

**Table 114 (page 1 of 2). Total enrollment of minorities in schools for selected health occupations, by race and Hispanic origin: United States, selected academic years 1980–1981 through 2005–2006**

[Data are based on reporting by health professions associations]

<i>Occupation, race, and Hispanic origin</i>	<i>1980–1981</i>	<i>1990–1991</i>	<i>2005–2006</i>	<i>1980–1981</i>	<i>1990–1991</i>	<i>2005–2006</i>
<b>Dentistry</b>						
	Number of students			Percent distribution of students		
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	22,842	15,951	18,610	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White . . . . .	19,947	11,185	11,666	87.3	70.1	62.7
Black or African American . . . . .	1,022	940	1,060	4.5	5.9	5.7
Hispanic or Latino <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	780	1,254	1,060	3.4	7.9	5.7
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	53	53	101	0.2	0.3	0.5
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	1,040	2,519	4,090	4.6	15.8	22.0
<b>Medicine (Allopathic)<sup>3</sup></b>						
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	65,189	65,163	68,343	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White . . . . .	55,434	47,893	43,125	85.0	73.5	63.1
Black or African American . . . . .	3,708	4,241	5,023	5.7	6.5	7.3
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	2,761	3,538	5,059	4.2	5.4	7.4
Mexican . . . . .	951	1,109	1,701	1.5	1.7	2.5
Puerto Rican . . . . .	1,012	1,253	1,308	1.6	1.9	1.9
Other Hispanic or Latino <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	683	1,176	2,050	1.0	1.8	3.0
American Indian or Alaska Native <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	221	277	628	0.3	0.4	0.9
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	1,924	8,436	14,358	3.0	12.9	21.0
<b>Medicine (Osteopathic)</b>						
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	4,940	6,792	13,406	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, Non-Hispanic . . . . .	4,688	5,680	9,637	94.9	83.6	71.9
Black or African American . . . . .	94	217	517	1.9	3.2	3.9
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	52	277	519	1.1	4.1	3.9
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	19	36	111	0.4	0.5	0.8
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	87	582	2,126	1.8	8.6	15.9
<b>Nursing, Baccalaureate<sup>6</sup></b>						
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	---	69,448	148,944	---	100.0	100.0
White . . . . .	---	58,610	113,282	---	84.4	76.1
Black or African American . . . . .	---	6,862	18,007	---	9.9	12.1
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	---	1,913	7,795	---	2.8	5.2
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	---	391	1,147	---	0.6	0.8
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	---	1,672	8,713	---	2.4	5.8
<b>Optometry</b>						
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	4,641	4,760	5,377	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White . . . . .	4,221	3,706	3,399	91.0	77.9	63.2
Black or African American . . . . .	57	134	189	1.2	2.8	3.5
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	108	296	273	2.3	6.2	5.1
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	12	21	29	0.3	0.4	0.5
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	243	603	1,266	5.2	12.7	23.5
<b>Pharmacy<sup>7</sup></b>						
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	21,628	29,797	46,527	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White . . . . .	19,153	21,717	27,860	88.6	80.5	59.9
Black or African American . . . . .	945	2,103	3,703	4.4	5.7	8.0
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	459	1,118	1,778	2.1	4.2	3.8
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	36	85	234	0.2	0.3	0.5
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	1,035	3,346	9,690	4.8	9.4	20.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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Podiatry	Number of students			Percent distribution of students		
All races <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	2,577	2,221	1,702	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White . . . . .	2,353	1,671	1,046	91.3	75.2	61.5
Black or African American . . . . .	110	235	239	4.3	10.6	14.0
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	39	149	117	1.5	6.7	6.9
American Indian or Alaska Native . . . . .	6	7	11	0.2	0.3	0.6
Asian or Pacific Islander . . . . .	69	159	184	2.7	7.2	10.8

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Includes other and unknown races; may also include foreign students.

<sup>2</sup>Includes students from the University of Puerto Rico.

<sup>3</sup>Starting with 2002–2003 data, allopathic medical students had the option of reporting both their race and ethnicity alone or in combination with some other race or ethnicity, allowing multiple responses. Total enrollments only include unduplicated number of enrollments. Therefore, the data for 2003–2004 and subsequent years are not directly comparable to earlier years.

<sup>4</sup>Includes Cuban students.

<sup>5</sup>Starting with 1997–1998 data, includes American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian; prior to 1997, included only American Indian and Alaska Native.

<sup>6</sup>Data are for generic (entry-level) or registered nurses seeking the baccalaureate degree. An evaluation of the former system revealed considerable underreporting. Therefore, race-specific data before 1990 are not comparable and not shown. Additional changes in the minority data question were introduced in academic years 2000–2001 and 2001–2002, resulting in a discontinuity in the trend.

<sup>7</sup>Prior to 1992–1993, pharmacy total enrollment data were only for students in the final three years of pharmacy education. Starting with 1992–1993 data, pharmacy data are for all students.

NOTES: Total enrollment data are collected at the beginning of the academic year. Data for chiropractic students, occupational and physical therapy students, and public health students were not available for this table. Some numbers have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

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