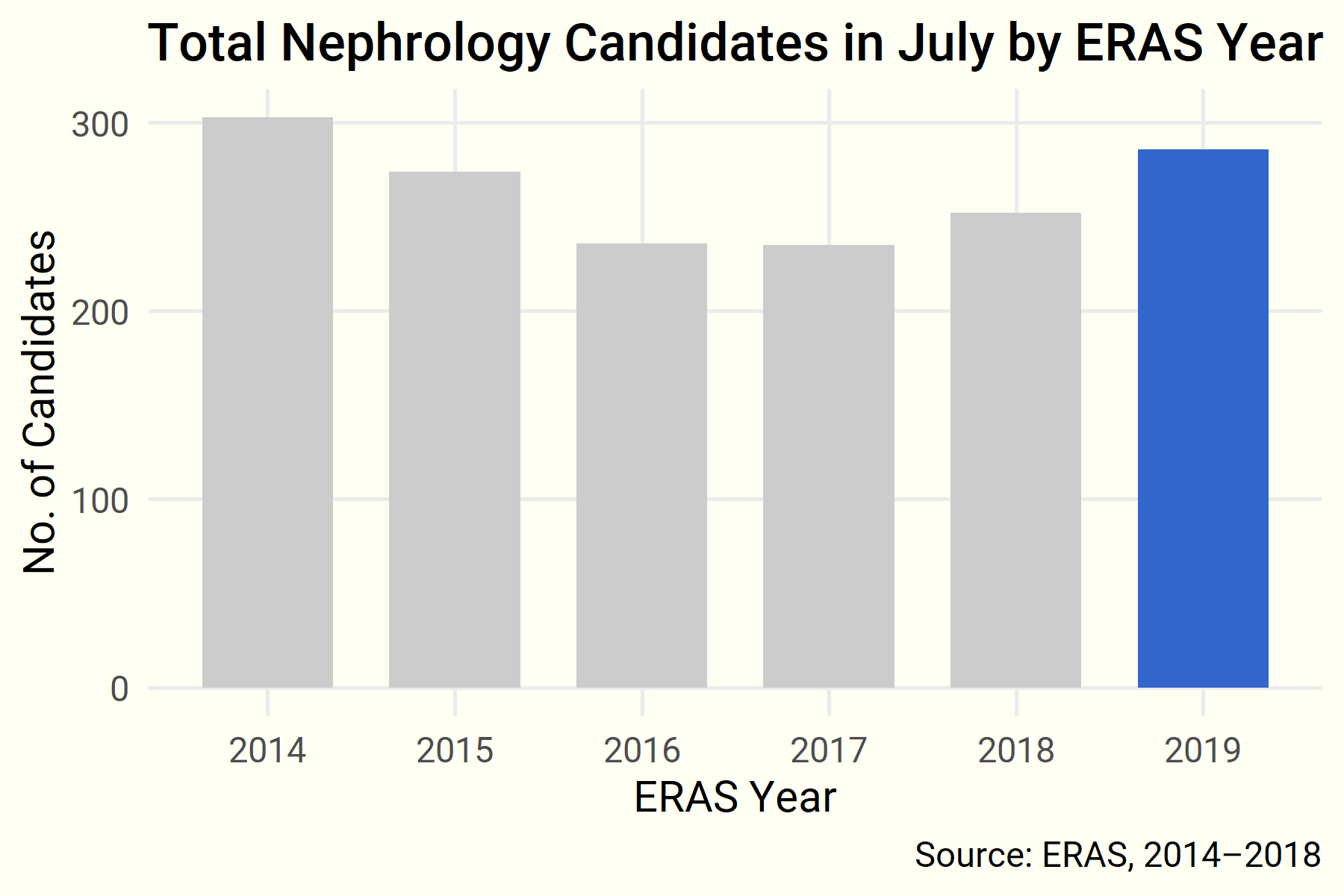
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July application data provided by [ERAS](https://www.aamc.org/data/facts/eras/) for the appointment year (AY) 2019 nephrology Match show an uptick in total candidates and applications over the same time point in previous recruitment cycles.

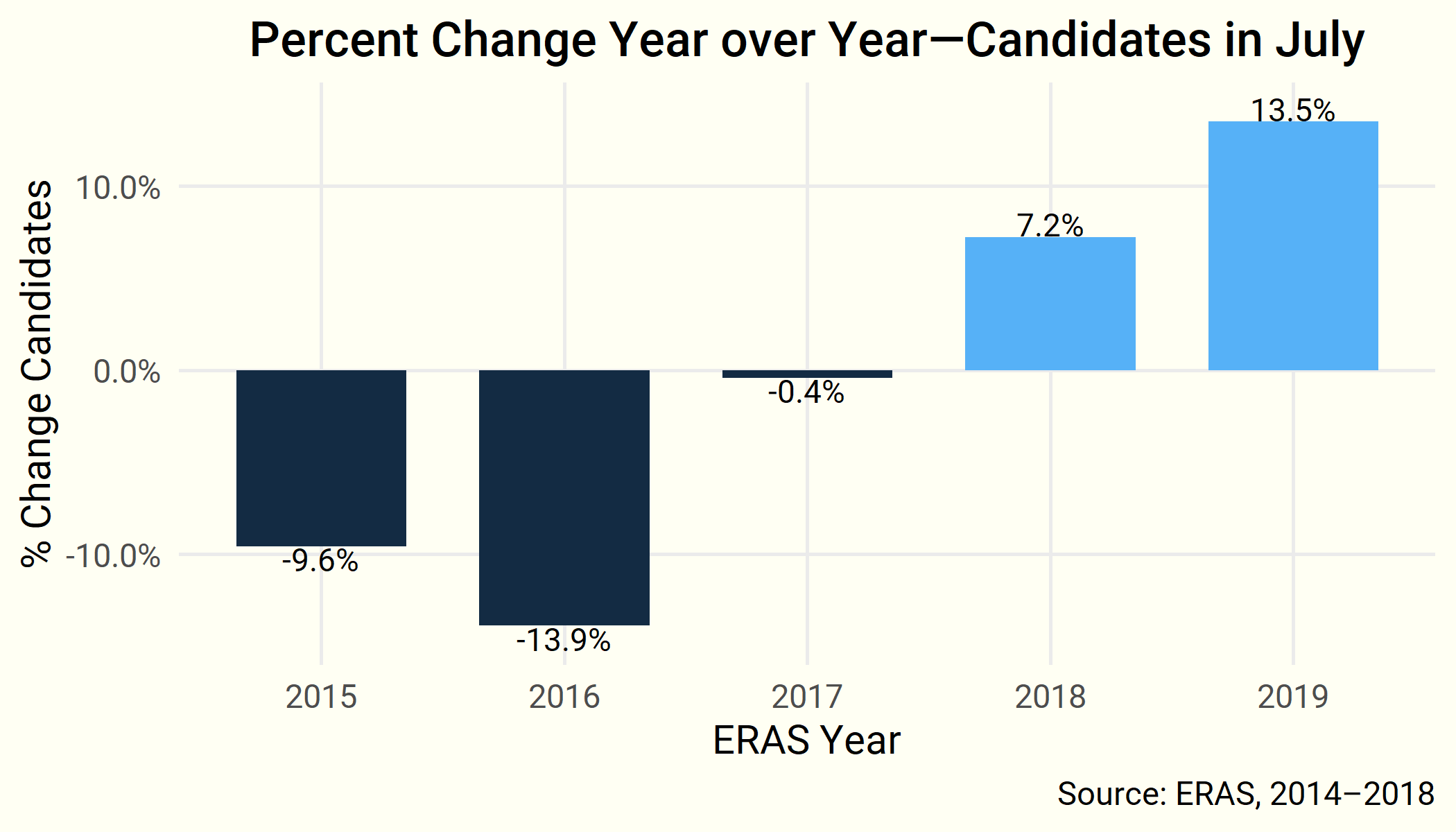
### Total candidates in July are up …

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.)



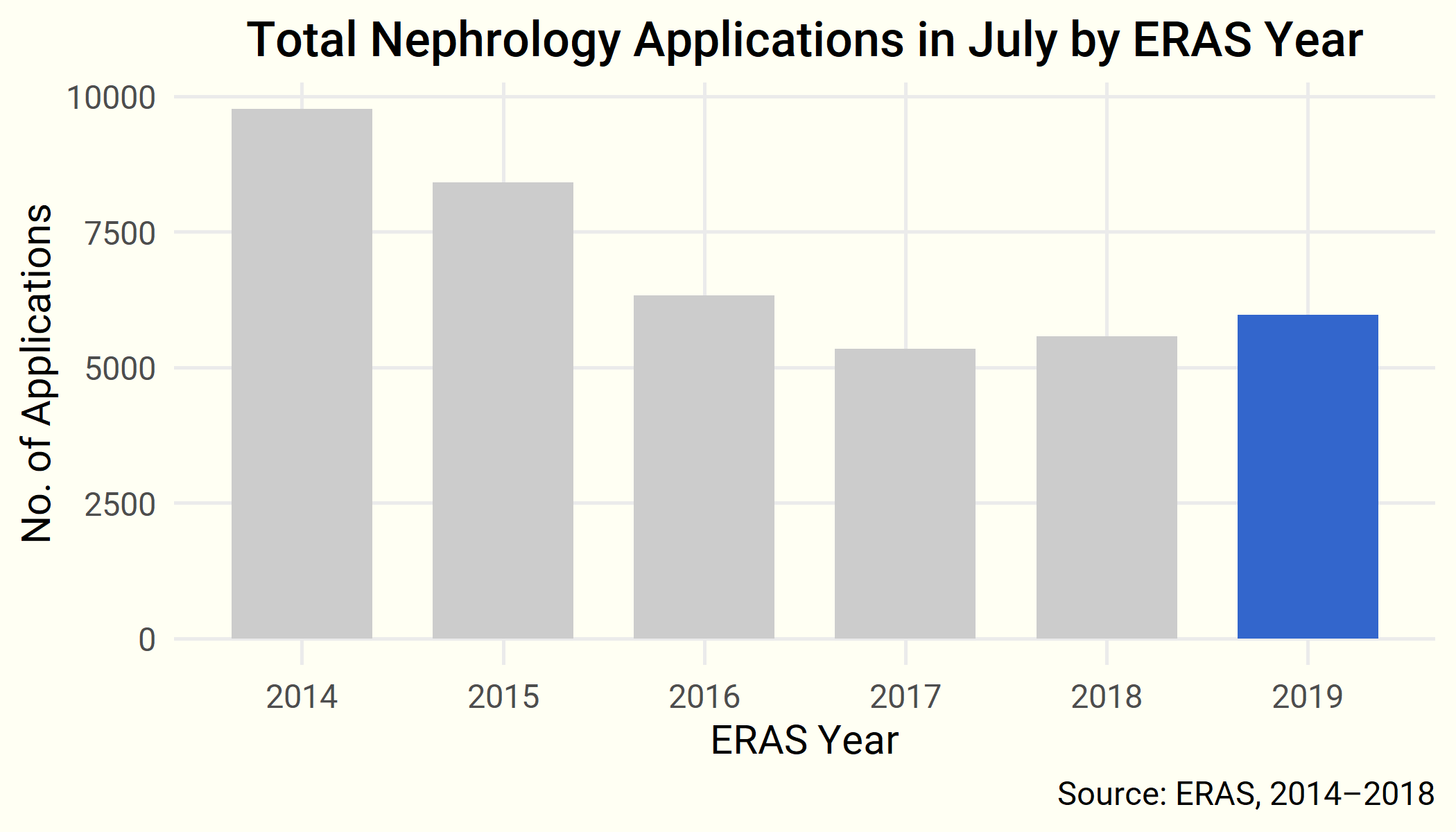
### … and candidate trends are reversing.

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.



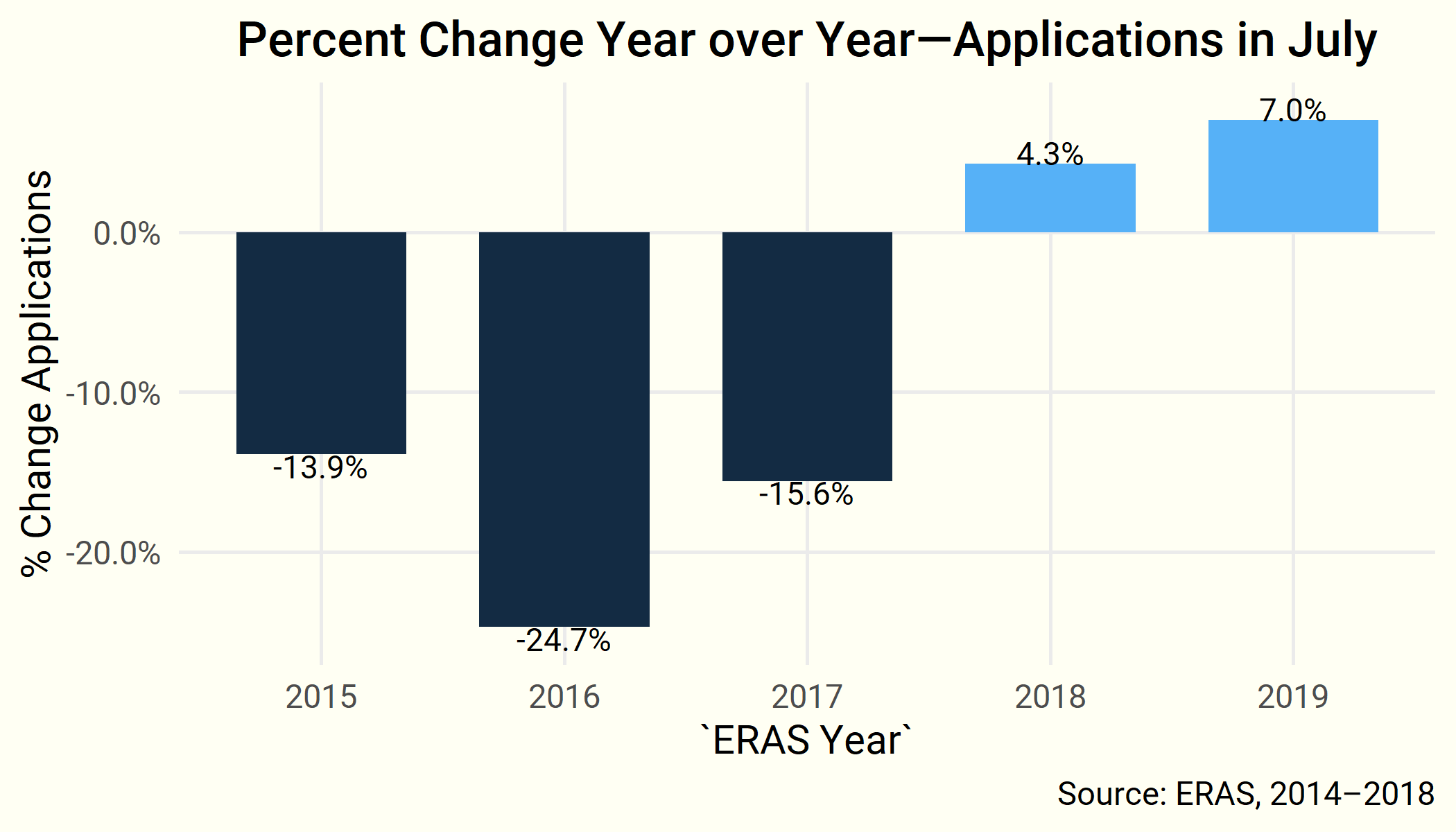
### Applications to nephrology fellowships are up slightly …

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



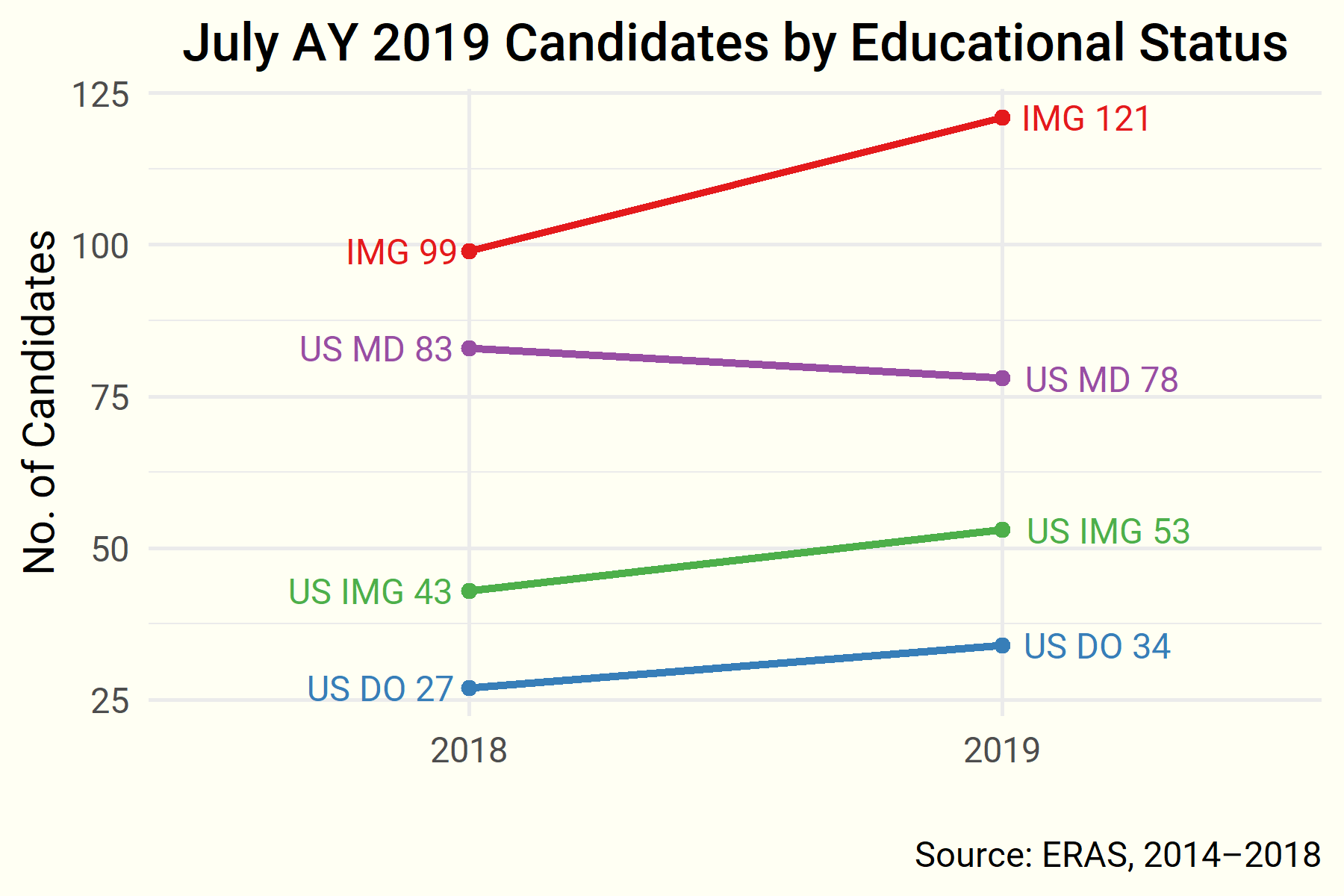
### … and growing slowly year over year.

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



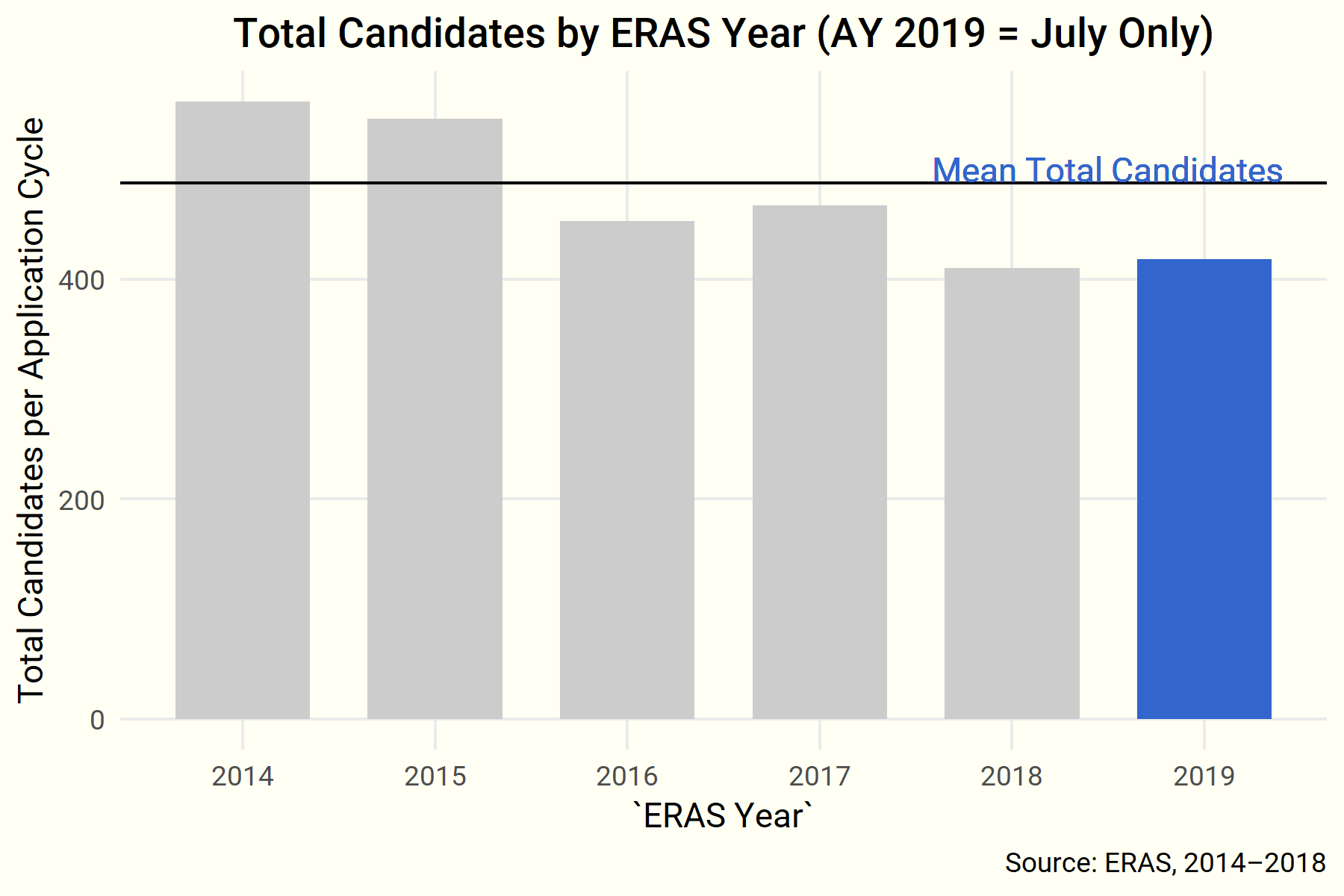
### IMG candidates are back …

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%.



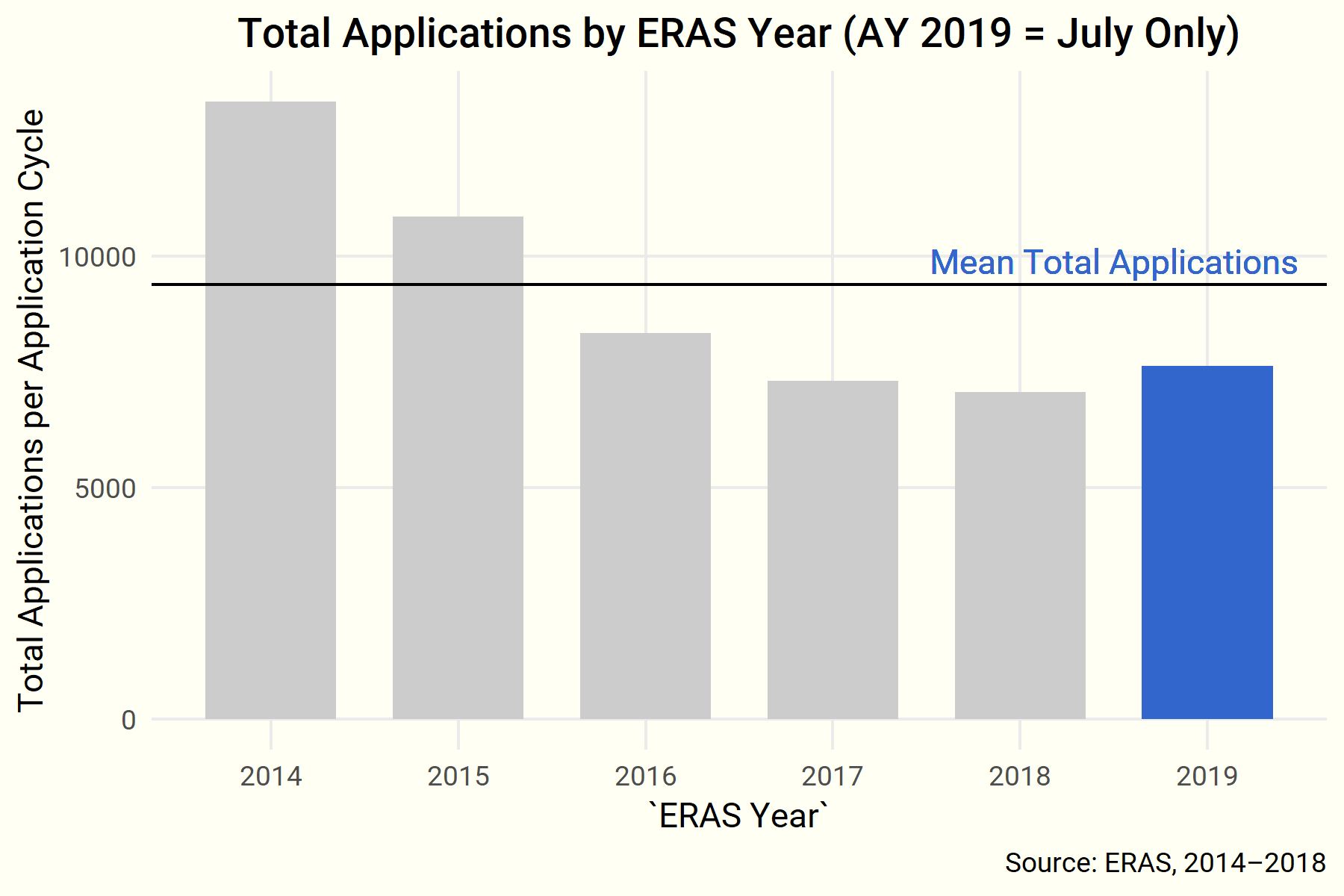
### …but total candidates …

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.



### Up Next

Future *Data Briefs* will report ERAS application data as it becomes available.

***Questions? Comments?***

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