

**The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Report: An Assessment of Opportunities for Graduates of Texas Medical Schools to Enter Residency Programs in Texas**

A Report to the Texas Legislature  
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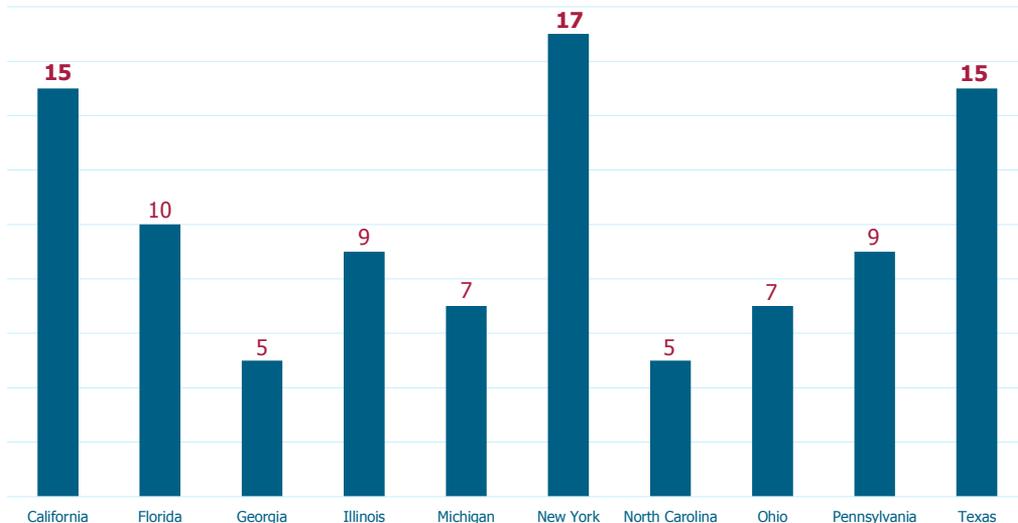
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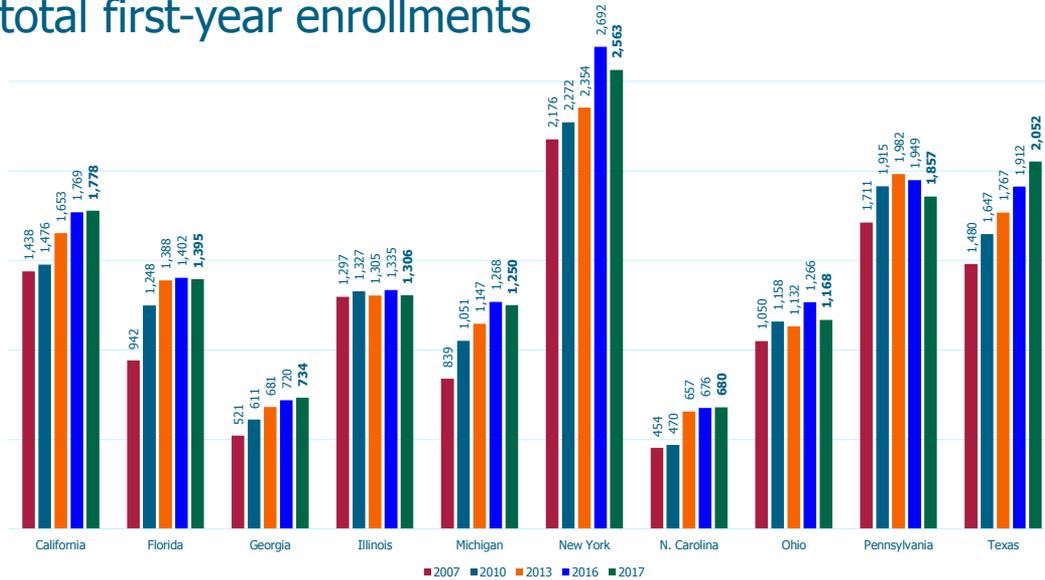
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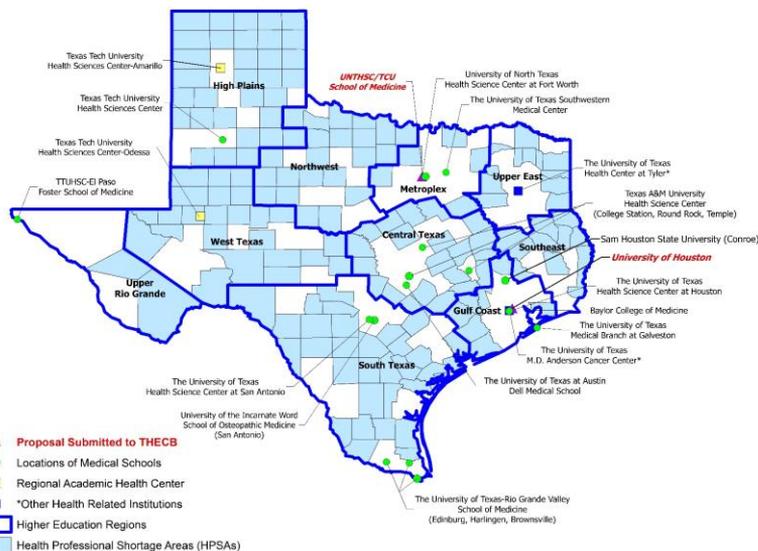
By 2020, Texas is poised to have 15 medical/osteopathic medical schools, tied with CA



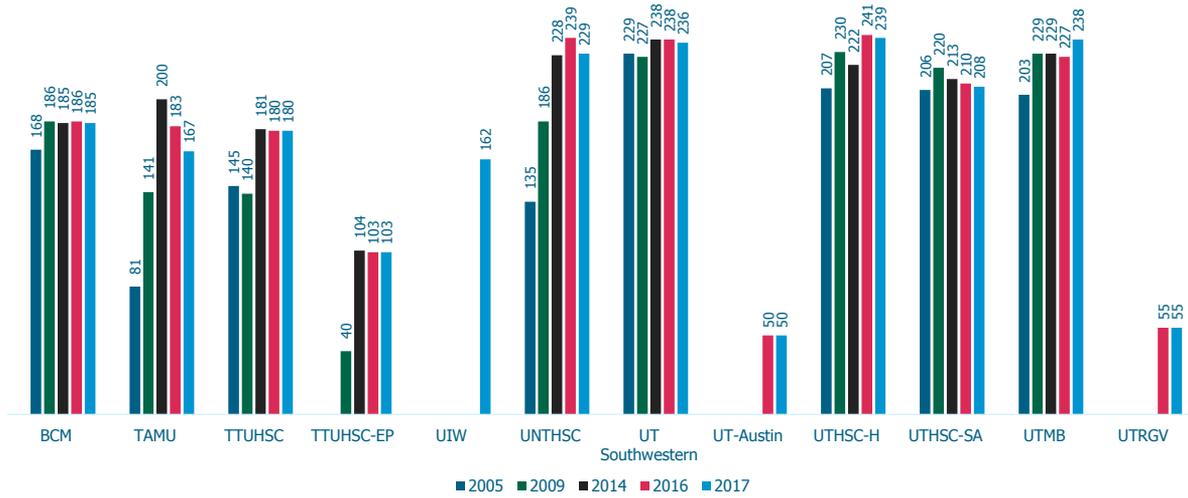
## In 2017, TX surpassed PA with the second highest number of total first-year enrollments



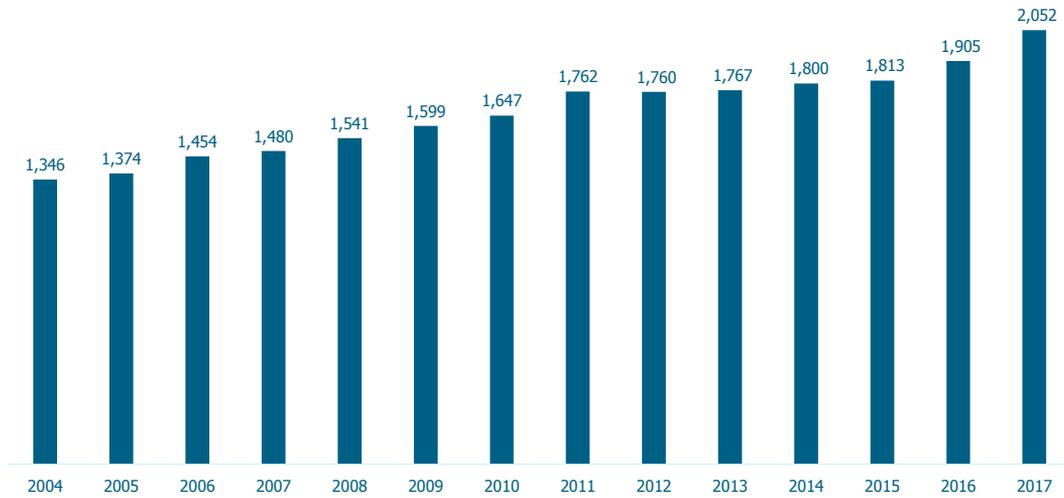
## Medical schools are located in populated areas



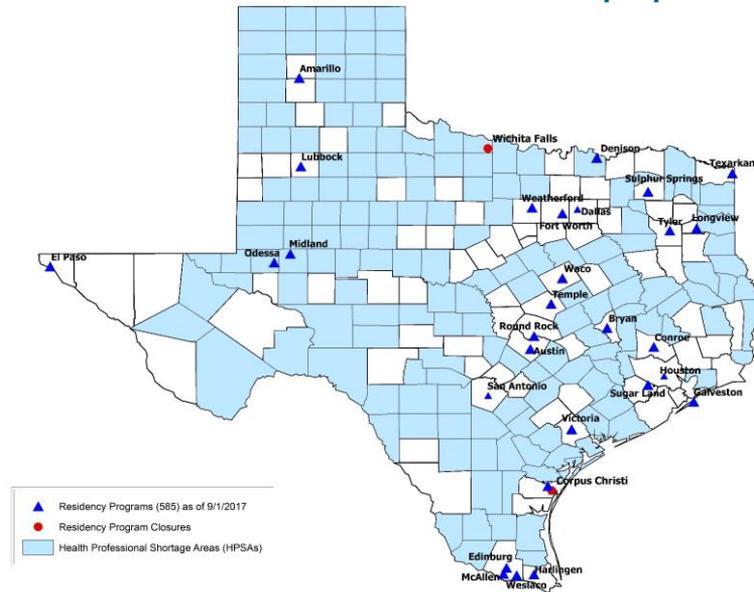
## Entering class sizes vary



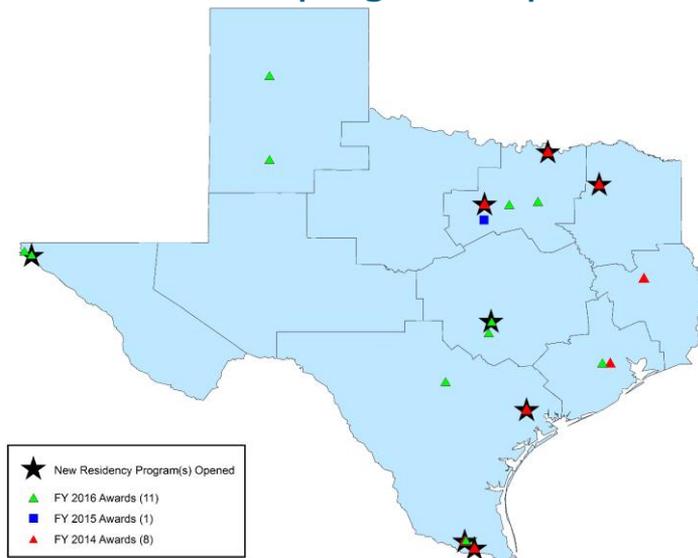
## First-year enrollment in Texas medical schools continues to increase



## GME programs are also located in more populous areas



## Planning grants and GME programs opened



## In 2017, Texas exceeded the ratio of 1.1 to 1



## THECB requests additional funding to support GME Expansion efforts

**Recommendation 1.** Continue support of the GME Expansion efforts. To maintain the 1.1 to 1 ratio of first-year residency positions to medical school graduates, the THECB has an exceptional item request of \$60,675,000 for the 2020-21 biennium, which would support the addition of new residency positions to accommodate the increase in the number of medical graduates resulting from the opening of three new medical schools. The additional funds would support new residency positions and help maintain recently established residency positions.

## THECB also requests additional support for the existing program that help prepare family physicians

**Recommendation 2.** Enhance support of the Family Practice Residency Program. The program started in the late 1970s to help address physician distribution. Unlike other medical specialties, family physicians are able to practice in smaller communities and rural areas. Their geographic distribution is similar to the general population. The THECB has an exceptional item request of \$2 million to increase funding per resident to approximately \$7,600 to support an estimated 773 family medicine residents in the program.

## THECB requests an increase the GME formula funding amount and support for the preceptorship programs

**Recommendation 3.** Increase the GME formula funding from the FY 2018 and FY 2019 level of \$5,824 to \$6,654 for FY 2020 and FY 2021, per the Board's recommendation.

**Recommendation 4.** Maintain funding and support for the THECB's Statewide Preceptorship Programs established to encourage Texas medical students to consider selecting a primary care residency program