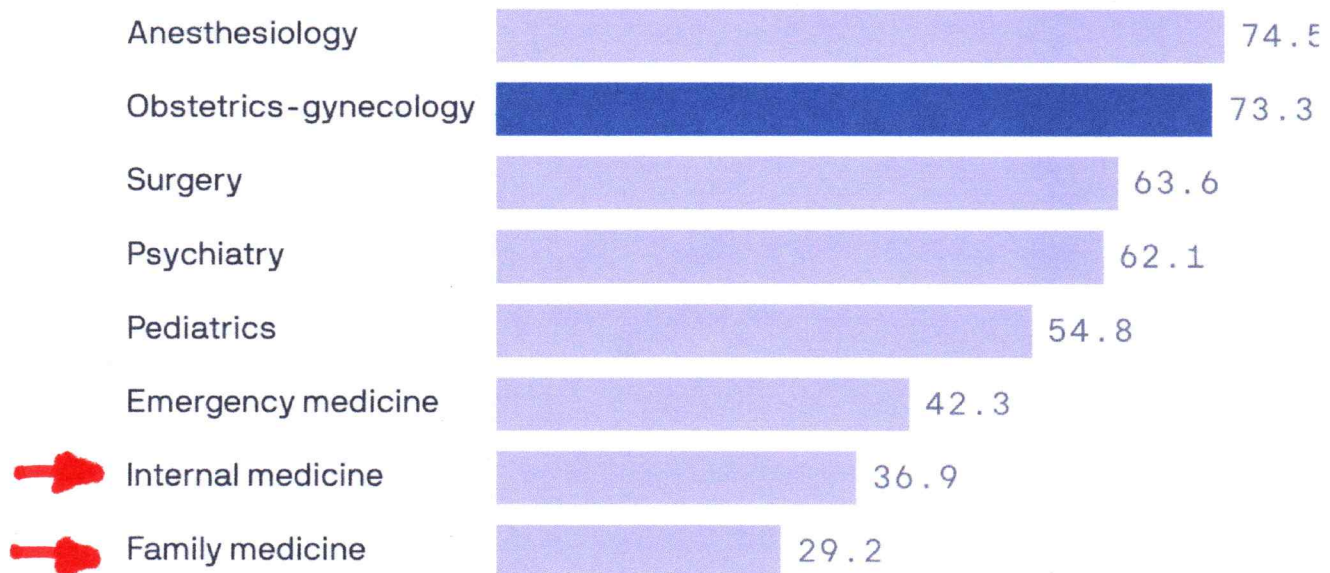


## Share of 2023 residency programs filled by U.S. fourth-year M.D. students, by specialty

Includes specialties with over 1,000 positions and excludes post-graduate year one only positions



Data: [National Residency Matching Program](#) Chart: Simran Parwani/Axios

**More medical school graduates** are steering away from emergency medicine and opting for specialties like orthopedics and plastic surgery, *Axios'* Arielle Dreher and Tina Reed write for *Axios Vitals*.

- **More than 550 slots** for emergency medicine residents were left unfilled this year, according to the [National Resident Matching Program](#), which pairs newly minted doctors with post-graduate opportunities in medical centers.
- **That's up from 335** a year ago — and a major jump from 2018, when only 13 E.R. openings were unfilled.

**Why it matters:** The field not long ago was one of the most desired for young doctors and celebrated on TV.

🔊 **What's happening:** E.R. doctors were lauded as heroes during the early days of COVID — but have since become symbols of professional burnout.