

APDR Matching Plan Committee Notification

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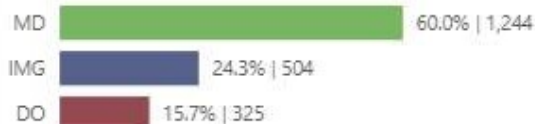
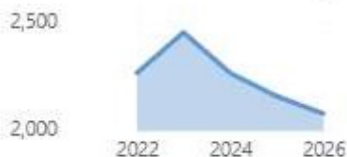
Select Specialty: **Residency - Radiology-Diagnostic**

Data last refreshed: 11/04/2025

Applicants

2,073

2026

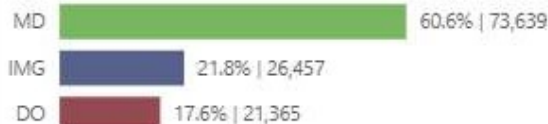


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Applications

121K

2026



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Fee Assistance Benefit Eligible Applicants

222

2026



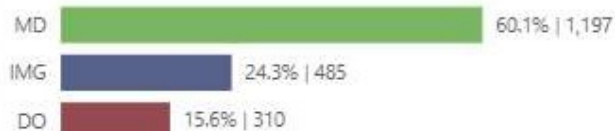
This program started in ERAS in June 2024.

Cross-Applicants

96.1%

2026

1,992
Total



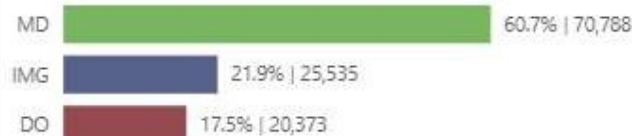
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Cross-Applications

96.1%

2026

117K
Total



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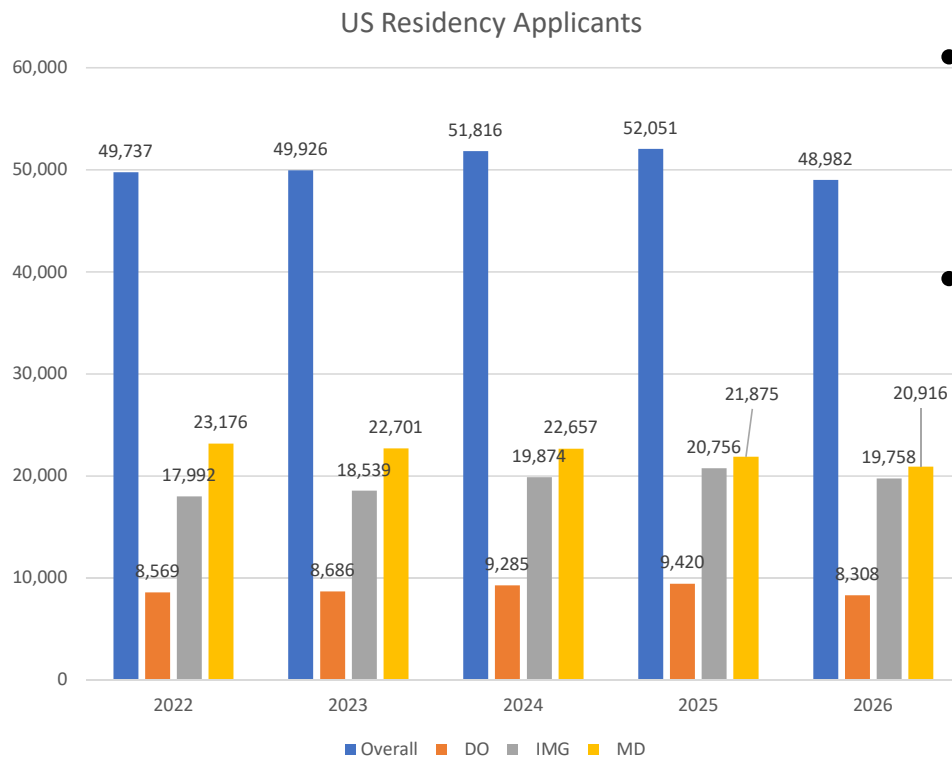
2026 ERAS/NRMP cycle

- The preliminary data for the has been released. This member advisory refers to the most recent ERAS publication dated 11/3/2015¹
 - Please note that all years in the tables and graphs refer to the year of the NRMP match and the preceding ERAS cycle
 - This advisory follows abbreviations style used in the ERAS/NRMP reports
 - Diagnostic Radiology (DR)
 - Integrated Interventional-Diagnostic Radiology (IR)
 - Overall applications data are shown to demonstrate national trends



<https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/publication/eras-statistics>

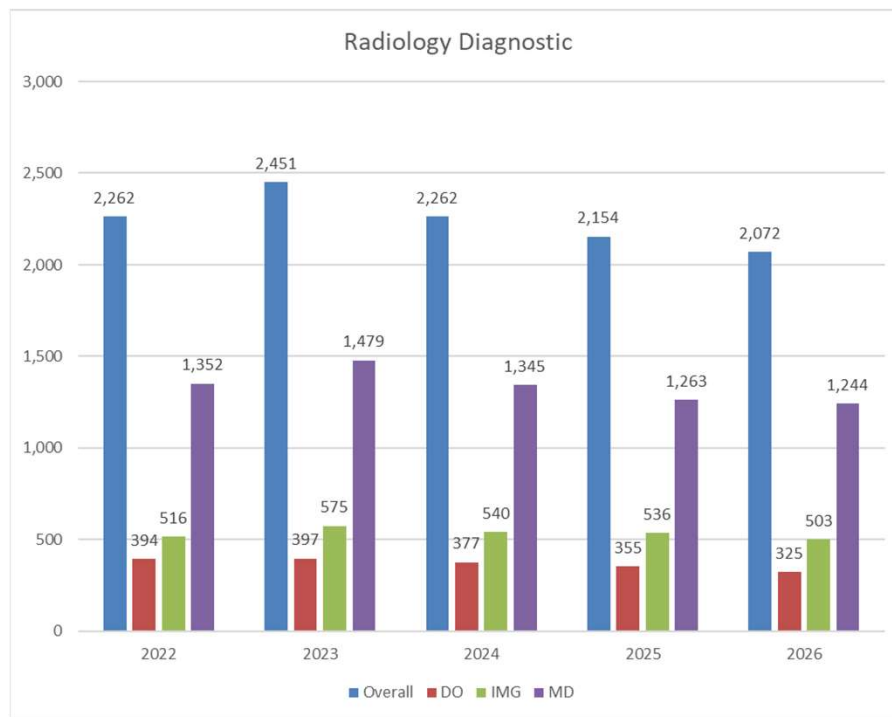
Overall residency applicants



- All ERAS applications are down by 6% from the peak of 2025
- Decrease from the peak in all applicant groups
 - US DO 12.9% (peak 2025)
 - IMG 4.8% (peak 2025)
 - US MD 9.8% (peak 2022)

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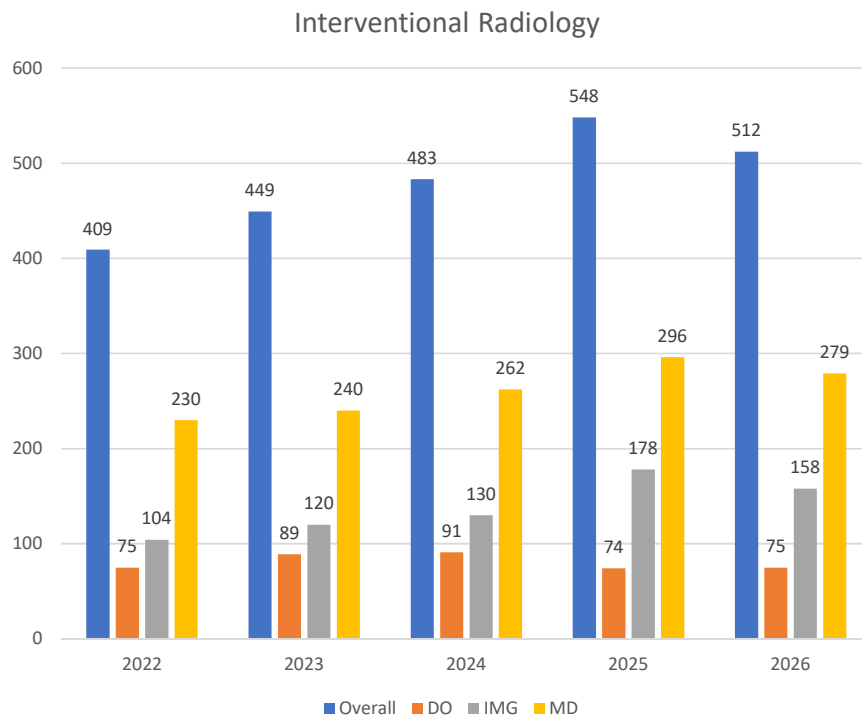
DR residency applicants



- DR applications are down 15.5% from the peak in 2023 and 3.8% from last year
- Decrease in applications is seen in all applicant groups
 - DO 18.1%
 - IMG 12.5%
 - US MD 18.9%

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IR residency applicants

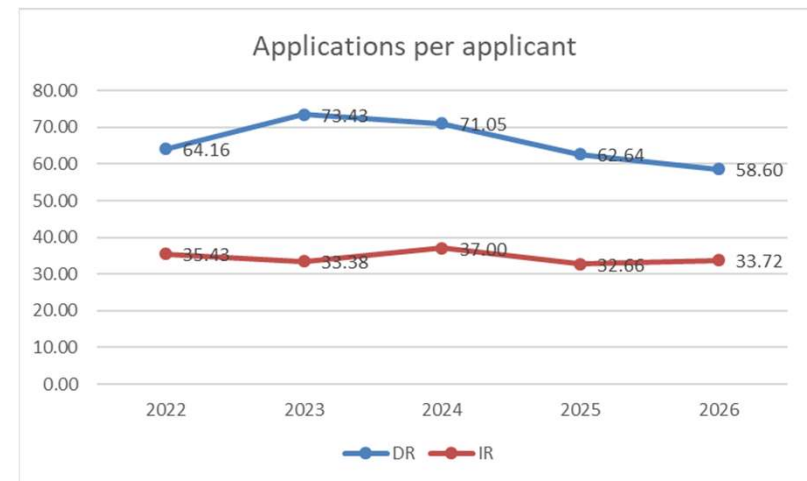


- IR applications are down 6.6% from the peak in 2025
- Decrease in applications is seen in all applicant groups
 - DO 17.6%
 - IMG 11.2%
 - US MD 5.7%

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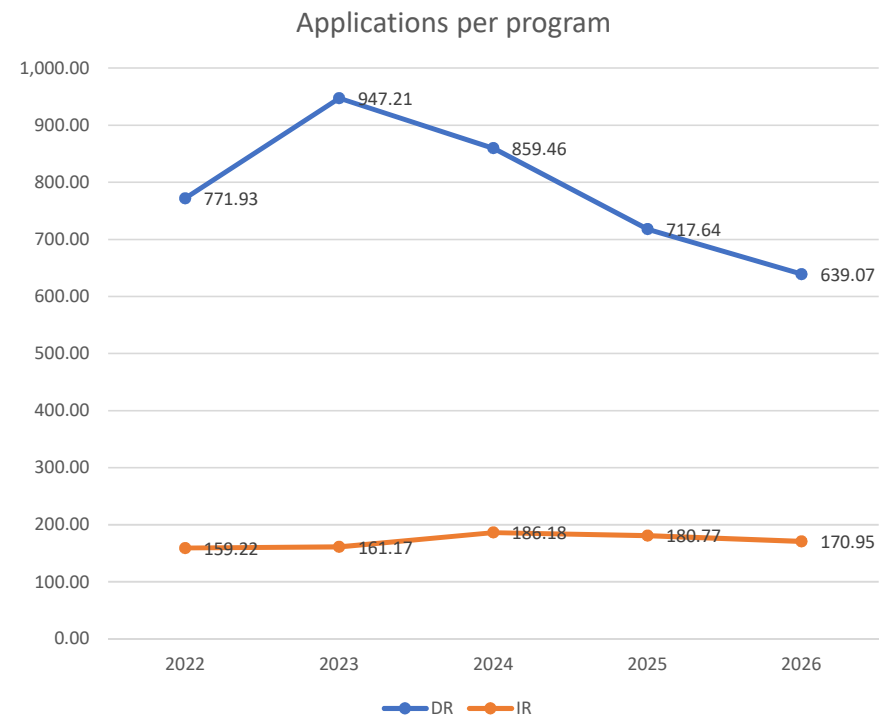
DR and IR applications per applicant

- With introduction of preference signaling and gradual increase in signals applications per applicant are down
 - 59 per applicant in DR
 - Drop of 20.2% since the peak in 2023
 - 34 per applicant in IR
 - Drop of 8.9% since the peak in 2024



DR and IR applications per program

- The average DR program is seeing 639 applications
 - Decrease of 33% since the peak in 2023 and 11% since the previous year
- The average IR program is seeing 171 applications
 - Decrease of 8.2% since the peak in 2024 and 5.4% since the previous year



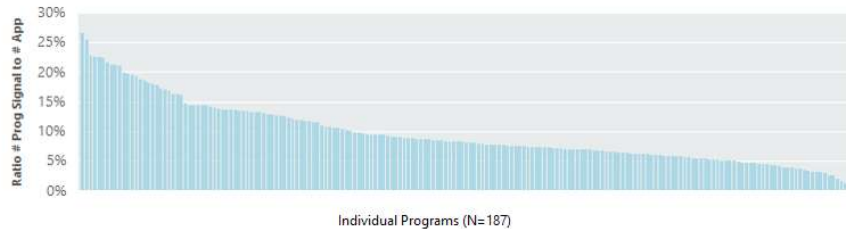
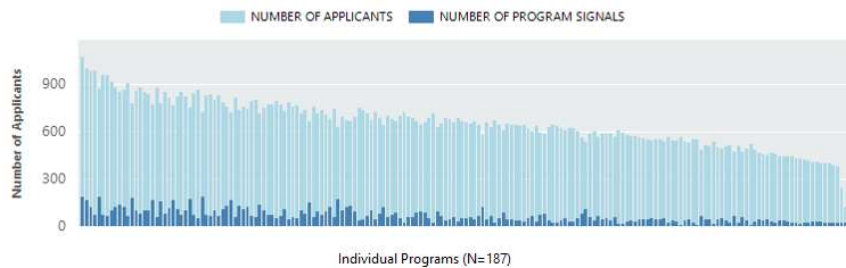
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DR Preference signaling: separate from IR

6 gold: Mean 64, SD 41 (up 10% from 58 in 2025)

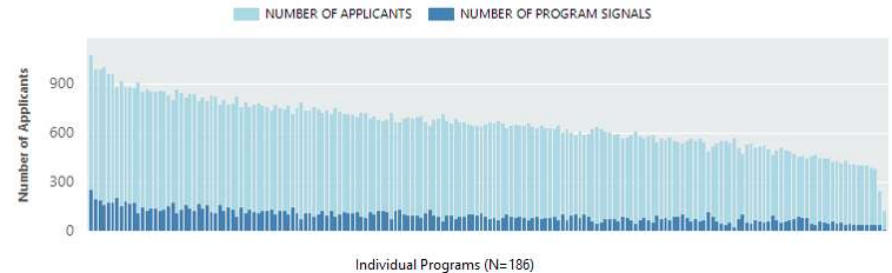
Radiology-Diagnostic (6 gold, 9 silver)

GOLD



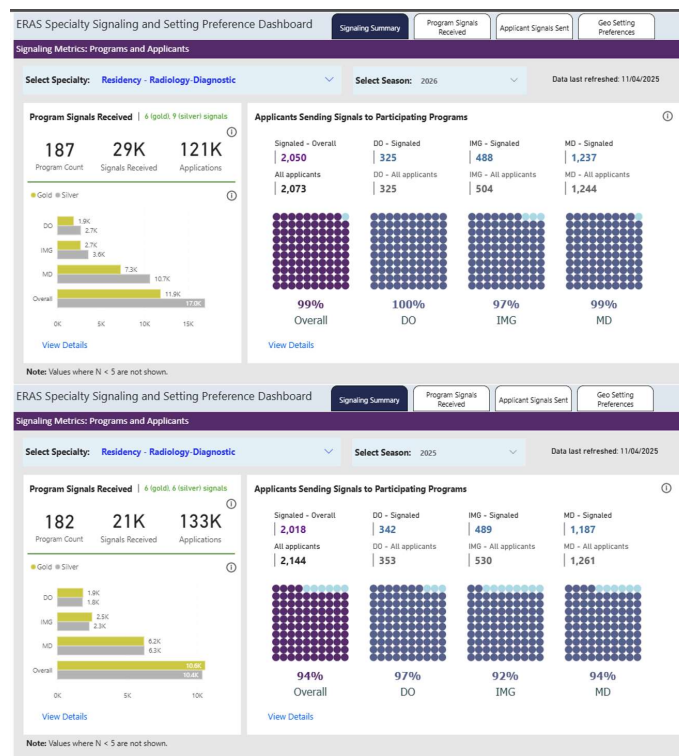
9 silver: Mean 91, SD 39 (up 60% from 57 in 2025)

SILVER



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Utilization of signaling by applicants

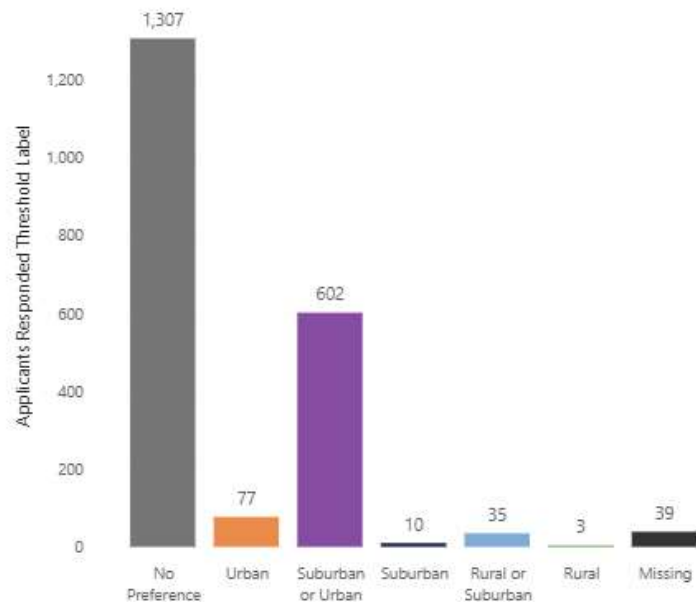


- Penetration of preference signaling has increased
- 99% of all applicants used signaling in 2026, up from 94% last year
 - DOs 100% (97% in 2025)
 - MD 99% (94% in 2025)
 - IMG 97% (92% in 2025)

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DR Applicant Geographic Preferences

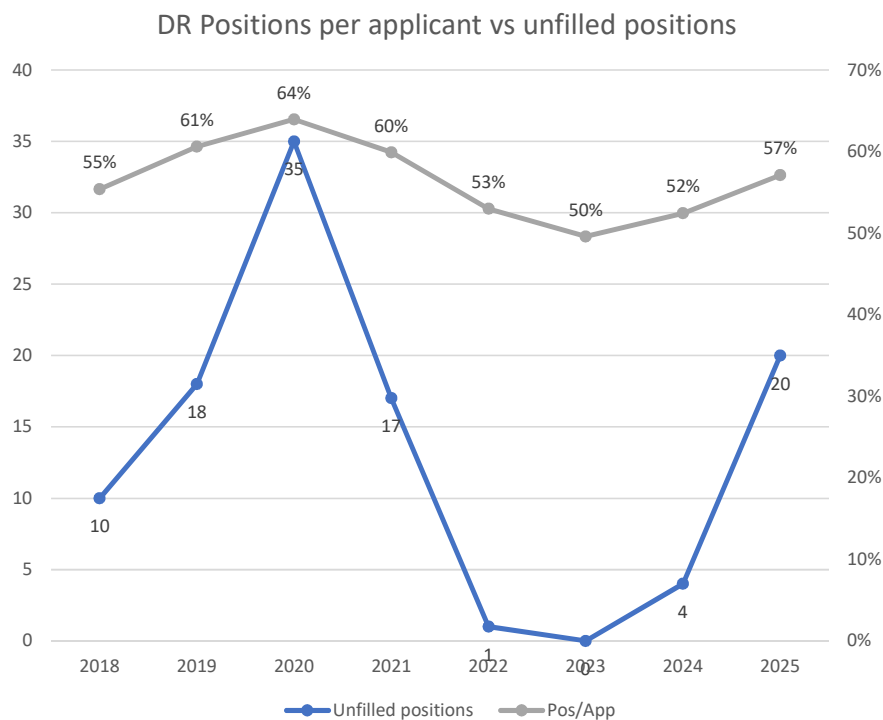
Overall Setting Preferences for Specialty



- As before
 - 2/3 have no preference
 - 30% would rather be in suburban/urban environment

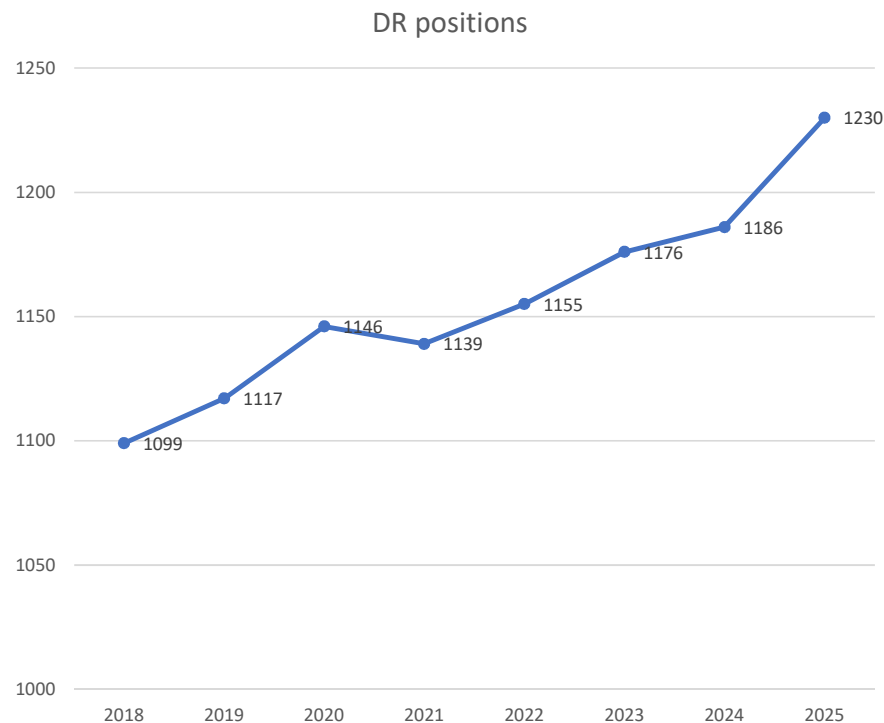
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Predicting Match outcomes



- The size of the applicant pool in ERAS correlates negatively with the number of unfilled radiology positions
- This graph shows correlation between the number of unfilled positions in the Match and % positions per applicant

The number of DR positions is growing



- 12% increase since 2018 (1.7% per year on average)
 - 3.7% increase last year alone
- If last year is not an outlier but a sign of acceleration, we can expect approximately 1255 - 1280 DR positions to 2072 existing ERAS applicants
 - 60-62% positions/applicants
 - 30-40 unmatched positions

<https://www.nrmp.org/match-data/2025/05/results-and-data-2025-main-residency-match/>

Summary

- 99% of all applicants are using preference signaling now, up from 94% last year
- The average number of signals per program is growing
 - Up 10% Gold (average 64)
 - Up 60% Silver (average 91)
- Two-tier system allows more even distribution of signals across programs

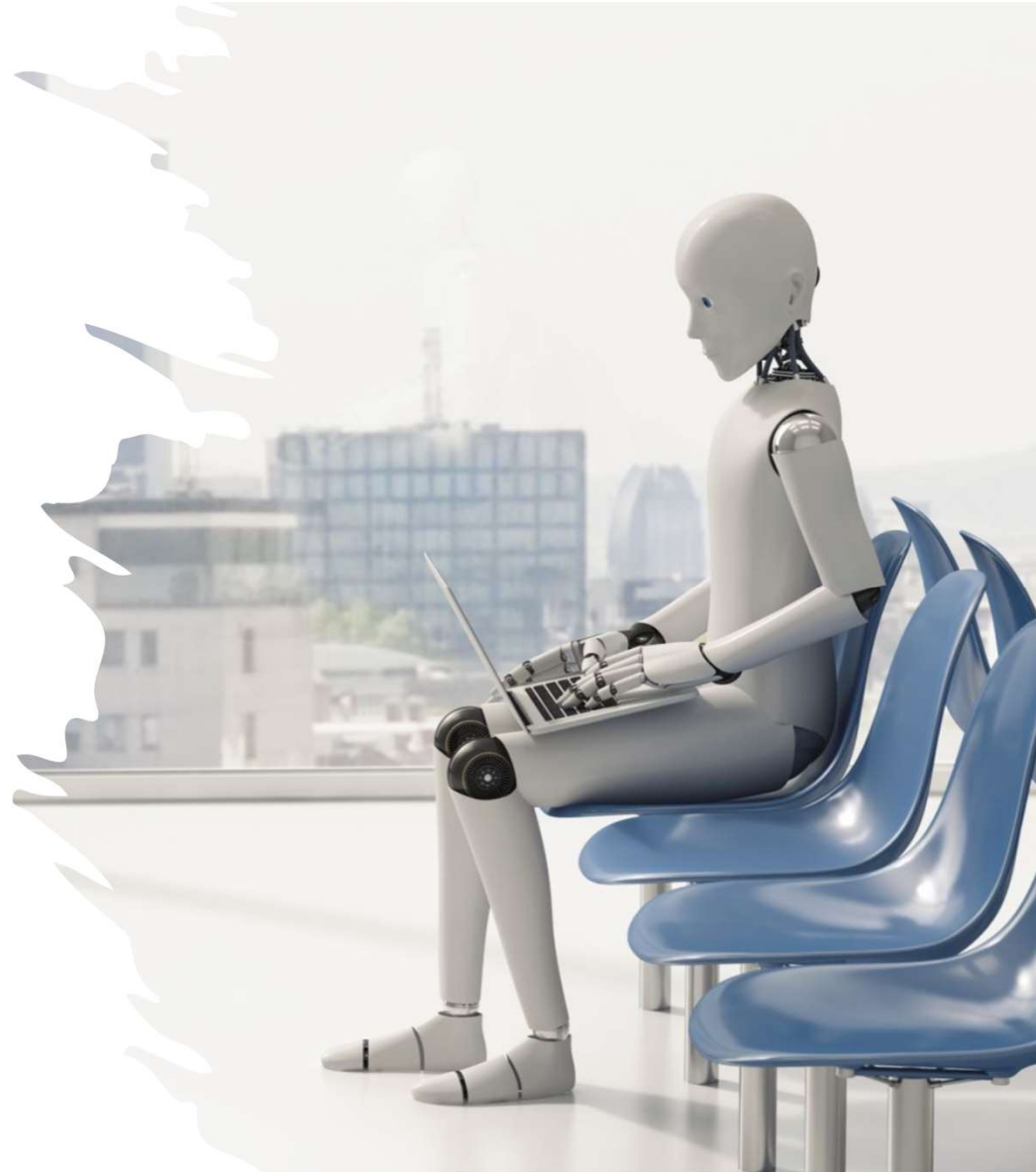


Summary

The DR applicant pool is down 15.5% from 2023 and down 3.8% from 2025

Applications per applicant are down 20% from the peak in 2023, directly related to preference signaling

The average number of applications per program is down 33%



Summary

- The number of DR positions has grown 12% from 2018, 3.7% since last year
- Assuming the range is 2-4% per year, we can expect between 25 to 49 new DR positions in 2026
- 1255-1280 DR positions for 2032 DR applicants (61-62% position to applicants) suggests 35-40 unfilled positions in the Main Match

