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2026 SUMMARY REPORT

Ophthalmology Residency Match

1 | Program Data

Category	Programs	Positions Offered	Positions Filled	Unfilled
Integrated	57	241	241	0
Joint	67	287	283	4
Total	124	528	524	4

2 | Match Rates Among Individual Applicant Categories

Registered and Submitted Rank List				
	Registered		Submitted Rank List	
US Allopathic Seniors	449/666	67%	449/624	72%
US Allopathic Grads	38/93	41%	38/79	48%
US Osteopathic Seniors	16/84	19%	16/57	28%
US Osteopathic Grads	2/19	11%	2/10	20%
International Seniors	1/6	17%	1/3	33%
International Grads	18/109	17%	18/51	35%
Total	524/977	54%	524/824	64%

3 | Applicant Characteristics

Applicant Type	Registered Applicants n = 977	Submitted Rank List n = 824	Matched n = 524	Unmatched n = 300
US Allopathic Seniors	68% (666/977)	76% (624/824)	86% (449/524)	58% (175/300)
US Allopathic Grads	10% (93/977)	10% (79/824)	7% (38/524)	14% (41/300)
US Osteopathic Seniors	9% (84/977)	7% (57/824)	3% (16/524)	14% (41/300)
US Osteopathic Grads	2% (19/977)	1% (10/824)	<1% (2/524)	3% (8/300)
International Seniors	<1% (6/977)	<1% (3/824)	<1% (1/524)	<1% (2/300)
International Grads	11% (109/977)	6% (51/824)	3% (18/524)	11% (33/300)

4 | Composition of Matched Applicants

Applicant Type	Submitted Rank List	Matched	Match Rate (within Applicant Type)	Share of Total Matched
US Allopathic Seniors	624	449	72% (449/624)	86% (449/524)
US Allopathic Grads	79	38	48% (38/79)	7% (38/524)
US Osteopathic Seniors	57	16	28% (16/57)	3% (16/524)
US Osteopathic Grads	10	2	20% (2/10)	<1% (2/524)
International Seniors	3	1	33% (1/3)	<1% (1/524)
International Grads	51	18	35% (18/51)	3% (18/524)
Total	824	524	64% (524/824)	100% (524/524)

5 | Composition of Matched Applicants 2020 – 2026

Applicant Type	2020 Matched = 495	2021 Matched = 498	2022 Matched = 507	2023 Matched = 514	2024 Matched = 518	2025 Matched = 524	2026 Matched = 524
US Allopathic Seniors	86% (428/495)	87% (435/498)	88% (447/507)	86% (442/514)	86% (444/518)	86% (450/524)	86% (449/524)
US Allopathic Grads	4% (20/495)	6% (29/498)	4% (20/507)	6% (30/514)	5% (27/518)	7% (39/524)	7% (38/524)
US Osteopathic Seniors	3% (16/495)	4% (20/498)	4% (22/507)	4% (22/514)	4% (19/518)	4% (20/524)	3% (16/524)
US Osteopathic Grads	1% (4/495)	0% (0/498)	1% (4/507)	1% (3/514)	1% (6/518)	<1% (4/524)	<1% (2/524)
International Seniors	<1% (2/495)	0% (0/498)	0% (0/507)	<1% (1/514)	<1% (1/518)	0% (0/524)	<1% (1/524)
International Grads	5% (27/495)	3% (14/498)	3% (14/507)	3% (16/514)	4% (21/518)	2% (11/524)	3% (18/524)

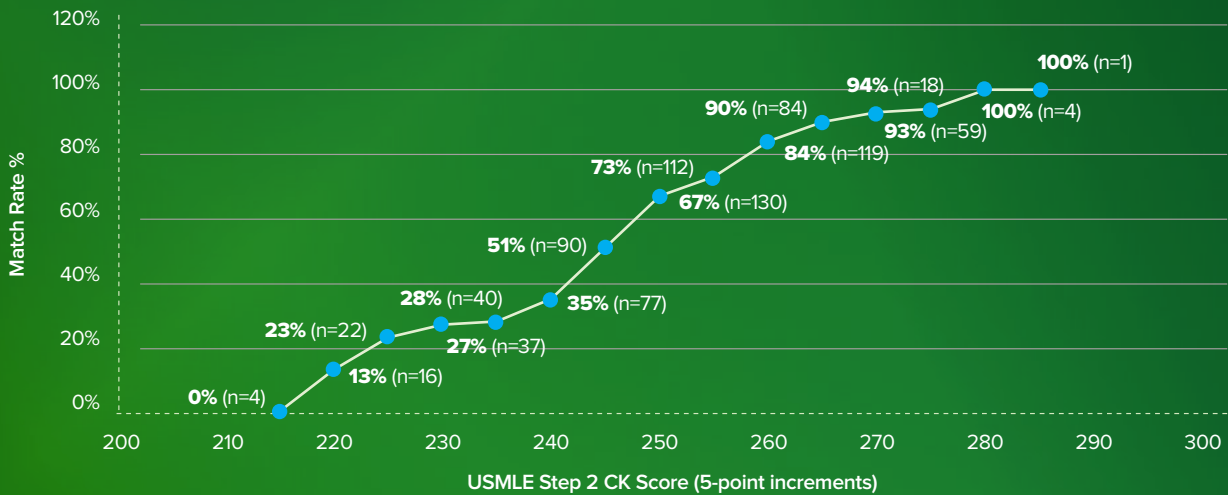
6 | Comparative Overall Statistics 2019 – 2026

	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	Feb 2026
Applicants Overview								
Registered for the Match	790	737	829	877	855	917	958	977
Applied to Programs	740	703	767	831	815	877	912	929
Submitted Rank List	649	635	677	748	742	779	812	824
Ranked by Programs	635	617	665	748	723	768	786	791
Applicants Match Outcome (n / Submitted Rank List)								
Overall % Matched	75% (484)	78% (495)	74% (498)	68% (507)	69% (514)	66% (518)	65% (524)	64% (524)
US Seniors % of Matched Applicants (Allopathic + Osteopathic)	93% (449)	90% (444)	91% (455)	92% (469)	90% (464)	89% (463)	90% (470)	89% (465)
US Grads % of Matched Applicants (Allopathic + Osteopathic)	4% (18)	4% (22)	6% (29)	5% (24)	6% (33)	6% (33)	8% (43)	8% (40)
IMGs % of Matched Applicants	3% (17)	6% (29)	3% (14)	3% (14)	3% (17)	4% (22)	2% (11)	4% (19)
Overall % Unmatched	25% (165)	22% (140)	26% (179)	32% (241)	31% (228)	34% (261)	35% (288)	36% (300)
Programs Overview								
Participating Programs	116	120	119	121	121	122	123	124
Positions Offered	485	496	499	509	516	520	525	528
Positions Filled	484	495	498	507	514	518	524	524
Unfilled Positions	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	4

7 | USMLE Step 2 and COMLEX 2 Mean Scores (Range)

USMLE Step 2 CK	Matched	Unmatched
US Seniors	259 (220 - 289)	245 (218 - 274)
US Grads	250 (227 - 266)	243 (218 - 271)
Internationals	253 (225 - 272)	246 (221 - 275)
COMLEX 2 CE	Matched	Unmatched
US Seniors	643 (510 - 856)	574 (407 - 760)
US Grads	561 (502 - 620)	540 (491 - 669)

8 | Match Rate by USMLE Step 2 CK



9 | AOA Status

	Matched n = 524	Unmatched n = 300	Total Rank List Submitted n = 824
Elected	29% (154 / 524)	3% (9 / 300)	20% (163 / 824)
Not Elected	20% (107 / 524)	30% (90 / 300)	24% (197 / 824)
Not Yet Determined US institution	12% (63 / 524)	11% (32 / 300)	12% (95 / 824)
Not Available US institution	18% (92 / 524)	10% (31 / 300)	15% (123 / 824)
Not Available International Institution	3% (14 / 524)	7% (20 / 300)	4% (34 / 824)
No Response	18% (94 / 524)	39% (118 / 300)	26% (212 / 824)

10 | Major Publications

	Peer-Reviewed Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Abstracts – Published Mean (Range)	Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)	Non-Peer-Reviewed Online Articles – Published Mean (Range)
Matched Applicants n = 524				
First-author	1.9 (0 - 22)	0.6 (0 - 13)	0.2 (0 - 6)	0.4 (0 - 13)
Co-author	3.4 (0 - 51)	1.3 (0 - 75)	0.1 (0 - 4)	0.2 (0 - 8)
Total	5.3 (0 - 51)	1.9 (0 - 75)	0.3 (0 - 6)	0.5 (0 - 13)
Unmatched Applicants n = 300				
First-author	1.3 (0 - 20)	0.6 (0 - 7)	0.1 (0 - 4)	0.2 (0 - 8)
Co-author	3.1 (0 - 40)	0.9 (0 - 22)	0.1 (0 - 3)	0.1 (0 - 3)
Total	4.4 (0 - 40)	1.5 (0 - 22)	0.2 (0 - 4)	0.3 (0 - 8)

Note: The totals may not equal the sum of the displayed values due to rounding; underlying values are calculated using full precision and then rounded to one decimal place.

11 | Match Rates by Combinations of Applicant Characteristics

Characteristics	Matched	Unmatched
(+) AOA (+) Gold Humanism (+) Major Publications	97% n = 31	3% n = 1
(+) AOA (+) Gold Humanism (-) Major Publications	100% n = 2	0% n = 0
(+) AOA (-) Gold Humanism (+) Major Publications	93% n = 113	7% n = 8
(-) AOA (+) Gold Humanism (+) Major Publications	68% n = 54	33% n = 26
(+) AOA (-) Gold Humanism (-) Major Publications	100% n = 8	0% n = 0
(-) AOA (+) Gold Humanism (-) Major Publications	67% n = 2	33% n = 1
(-) AOA (-) Gold Humanism (+) Major Publications	57% n = 299	43% n = 228
(-) AOA (-) Gold Humanism (-) Major Publications	29% n = 15	71% n = 36

Note: (+) = Applicant has this characteristic; (-) = Applicant does not have this characteristic.

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11 | Match Rates by Combinations of Applicant Characteristics, continued

By Gold Humanism Status (-) AOA (+) Major Publications	GHHS Status	Matched	Unmatched
	I Have Been Selected n = 80	68% (54)	33% (26)
	No, I Was Not Selected n = 226	60% (136)	40% (90)
	Not Available at my Institution n = 103	58% (60)	42% (43)
	Not Yet Determined n = 44	57% (25)	43% (19)
	No Response n = 154	51% (78)	49% (76)

By Gold Humanism Status (-) AOA (-) Major Publications	GHHS Status	Matched	Unmatched
	I Have Been Selected n = 3	67% (2)	33% (1)
	No, I Was Not Selected n = 23	39% (9)	61% (14)
	Not Available at my Institution n = 4	0% (0)	100% (4)
	Not Yet Determined n = 5	0% (0)	100% (5)
No Response n = 19	32% (6)	68% (13)	

By AOA Status (-) Gold Humanism (-) Major Publications	AOA Status	Matched	Unmatched
	AOA Junior Elect n = 0	0% (0)	0% (0)
	I Have Been Selected n = 8	100% (8)	0% (0)
	No, I Was Not Selected n = 18	33% (6)	67% (12)
	Not Available at my Institution n = 3	33% (1)	67% (2)
	Not Yet Determined n = 8	38% (3)	63% (5)
No Response n = 22	23% (5)	77% (17)	

12 | Repeat applicants

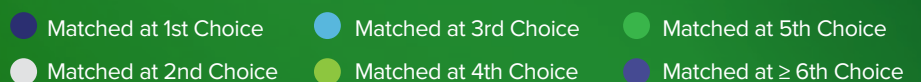
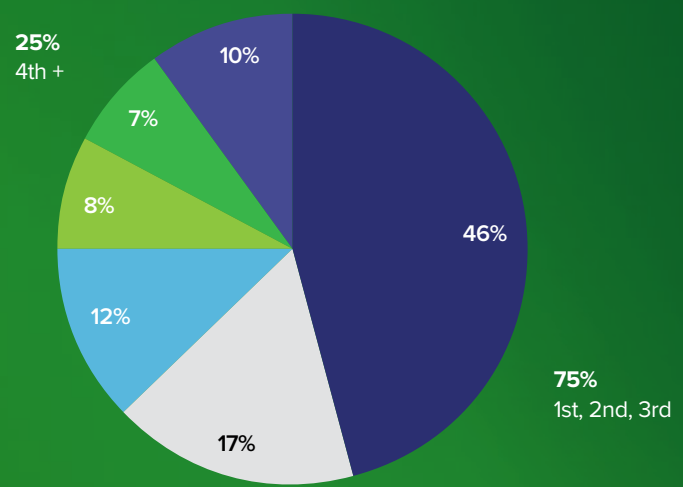
Number of Cycles Participating	Matched n = 53	Unmatched n = 55	Number of Repeat Applicants n = 108	Match Rate for group
2	51 (47%)	47 (44%)	98 (91%)	52% (51/98)
3	2 (2%)	7 (6%)	9 (8%)	22% (2/9)
4	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)	0% (0/1)
Total	53 (49%)	55 (51%)	108 (100%)	49% (53/108)

13 | Couples Match Results

Match Results	Number of Couples
Matched at the Same Program	1
Matched at Different Programs	0
Number of Couples Not Matching	0
Total	1

14 | Match Result by Rank List Position

2026 Ophthalmology Residency Match	Matched n = 524
Matched at 1st Choice	46%
Matched at 2nd Choice	17%
Matched at 3rd Choice	12%
Matched at 4th Choice	8%
Matched at 5th Choice	7%
Matched at ≥ 6th Choice	10%



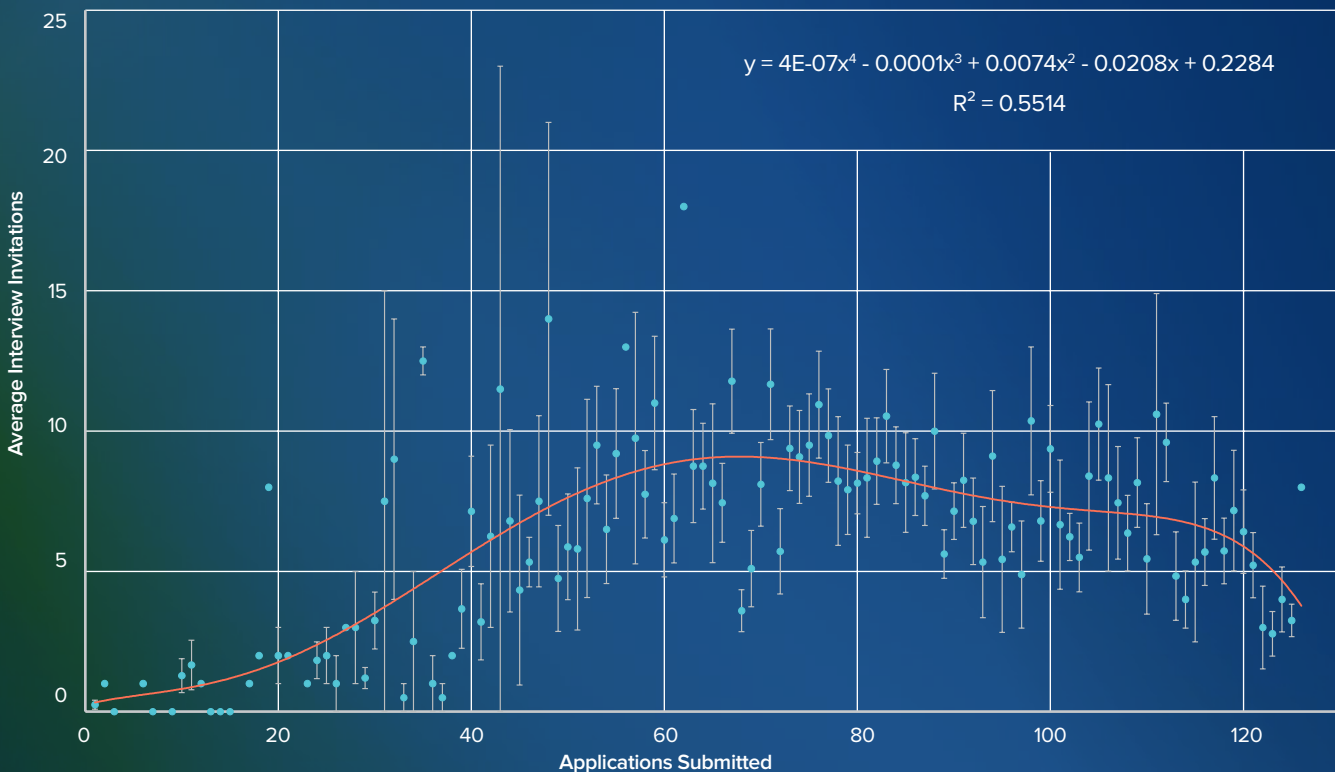
15 | Match Results by Rank List Position Comparison 2020 – 2026

Rank List Position	2020 (n=495)	2021 (n=498)	2022 (n=507)	2023 (n=514)	2024 (n=518)	2025 (n=524)	2026 (n=524)
1st Choice	42%	38%	38%	40%	41%	42%	46%
2nd Choice	17%	19%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%
3rd Choice	11%	10%	12%	12%	15%	14%	12%
4th+ Choice	30%	33%	33%	31%	27%	27%	25%

16 | Number of Applicants and Interviews per Applicant

	Matched	Unmatched
Mean (Range) of Applications	82 (2 – 126)	82 (1 – 125)
Mean (Range) of Interviews	10 (1 – 30)	3 (0 – 11)

17 | Number of Interview Invitations vs. Applications Submitted



18 | Applicant Signaling Data Use

Applied to Programs n = 929		
Applicants who used Signals Applicants who used all 10 signals: 893 (97.38%) Applicants who used fewer than 10 signals: 24 (2.62%)	917	98.71%
Applicants who did not use Signals	12	1.29%
Submitted Rank List n = 824		
Applicants who used Signals Applicants who used all 10 signals: 814 (99.39%) Applicants who used fewer than 10 signals: 5 (0.61%)	819	99.39%
Applicants who did not use Signals	5	0.61%
Ranked by Program n = 791		
Applicants who used Signals Applicants who used all 10 signals: 783 (99.37%) Applicants who used fewer than 10 signals: 5 (0.63%)	788	99.62%
Applicants who did not use Signals	3	0.38%

19 | Signal Data Use vs. Any Interview Invitation from Signaled Program

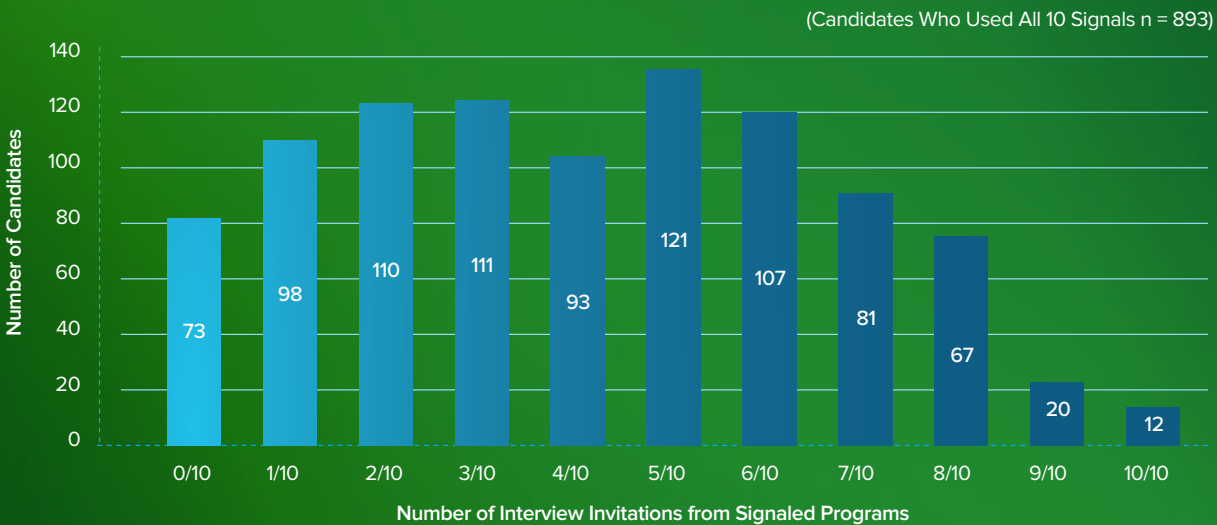
Number of Signals Applied	Applicant Count	Number of Applicants Invited by at Least 1 Signaled Program
0	12	Not Applicable
1	9	3 (33%)
2	2	1 (50%)
3	2	0 (0%)
4	0	0 (0%)
5	2	0 (0%)
6	2	0 (0%)
7	0	0 (0%)
8	1	0 (0%)
9	6	2 (33%)
10	893	820 (92%)
Total	929	826 (89%)

20 | Interview Invitation Rate from Signaled Programs

Applicants Who Used 1 or More Signals	
% of Signaled Programs Offering an Interview	Applicant Count n = 917
100%	15 (2%)
90%	20 (2%)
80%	67 (7%)
70%	81 (9%)
60%	107 (12%)
50%	122 (13%)
40%	93 (10%)
30%	111 (12%)
22%	2 (0%)
20%	110 (12%)
10%	98 (11%)
0%	91 (10%)

Applicants Who Used All 10 Signals	
% of Signaled Programs Offering an Interview	Applicant Count n = 893
100%	12 (1%)
90%	20 (2%)
80%	67 (8%)
70%	81 (9%)
60%	107 (12%)
50%	121 (14%)
40%	93 (10%)
30%	111 (12%)
20%	110 (12%)
10%	98 (11%)
0%	73 (8%)

21 | Number of Candidates vs. Number of Interview Invitations from Signaled Programs



22 | Signaling Use Match Outcome

Matched Applicants	Applicants n = 524
Matched at Signaled Program	401 (77%)
Matched at non-signaled program	123 (23%)

23 | Applications with Signals Received by Programs

Program Type	Programs n = 124	Mean Applications per Program	Mean Applications Received with Signals to Programs
Integrated	57	590	73
Joint	67	588	72
Total	124	589	73

24 | Interview Invitation Rate for Signaling vs. Non-Signaling Applicants

Programs n = 124	Applications Received n = 73,052	Applications with Signals n = 9,021	Total Interview Invitations Sent n = 6,660	Total Invitations Sent to Signaling Applicants n = 3,701	Total Invitations Sent to Non-Signaling Applicants n = 2,959	Overall Interview Invitation Rate for Signaling Applicants
57 (Integrated)	33,627	4,188 (12%) (4,188 / 33,627)	3,038	1,736 (57%) (1,736 / 3,038)	1,302 (43%) (1,302 / 3,038)	41% (1,736 / 4,188)
67 (Joint)	39,425	4,833 (12%) (4,833 / 39,425)	3,622	1,965 (54%) (1,965 / 3,622)	1,657 (46%) (1,657 / 3,622)	41% (1,965 / 4,833)

25 | Frequency Distribution of % of Interview Invitations Sent to Signaled Applicants



26 | Distribution of % of Signaled Applications Received by Programs

% of Applications with Signals	Integrated Programs n = 57	Joint Programs n = 67	Total Programs (Count and %) n = 124
3%	0	1	1 (1%)
5%	0	1	1 (1%)
6%	0	4	4 (3%)
7%	5	5	10 (8%)
8%	3	3	6 (5%)
9%	9	3	12 (10%)
10%	3	5	8 (6%)
11%	7	8	15 (12%)
12%	5	7	12 (10%)
13%	4	9	13 (10%)
14%	4	3	7 (6%)
15%	7	5	12 (10%)
16%	4	5	9 (7%)
17%	1	2	3 (2%)
18%	0	2	2 (2%)
19%	1	3	4 (3%)
20%	1	0	1 (1%)
21%	1	0	1 (1%)
23%	0	1	1 (1%)
24%	1	0	1 (1%)
27%	1	0	1 (1%)

27 | Open House Summary

	Count
Total Number of Programs	124
Programs Offering Open House Tours	44 (35%)
Mean Number of Tour Sessions	1.73
Total Number of Tour Slots Offered	1,105
Total Number of Tour Slots Filled	283 (26%)

28 | Open House Details

Programs with OH Tours	Tour Sessions Offered	Total Slots Offered	Total Slots Taken
Program 1	22	22	6 (27%)
Program 2	1	6	5 (83%)
Program 3	1	68	7 (10%)
Program 4	1	6	0 (0%)
Program 5	1	20	9 (45%)
Program 6	1	30	8 (27%)
Program 7	1	15	7 (47%)
Program 8	1	72	7 (10%)
Program 9	1	48	5 (10%)
Program 10	1	12	1 (8%)
Program 11	1	14	3 (21%)
Program 12	1	24	4 (17%)
Program 13	2	10	5 (50%)
Program 14	1	60	5 (8%)
Program 15	1	20	9 (45%)
Program 16	1	20	8 (40%)
Program 17	1	30	8 (27%)
Program 18	1	20	10 (50%)
Program 19	1	78	14 (18%)
Program 20	2	4	3 (75%)
Program 21	1	15	11 (73%)
Program 22	1	10	4 (40%)
Program 23	1	15	2 (13%)

Programs with OH Tours	Tour Sessions Offered	Total Slots Offered	Total Slots Taken
Program 24	1	30	24 (80%)
Program 25	1	10	4 (40%)
Program 26	1	20	11 (55%)
Program 27	1	30	3 (10%)
Program 28	1	15	10 (67%)
Program 29	8	34	11 (32%)
Program 30	1	66	14 (21%)
Program 31	1	3	3 (100%)
Program 32	1	48	1 (2%)
Program 33	1	20	1 (5%)
Program 34	1	20	4 (20%)
Program 35	1	9	9 (100%)
Program 36	1	8	7 (88%)
Program 37	1	10	2 (20%)
Program 38	2	12	10 (83%)
Program 39	1	15	4 (27%)
Program 40	1	54	5 (9%)
Program 41	1	32	3 (9%)
Program 42	1	24	8 (33%)
Program 43	1	4	3 (75%)
Program 44	2	22	5 (23%)
Total	76	1,105	283 (26%)