.0	615.4	361.0	813.8	490.4	941.3	562.9
Place of medical education:								
U.S. medical graduates	370.0	226.2	483.7	286.2	616.8	376.5	697.8	424.0
International medical graduates ²	97.7	45.8	131.8	74.8	197.0	113.9	243.5	138.9
Sex: Male	413.4	251.4	511.2	311.7	618.2	382.3	674.3	407.1
Female	54.3	20.6	104.2	49.2	195.5	108.1	267.0	155.8
Allergy/immunology	1.5	1.4	3.4	2.5	4.0	3.1	4.3	3.3
Anesthesiology	16.0	11.3	26.0	17.8	35.7	27.6	41.7	31.6
Cardiovascular diseases	9.8	6.7	15.9	10.7	21.0	16.3	22.6	17.5
Child psychiatry	3.3	2.0	4.3	2.6	6.2	4.3	7.3	5.3
Dermatology	5.7	4.4	7.6	6.0	9.7	8.0	10.9	9.0
Diagnostic radiology	7.0	4.2	15.4	9.8	21.1	14.6	24.9	17.3
Emergency medicine	5.7	3.4	14.2	8.4	23.1	14.5	30.8	20.0
Family practice	27.5	18.4	47.6	37.5	71.6	54.2	84.2	67.3
Gastroenterology	4.0	2.7	7.5	5.2	10.6	8.5	12.5	10.0
General practice	32.5	29.6	22.8	20.5	15.2	13.0	10.3	8.7
General surgery	34.0	22.4	38.4	24.5	36.7	24.5	37.7	25.6
Internal medicine	71.5	40.6	98.3	58.0	134.5	89.7	158.0	108.6
Neurological surgery	3.3	2.5	4.4	3.1	5.0	3.7	5.4	4.0
Neurology	5.7	3.3	9.2	5.6	12.3	8.6	14.8	10.5
Obstetrics and gynecology	26.3	19.5	33.7	25.5	40.2	31.7	42.6	34.4
Ophthalmology	13.0	10.6	16.1	13.1	18.1	15.6	18.2	15.9
Orthopedic surgery	14.0	10.7	19.1	14.2	22.3	17.4	24.5	19.3
Otolaryngology	6.6	5.3	8.1	6.4	9.4	7.6	10.1	8.2
Pathology	13.6	6.1	16.6	7.5	18.8	10.6	19.8	11.6
Pediatrics	29.5	18.2	41.9	27.1	63.9	43.2	76.3	53.3
Physical med./rehab.	2.1	1.0	4.1	2.2	6.5	4.3	8.3	5.9
Plastic surgery	3.0	2.4	4.6	3.8	6.2	5.3	7.2	6.1
Psychiatry	27.5	16.0	35.2	20.1	39.5	25.0	41.6	27.5
Pulmonary diseases	3.7	2.0	6.1	3.7	8.7	5.9	10.5	7.5
Radiology	11.7	7.8	8.5	6.1	8.7	6.7	9.0	6.9
Urological surgery	7.7	6.2	9.4	7.4	10.3	8.5	10.5	8.8
Unspecified	12.3	5.0	8.1	1.6	8.3	3.8	7.9	3.9
Not classified	20.6	(X)	12.7	(X)	45.1	(X)	52.7	(X)
Other categories ³	32.1	(X)	55.4	(X)	75.2	(X)	112.0	(X)

X Not applicable. ¹ Includes other categories not shown. ² International medical graduates received their medical education in schools outside the United States and Canada. ³ Includes inactive and address unknown.

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