

Q9-13 - MEDICAL STUDENT DATA
Finances Affecting Choices

		Current status as medical student				Table Total
		1st year student n=817 Col %	2nd year student n=721 Col %	3rd year student n=708 Col %	4th year student n=450 Col %	n=2721 Col %
How affording tuition etc. affected choice of medical school	Not at all	53.2%	51.7%	49.0%	55.6%	52.1%
	Slightly Important	17.3%	17.2%	16.9%	13.6%	16.6%
	Moderately Important	13.1%	12.5%	15.4%	12.9%	13.5%
	Very Important	10.9%	14.3%	15.1%	12.0%	13.0%
	Most Important Factor	2.4%	1.2%	0.4%	2.7%	1.6%
	No Response	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	3.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How affording to live in city where school located affected choice of medical school	Not at all	42.1%	44.8%	43.9%	46.7%	44.1%
	Slightly Important	17.5%	16.8%	16.4%	17.8%	17.0%
	Moderately Important	16.6%	16.0%	17.7%	13.8%	16.3%
	Very Important	16.9%	16.0%	16.5%	13.1%	15.9%
	Most Important Factor	3.7%	3.5%	2.4%	5.1%	3.5%
	No Response	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%	3.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How debt will affect choice of specialty	Not at all	32.3%	32.7%	34.2%	47.1%	35.5%
	Slightly Important	16.8%	17.5%	18.5%	17.6%	17.5%
	Moderately Important	18.6%	19.0%	20.2%	12.9%	18.1%
	Very Important	19.6%	19.7%	20.1%	15.3%	19.0%
	Most Important Factor	2.3%	2.9%	2.7%	2.4%	2.6%
	Unsure	7.2%	5.0%	1.4%	1.1%	4.0%
	No Response	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	3.6%	3.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How earning potential will affect choice of specialty	Not at all	18.1%	19.4%	21.8%	30.0%	21.6%
	Slightly Important	24.2%	21.2%	23.4%	22.2%	22.9%
	Moderately Important	26.7%	30.2%	24.0%	21.1%	25.9%
	Very Important	23.1%	21.9%	24.6%	20.2%	22.6%
	Most Important Factor	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%	2.4%	1.8%
	Unsure	2.9%	2.4%	1.4%	0.7%	2.0%
	No Response	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
How debt will affect practice location	Not at all	23.7%	27.3%	30.2%	32.2%	27.9%
	Slightly Important	20.6%	17.1%	18.6%	20.0%	18.9%
	Moderately Important	20.0%	20.4%	18.4%	19.3%	19.6%
	Very Important	23.7%	24.7%	23.2%	18.7%	22.8%
	Most Important Factor	2.4%	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	3.1%
	Unsure	6.2%	3.7%	3.2%	2.7%	4.2%
	No Response	3.3%	3.6%	3.0%	3.6%	3.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2004 National Physician Survey: Medical Student Questionnaire. College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), Canadian Medical Association (CMA), Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

**The 'Table Total' contains 25 students who indicated 'Other' as their current status.