

POSTDOCTORAL DENTAL MATCHING PROGRAM

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RESULTS OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM FOR 2026-2027 POSITIONS

OVERVIEW

Summary statistics for the last five years, overall and for each program type, are shown in the tables below. The numbers in parentheses in the columns for 2026 represent the changes as compared to last year.

Overall, 1982 positions (87%) were filled in the 2026 Dental Match. The applicant pool, as measured by the number of applicants who submitted Rank Order Lists, increased by 2.8% while the number of positions offered decreased by 3.1%. These changes resulted in a decrease of 16.4% in the number of unfilled positions and an increase of 9% in unmatched applicants.

The number of positions offered in US GPR and AEGD programs declined again in 2026, while the number of positions filled decreased only marginally. This resulted in a substantial reduction (27.8%) in unfilled positions across these program types. Most other program types (OMS, ORTHO, PED, PERIO, PROS) saw modest increases in positions offered, but only limited growth in the number of matches, leading to an overall increase in unfilled positions. Program type-specific changes in applicant participation and match outcomes are shown in the tables below.

OVERALL TOTALS	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	3427	3165	3066	3126	3213	(+87)
Positions Offered	2516	2542	2453	2344	2272	(-72)
Matches / Positions Filled	2202	2081	2030	1997	1982	(-15)
Unmatched Applicants	1225	1084	1036	1129	1231	(+102)
Unfilled Positions	314	461	423	347	290	(-57)

US GPR	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	948	770	752	705	706	(+1)
Positions Offered	769	765	710	629	588	(-41)
Matches / Positions Filled	623	542	514	477	474	(-3)
Unfilled Positions	146	223	196	152	114	(-38)

AEGD	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	609	488	467	407	398	(-9)
Positions Offered	355	361	301	264	216	(-48)
Matches / Positions Filled	252	223	190	154	141	(-13)
Unfilled Positions	103	138	111	110	75	(-35)

OMS	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	450	408	384	392	440	(+48)
Positions Offered	242	243	259	259	260	(+1)
Matches / Positions Filled	237	231	233	238	243	(+5)
Unfilled Positions	5	12	26	21	17	(-4)

PED	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	657	626	592	663	693	(+30)
Positions Offered	439	462	465	474	480	(+6)
Matches / Positions Filled	413	414	419	445	444	(-1)
Unfilled Positions	26	48	46	29	36	(+7)

ORTHO	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	593	614	657	690	722	(+32)
Positions Offered	345	349	356	359	362	(+3)
Matches / Positions Filled	331	330	335	350	341	(-9)
Unfilled Positions	14	19	21	9	21	(+12)

PERIO	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	298	296	282	302	296	(-6)
Positions Offered	139	139	128	126	132	(+6)
Matches / Positions Filled	135	138	124	126	129	(+3)
Unfilled Positions	4	1	4	0	3	(+3)

PROS	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Applicants Participating in the Match *	245	255	240	261	234	(-27)
Positions Offered	127	123	130	127	130	(+3)
Matches / Positions Filled	111	111	118	111	116	(+5)
Unfilled Positions	16	12	12	16	14	(-2)

CAN GPR	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Applicants Participating in the Match *	122	98	102	91	95 (+4)
Positions Offered	70	71	72	72	70 (-2)
Matches / Positions Filled	70	63	65	62	60 (-2)
Unfilled Positions	0	8	7	10	10 (0)

ANES	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Applicants Participating in the Match *	67	58	51	59	65 (+6)
Positions Offered	30	29	32	34	34 (0)
Matches / Positions Filled	30	29	32	34	34 (0)
Unfilled Positions	0	0	0	0	0 (0)

* The sum of the number of applicants ranking each program type exceeds the total number of applicants participating in the Match because some applicants rank more than one program type. Applicants who rank a particular type of program but are not matched to that type of program may be unmatched or may have been matched to a different program type.