# Medical School Inequity Analysis

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### Purpose

- What racial disparities are present in medical school applicants and how does it affect the admissions process?
- Is there enough data to show the breakdown of each?

### Datasets Used

- Applicants to U.S. Medical Schools by Race/Ethnicity and State of Legal Residence
- Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools by Race/Ethnicity and State of Legal Residence
- MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S.
  MD-Granting Medical Schools
- MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. MD Granting Medical Schools by Race/Ethnicity
- MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants to U.S. MD-Granting Medical Schools by State of Legal Residence
- MCAT Scores and GPAs for Matriculants to U.S. MD-Granting Medical Schools by State of Legal Residence

#### Methods

- Combined Applicant and Matriculant Datasets using Python
- Logistic regression models on all dataset types:
  - Applicants vs. Matriculants by state and race.
  - GPA and MCAT metrics for applicants and matriculants by state.
  - GPA and MCAT metics for applicants and matriculants by race.
- Visualized results with JavaScript charts

### Results

### MCAT and GPA Race Findings

Feature	Coefficient
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.9172
Asian	-0.0974
Black or African American	0.7214
Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish Origin	-0.2087
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-0.3516
White	-0.0038
Other	-0.0424
Multiple Race/Ethnicity	-0.3780
Unknown Race/Ethnicity	0.0560
Non-U.S. Citizen and Non-Permanent Resident	-0.5193
Total	-0.0789

# **Key Findings**

- Logistic Regression on GPA and MCAT scores yields high accuracy (93%).
- Logistic Regression on State and Race data shows moderate accuracy (75%).
- Including Race with MCAT and GPA data results in lower accuracy (66.67%).

## Trends by Year and Race

#### Applicants vs. Matriculants by Race



#### Conclusion

- MCAT scores and GPA are strong predictors of medical school matriculation.
- Racial representation was low for Non-White and Asian groups.
- State has a moderate impact on admissions.
- Including race with academic metrics decreased model accuracy.
- Further research is needed to understand and address inequities in the medical school admissions process.