



# *Osteopathic Medical Profession Report*



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

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## The Osteopathic Medical Profession

Developed more than 130 years ago by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., osteopathic medicine brings a unique philosophy to traditional medicine. With an emphasis on the inter-relationship of the body's nerves, muscles, bones and organs, osteopathic medical school curriculum prepares osteopathic medical students to apply the philosophy of treating the whole person to prevent, diagnose and treat illness, disease and injury.

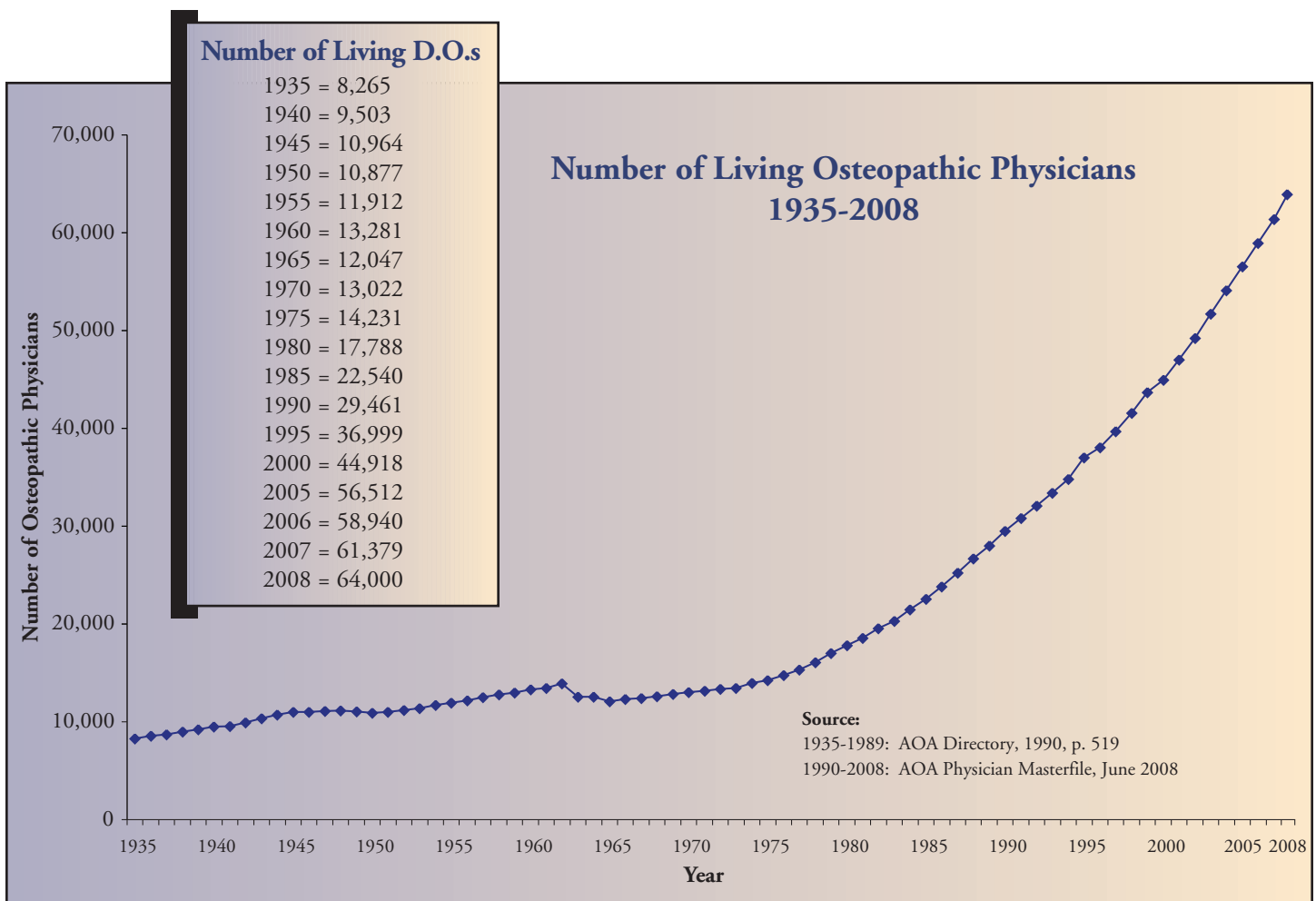
Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in any specialty area including surgery. D.O.s are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their patients.

**As of May 31, 2008**

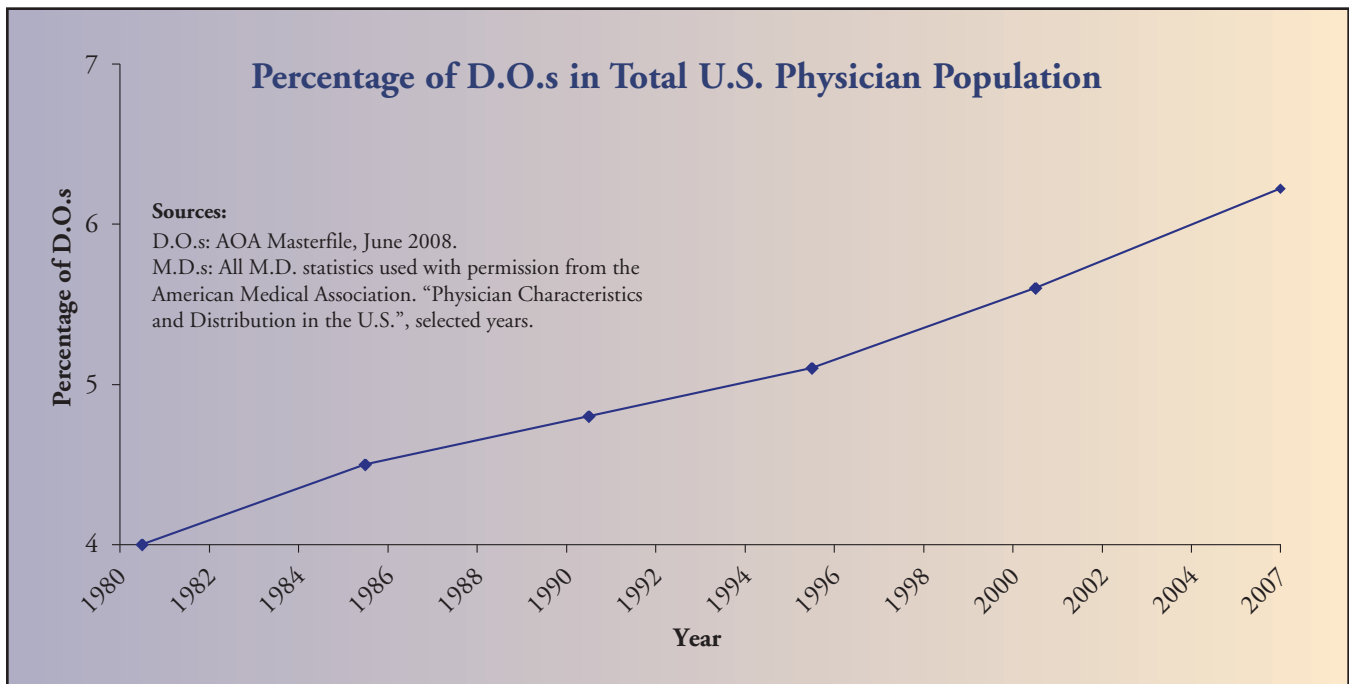
- Number of living D.O.s: 64,000
- Number of AOA members: 37,741
- Percent of living D.O.s that are AOA members: 58.9%
- Estimated number of D.O.s in active practice: 56,978

## Growth in Osteopathic Physicians

D.O.s are one of the fastest growing segments of health care professionals in the United States. At the current rate of growth, it is estimated that at least 100,000 osteopathic physicians will be in active medical practice by the year 2020. The graph below shows the exponential growth in the number of living D.O.s since 1935.



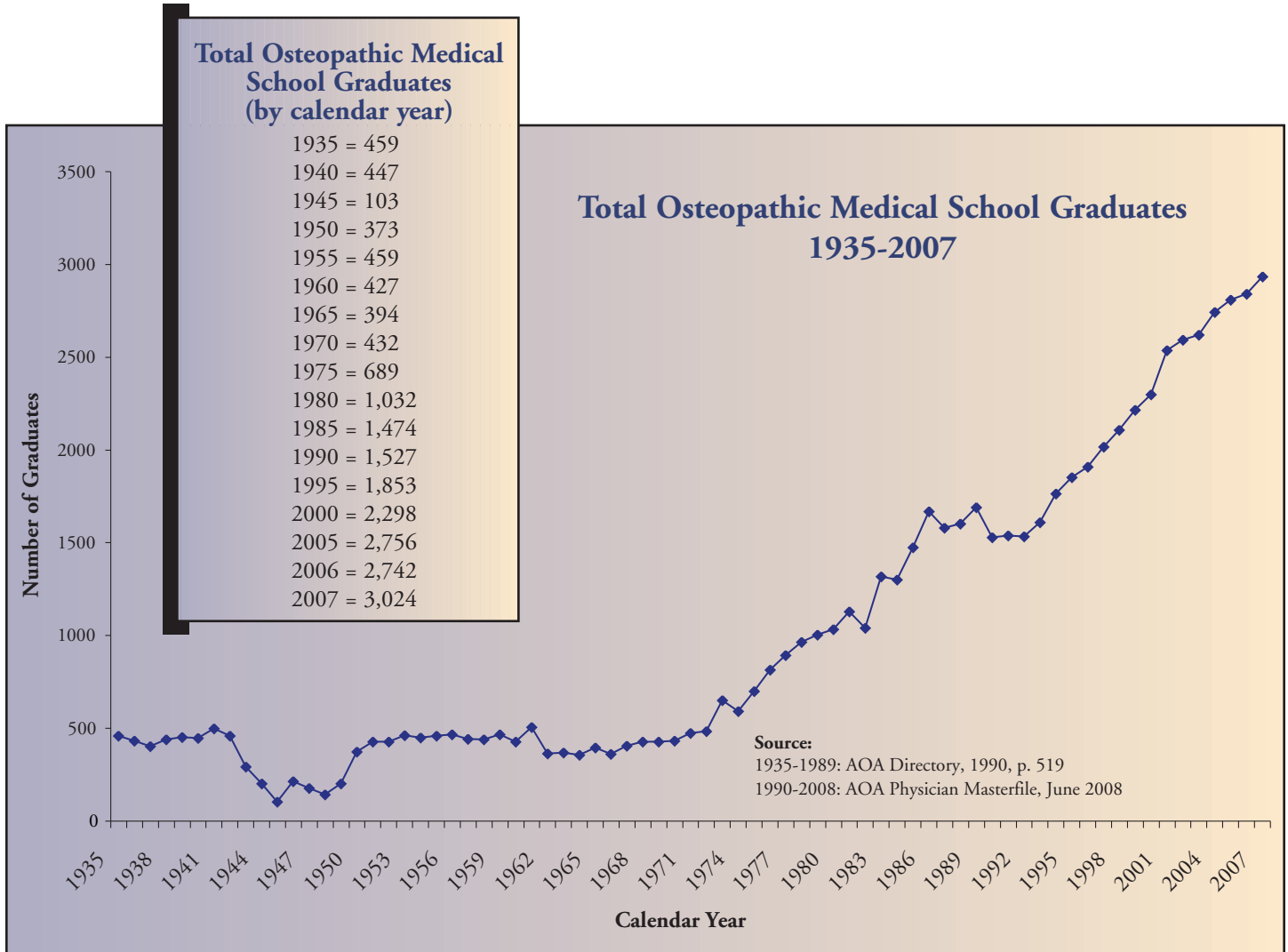
D.O.s are one of only two types of fully-licensed physicians within the United States. M.D.s and D.O.s make up the entire U.S. physician population. Therefore, the growth of the osteopathic medical profession can also be illustrated by the increasing percentage of D.O.s within the entire U.S. physician population. The graph below illustrates this growth since 1980.



### Growth in Osteopathic Medical Students

In addition to the D.O. population growth, the osteopathic medical student population is increasing. In fact, since 2003 four new osteopathic medical schools and three new branch campuses have been built to fill the need for more physicians, especially in rural and underserved areas. The table below and the graph on the next page illustrate the growth in osteopathic medical school students each calendar year since 1935.

	2003-2004	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total enrollment	11,857	12,600	13,406	14,409	15,634
Change from prior year	↑ 3.7%	↑ 6.3%	↑ 6.4%	↑ 7.5%	↑ 8.5%



## Growth in Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Enrollment

For a more detailed look at the increase in osteopathic medical school students, the chart on the next page reports the number of enrolled osteopathic medical school students for each osteopathic medical school or branch campus in the past four years, where applicable.

Osteopathic Medical School Total Enrollment by Academic Year

College of Osteopathic Medicine	Total Enrollment				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine	547	560	574	583	589
Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine	664	677	690	690	675
Des Moines University, College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery	795	817	817	814	840
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine	626	656	670	683	697
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine – PA	806	863	885	900	942
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine – FL		163	323	475	626
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	533	538	616	708	787
New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology	1,161	1,153	1,176	1,220	1,202
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine	769	817	822	884	917
Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine	428	427	431	428	439
Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	350	348	352	352	343
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – PA	1,011	1,034	1,041	1,046	1,084
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – GA			83	169	252
Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine	253	265	278	301	301
Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine	901	934	940	967	977
Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine – CA	490	508	533	549	544
Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine – NV		78	184	320	440
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – School of Osteopathic Medicine	352	366	384	398	413
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine	488	498	499	496	501
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine	492	492	520	555	593
Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine	154	155	467	607	645
Western University of Health Sciences — College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific	700	708	724	762	829
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine	337	337	397	502	596
A.T. Still University – School of Osteopathic Medicine – AZ					107
Lincoln Memorial University — DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine					160
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine – NY					135
Total	11,857	12,600	13,406	14,409	15,634

“Percent Increase of Osteopathic Medical School Enrollment 2003-2008” and “Osteopathic Medical School Enrollment by Institution” Source: Preliminary data in preparation for American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), 2008 Annual Statistical Report on Osteopathic Medical Education. All osteopathic medical student statistics used with permission from AACOM.

## Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution

The American Osteopathic Association established the Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution (OPTI) in 1995.

Each OPTI is a community-based training consortium comprised of at least one college of osteopathic medicine and one hospital. Other hospitals and ambulatory care facilities may also partner within an OPTI. Community-based health care facilities such as ambulatory care clinics, rehabilitation centers and surgicenters now have the resources and support necessary to provide physician training with an OPTI's assistance.

As of July 2008

Number of accredited OPTIs: 17

Approved Internship Training Programs: 161

Approved Internship Training Positions: 1,457

Approved Residency Training Programs: 721

Approved Residency Training Positions: 7,711

## Osteopathic Medicine and Diversity

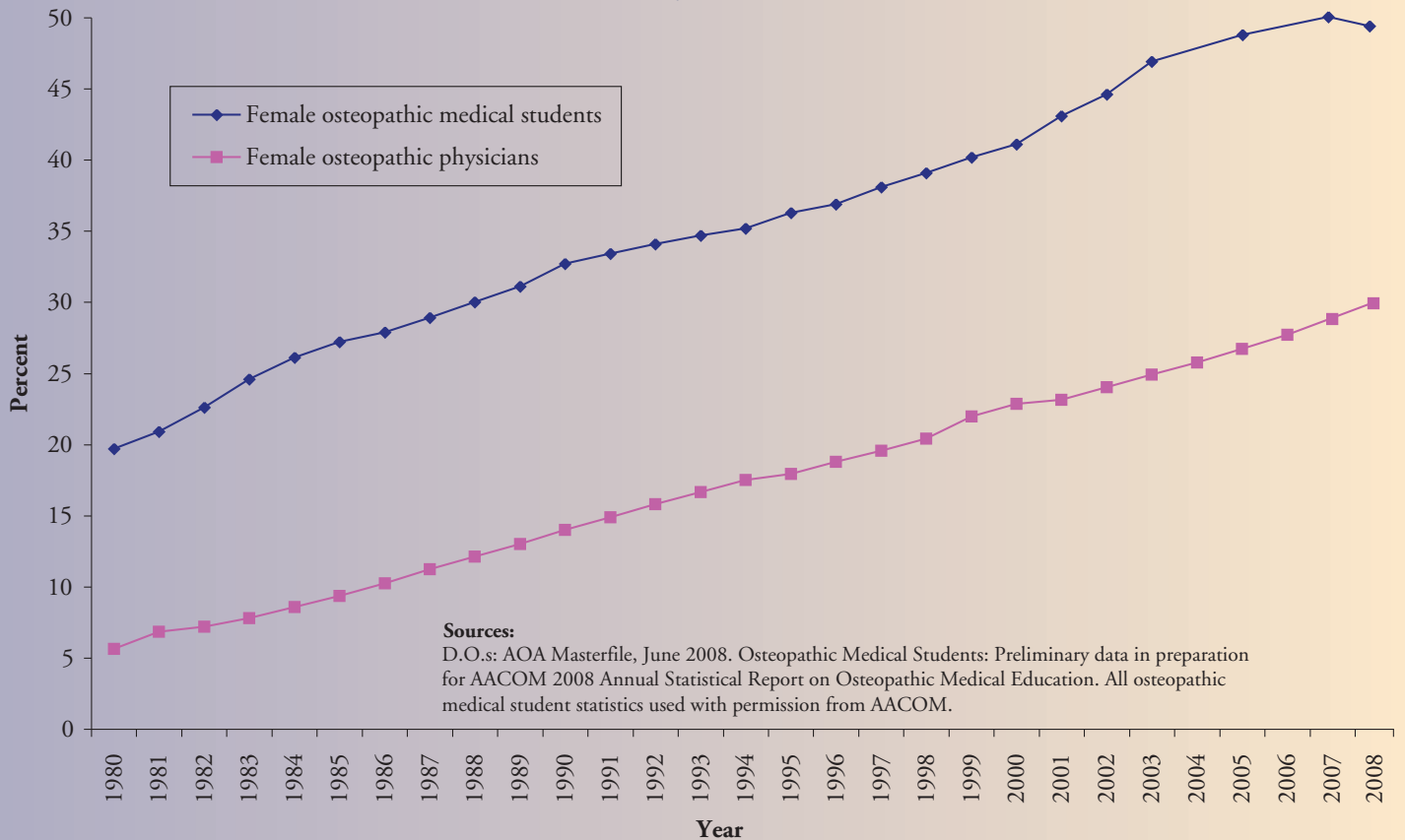
### Women and the Osteopathic Medical Profession

While few career paths were open to women in the late 1800s, the first class to convene at the American School of Osteopathy in 1892-1893 included women. The number of female D.O.s increased until World War II. During the war female enrollment sharply decreased. However, by the 1960s women were again a prominent number in osteopathic medical schools. By 2007, women accounted for 50% of the total enrollment in osteopathic medical schools. The following graph and tables illustrate the growth in the number of female osteopathic medical students and female D.O.s.

**Percent of Female Osteopathic Medical Students and D.O.s**

	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
D.O.s	5.6%	9.7%	13.9%	17.9%	22.8%	26.7%	28.7%	29.9%
Osteopathic Medical Students	19.7%	27.2%	32.7%	36.3%	41.1%	49.6%	50%	49.4%

**Percent of Female Osteopathic Medical Students and D.O.s  
1980-2008**



Source: Preliminary data in preparation for American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), 2008 Annual Statistical Report on Osteopathic Medical Education. All osteopathic medical student statistics used with permission from AACOM.



<b>D.O.s in Active Practice by Number of Years after Osteopathic Medical School Graduation as of May 31, 2008</b>				
<b># Years after Graduation</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
0-4	5,282	5,988	11,281	46.8
5-9	4,793	7,378	12,171	39.4
10-14	3,325	6,155	9,480	35.1
15-19	2,310	5,278	7,588	30.4
20-24	1,691	5,410	7,101	23.8
25-29	814	4,230	5,044	16.1
30+	265	4,048	4,313	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,480</b>	<b>38,487</b>	<b>56,978</b>	<b>32.4</b>

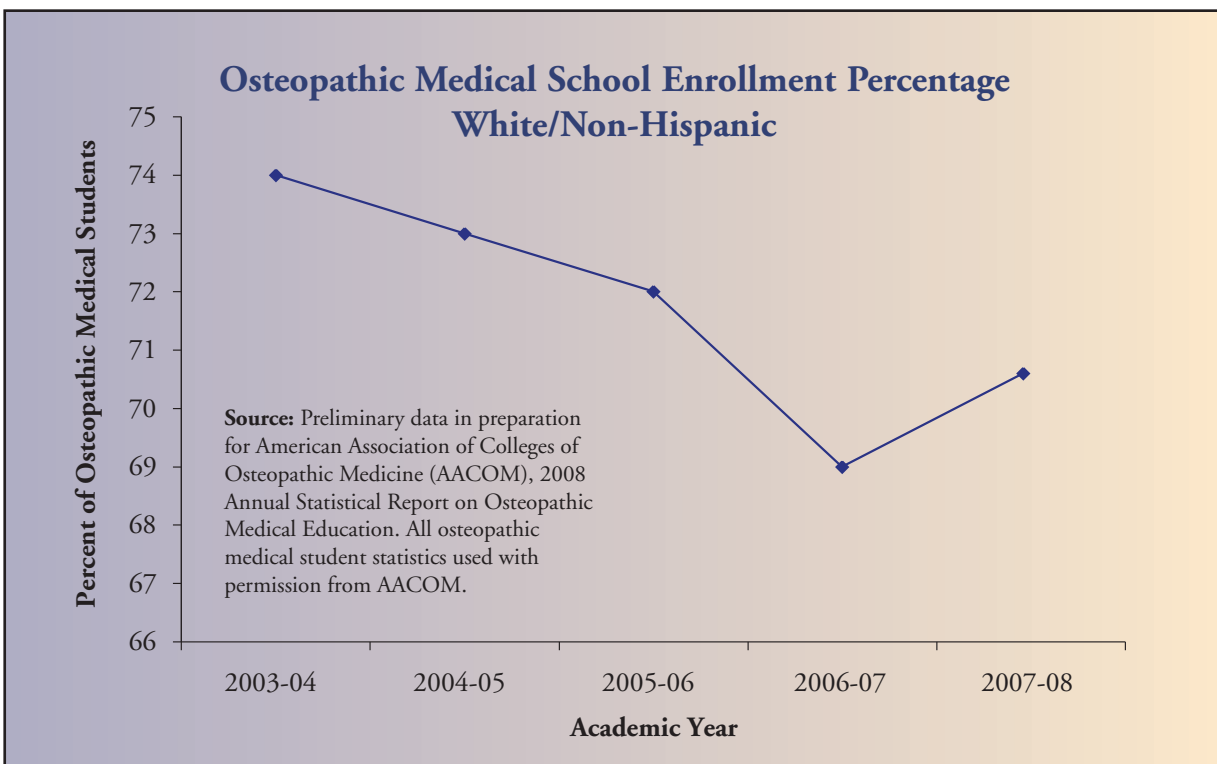
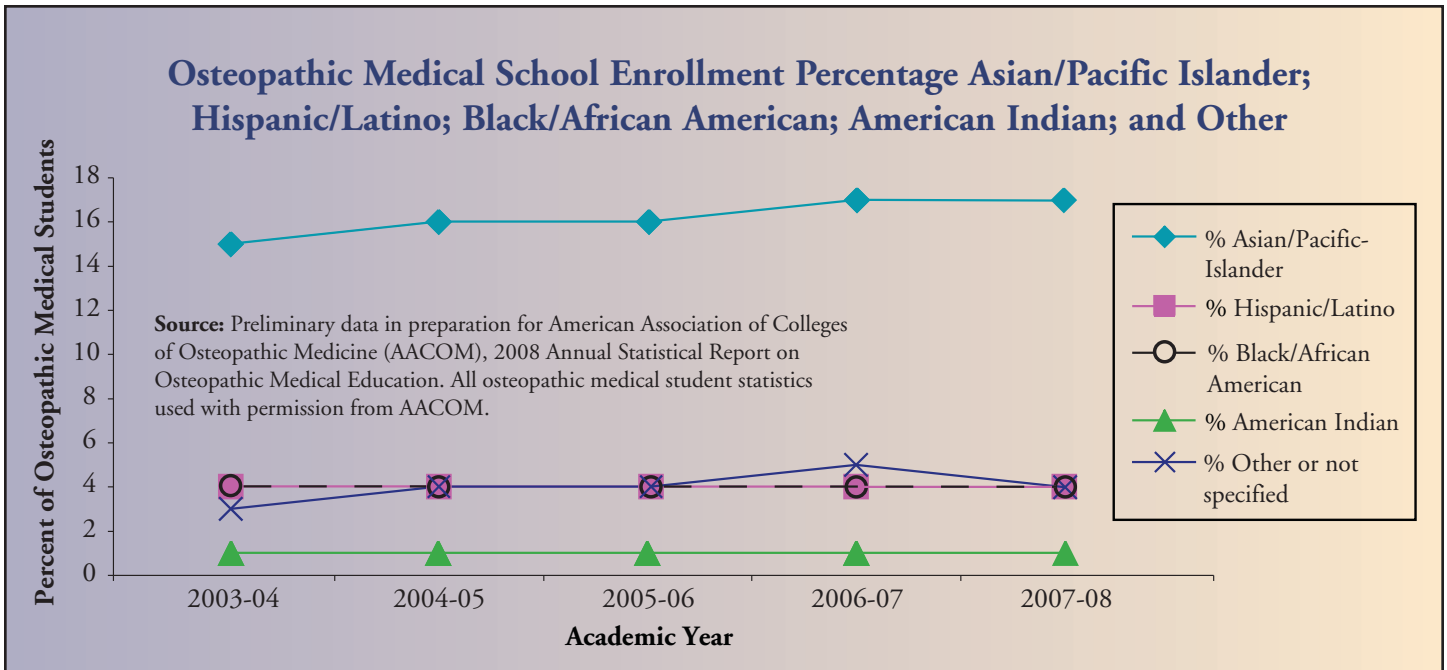
Source: Physician AOA Masterfile, June 2008.

<b>Total Osteopathic Medical School Enrollment by Gender</b>					
<b>Academic Year</b>	<b># of Males</b>	<b>%</b>	<b># of Females</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total Enrolled</b>
2003-04	6,300	53.1	5,557	46.9	11,857
2004-05	6,444	51.1	6,156	48.9	12,600
2005-06	6,751	50.4	6,655	49.6	13,406
2006-07	7,163	49.7	7,246	50.3	14,409
2007-08	7,904	50.6	7,730	49.4	15,634

Source: Preliminary data in preparation for American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), 2008 Annual Statistical Report on Osteopathic Medical Education. All osteopathic medical student statistics used with permission from AACOM.

## Ethnicity of Osteopathic Medical Students

The diversity of osteopathic medical schools is not only represented in the female population. The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) plays a critical role in encouraging all minorities to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine. The following graphs and tables represent the declining percentage of White/Non-Hispanic osteopathic medical students and the increasing percentage of other ethnicities among enrolled osteopathic medical students.



Total Osteopathic Medical Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity					
Race/Ethnicity	(Academic Year)				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total White/Non-Hispanic	8,748	9,209	9,613	10,003	11,028
%	74	73	72	69	71
Total Asian/Pacific-Islander	1,822	1,961	2,097	2,394	2,713
%	15	16	16	17	17
Total Black/African American	425	469	501	588	600
%	4	4	4	4	4
Total Hispanic/Latino	420	472	518	551	569
%	4	4	4	4	4
American Indian	81	90	111	89	102
%	1	1	1	1	1
Total other or not entered	361	399	566	784	622
%	3	4	4	5	4
Total	11,857	12,600	13,406	14,409	15,634

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## Osteopathic Physicians within the U.S.

### States with the Largest D.O Population

D.O.s have historically been concentrated in a few states like Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio. However, in recent years this pattern has decreased and D.O. populations are increasing throughout all 50 states.

Distribution of D.O.s in the Top Six States					
1984			2008		
State	D.O.s	% of total D.O. population	State	D.O.s	% of total D.O. population
MI	3,246	15.1	PA	6,048	10.1
PA	2,753	12.9	MI	5,680	9.3
OH	1,894	8.8	FL	4,287	7.2
TX	1,476	6.8	OH	4,072	6.8
MO	1,375	6.4	CA	3,659	6.6
FL	1,373	6.4	NY	3,733	6.4
Total	10,744	56.4%	Total	27,479	46.5%

1984		1994		2004		2008	
State	%	State	%	State	%	State	%
MI	19.4	MI	17.1	OK	18.2	OK	19.0
OK	16.5	OK	16.1	MI	17.0	MI	17.2
IA	14.8	IA	14.1	IA	14.6	IA	15.8
MO	14.7	ME	12.0	ME	13.1	ME	14.0
ME	12.7	MO	11.3	PA	12.6	PA	12.9
PA	10.3	PA	10.7	MO	12.0	WV	12.8
				WV	11.6	MO	12.3
				OH	10.7	OH	11.0
				AZ	10.4	AZ	10.9

“Distribution of D.O.s in the Top Six States” and “D.O.s are at Least 10% of Total State Physician Population 1984-2008”  
 Sources: D.O. data: AOA Masterfile, June 2008. M.D. data: All M.D. statistics are used with permission from the American Medical Association. “Physician Characteristics and Distribution in the U.S.”, selected years.

## D.O. Population within all 50 States

The table below is a detailed look at the number of D.O.s in each state; the number of actively practicing D.O.s in each state; and the number of AOA members in each state.

State	All D.O.s		D.O.s in active practice		AOA Members	
	N	%*	N	%*	N	%*
AK	157	0.0	147	0.3	67	0.2
AL	408	0.6	385	0.7	175	0.5
AR	278	0.4	248	0.4	144	0.4
AZ	1,895	3.0	1,561	2.8	1,197	3.2
CA	4,208	6.6	3,981	7.0	2,250	5.9
CO	1,074	1.7	935	1.7	525	1.4
CT	441	0.7	430	0.8	172	0.4
DC	74	0.1	70	0.1	17	0.1
DE	272	0.4	245	0.4	165	0.5
FL	4,600	7.2	3,760	6.6	3,188	8.4
GA	859	1.4	765	1.4	408	1.1
HI	212	0.3	199	0.4	95	0.3
IA	1,222	1.9	1,105	2.0	525	1.4
ID	248	0.4	235	0.4	98	0.3
IL	2,526	4.0	2,406	4.2	1,273	3.4

**D.O.s by State; D.O.s in Active Practice by State; and AOA Members by State  
as of May 31, 2008\*** (continued)

State	All D.O.s		D.O.s in active practice		AOA Members	
	N	%*	N	%*	N	%*
IN	903	1.4	814	1.4	541	1.5
KS	719	1.1	643	1.1	368	0.9
KY	489	0.8	457	0.8	274	0.7
LA	134	0.2	125	0.2	50	0.1
MA	673	1.1	643	1.1	219	0.6
MD	732	1.2	700	1.2	295	0.8
ME	702	1.1	630	1.1	439	1.2
MI	5,956	9.3	4,978	8.8	4,939	13.3
MN	492	0.8	469	0.8	220	0.6
MO	2,168	3.4	1,829	3.2	1,316	3.6
MS	330	0.5	314	0.6	187	0.5
MT	155	0.2	140	0.3	71	0.2
NC	804	1.3	753	1.3	389	1.0
ND	62	0.1	60	0.1	29	0.1
NE	184	0.3	181	0.3	76	0.2
NH	248	0.4	237	0.4	106	0.3
NJ	3,359	5.3	2,972	5.2	1,988	5.2
NM	264	0.4	215	0.4	160	0.4
NV	525	0.8	467	0.8	316	0.8
NY	4,095	6.4	3,871	6.8	1,765	4.8
OH	4,335	6.8	3,854	6.8	3,101	8.4
OK	1,730	2.7	1,531	2.7	1,355	3.6
OR	642	1.0	564	1.0	313	0.8
PA	6,441	10.1	5,675	10.0	4,262	11.0
RI	224	0.4	203	0.4	112	0.3
SC	425	0.7	391	0.7	225	0.6
SD	116	0.2	106	0.2	46	0.1
TN	617	1.0	556	1.0	309	0.8
TX	3,847	6.0	3,346	5.9	1,884	5.0
UT	322	0.5	307	0.5	114	0.3
VA	955	1.5	907	1.6	470	1.2
VT	72	0.1	59	0.1	32	0.1
WA	934	1.5	788	1.4	467	1.2
WI	810	1.3	732	1.3	390	1.0
WV	726	1.1	685	1.2	488	1.3
WY	83	0.1	80	0.1	43	0.1
Total U.S.	63,747	100%	56,754	100%	37,658	100%
Unknown or Outside U.S.	253		224		83	
Total	64,000		56,978		37,741	

\*Counts based on preferred mailing address, which can be either home or business.  
Cases where no preferred address indicated are treated as missing data.  
Source: AOA Physician Masterfile, June 2008.

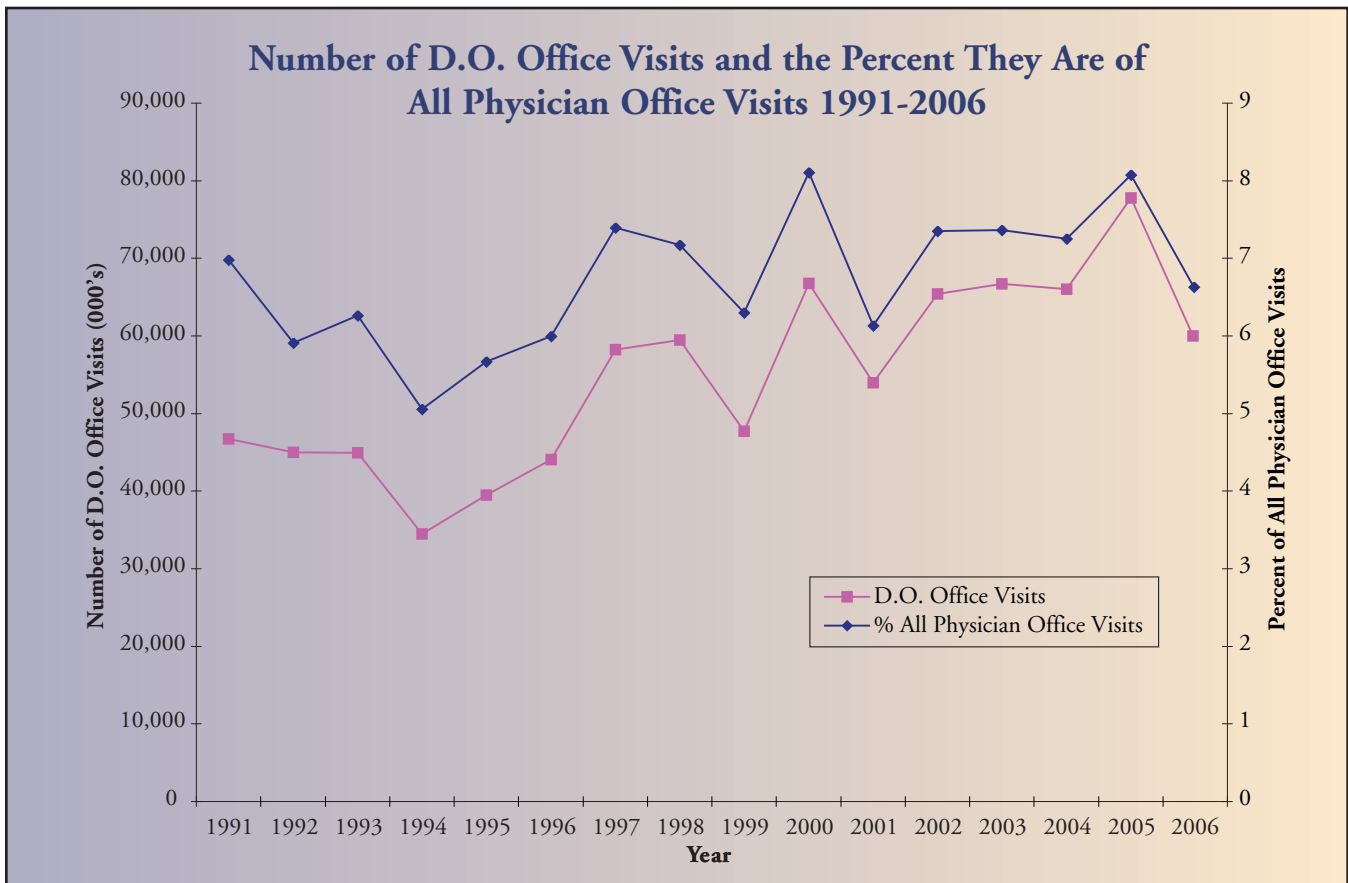
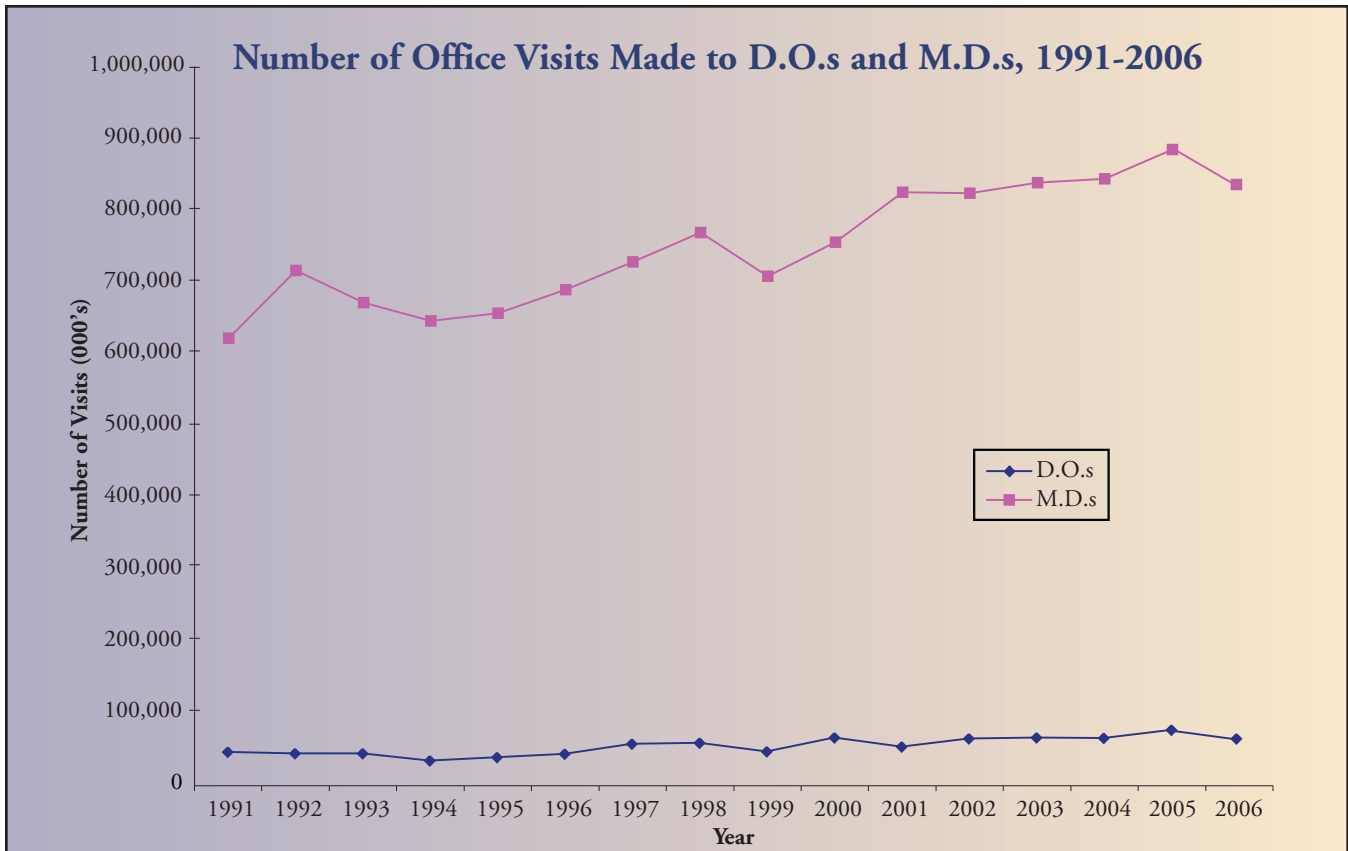
## Osteopathic Physicians and American Health Care

### Osteopathic Physician Office Visits

During the early 1900s, the AOA fought for recognition of the osteopathic medical profession by federal health programs. For example, in 1938 the AOA worked to amend the 1935 U.S. Employees' Compensation Commission, which defined a physician as an M.D., to include D.O.s. Throughout the next few decades, the AOA continued to advocate for the osteopathic medical profession. Today, D.O.s are an accepted part of American health care who have an increasing impact on the medical environment. The following table and graphs indicate the number of office visits osteopathic physicians reported between 1991 and 2006.

<b>Year</b>	<b>D.O.</b>	<b>M.D.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% D.O.</b>
2006	59,722	842,232	901,954	6.6
2005	77,774	885,844	963,618	8.1
2004	66,029	844,828	910,857	7.3
2003	66,665	839,358	906,023	7.4
2002	65,385	824,595	889,980	7.4
2001	53,958	826,529	880,487	6.1
2000	66,729	756,813	823,542	8.1
1999	47,663	709,071	756,734	6.3
1998	59,464	769,816	829,280	7.2
1997	58,203	729,169	787,372	7.4
1996	44,030	690,463	734,493	6.0
1995	39,488	657,594	697,082	5.7
1994	34,436	647,022	681,458	5.1
1993	44,865	672,306	717,171	6.3
1992	44,996	717,049	762,045	5.9
1991	46,727	622,962	669,689	7.0

Source: Advance Data from Vital and Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics.



Source: Advance Data from Vital and Health Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics.

## Osteopathic Physician Payment

The following data from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey aggregated between 2001 and 2005 show differences between D.O.s and M.D.s in the percentage of office visits paid by payment source.

Payment Source	Estimated Numbers			Column Percents	
	M.D.	D.O.	Total	M.D.	D.O.
Private insurance	479,499	37,790	517,289	56.8	57.3
Medicare	87,941	13,266	201,207	22.3	20.1
Medicaid/SCHIP	78,144	6,086	84,230	9.3	9.2
Workers' comp	11,288	1,365	12,653	1.3	2.1
Self-pay	5,639	3,613	39,252	4.2	5.5
No charge/charity	2,943	130	3,073	0.3	0.2
Other	17,424	1,827	19,251	2.1	2.8
Unknown	31,351	1,885	33,236	3.7	2.9
Total number of visits	844,229	65,962	910,191	100.0	100.0

Source: National Ambulatory Medical Care Surveys, 2001-2005.

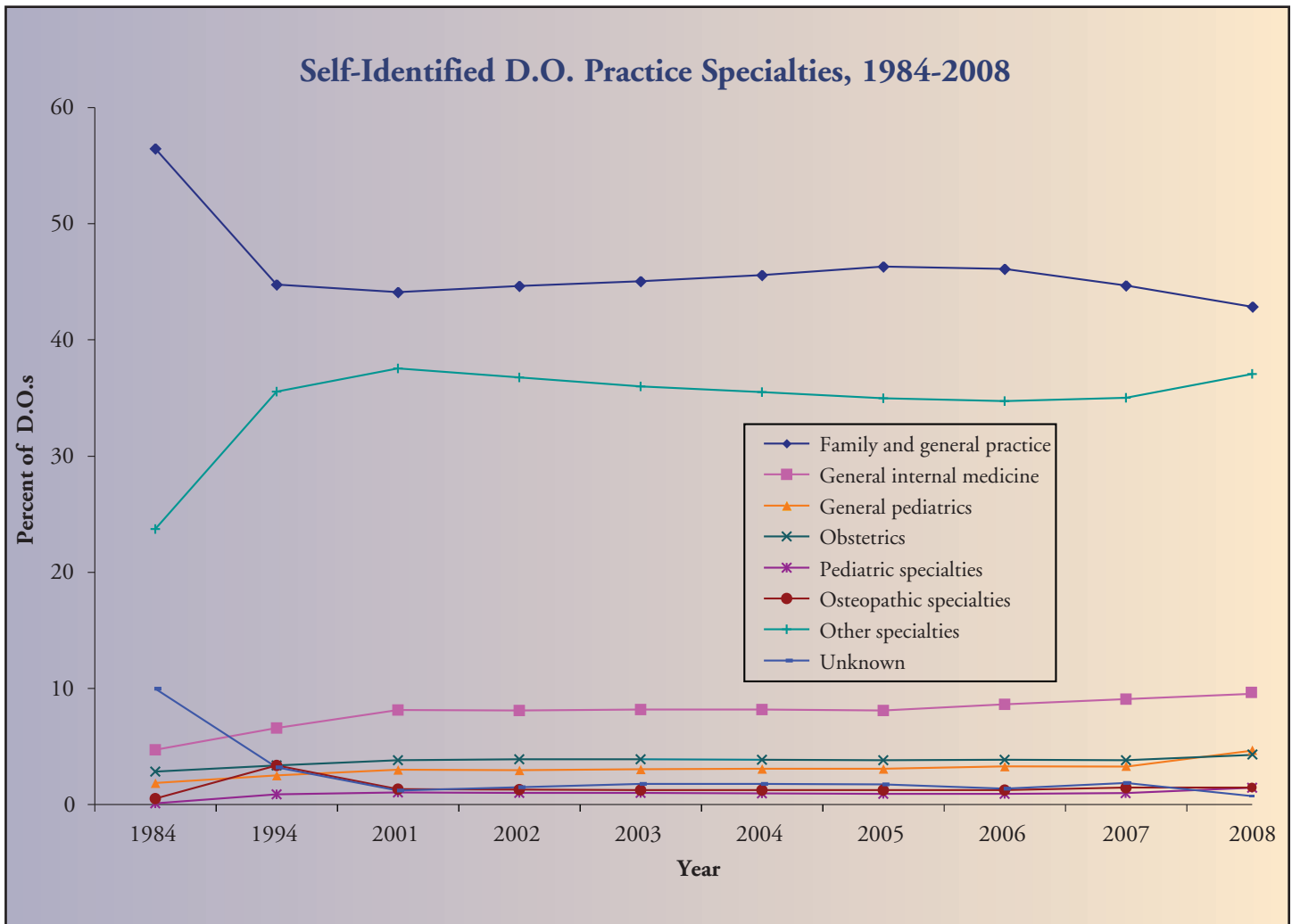
Data aggregated across surveys to meet Federal government requirements regarding anonymity.



## Osteopathic Physician Specialties

### D.O. Distribution among Medical Specialties

Osteopathic medicine is historically committed to primary care. In fact, osteopathic medical school curriculum focuses on the primary care areas of medicine first—before a specialty area. However, while the foundation of osteopathic medicine is primary care, D.O.s are found in many different specialty areas.



**Self-Identified D.O. Practice Specialties, 1984-2008**

Year	Family and general practice		General internal medicine		General pediatrics and adolescent medicine		Obstetrics		Pediatric specialties		Osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) or osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) specialties		Other specialty	
	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%
2008	18,680	42.6	4,171	9.5	1,995	4.5	1,858	4.2	470	1.1	656	1.5	16,178	36.9
2007	18,976	44.67	4,037	9.5	1,791	4.2	1,637	3.9	392	0.9	602	1.4	14,665	34.5
2006	18,610	46.1	3,468	8.6	1,325	3.3	1,543	3.8	365	0.9	498	1.2	14,020	34.7
2005	17,800	46.3	3,107	8.1	1,176	3.1	1,465	3.8	348	0.9	464	1.2	13,431	34.9
2004	16,752	45.5	2,994	8.1	1,127	3.1	1,416	3.8	347	0.9	448	1.2	13,050	35.5
1994	10,136	44.8	1,487	6.6	560	2.5	754	3.3	194	0.9	753	3.3	8,048	35.5
1984	7,224	56.4	598	4.7	236	1.8	361	2.8	13	0.1	62	0.5	3,033	23.7

**Notes/Sources:** The table and graph include only D.O.s in active practice and out of postdoctoral training. All D.O.s who graduated after January 1, 2004 are assumed to be in an internship or residency. The AOA Masterfile and data licensed from the AAMC were used to identify D.O.s in residency programs. Family medicine includes family practice and general practice. Pediatrics and adolescent medicine include all specialties where the patient is a child or an adolescent. Board certifications were used when self-identified practice specialty was not available but this does not equate the entire population of D.O.s.

**Osteopathic Board Certification**

General certification is the primary certification awarded to D.O.s who meet the requirements in a specified field of medical practice under the jurisdiction of a certifying board.

As of May 31, 2008

Number of AOA Certifying Boards: 18

**Number of D.O.s Actively Board Certified by the AOA**

2003-2004	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
18,528	19,419	20,144	20,877	22,205

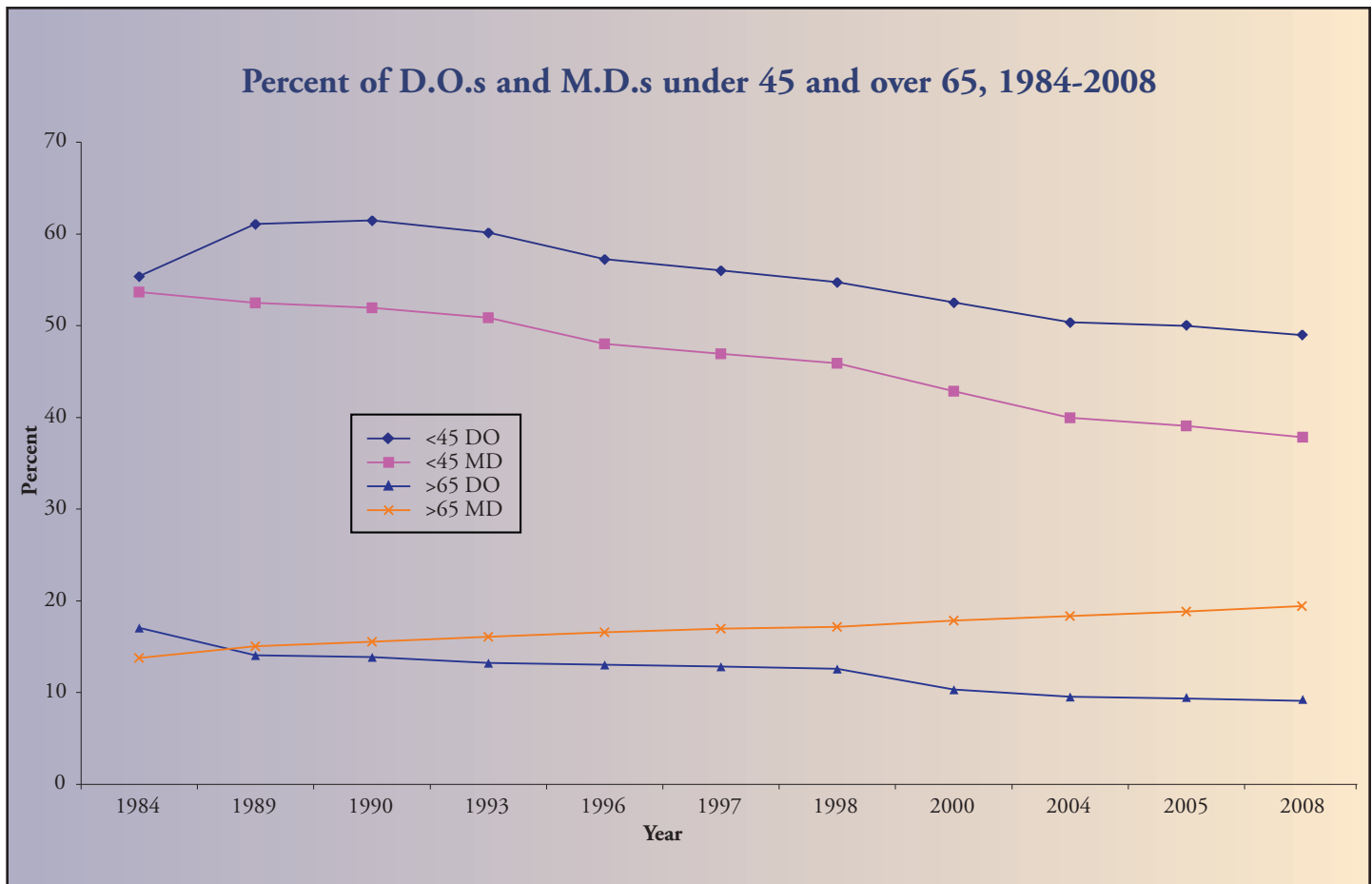
**Number of specialty, subspecialty and areas of added qualifications possible for AOA certification**

2003-2004	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
115	115	85	88	67

## The Age of the Osteopathic Medical Profession

### Age of Total Physician Population

As the American population ages, so do its health care providers. However, the following graph and tables indicate that the osteopathic medical profession is aging more slowly than the M.D. profession. While D.O.s have a substantial aging population, a larger portion of the profession is under 45 years old.



	Percent of physicians <45		Percent of physicians >65	
	D.O.s	M.D.s	D.O.s	M.D.s
1984	55.4	53.7	17.0	13.7
1989	61.1	52.5	14.0	15.1
1990	61.4	51.9	13.8	15.5
1993	60.1	50.8	13.2	16.0
1996	57.2	48.0	13.0	16.6
1997	56.0	46.9	12.8	17.0
1998	54.7	45.9	12.6	17.1
2000	52.5	42.8	10.3	17.8
2004	50.3	39.9	9.5	18.4
2005	50.1	39.0	9.5	18.8
2008	49.8	38.5	9.6	19.2

Source: D.O. data: AOA Masterfile, June 2008.  
 M.D. data: All M.D. statistics are used with permission from the American Medical Association. "Physician Characteristics and Distribution in the U.S.", selected years.

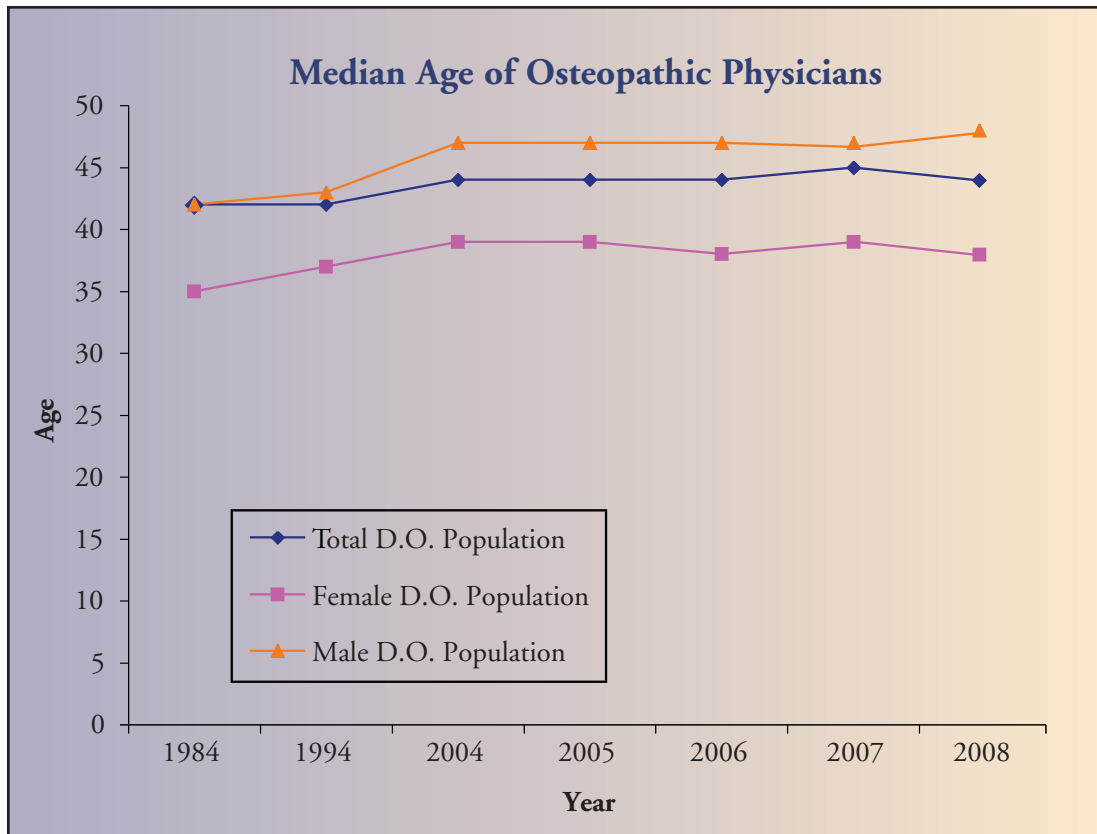
## Age of the D.O. Population

Age	Female	Male	Total	% Female
< 35	6,298	6,935	13,242	47.6
35-44	6,479	12,050	18,531	35.0
45-54	4,194	11,485	15,679	26.8
55-64	1,393	7,895	9,288	15.0
Subtotal	18,364	38,365	56,740	32.4
Age Unknown	116	122	238	48.7
Total	18,480	38,487	56,978	32.4

Source: AOA Masterfile, June 2008.

## Age of the D.O. Population by Gender

The following graph shows further detail of the D.O. population by age and gender.



Source: AOA Masterfile, June 2008.

**The D.O. Population by Age**

Age	1984		1994		2004		2007		2008	
	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%
<35	6,136	28.4	8,125	23.2	11,537	21.3	12,464	20.3	13,252	20.7
35-44	5,832	27.0	12,160	34.8	15,782	29.2	17,870	29.1	18,638	29.1
45-54	3,210	14.9	5,784	16.5	14,752	27.3	15,812	25.8	15,931	24.9
55-64	2,753	12.7	2,790	8.0	6,552	12.1	8,958	14.6	9,819	15.3
65+	3,680	17.0	4,367	12.5	5,318	9.8	5,838	9.5	6,120	9.6
Subtotal	21,611	100.0	33,226	95.1	53,941	99.7	60,942	99.3	63,760	99.6
Unknown	0	0	1,730	4.9	146	0.3	437	0.7	240	0.4
Total	21,611	100.0	34,956	100.0	54,087	100.0	61,379	100.0	64,000	100.0
<b>Median Age:</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>42</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>44</b>	

Source: AOA Masterfile, June 2008. Chart shows information on all D.O.s, including D.O.s in active practice and D.O.s not in active practice.

**Female D.O. Population by Age**

Age	1984		1994		2004		2007		2008	
	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%
<35	940	49.8	2,387	40.1	4,711	33.7	5,665	32.1	6,306	33.0
35-44	348	18.4	2,452	41.1	4,963	35.5	6,127	34.7	6,562	34.3
45-54	87	4.6	517	8.7	3,298	23.6	4,104	23.2	4,308	22.5
55-64	108	5.7	82	1.4	684	4.9	1,272	7.2	1,508	7.9
65+	406	21.5	312	5.2	250	1.8	307	1.7	334	1.7
Subtotal	1,889	100.0	5,750	96.5	13,906	99.6	17,475	98.9	19,018	99.4
Unknown	0	0	210	3.5	62	0.4	192	1.1	116	0.6
Total	1,889	100.0	5,960	100.0	13,968	100.0	17,667	100.0	19,134	100.0
<b>Median Age:</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>38</b>	

Source: AOA Masterfile, June 2008. Chart shows information on all D.O.s, including D.O.s in active practice and D.O.s not in active practice.

**Male D.O. Population by Age**

Age	1984		1994		2004		2007		2008	
	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%	D.O.s	%
<35	5,196	26.3	5,738	19.8	6,826	17.0	6,799	15.6	6,936	15.5
35-44	5,484	27.8	9,708	33.5	10,819	27.0	11,743	26.9	12,074	26.9
45-54	3,123	15.8	5,267	18.2	11,454	28.6	11,708	26.8	11,623	25.9
55-64	2,645	13.4	2,708	9.3	5,868	14.6	7,686	17.6	8,311	18.5
65+	3,274	16.6	4,055	14.0	5,067	12.6	5,531	12.7	5,786	12.9
Subtotal	19,722	100.0	27,476	94.8	40,034	99.8	43,467	99.4	44,730	99.7
Unknown	0	0	1,519	5.2	82	0.2	245	0.6	125	0.3
Total	19,722	100.0	28,995	100.0	40,116	100.0	43,712	100.0	44,855	100.0
<b>Median Age:</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>43</b>		<b>47</b>		<b>47</b>		<b>48</b>	

Source: AOA Masterfile, June 2008. Chart shows information on all D.O.s, including D.O.s in active practice and D.O.s not in active practice.



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