

COMLEX-USA®

The COMLEX-USA series saw numerous important changes in 2022, most notably the elimination of numeric scores for COMLEX-USA Level 1 in May. Pass/fail reports and formative performance profiles are provided to all candidates and COMs. The NBOME provided information addressing myths and misconceptions about the change in score reporting in a blog post titled, “Myths and Misconceptions: COMLEX-USA Level 1 Pass/Fail Score Reporting,” at [NBOME.org/publications/blogs](https://www.nbome.org/publications/blogs).

In addition, the attempt limit was dropped for COMLEX-USA from six attempts to four per level.

In January 2022, the NBOME announced it would partner with PearsonVUE to deliver COMLEX-USA in 2023. Registration for these examinations began in the fourth quarter of 2022. Learn more at [nbome.org](https://www.nbome.org).

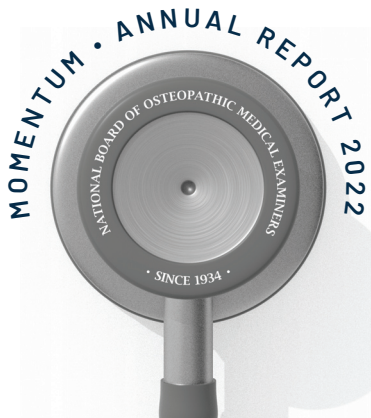


COMLEX-USA USAGE STATISTICS

SATISFACTION RATE PER EXAM (%)



NUMBER OF COMLEX-USA EXAMS ADMINISTERED



COMLEX-USA EXAM PERFORMANCE

COMLEX-USA LEVEL I EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

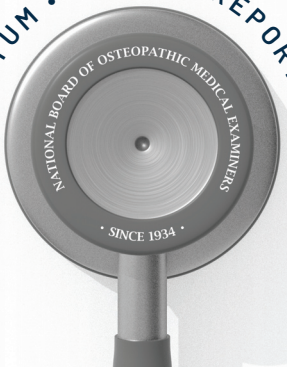
	TEST CYCLE MAY 2021-APR 2022	TEST CYCLE MAY 2020-APR 2021	TEST CYCLE MAY 2019-APR 2020
FIRST TIME TEST TAKERS	8,089	7,958	7,478
PASSING	92.2%	93.7%	94.3%
TOTAL TEST ADMINISTRATIONS	8,871	8,592	7,972
PASSING	89.9%	91.6%	93%

COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2-CE EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

	TEST CYCLE JUN 2021-MAY 2022	TEST CYCLE JUN 2020-MAY 2021	TEST CYCLE JUN 2019-MAY 2020
FIRST TIME TEST TAKERS	7,747	7,575	6,806
PASSING	95.1%	96.5%	96.8%
TOTAL TEST ADMINISTRATIONS	8,250	7,911	7,081
PASSING	93.5%	95.3%	95.8%

COMLEX-USA LEVEL 3 EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

	TEST CYCLE JAN 2022-DEC 2022	TEST CYCLE JAN 2021-DEC 2021	TEST CYCLE JAN 2020-DEC 2020
FIRST TIME TEST TAKERS	7,603	6,823	6,111
PASSING	96.3%	97.1%	97%
TOTAL TEST ADMINISTRATIONS	7,846	7,087	6,267
PASSING	95.6%	96.5%	96.6%



EXAMINATION CHAIRS



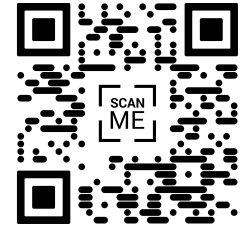
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IN 2022

PREPARING FOR COMLEX

COMSAE®

In 2022, COMSAE saw the release of two new Phase 2 forms for use by colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs), which increased its total number of forms from four to six (four for COM use, two for individual use). There are currently 41 COMs purchasing Phase 1 and 33 COMs purchasing Phase 2.

PLANNED FOR 2023:

▶ NEW FORM RELEASES

PHASE 1: 2 NEW COM ONLY FORMS

PHASE 2: 1 NEW COM ONLY, 1 NEW INDIVIDUAL ONLY

▶ TOTAL FORMS AVAILABLE IN 2023

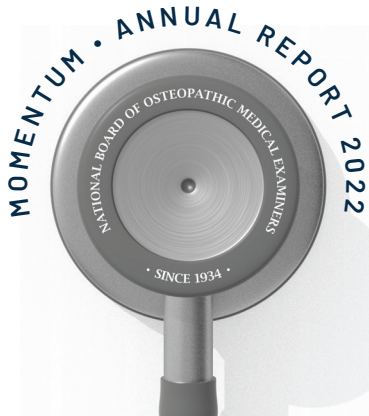
PHASE 1: 3 COM ONLY FORMS, 1 INDIVIDUAL ONLY FORM

PHASE 2: 4 COM ONLY FORMS, 2 INDIVIDUAL ONLY FORMS

PHASE 3: 1 RESIDENT/PROGRAM DIRECTOR FORM

FORM AVAILABILITY IS BASED ON THE CURRENT BALANCE OF USE OF COMSAE BY COMS VS INDIVIDUALS

▶ POSSIBLE FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDE PROVIDING ANSWER KEYS OR ITEM RATIONALES FOR USE ON FORMS USED BY INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS



COMSAE USAGE

TOTAL COMSAE PURCHASES FOR JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31, 2022

PHASE	COM PURCHASE	INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE	TOTAL
PHASE 1	17,595	8,196	25,791
PHASE 2	7,309	3,393	10,702
PHASE 3	2	761	763
TOTAL	24,906	12,350	37,256

*THIS TOTAL REFLECTS AN INCREASE IN PURCHASES OF APPROXIMATELY 6,600 FORMS OVER 2021

WelCOM

WelCOM, the NBOME's self-paced assessment series designed to help students learn through assessment and prepare for high-stakes examinations such as COMLEX-USA, has received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Currently, the NBOME offers these low-cost resources (WelCOM Phase 1 [TWO FORMS] and WelCOM Phase 2 [FOUR FORMS]) for student purchase. Each provides the correct answer for each test question and rationales and resources to facilitate learning via assessment. In 2022, 1194 students purchased Phase 1 forms and 1156 purchased Phase 2 forms.

“WelCOM helped reduce my anxiety during testing. I would see the types of questions that I consistently got right, and I was able to see what that felt like. I was also able to see the questions I thought I was confident in that I got wrong, and I was able to look at those more closely and do more questions like those.”

—OMS-IV student



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COMAT®

Established in 2011, the COMAT exam suite is designed for standardized assessment in core osteopathic medical and foundational biomedical sciences knowledge and administered as end-of-course or clinical rotation assessments. It is presented in a style and format comparable to the COMLEX-USA examination series.

The NBOME began offering the COMAT Foundational Biomedical Sciences Targeted (FBS-T) exams at no cost to COMs on November 1, 2022. The goal is to demonstrate responsiveness to COM feedback on the changes to COMLEX-USA Level 1 score reporting by providing additional feedback to COMs and learners via the 14 COMAT FBS-T assessments, by basic science discipline and/or organ body system organization.

Additionally, we endeavor to develop normative data for COMAT FBS-T assessments. We are receiving tremendously positive feedback from COMs on this promotion. The escalated use of these exams will provide further feedback on their usefulness in student assessment, test readiness, and curricular self-evaluation and innovation. This promotion will continue through August 9, 2024.

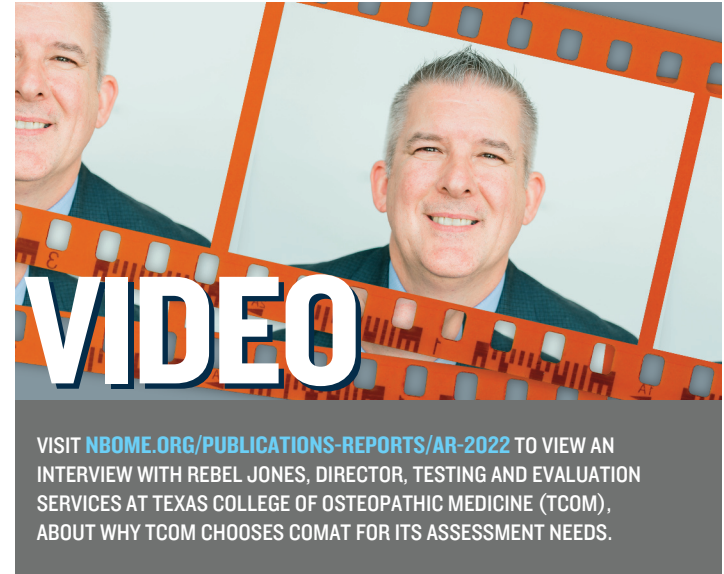


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2021-2022 COMAT CLINICAL ADMINISTRATION

In the 2021-2022 cycle from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, there were 54,194 COMAT Clinical exam administrations, an increase of 1.8 percent over the 2020-2021 cycle. A total of 47,165 of the administrations were self-proctored. The 2021-2022 cycle also saw the introduction of the remote-proctored delivery type, with 593 remote-proctored exams.



COMAT CLINICAL SUBJECT ADMINISTRATION COUNTS

TOTAL 2019-2020

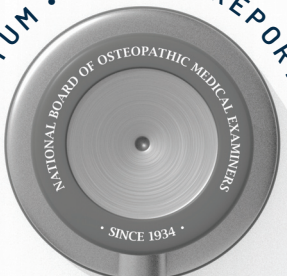
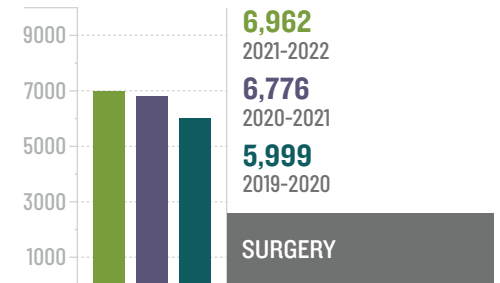
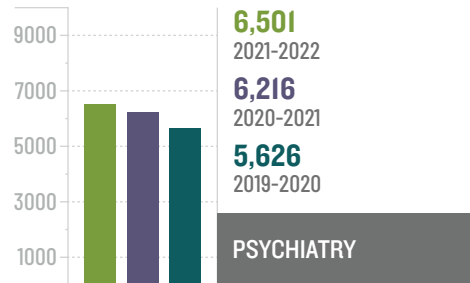
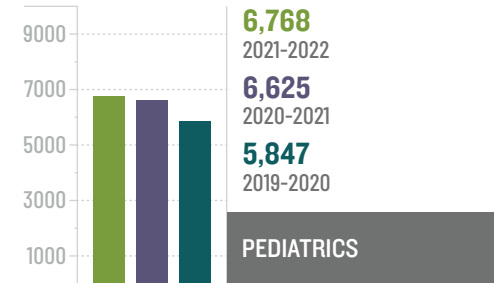
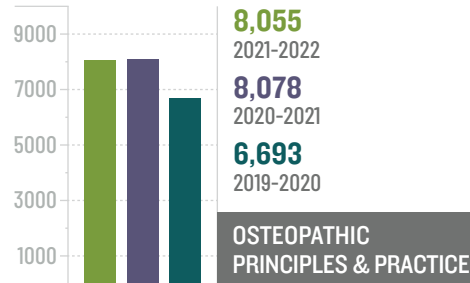
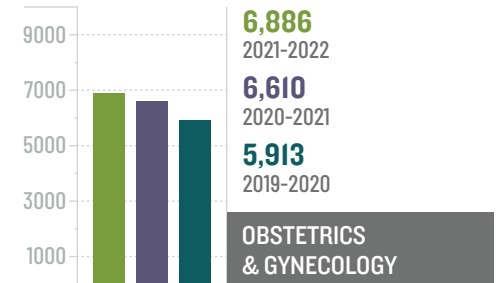
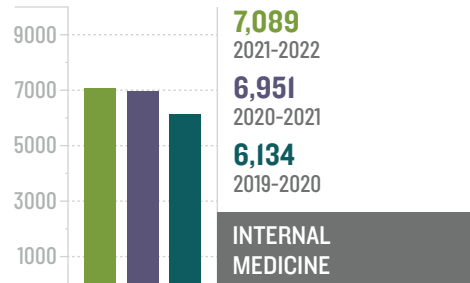
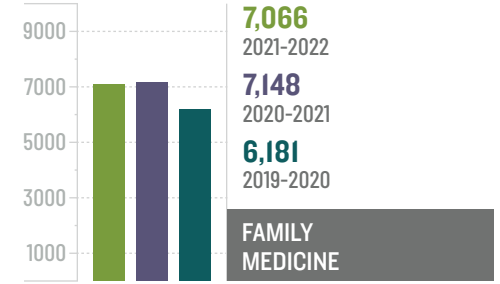
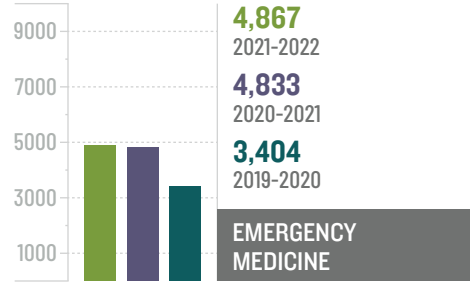
45,797

TOTAL 2020-2021

53,237

TOTAL 2021-2022

54,194



COMAT FBS SUBJECTS ADMINISTRATION COUNTS—ALL ADMINISTRATIONS	SCHOOL YEAR	TOTAL
	2019-2020	2,117
	2020-2021	3,670
	2021-2022	3,499

2021-2022 COMAT FOUNDATIONAL BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (FBS) ADMINISTRATION

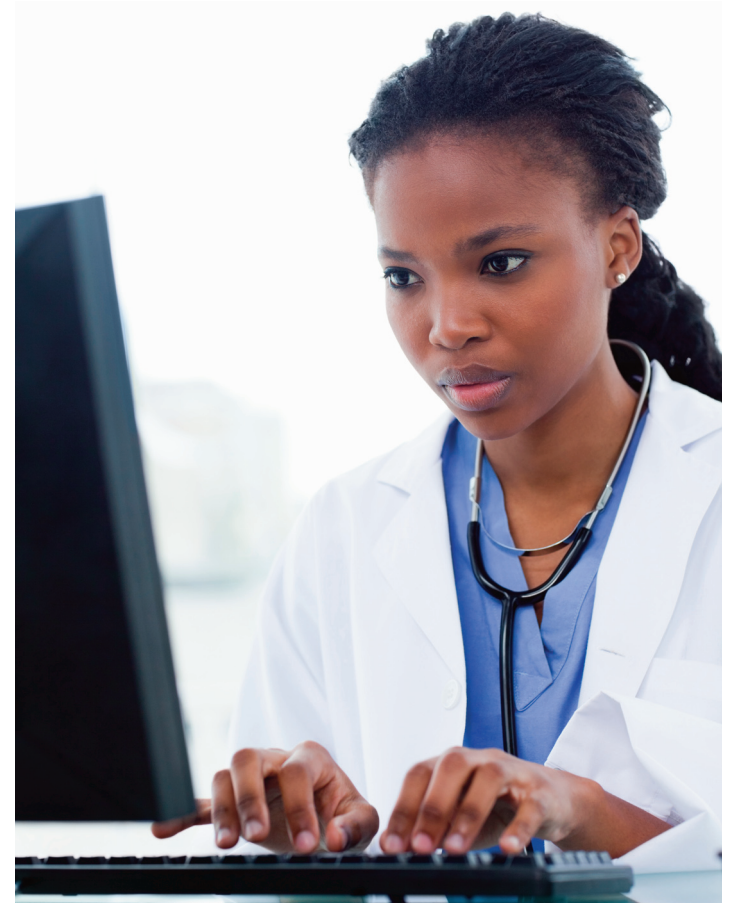
There were 3,499 FBS Comprehensive exam administrations in the 2021-2022 testing cycle, including 1,028 self-proctored and 2,471 school-proctored examinations. A total of 11,476 students have taken the FBS Comprehensive examination since its first administration in December 2018. In the 2021-2022 cycle, three COMs used FBS Comprehensive for evaluation.

COMVEX®

The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination (COMVEX) evaluates the depth and breadth of basic osteopathic medical knowledge, using the same assessment foundation as COMLEX-USA.

COMVEX provides state medical licensing boards with reports and information on an individual's knowledge of current osteopathic medical knowledge and practice under standardized conditions.

COMVEX was updated recently with a new passing standard and a new score report format. In 2022, the exam was taken by candidates from the states of IL, MI, OH, OK, and PA.





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