

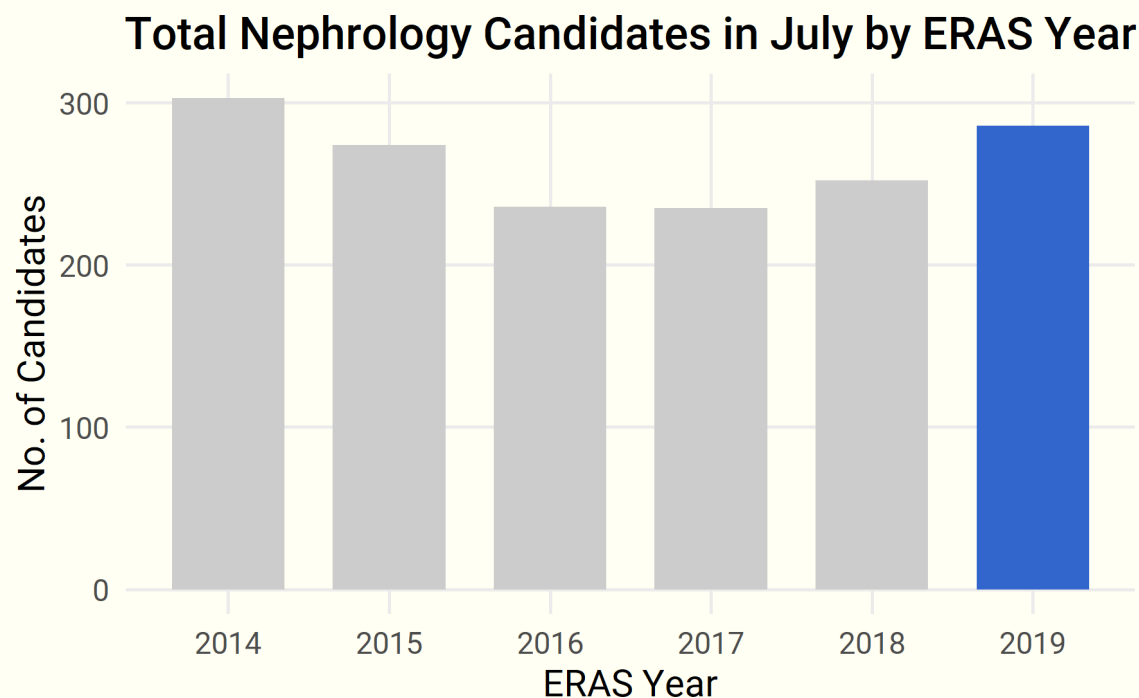
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July application data provided by [ERAS](#) for the appointment year (AY) 2019 nephrology Match show an uptick in total candidates and applications over the same time point in previous recruitment cycles.

Total candidates in July are up ...

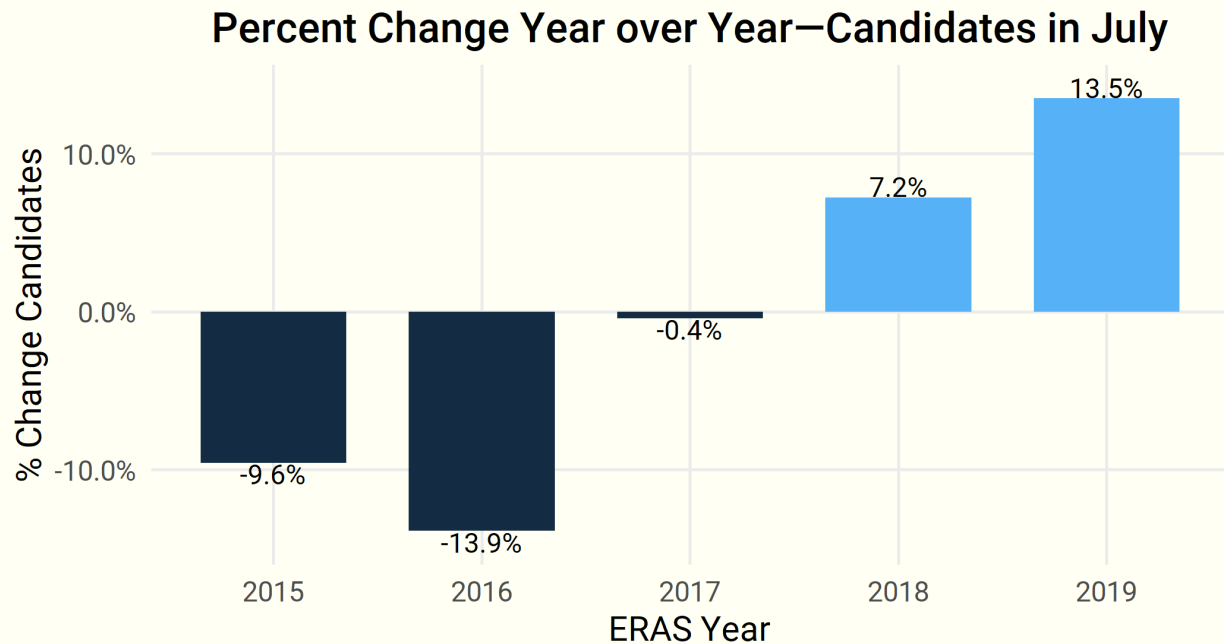
Candidate numbers in July have inched up over the past 3 application cycles. AY 2019 candidate totals for July (286) are 6% shy of AY 2014. (In 2014, available nephrology fellowship positions outnumbered candidates for the first time since the specialty rejoined the Match.)



Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

... and candidate trends are reversing.

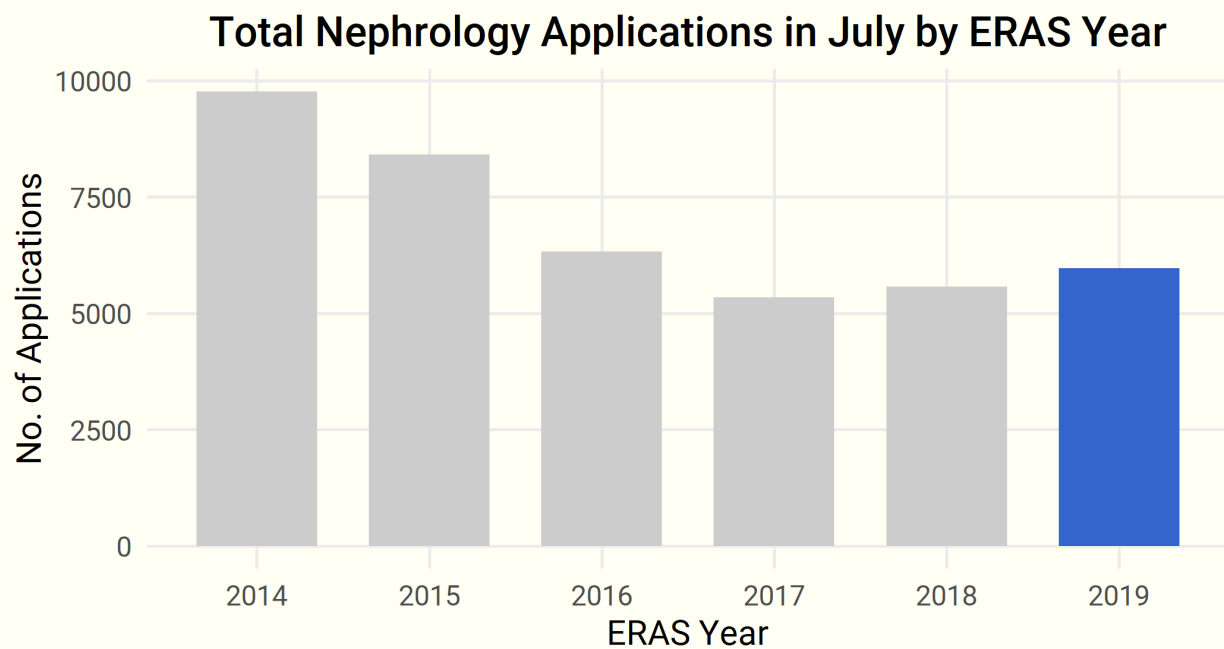
Starting with last year's application cycle, the year-over-year trend of declining candidates in July is slowly reversing, building on last year's increase.



Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

Applications to nephrology fellowships are up slightly ...

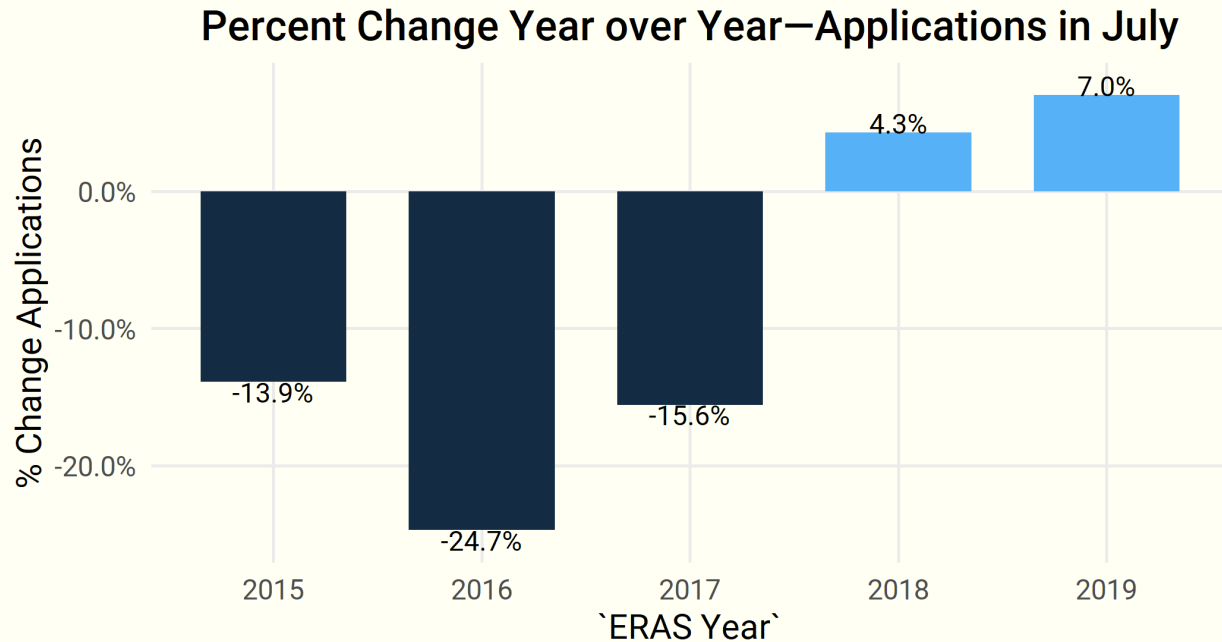
Total applications in July have rebounded from an apparent nadir in 2017.



Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

... and growing slowly year over year.

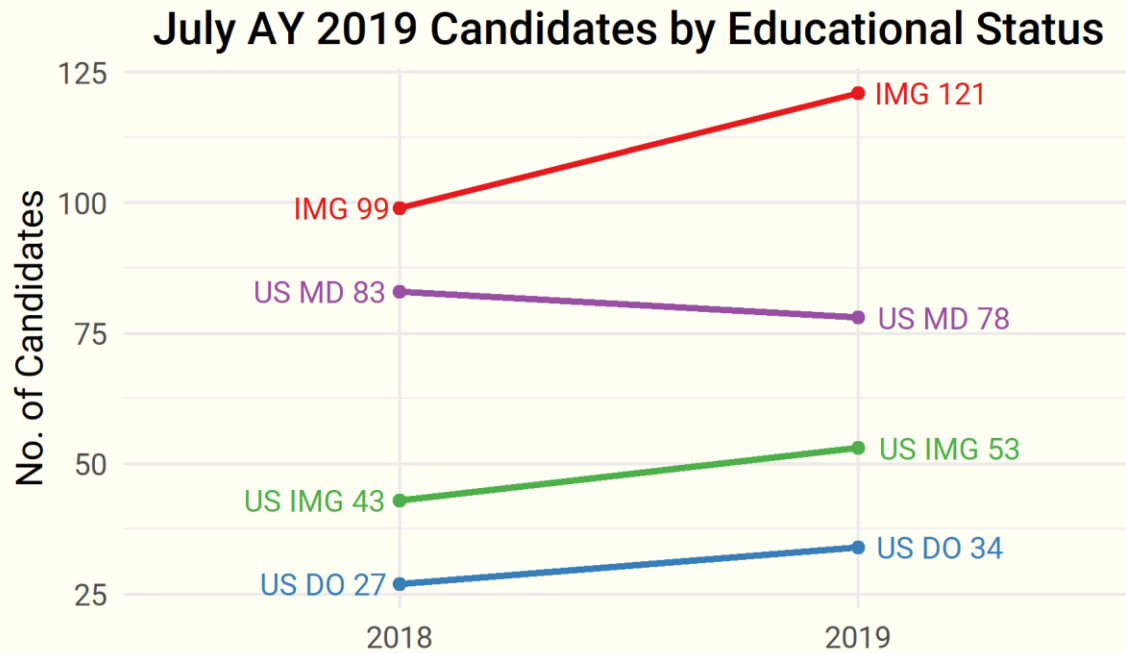
The year over year percentages illustrate the stark decline in total nephrology applications experienced after the inversion in AY 2014.



Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

IMG candidates are back ...

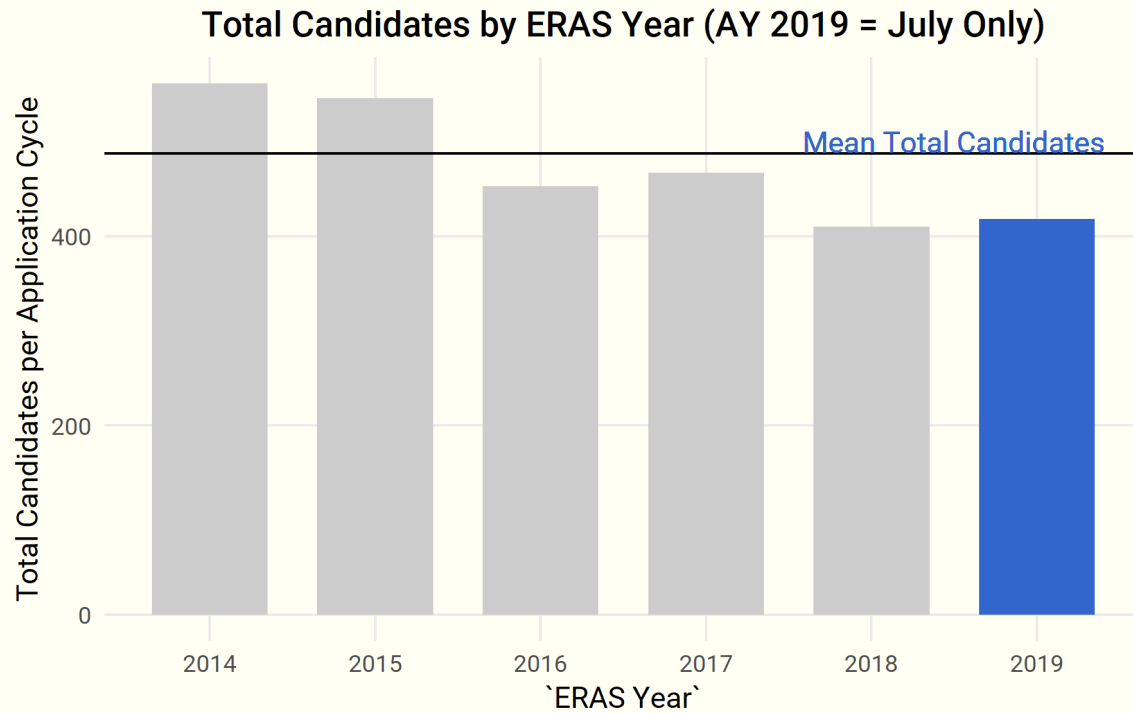
July numbers show a strong rebound in international medical graduate (IMG) candidates applying to the specialty. While US IMGs and DOs continue to edge up, US MDs declined in July by 6%.



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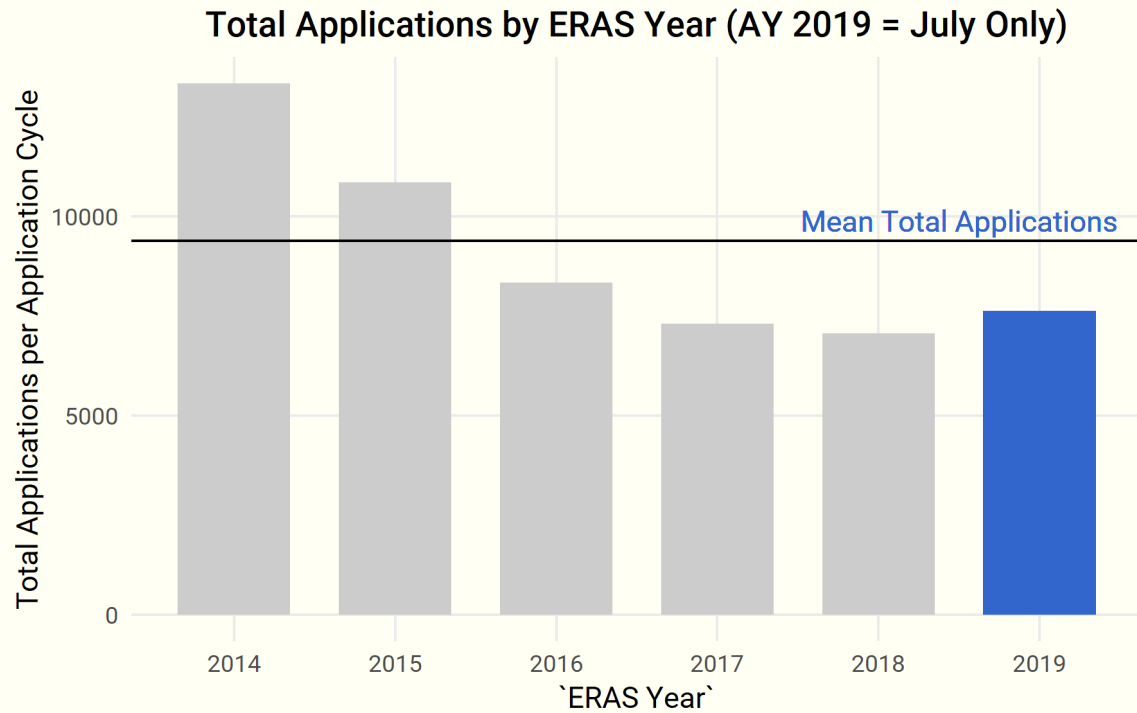
...but total candidates ...

Although its early in the application cycle, it's possible the total candidates for the AY 2019 application cycle may match that of AY 2018.



...and applications are still down compared to historic averages.

Despite the upturn in candidates, it's unknown when or if total applications will ever return to former levels, indicating a continued lack of selectivity.



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