

Regional Profile

Asia & Pacific Islands

In Asia and the Pacific Islands, the absolute total number of applications declined by six percent. A drop in domestic applications appears to have led the trend, with an eight percent drop in total applications from domestic candidates. This compares to a three percent drop in total applications from international candidates.

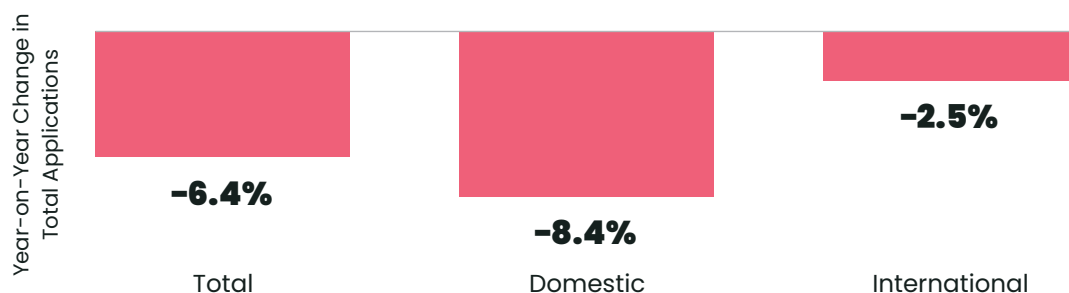
It appears the drop in total applications was felt across a number of programs rather than concentrated in a few, which was more the case globally. Two-thirds of programs in Asia and the Pacific Islands reported declines in their applications (Figure 46). This is the second year in a row that more programs than the year before reported declines in applications.



Figure 1: The absolute total number of applications to GME programs in Asia and the Pacific Islands dropped six percent in 2023.

The total number of domestic applications dropped at a greater rate than international applications.

Trends in Absolute Total Number of Applications to Programs in Asia and Pacific Islands in 2023



Summary Statistics (n=67)

	2022	2023
Median Total Applications Per Seat	5.1	5.0
Mean Percentage Female Applicants	42%	48%
Mean Percentage First-Generation Applicants	N/A	12%
Median Acceptance Rate	73%	32%
Median Enrollment Rate	57%	59%
Median Class Size	60	73

Relative Year-on-Year Change in Applications, 2023

Applicant category	Percentage of Programs		
	Growth	Stable	Decline
Total	31%	1%	67%
Domestic	37%	18%	45%
International	33%	13%	54%
Women	40%	9%	51%

Figure 2: Two-thirds of programs in Asia and the Pacific Islands reported declines in applications. This marks the second year more programs reported more declines than the year before.

Relative Application Change to Programs in Asia and Pacific Islands: 2019–2023

