

### Some Facts About US Medical Education in 2017:

There are 183 (145 MD-granting and 38 DO-granting) medical colleges in the USA. Of these, 89 are private (57 MD and 32 DO) and 94 are public (88 MD and 6 DO).

The number of students in medical school in 2016 are:  
DO: more than 25,760; MD: more than 82,572; Total: more than 108,332.

Statistics\* for medical college costs and medical student indebtedness for 2017.

		TOTAL COSTS PER YEAR 2017	AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS UPON GRADUATION*
RANGE	HIGH	\$120,866	\$294,928
	LOW	\$31,100	\$2,808
AVERAGE		\$73,222	\$167,816
STANDARD DEVIATION		\$13,506	\$46,403
AVERAGE + STD. DEV.	(HIGH)	\$86,728	\$214,219
AVERAGE - STD. DEV.	(LOW)	\$59,716	\$121,413
MEDIAN		\$75,921	\$162,437
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Notes: \*combined data for State residents and nonresidents (who generally pay higher tuition than State residents.);  
\*\*does not include pre-medical college debts;

An estimate of the total amount of money to be spent in 2017 by medical students in the USA to obtain their education:  
(Total number of medical students) x (Average total cost per year) =  
(108,332) x (\$73,222) = \$7,932,285,704 (i.e., almost \$8 billion)

Sources:

MD colleges (<https://services.aamc.org/msar/home>);  
DO colleges (<https://www.aacom.org/become-a-doctor/us-coms>)