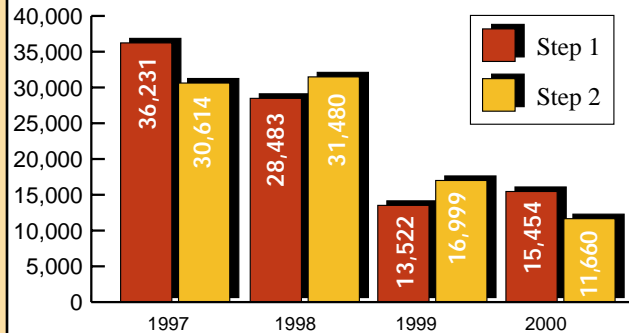


The shrinking pool of international medical graduates

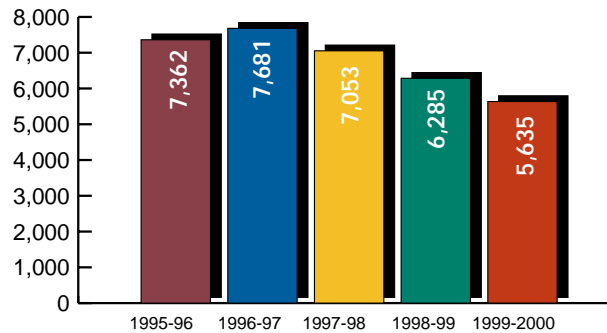
For the past several years, the number of IMGs entering the graduate education pipeline has been falling. Here's a look at three areas: IMG registrations for the USMLE, J1 visa sponsorship and the Match.

IMG registrations for the USMLE



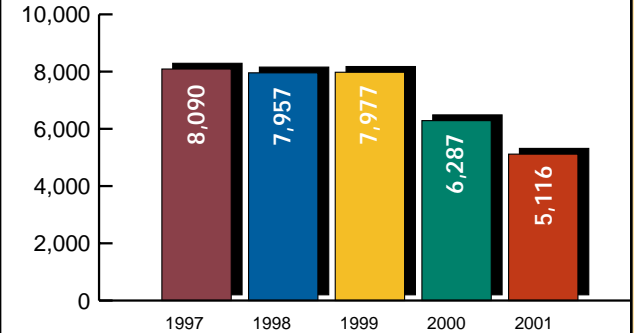
IMG registrations for both the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 exams fell more than 55% over a four-year period.

J1 visa sponsorship



J1 visa sponsorship for IMGs in residencies dropped by more than 23% from 1995 to 2000.

Non-U.S. citizen IMGs in the Match



Non-U.S. citizen IMG Match participants dropped more than 36% from 1997 to 2001.

Sources: Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and the National Resident Matching Program.