INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES SECTION

IMG Facts - 2024

International Medical Graduates (IMGs) are physicians who graduated from a medical school outside of the U.S. or Canada. Citizenship doesn't matter. IMGs represent 25% of the physician workforce.

The IMG market is comprised of over **300,000** physicians which represents **23%** of all physicians and medical students. These physicians graduated from schools in over **170 countries**.

23% of all residents/fellows are IMGs. IMGs represent **18.1%** of AMA membership and 17.4% graduates of Osteopathic medical schools. *(AMA CLRPD Report/AAMC)*

Top countries of medical school graduation: *(OECD Health Statistics 2023)*

- Latvia – 27,300
- Ireland – 26,000
- Denmark – 22,000
- Lithuania – 20,400
- Slovak Republic –19,200
- Italy – 18,200
- Czechia – 17,000
- Belgium – 16,400
- Austria – 16,300
- Hungary – 16,200

Top states with IMG practicing physicians: *(AAMC Physician Workforce Report 2021)*

New York – 28,103
California – 27,179
Florida – 21,114
Texas – 17, 534
Illinois – 11,359

New Jersey – 10,687
Pennsylvania – 9, 926
Michigan – 8,892
Ohio – 8,868
Massachusetts – 7,740

Top states with J-1 Visa Sponsorship: *(Intealth 2023)*

New York – 2,687
Pennsylvania – 1,026
Michigan – 1,023
Texas - 919
Florida - 771

Illinois -709
Massachusetts -704
Ohio - 652
New Jersey - 557
Connecticut -448

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California - 389
Maryland - 389

Top countries of IMG citizenship: *(Intealth 2023)*

United States
India
Pakistan

Canada
Chile

IMG advocacy issues:
- State licensure Parity
- Licensure pathways
- Discrimination
- Racial and ethnic disparities
- GME funding for more residency positions
- Expansion of the J-1 Visa waiver program to more than 30 slots per state and J-1 Visa waiver abuses

- De-selection of medical schools by licensing boards and residency programs
- Immigration/green card delays
- Board certification and employment