

The Role of Medical Schools on Producing Rural Physicians

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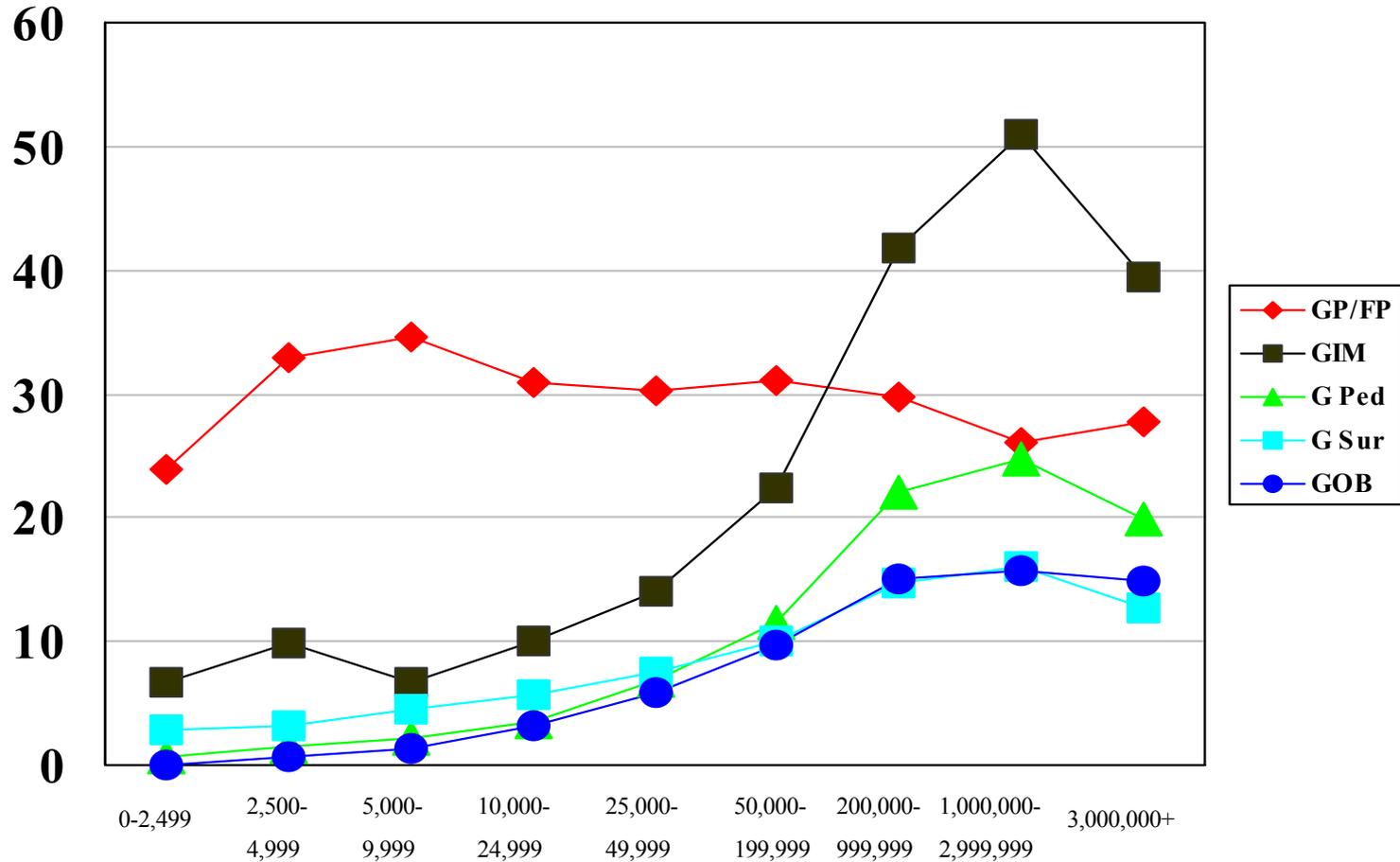
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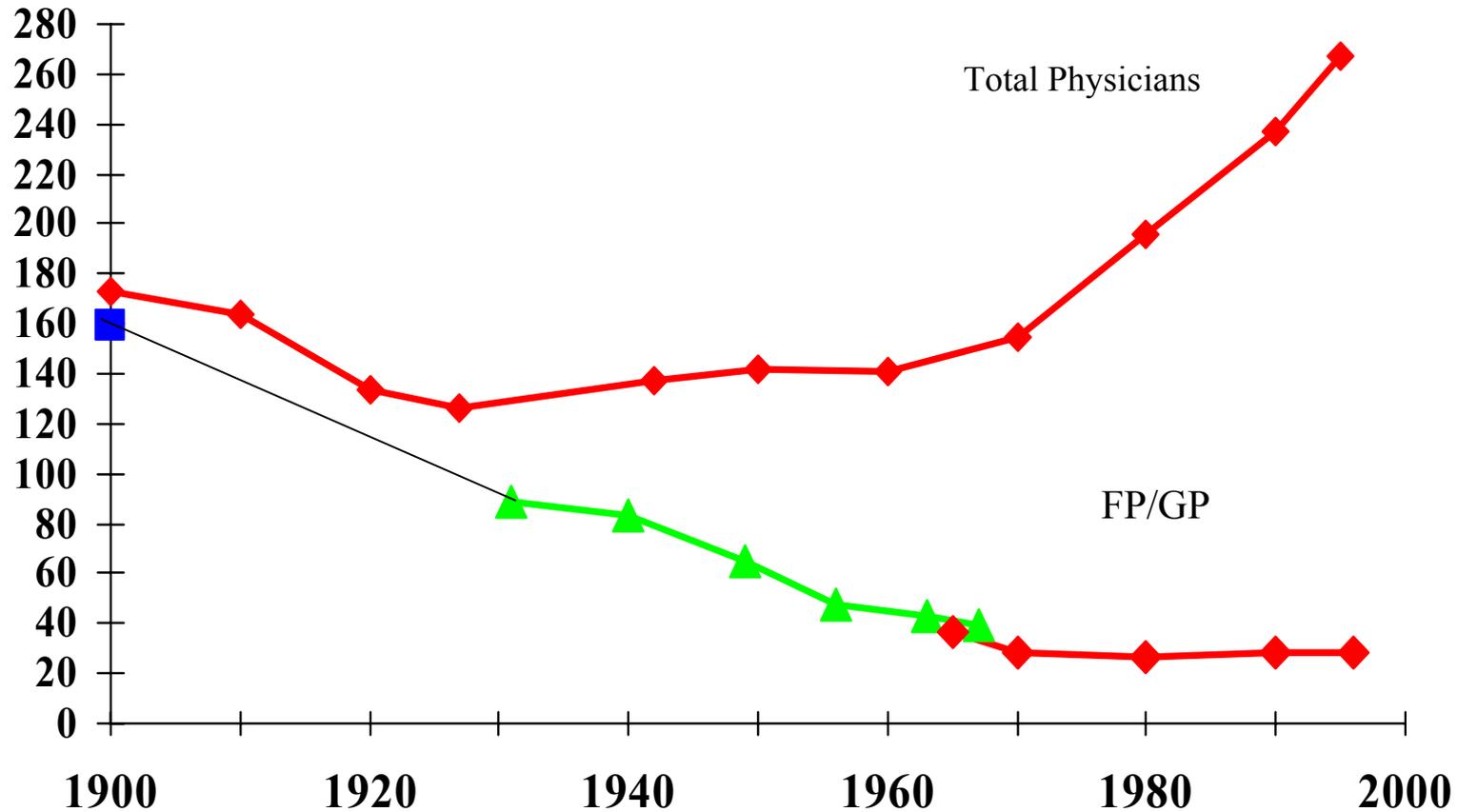
Physicians per 100,000 Population – 2000

(Total MD's)



County Population

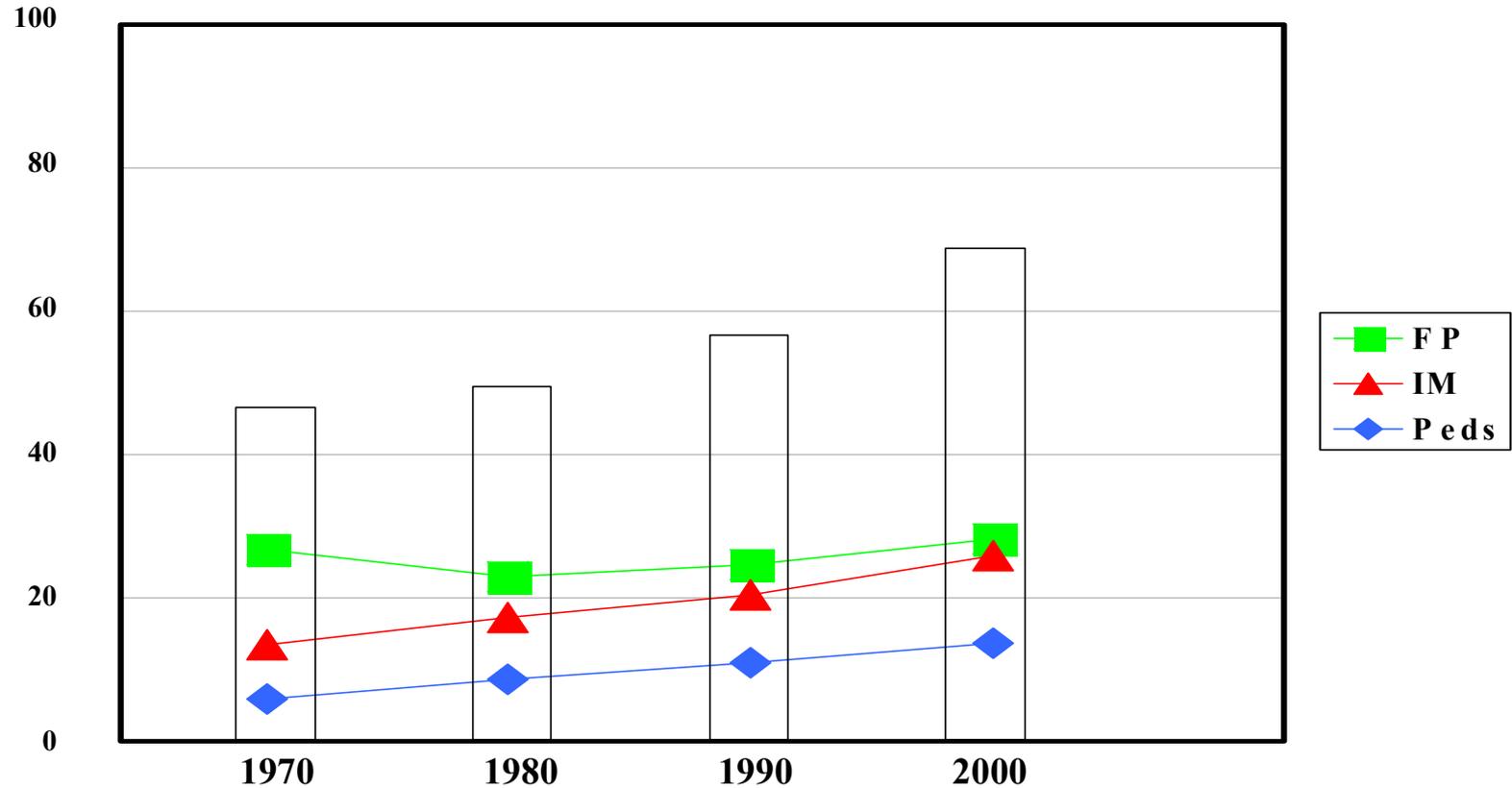
Total Physicians and FP/GP per 100,000 Population



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Physicians
Per 100,000

Generalist MDs/100,000 Population*



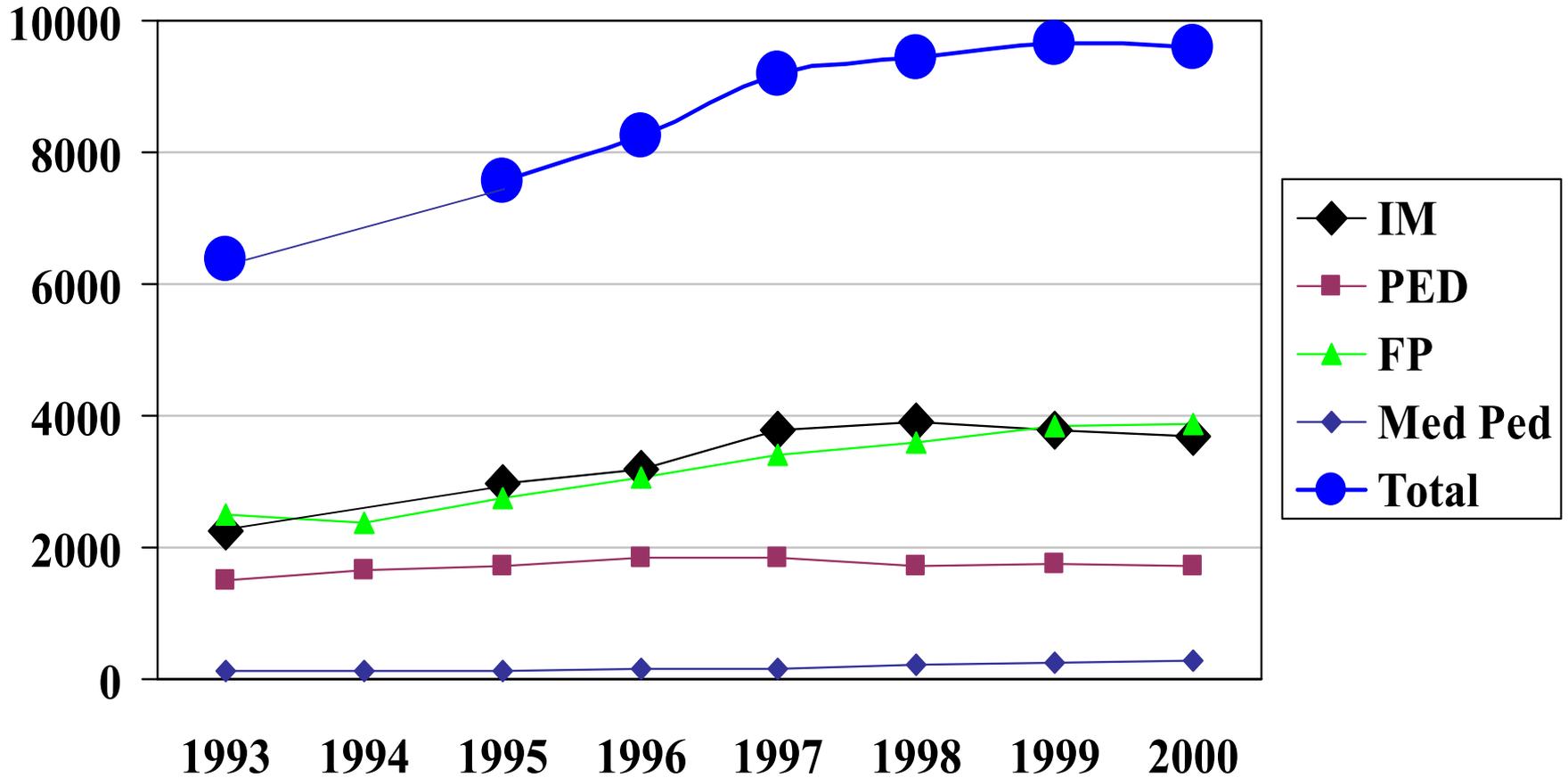
*From AMA Physicians Characteristics and Distribution 1980, 1990, 2000

Data includes office based and physician staff MD's and excludes resident physicians

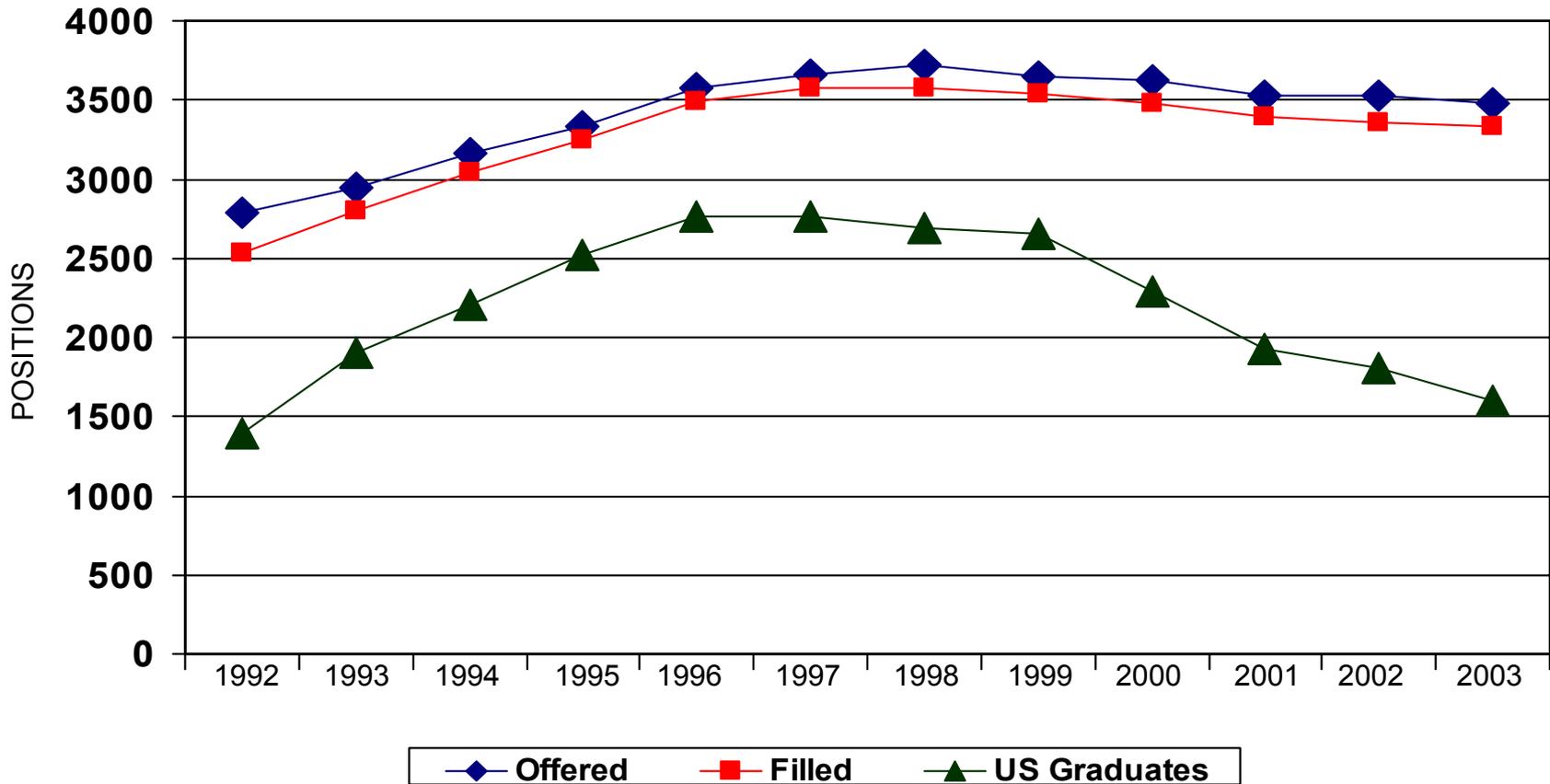
Bar graphs indicate total generalists.

Generalist Physician Graduates 1993-2000*

(Allopathic and Osteopathic)



First Year FP Positions Offered and Filled in July, 1991-2003



1st Year Residents in Family Practice 2003

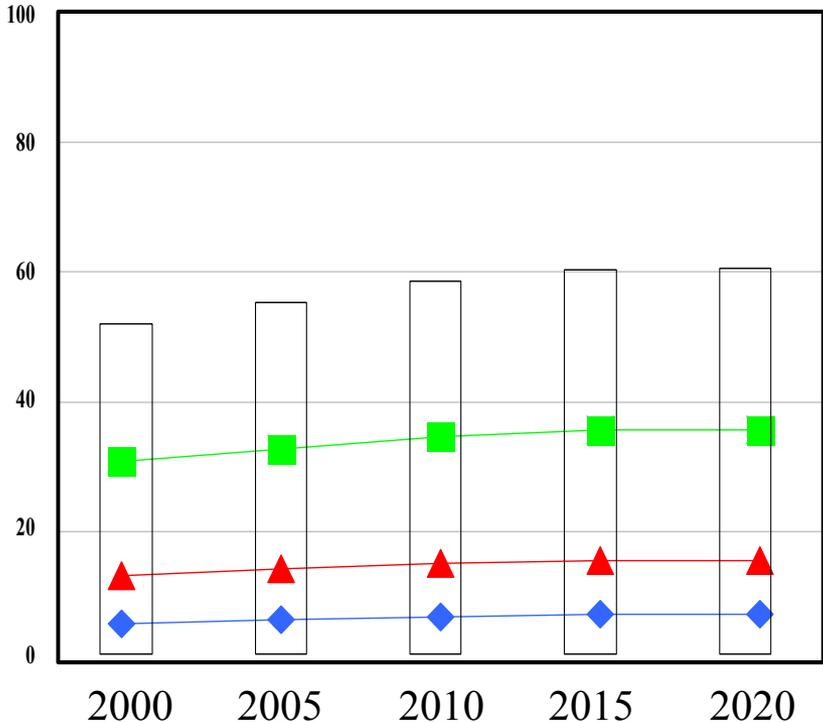
% US Graduates	49%
% International Medical Graduates	37%
% Doctor of Osteopathy	14%

Projections of Rural Generalist Supply Per 100,000 Population

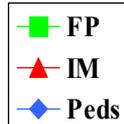
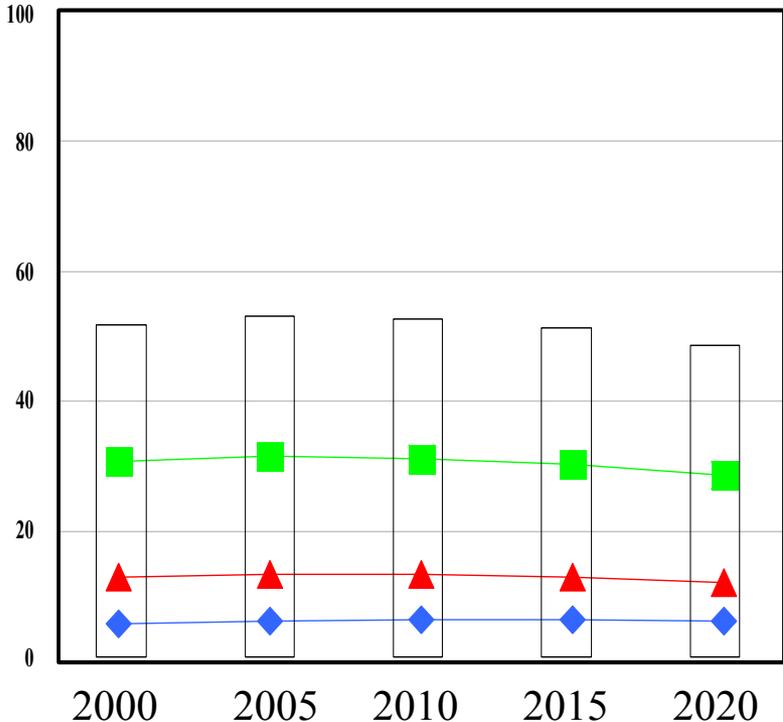
Physicians per

100,000

Continuation of Year 2000 Graduates



Return to Number of Graduates in 1993



Bar Graphs Indicate Total Generalists

Role of NP's and PA's

Overall, NP/PA's saw 3% of 462.7 million visits in an office based practice.

NP/PA's in the hospital clinics saw more patients than in office based practice.

WHAT HAPPENED?

- THE MARKETPLACE
- DECREASED PRIMARY CARE EMPHASIS IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS
- ISSUES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS:
 - LIFE STYLE
 - INCOME
 - STATUS

WHAT TO DO

- FOSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL COMMITMENT:
- 1 ADMISSIONS
- 2 RURAL EDUCATION
- 3 FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCIES
- CONTACT CONGRESS TO SUPPORT TITLE VII
- STATE FUNDING MANDATES
- ENHANCE RETENTION

Future numbers of Generalist Graduates will depend both upon number of positions and number of applicants.