Graduate Management Admission Council™

RESEARCH SNAPSHOT

Application Trends Survey 2019

gmac.com/applicationtrends

Overall Findings

Total Apps Down Slightly vs. Last Year

-3.1%

Weighted absolute year-on-year change in total applications



Percentage of programs that report application declines vs. last year

Asia-Pacific Candidates Are Staying Closer to Home

2 in 3

Asia-Pacific programs report growing or stable domestic applications vs. last year

90%

Percentage of applications to Asia-Pacific programs that came from within the region

Programs Continue to Seat Classes with Top Talent

2.5Median applications per seat





9 in 10

Programs say their applicant pools were equally or more qualified than last year

Int'l Apps Up in Canada and Europe; Down in US

Absolute year-on-year change in international applications, by program location

15% –	Canada	Europe	US
15 % -	8.6%		
0 % –		0.9%	
3,0			
150/			
-15% –			-13.7%

Our Largest Survey Sample Ever

1,145 programs

336
business schools

40 countries

The Application Trends Survey 2019 collected data on applications received by graduate business school programs for the 2019-2020 academic year. Between June and August, 1,145 programs at 336 business schools worldwide provided responses.