

**Table VI.10**  
**Active Physicians**

Year	Total	Type of Physician		Active Physicians per 10,000 Population
		Doctors of Medicine	Doctors of Osteopathy	
1970	323,525	310,929	12,596	15.7
1971	334,978	322,228	12,750	16.1
1972	346,179	333,259	12,920	16.5
1973	NA	NA	13,191	NA
1974	364,232	350,609	13,623	17.0
1975	380,402	366,425	13,977	17.6
1976	393,151	378,572	14,579	18.0
1977	397,113	381,969	15,144	18.0
1978	417,314	401,364	15,590	18.7
1979	434,095	417,266	16,829	19.2
1980	435,165	435,545	17,620	19.8
1981	463,330	444,899	18,431	20.1
1982	482,195	462,947	19,248	20.7
1983	499,679	479,440	20,239	21.3
1984	NA	NA	21,295	NA
1985	533,573	511,090	22,483	22.3
1986	543,247	519,393	23,854	22.5
1987	559,777	534,692	25,085	23.0
1988	575,626	549,160	26,466	23.4
1989	587,751	559,988	27,763	23.7
1990	601,612	572,660	28,952	24.0
1991	624,797	594,697	30,100	24.6
1992	636,891	605,685	31,206	24.8
1993	652,240	619,751	32,489	24.9
1994	666,200	632,121	34,079	25.2
1995	681,742	646,022	35,720	25.5
1996	701,249	663,943	37,306	26.0
1997	723,537	684,605	38,932	27.0
1998	747,784	707,032	40,752	27.5
1999	763,519	720,855	42,664	27.9
2000	782,280	737,504	44,776	27.8
2001	793,091	751,689	41,402	27.8
2002	812,408	768,498	43,910	28.2
2003	832,624	786,658	45,966	28.6
2004	840,534	792,154	48,380	28.6
2005	852,802	803,073	49,729	28.8

NOTES: The AMA changed the methodology for calculating active MDs. Active MDs now include "All Not Classified MDs", and excludes physicians whose addresses are unknown.

SOURCES: National Centers for Health Statistics, based on data from the American Medical Association, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and the U.S. Census Bureau.