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**BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE**

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**TO:** BOARD MEMBERS  
**CC:**  
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**RE:** 2025 ANNUAL LICENSING REPORT

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2025 saw several major accomplishments in the licensing department. These included:

- Introduction and Training of New Staff
  - We hired 2 new staff this year including May Griffin, Receptionist, and Sarah Gagne, Licensing Specialist.
  - Savannah Okoronkwo participated in the CMBLS (Certified Medical Board Licensing Specialist Training) and received her certification.
- Implementation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) API for initial applications.
  - This went live in Summer of 2025. The introduction of this API has led to instantaneous licensure for initial IMLC applications. The implementation of this API has not only allowed for a more expedited issuance of licensure, but has also allowed staff members the time to focus on regular applications and has reduced the instance of human error by importing rather than hand entering data into our system.
- Licenses Issued
  - 1066 MD and MDA licenses were issued in 2025.

### **Looking Forward**

The licensing staff is looking forward to continued progress in 2026. The goals include:

- Continuing the file clean-up and archiving process;
- Creating a license type for veterans and their spouses
- Meeting the federal accessibility requirements by making all current documents on our website accessible

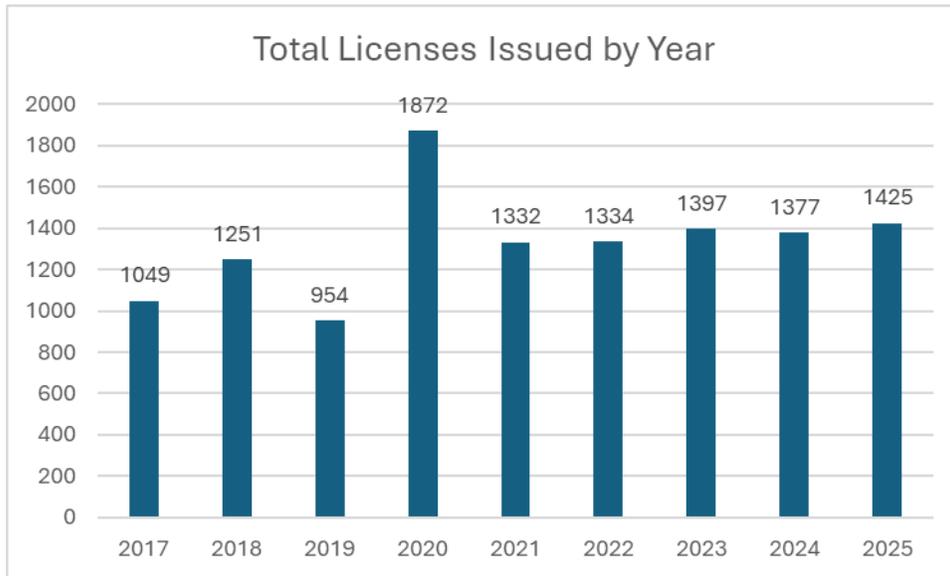
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- Initiate a smooth process for PA background checks leading up to the start of the PA compact
- Continue to refine and improve processes for licensure by establishing consistency and updating SOP's

## Licensing Statistics

### Total Number of Licenses Issued

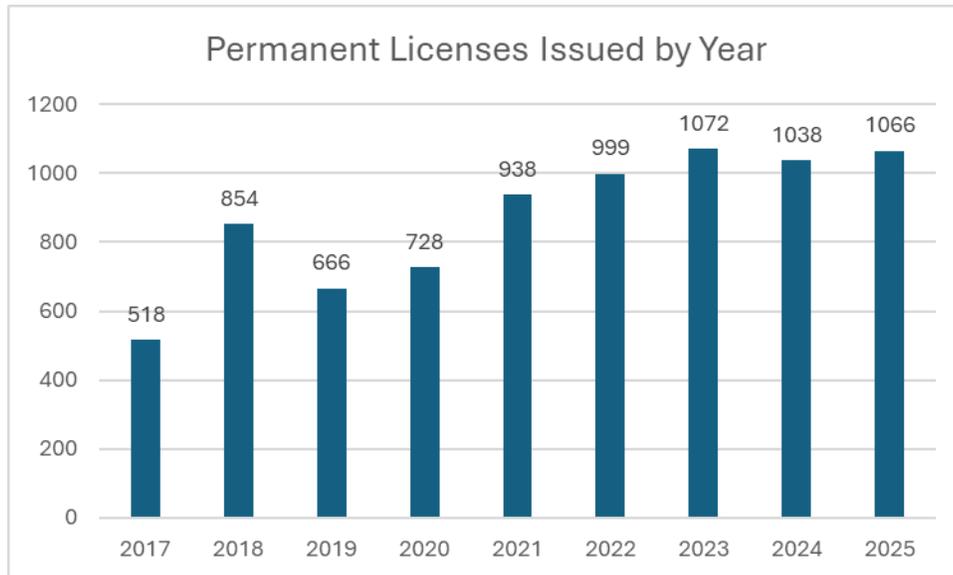
A summary of licenses issued by year



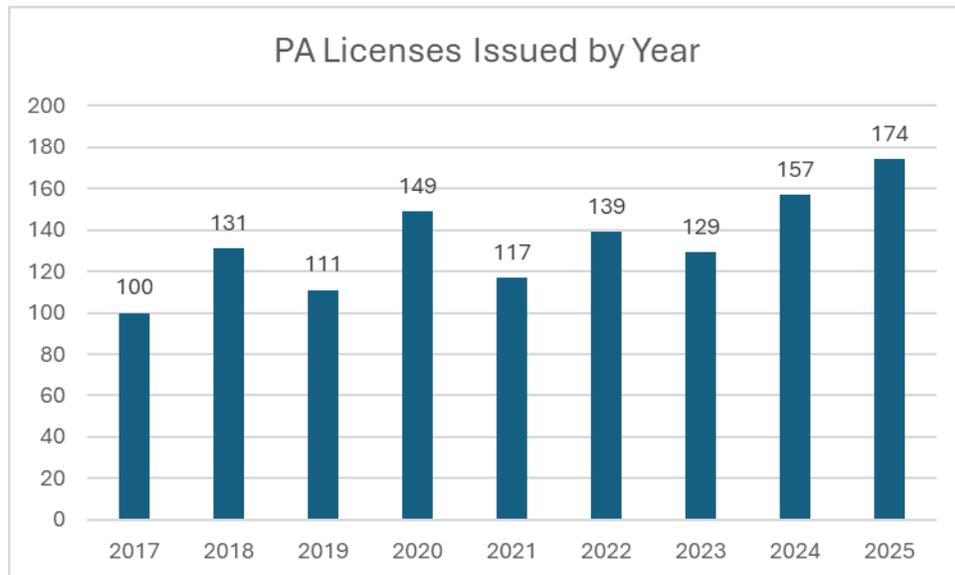
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### Permanent Licenses Issued

The total number of Permanent MD licenses issued each year (MD and initial MDA) are:



The total number of PA licenses issued each year are:

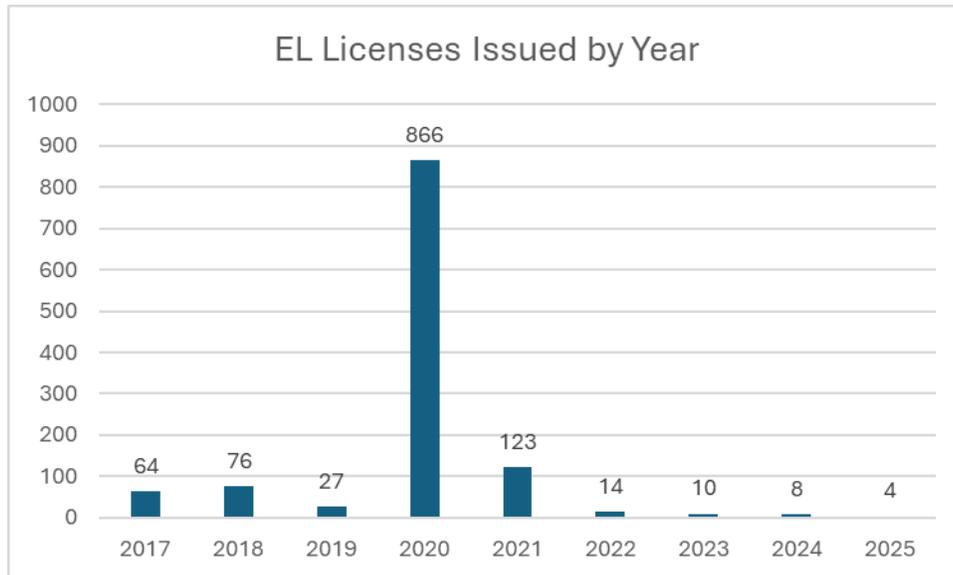


### Emergency licenses

The number of emergency licenses decreased in 2019 as we continued to refine our processes for permanent licensure. This trend was completely reversed in 2020 with the creation of the

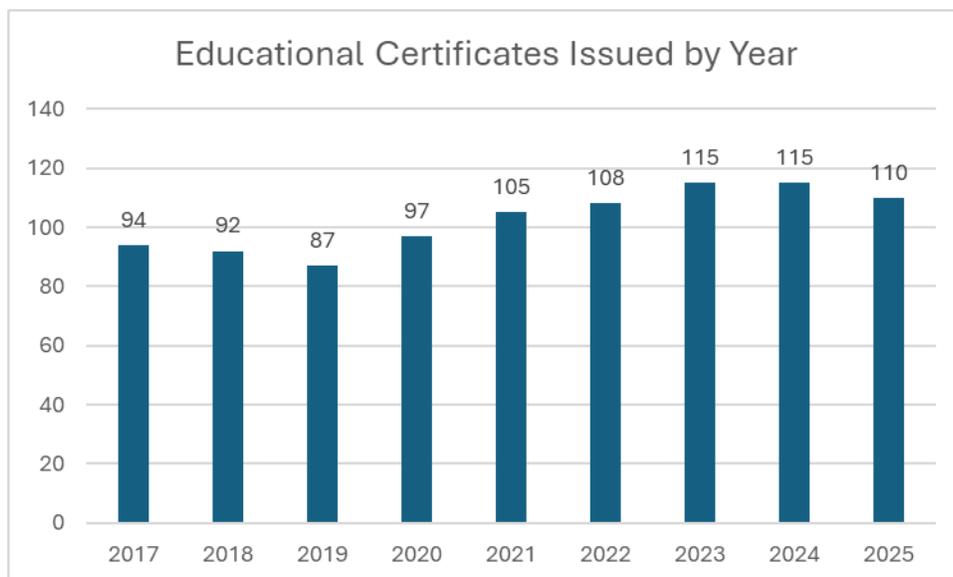
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COVID 19 emergency license. For the first time ever, more emergency licenses were issued than any other type of license. In 2021 COVID 19 emergency licenses continued to be issued through June and accounts for the majority of emergency licenses issued in 2021. The number of emergency licenses issued continues to decrease. We issued half of the number of emergency licenses in 2025 compared to 2024. The numbers are:



### Educational Certificates

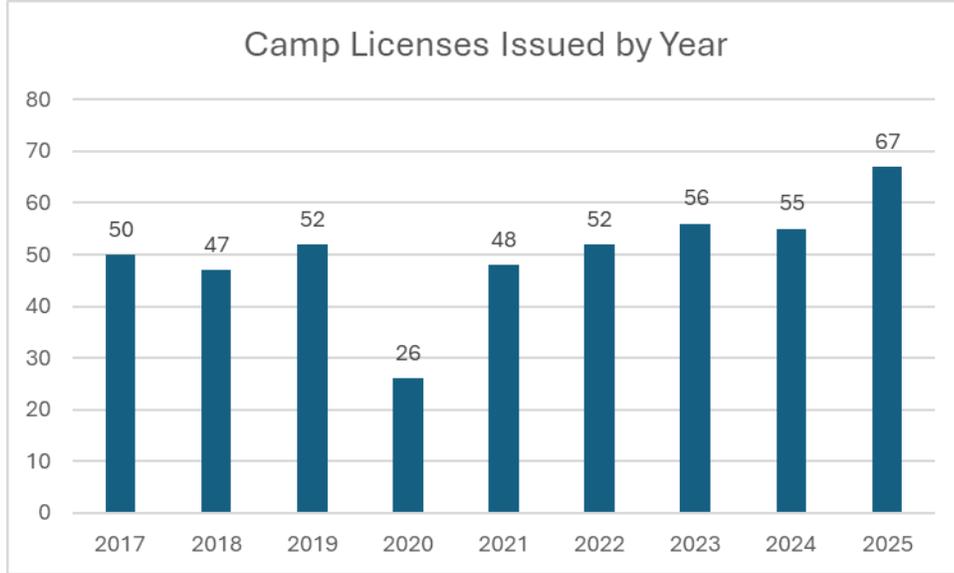
Educational Certificates have remained stable. The numbers are:



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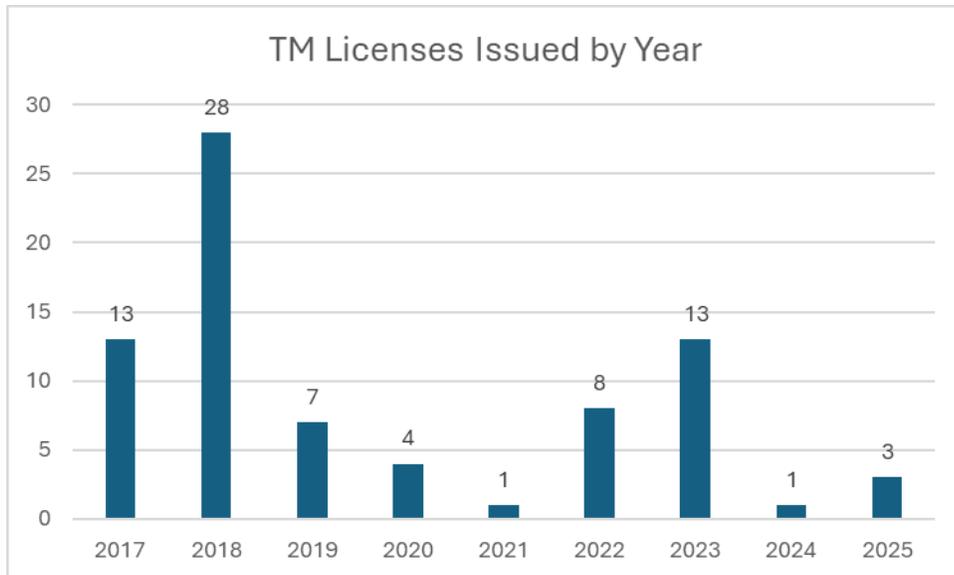
**Camp License**

The number of camp licenses issued saw an increase in 2025 compared to past years. The numbers are:



**Consultative Telemedicine**

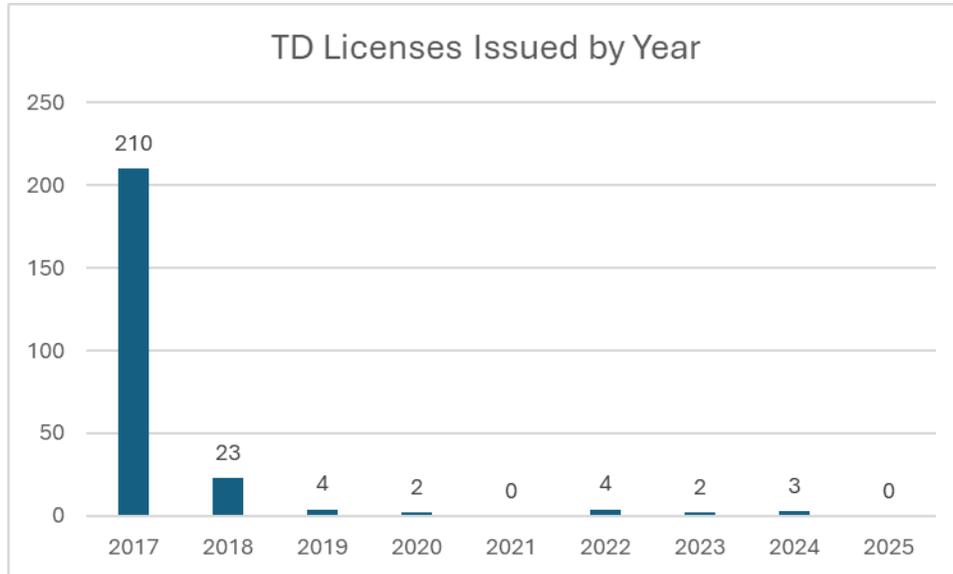
Staff continue to educate physicians who apply for this license about its limitations. Once educated, the majority of physicians request a permanent license. The total number of Consultative Telemedicine licenses issued each year are:



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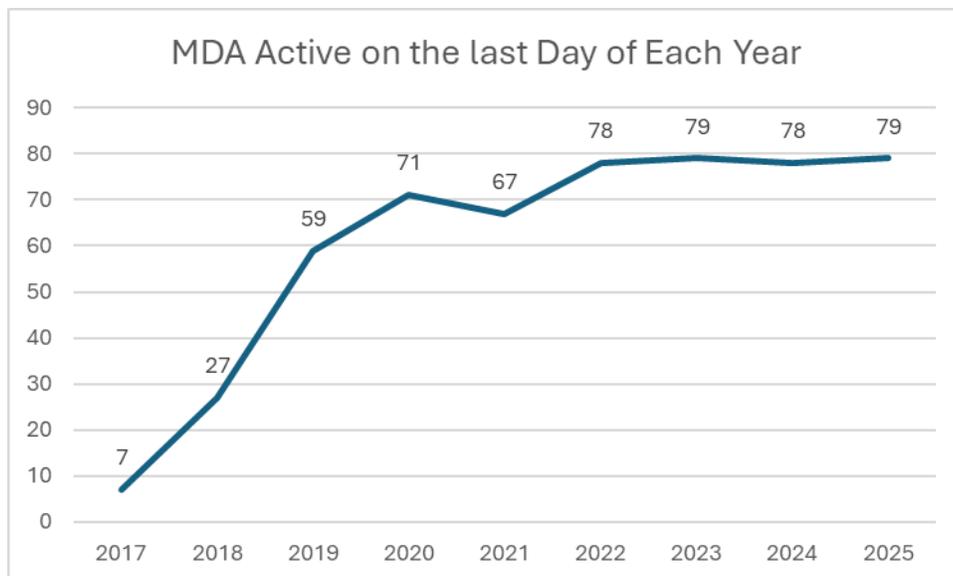
## Temporary License

Temporary license applications issued are negligible. The total number of Temporary licenses issued each year are:



## Administrative License

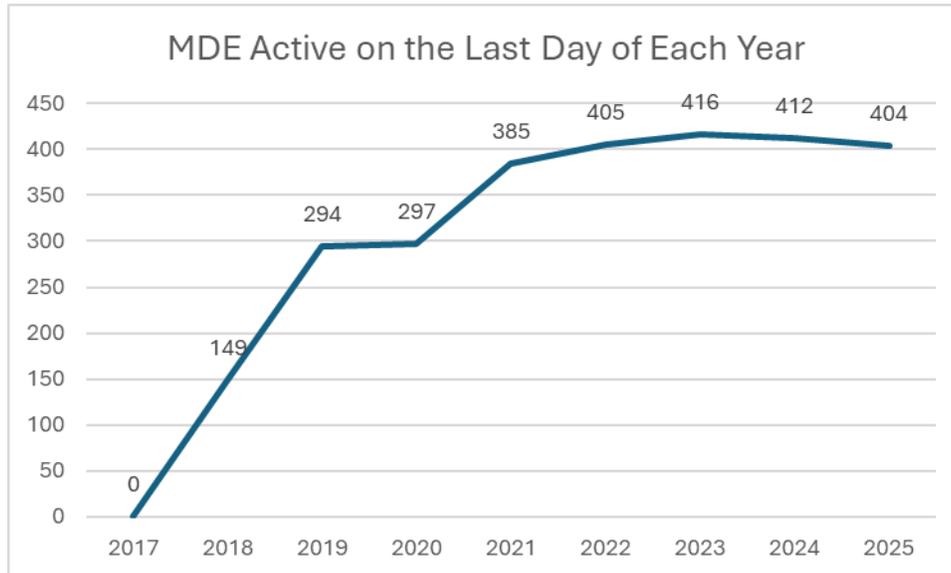
Administrative licenses can either be obtained through an initial license application or through conversion of an already active license. This means that the number issued do not equal the number active. The total number of active Administrative licenses at the end of each year are:



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### Emeritus License

Starting in January 2018 the Board offered the Emeritus license to its licensees. This license type continues to be a popular option. At the end of each year the following amount of Emeritus licenses were active:

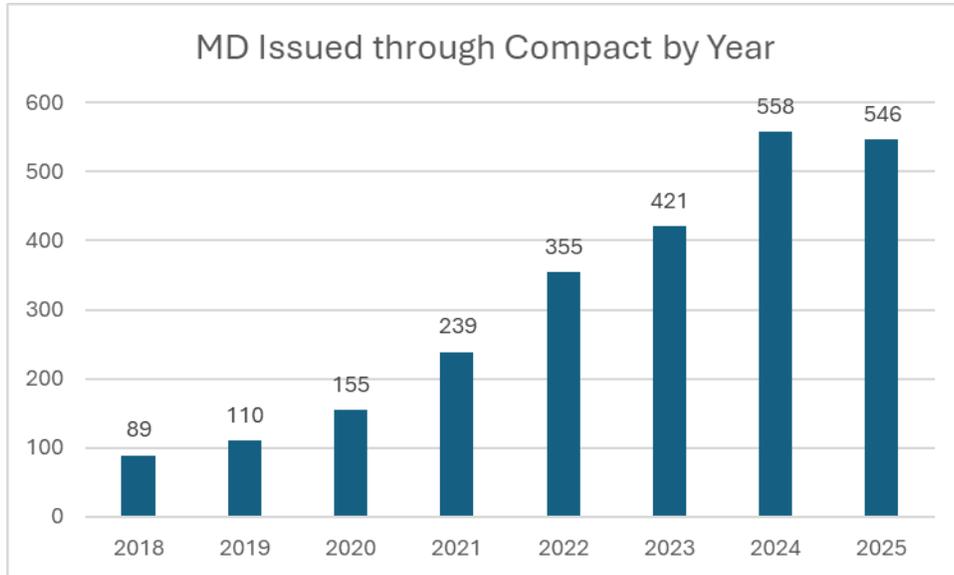


### Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

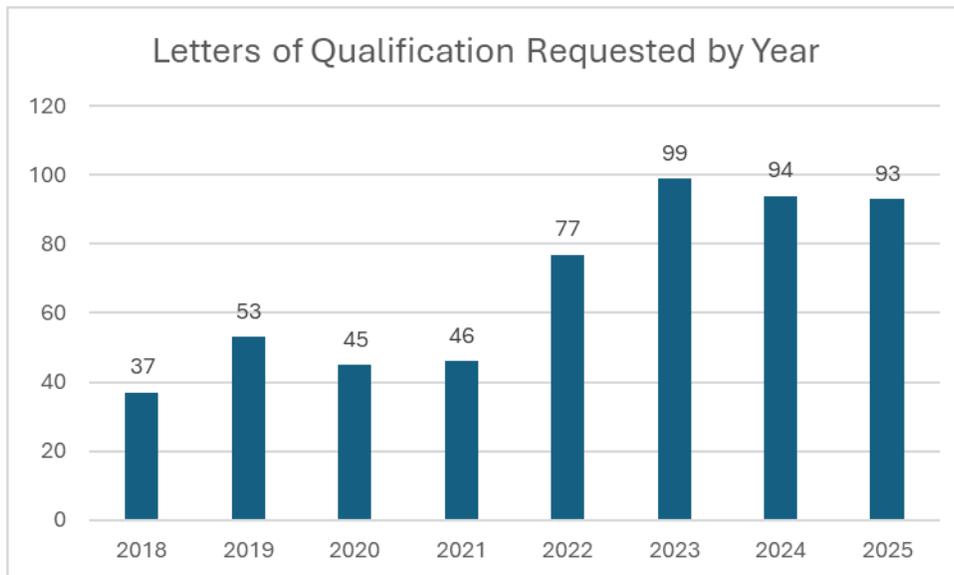
Use of the Compact has slightly declined. Approximately 51.2% of permanent licenses issued in 2025 were issued through the compact process. This is slightly lower than the 53.8% of permanent licenses issued in 2024.

In addition, the number of Letter of Qualification (LOQ) remains stable with 93 requests in 2025. LOQs allow Maine licensed physicians to obtain other licenses through the compact. Each applicant must have their education, training, examination history, criminal background, physical residence and work verified before an LOQ can be issued. As more states enter the compact this number is expected to continue growing, resulting in an increased workload for staff.

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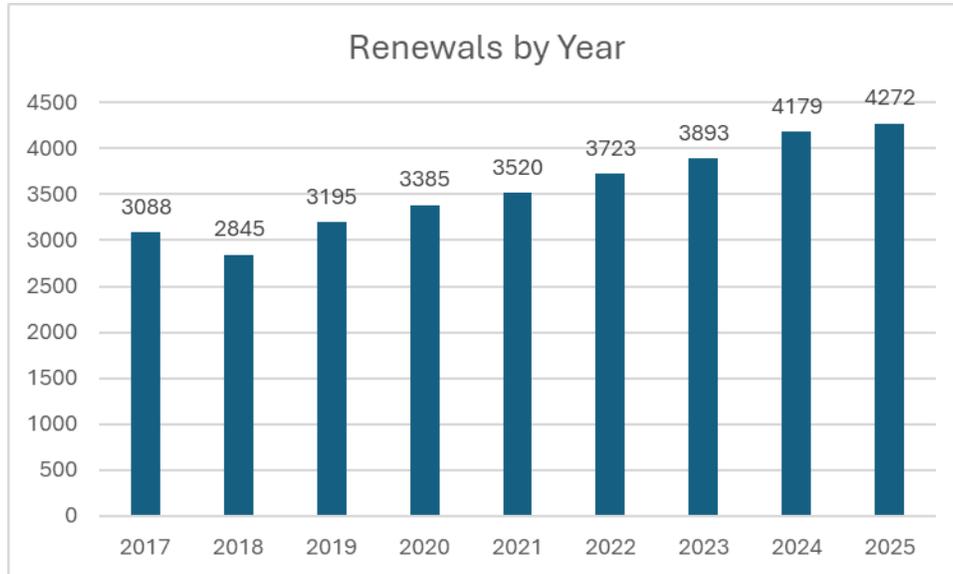
Letters of Qualification:



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### Renewals

As the total number of licensees increases each year, so does the number of renewals processed. The total number of licenses renewed each year are:



### Workforce in Maine

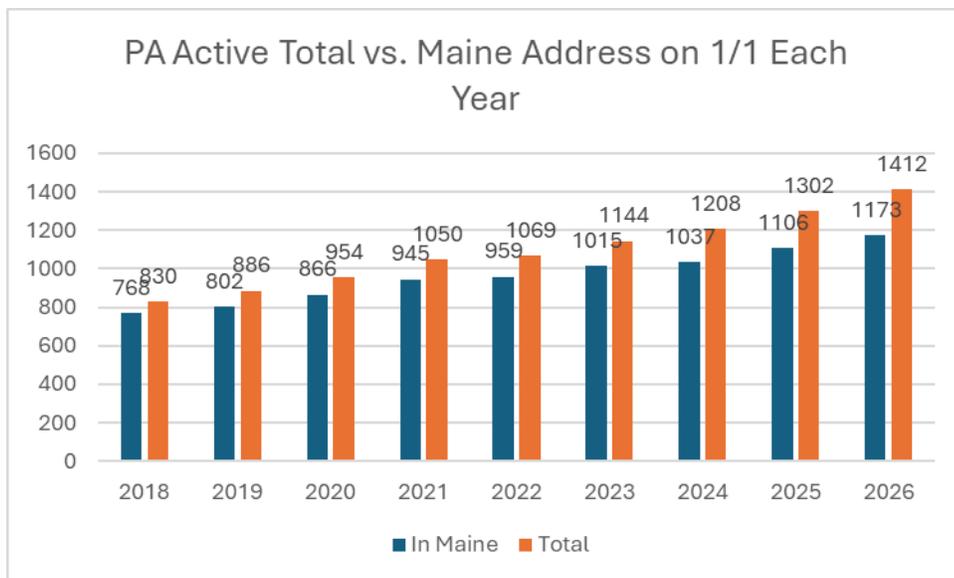
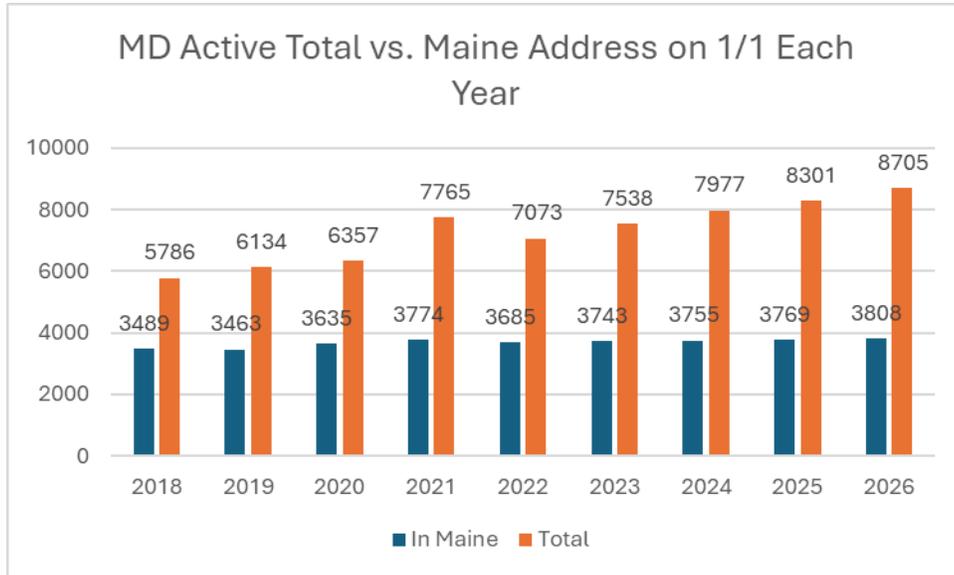
Maine has seen a dramatic increase in active physician licenses with this Board from 5,786 on January 1, 2018 to 8,705 on January 2, 2026. This is an increase of 2,919 active physician licenses. However, the number of active physician licenses with a Maine address has increased at a much smaller rate, 3,489 on January 1, 2018 to 3,808 on January 2, 2026. This is an increase of 319 active physician licenses with a Maine address.

Physician associates have also seen an increase with active physician associate licenses going from 830 on January 1, 2018 to 1,412 on January 2, 2026. This is an increase of 582 active physician associate licenses. The number of active physician associate licenses with a Maine address has kept pace, with 768 on January 1, 2018 and 1,173 on January 2, 2026. This is an increase of 405 active physician associate licenses with a Maine address.

This data illustrates the need to look more closely at the numbers when considering the physician and physician associate workforce in Maine.

Please note that active physician licenses include active license types such as administrative and emeritus, but not educational certificates.

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**Licensing Times**

The overall time to process a license application in 2025 increased from 61.91 days in 2024 to 64.80 days in 2025. If you factor out applications that are later abandoned, voided, or withdrawn the average time increased from 56.83 days in 2024 to 63.23 days in 2025. When looking at these increases, three things should be kept in mind, (1) the increase in permanent applications and licenses issued; (2) the staffing issues experienced in 2025; and (3) licenses issued through the IMLC are **not** counted in this statistic. Because of the immediate issuance of initial IMLCC licenses, they do not have a pending time for calculation.

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A table by license type can be found below:

**Average Time to Licensure in Days**

License Type	2021 All	2022 All	2023 All	2023 Excluding Void/Abandoned/Withdrawn	2024 All	2024 Excluding Void/Abandoned/Withdrawn	2025 All	2025 Excluding Void/Abandoned/Withdrawn
Youth Camp	51.51	98.2	60.91	60.91	65.93	65.93	68.26	70.76
Educational Certificate	84.17	81.24	83.16	83.16	84.04	85.52	80.18	78.99
Emergency	25.38	37.69	25.43	5.29	22.39	16.14	19.10	12.40
Permanent	61.68	61.03	50.87	46.07	59.32	51.67	65.74	63.48
Administrative	74.33	60.00	117	117	55	55	141	141
PA-Clinical	48.90	46.99	50.74	42.06	60.35	53.71	54.90	51.17
Temporary		62.5	37	37	72.5	72.5		
Telemedicine	49.90	32.06	35.43	28.62	50.4	0	33.90	26.67
<b>Average</b>	<b>60.09</b>	<b>60.59</b>	<b>54.01</b>	<b>50.33</b>	<b>61.91</b>	<b>56.83</b>	<b>64.80</b>	<b>63.23</b>

