

# Board News

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Data from certification and recertification activity in 1994 is now available for review. It is the purpose of this report to provide comparative data regarding issues of interest to Diplomates and the Board. These are displayed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 to provide comparisons.

It appears that previous trends continue. There is a slow decrease in solo practices and in rural

practice percentages. There is a slight decline in obstetrics. There is a slight rise in HMO practice and percentage of women.

Among current Diplomates, the mean, median, and mode age are increasing, whereas the median age is decreasing among recertified Diplomates. The 1994 recertified Diplomates seem to reflect these trends.

**Table 1. Current Diplomates.**

|                     | 1/1/93 | 1/1/94 | 1/1/95 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number              | 40,260 | 41,597 | 43,566 |
| Age yrs             |        |        |        |
| Mean                | 43.01  | 43.45  | 43.8   |
| Median              | 40.0   | 41.07  | 42.06  |
| Mode                | 38     | 40     | 41     |
| Sex, % women        | 19.5   | 20.6   | 21.5   |
| Residency trained % | 79.6   | 81.4   | 82.6   |

**Table 2. Recertified Diplomates.**

|                     | 1/1/93 | 1/1/94 | 1/1/95 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number              | 25,038 | 26,464 | 28,294 |
| Solo practices %    | 31.2   | 28.4   | 27.2   |
| Partnership %       | 18.0   | 17.1   | 16.6   |
| Group %             | 29.5   | 31.9   | 32.9   |
| HMO %               | 4.8    | 4.9    | 5.2    |
| Community <25,000 % | 35     | 34.5   | 33.7   |
| No obstetrics %     | 66.8   | 71.9   | 73.0   |
| Sex, % women        | 13.5   | 14.4   | 15.4   |
| Age yrs             |        |        |        |
| Median              | 44.2   | 44.1   | 44.0   |
| Mode                | 40     | 41     | 41     |

**Table 3. Diplomates Recertified 1994.**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Number              | 5090 |
| Number (1993)       | 4197 |
| Solo practices %    | 24.8 |
| Partnership %       | 16.7 |
| Group %             | 34.3 |
| HMO %               | 6.1  |
| Community <25,000 % | 31.9 |
| No obstetrics %     | 72.9 |
| Sex, % women        | 18.8 |
| Age yrs             |      |
| Median              | 40.0 |
| Mode                | 37   |