

EKU®



SNAPSHOT OF PHYSICIAN NEED IN KENTUCKY



- Between 2019 and 2022, the number of **physicians in Kentucky decreased by 590**.
- **Kentucky ranks 40th** among the US in its primary care physician workforce per 100,000.
- **94% of Kentucky counties** have a shortage of primary care physicians.
- 33% of Kentucky physicians are **within retirement age**, having practiced between 31-50+ yrs.
- 40% of Kentuckians live in rural areas, but **only 17% of primary care physician practice in rural areas**
- Of Kentucky physicians who completed residency 2013-2022, **only 27% are practicing in medically underserved areas**.
- **In 2023, Kentucky's three medical schools received 13,416 applications and enrolled 510 students.**



GOAL

Alleviate the Commonwealth's growing shortage of primary care physicians.

GOAL

Train doctors for chronically underserved areas of Kentucky in the most affordable ways.

GOAL

Create pathways for students to pursue healthcare as a profession and provide additional opportunities for Kentuckians to pursue their dreams.

THE DETAILS

- 25% of U.S. medical students train in osteopathic medical programs.
- Enrollment in osteopathic medical programs rose by 68% between 2012-2022.
- In the last five years, the number of DOs in the US increased by 30%.
- Nearly 57% of DOs practice in primary care specialties.
- Curriculum – 4 year program (2 yrs in classroom and 2 yrs in clinical rotations)
- Clinicals in underserved areas

EKU IS READY

EKU has all of the pieces to create a collaborative and innovative environment for future healthcare providers:

- ✚ Nursing
- ✚ Psychology
- ✚ Occupational Therapy
- ✚ Public Health
- ✚ Exercise and Sports Science
- ✚ Dietetics/Food Nutrition
- ✚ Recreational Therapy
- ✚ EMC/Paramedicine
- ✚ Biological Sciences

AFFORDABILITY AND IMPACT



The class of 2022 graduated from medical school with an **average debt of \$205,037**. The expected payoff schedule is over 20 years. (Association of American Medical Colleges)

Physicians support 94,338 jobs in Kentucky, generate state and local tax revenue of \$557.2 million, and have a total of \$15.4 billion in economic activity, with **each physician having an economic impact of \$1.9 million annually**. (American Medical Association)

QUESTIONS?

