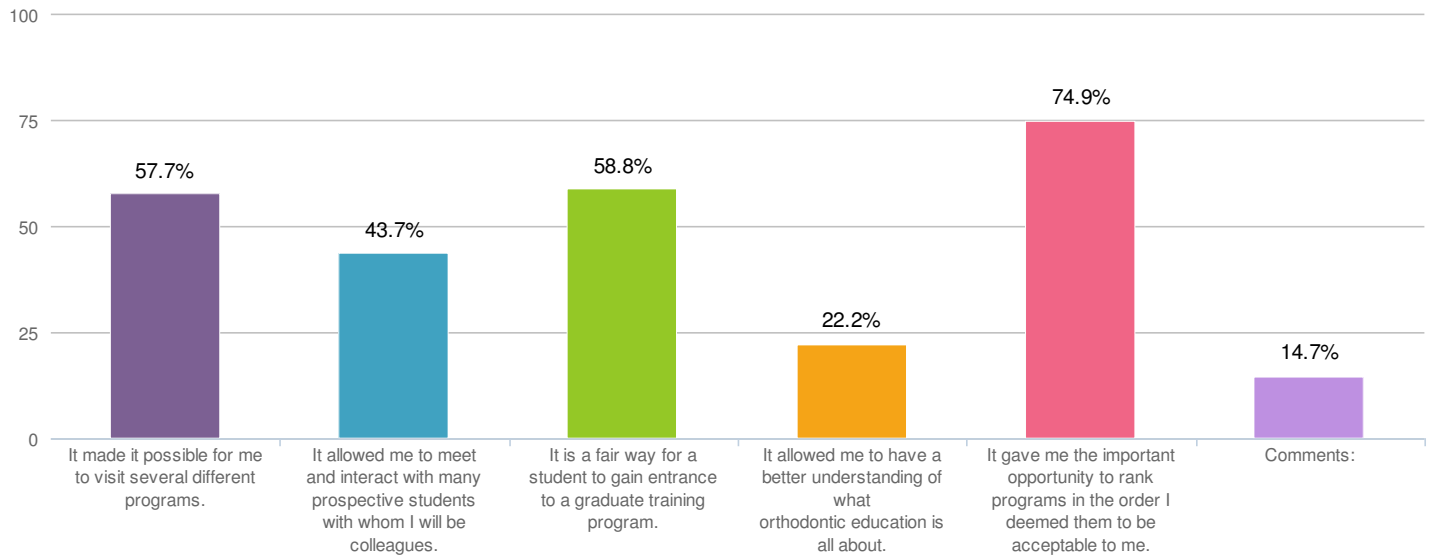


As a prospective graduate student, I liked the Match experience because: (Please check ALL that apply for each question).



### Statistics

Reason	Percentage	Count	Total Responses	Total Count
It made it possible for me to visit several different programs.	57.7%	161	Total Responses	279
It allowed me to meet and interact with many prospective students with whom I will be colleagues.	43.7%	122		
It is a fair way for a student to gain entrance to a graduate training program.	58.8%	164		
It allowed me to have a better understanding of what orthodontic education is all about.	22.2%	62		
It gave me the important opportunity to rank programs in the order I deemed them to be acceptable to me.	74.9%	209		
Comments:	14.7%	41		
<b>Total</b>		<b>279</b>		

### Responses ""

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Do not like match	1
I did not participate in match	1
I do not like Match	1
I do not like the concept of Match.	1
I don't think match is necessary	1
I like MATCH, it's just a very expensive process to apply and travel.	1

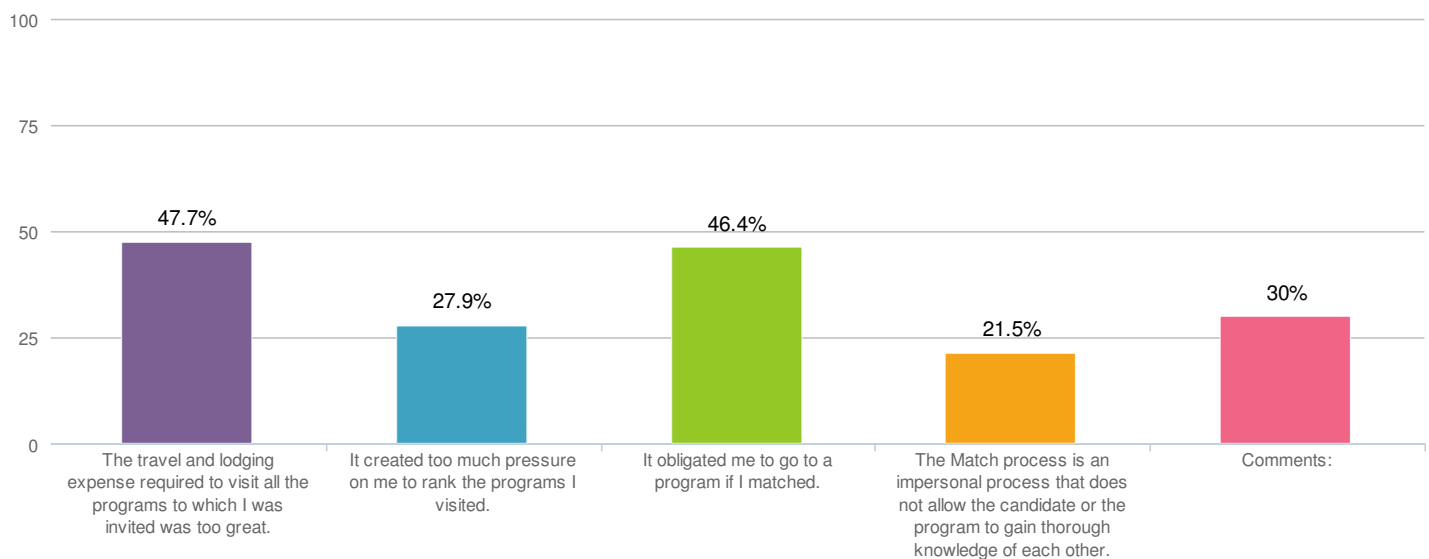
Responses ""	Count
I never got to rank because I only interviewed at one non-match program	1
I think most importantly it creates an even playing field for the applicants.	1
I was able to see orthodontic residency programs available from one source	1
It does not really give us an insight into what orthodontic education is about.	1
It parallels Medicine's Match process, which, in my opinion, elevates the profession	1
My first interview was a non match program so I didn't have the match experience	1
N/A	1
None of the above	1
The increasing number of non match programs makes this process more difficult and less beneficial	1
Tri-Service military trained; did not use Match	1
because it was earlier than other match programs	1
conflicting schedule days suck - fix this	1
it seems fair, although I prefer the way it is in dental school via the non-match process	1
my program did not participate in match	1
I do not necessarily see it as an advantage to applicants when compared to the traditional system where a student is accepted to program(s) and then chooses where to attend. I do however see the advantage of the match system for programs and the logistics of navigating applicant decisions, especially if programs would have different decision dates post acceptance (as in a traditional undergrad or dental school acceptance system)	1
It saves time by allowing each candidate to match only into one program eliminating frequent post match	1
The current system is flawed because some schools require match and others do not, unless you have assurances from the match programs that they are going to match you ( which according to the guidelines they are not allowed to do) non match programs have an unfair advantage	1
I don't think any of these are specifically true to match I could have done this just going on interviews in general	1
I feel that non-match programs put students in a difficult situation by forcing them to make an uninformed decision on their futures by demanding that they commit to attend before they have gone on many of the interviews they have been offered.	1
It made it much less stressful once the Match had occurred because I did not have to pick between acceptance letters.	1
I really think that the Match system works and should be used by all programs. It's true that it works in a school's favor to not participate because they can offer spots to highly qualified applicants before the Match deadline, but this is unfair in my eyes. I hope that the Match system continues for the orthodontic field.	1
The match program is a complete fraud and embarrassment to the graduate residency programs of the United States of America. The individuals who utilize match at their respective schools partake in back door discussions and under the table agreements. Furthermore, applicants who deserve positions are left out in the cold as these proceedings take place.	1
It creates a process from trying to cherry pick applicants and requires they interview multiple people other than individuals they may know or have other connections.	1
I think the Match is a fair process. However, I also think that a non-Match based acceptance program is fair. What is not fair is when some programs are Match and some are not.	1

**Responses ""**

**Count**

I think the match is a fair method to pair residents with programs, although it only works when every program and every applicant is involved.	1
Match allowed me to interview at all programs that offered me interviews, whereas friends applying to non-match specialties ended up accepting their first offer even when they had additional interviews planned in the future.	1
i think the match system favors the applicant and doesn't allow the programs to leverage a sure spot against the applicants fear of not being able to get a spot somewhere	1
Many interview dates overlapped so I was unable to attend all the interviews that I was invited to.	1
I found programs not associated with the MATCH to be unethical and manipulative. The only reason for a program not to be involved with the MATCH is if they feel they are not competitive in getting the best applicants. In this way, they can pressure better candidates to accept and invitation out of fear that they need to accept a sure thing. The MATCH allowed me to see programs which were confident in their system and not afraid to compete for the best applicants. I will find it very sad if the AAO and other organizations move away from sponsoring the MATCH program. Instead, these organizations should find a way to make all programs participate in the MATCH.	1
It is a very fair process that allows an applicant to visit all schools and programs before having to make a decision. I fully believe that the programs who do not participate in match unfairly take advantage of students and applicants by playing off their fears of not matching. The schools that have backed out of the match program only do so because they are inferior and have a hard time filling their spots. By not participating in the match, the schools can force students who most likely would have chosen another school that would have been a better fit to accept a position because the opportunity presents itself before match day. I believe that if any school did not want to participate in match, then they should not be allowed to accept residents until after match day. If they have a hard time filling spots, maybe they should take a look at how to make their program better and more appealing. If the AAO has any way of enforcing the match, I believe they should do so. It is the most fair option for applicants.	1
I think the Match experience is an excellent and fair way to experience programs and to fairly choose programs and be chosen.	1

**I disliked the Match experience because: (Please check ALL that apply for each question).**



**Statistics**

The travel and lodging expense required to visit all the programs to which I was invited was too great.	47.7%		113	Total Responses	237
			Total	237	

It created too much pressure on me to rank the programs I visited.	27.9%		66
It obligated me to go to a program if I matched.	46.4%		110
The Match process is an impersonal process that does not allow the candidate or the program to gain thorough knowledge of each other.	21.5%		51
Comments:	30.0%		71
		Total	237

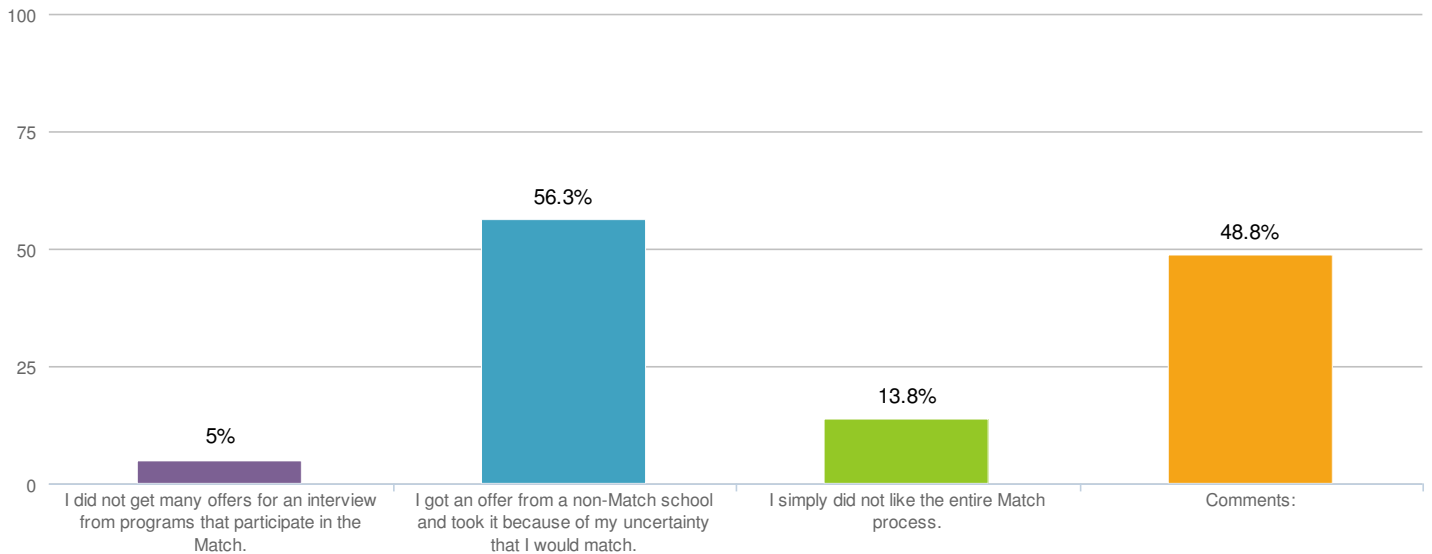
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All schools should participate in the match.	1
Certain programs violated the terms of the Match!	1
Cost is always an issue for someone already in debt.	1
Does not apply, loved the Match experience	1
Honestly, I didn't know any other way.	1
I did not Match for a second year in a row. it seems like I was close but not close enough.	1
I don't see any down sides	1
I fully support the match program and have no negatives to share.	1
I generally liked the Match process.	1
I liked the match	1
I wouldn't say I disliked this factor. It is essentially a fact of life.	1
Interview date conflicts made it impossible to have a fair chance with multiple schools.	1
It restrict my choices	1
It's horrible	1
Match = bad	1
My first interview was a non match program so I didn't have the match experience	1
N/A	1
No all programs, specially canadian doesn't take part of the match. It makes things difficult	1
No negative feelings about Match	1
None of the above	1
None. The MATCH is great.	1
Not all schools are match so some you have to decide before match even happens.	1

Responses ""	Count
Not centralized enough	1
Note prior comments	1
Programs not participating in the match seemed to have the opportunity to cherry pick applicants	1
Sometimes neither party wins	1
There is a certain degree of uncertainty with the Match.	1
Tri-Service military trained; did not use Match	1
Your freedom to choose where you want to go is eliminated	1
i feel prematching should be an option for every program if they opt to	1
it's a matter of numbers, and even programs can end up unhappy with those who matched with them	1
none of the above	1
some schools are non match, how is that fair	1
the match online interface could be improved for both interviewee and interviewer	1
None of these negatives would be negated if the system previous to match was in place other than the obligation. The issue is...who is to say I would get an offer from anyone else? They would send out letters in the same order and it would be luck if someone committed to two and I found out about another spot or if I even wanted to.	1
Not all programs are match, and the ones that are not require you to decide before match, which gives you a tough decision to make. I think there should be not be a match program. I think you should be able to get multiple acceptances and choose from those which you want to attend.	1
Although it was expensive to travel to the interviews, I think it was very important to see different programs without having programs gradually extending offers of admission which may hinder the process of seeing all the programs.	1
The match favors programs with a rich tradition/reputation. Those schools with a greater reputation get more high rankings, and the other programs have less opportunity to get some of the higher level applicants. (i.e. the rich keep getting richer)	1
My husband and I both participated in the match. It would be nice if dentistry participated in "couples" match the way that medicine does.	1
Being able to match only into one program is not good for a candidate who gets multiple interviews	1
if you don't match somewhere and did not accept the pre match offers you end up wasting a full year of your life.	1
conflicting scheduled interviews are a sneaky way to force a resident to choose between programs without even visiting the program - negative ignorance	1
Ranking programs is a very timely and confusing process..."should i rank where I want to go or where I think i'll get in"	1
The directors of many programs said they had no clue how match worked and felt it was always a lottery toss up where residents ended up.	1
The only tough thing is waiting for the match to come out knowing that you may not gain entrance anywhere.	1
Very complicated with so many schools switching to non match and having to turn down acceptances prior to match results	1
Orthodontic interviews were an expensive process, but the cost of the process would not necessarily be reduced if it were not Match.	1

Responses ""	Count
MAny programs required secondary material in addition to the match. Nothing was uniform across the schools.	1
This is only an issue because some school continue to not use the match, and send out offers earlier.	1
I don't have any negative views. I only applied to schools that I researched and thought that I had a chance getting in, others applied to many schools and became overwhelmed. I think candidates need to research more in advance before applying to schools.	1
I overall disliked the match experience because of the pressure placed on me and stress associated with ranking and possibly NOT matching; it does seem impersonal and I much preferred the non-match experience of being accepted into dental school	1
It creates a numbers game where programs are more interested in test scores than experience, or grades compared with common sense. I think programs would be better served without the match system, because they would have to actually get to know the applicants instead of ranking the ones with the best numbers	1
The match for ortho is pointless to be ahead of the other program. My husband applied for pediatric dentistry while I applied for ortho. Since we were separate matches, we could not participate in couples match. This introduced unnecessary and additional stress to an already stressful endeavor.	1
Strong candidates can get screwed because the programs think you won't chose them and therefore don't rank you high.	1
It's nothing more than a filtering system if GPA's & Scores, etc. it has no evidence based correlation to becoming a good Orthodontist.	1
It's kind of a pain in the butt. However, people should be grateful for a spot where they can get it, even if it's not their first choice	1
Not all programs participate. Also, schools will rank you according to how they think you will rate them (I've seen and heard of programs doing this...phsycologically they don't like to match low on their list so they will rank applicants lower if they don't think that applicant will rank them highly. Many programs will straight up ask you what you are going to rank them which I thought was unauthorized. Also, More that one program contacts match applicants and let them know where they are going to rank them, trying to convince them to go to their school. Bottom line, the match program allow for programs and applicants to act unethically and as much as we would like to think this doesn't happen, it does)	1
program directors did not abide by the rules of the match and would put you on the spot by asking how you would rank their program	1
Some schools don't join in on match because they try to lock down applicants before match date, so it forces is to choose to stay in match or pre match into a non match school, defeating the purpose of having a wide range of schools to choose from and all the other benefits match was suppose to have, it's not fair that way.	1
There is no reason for anyone to dislike the match process. This is not college: you are not looking for a best fit for yourself. You are looking for a mutual best-fit.	1
I don't believe it is truly a fair system as programs want to show that they got their first pick of applicants - I have heard many programs will not rank a candidate on their list if they think that applicant is more likely to select another school or program.	1
It takes away the choice of the candidates and the responsibility of the progams to their applicants.	1
The impression is that it comes down to something as black and white as a number on a rank sheet where so much more goes in to a decision on where to attend and who to rank/accept. Logistically though I do not see any alternative and over all agree with the system as practical and adequate to serve its purpose	1
The programs always ask what other interviews you have. They are gauging how you are going to rank them. They even ask if you are going to rank them high. It has a good intent, but gets abused by the programs.	1
Not all programs are Match participants, therefore a candidate is often forced to accept a pre-Match "sure thing" offer, rather than enter the Match to gain entry to a program they may actually prefer, and thus must take the risk of not matching.	1

Responses ""	Count
I believe programs do not like the match process because they lose the control to choose their students. With programs dropping out of the match, it creates an unfair process of programs extending offers while Match programs are not allowed. This creates a difficult situation for both the students as well as puts a significant disadvantage to programs participating the the Match.	1
Match is too expensive and every school that I applied to sent me another application, asked for their own copies of everything I sent in already and asked me to pay them more money. I could have done that all on my own. It should be either all match or not all match and not a hybrid that affects the applicants	1
Pass system was horrible. Too much redundancy with schools wanted separately. Info dated/inaccurate. Expensive.	1
It allows non match programs to blackmail the candidate into accepting and dropping out of match out of fear of not matching	1
I feel like going to the schools and interviewing was invaluable in seeing if the program fit your needs and personality. However I felt that the MATCH was not necessary and without it would avoid unnecessary waiting and doubt.	1

I registered for the Match but dropped out because: (Please check ALL that apply for each question).



#### Statistics

I did not get many offers for an interview from programs that participate in the Match.	5.0%	4	Total Responses	80
I got an offer from a non-Match school and took it because of my uncertainty that I would match.	56.3%	45		
I simply did not like the entire Match process.	13.8%	11		
Comments:	48.8%	39		
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>		

Responses ""	Count
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And got an offer from a non-match school	1
Did not drop out of match	1

Responses ""	Count
Did not drop out of match.	1
I did not apply to non match schools	1
I did not drop out	3
I did not drop out from Match	1
I did not drop out of the match program.	1
I did not drop out.	1
I did not match despit having 8 interviews	1
I got a spot post match. I had not matched for 4 years.	1
I got an offer from a non match school and accepted because I wanted to go to that program	1
I got an offer from a non-Match school and took it because it was my first choice.	1
I got an offer from a non-match school which was one of my top three choices	1
I got offered a spot close to home and didnt care to go anywhere else	1
I had to drop out of GPR match in hopes I would later get a post-match specialty position	1
I liked the match	1
My #1 choice was non-match	1
N/A	5
NA	1
Too much at stake to pass up a guaranteed offer.	1
Tri-Service military trained; did not use Match	1
i did not drop out of Match	1
i got an offer from a non-match school and took it because it was one of my top choices	1
I just did not want to take the chance and wait to see if I got into a program when I was already accepted into one I felt was great. Even if I felt the program was average I do not know if I would wait.	1
The non-Match I got accepted to was my first choice overall, so I accepted and withdrew from Match.	1
I took a non-match spot at a residency (and dropped match) because it was a solid option not because of uncertainty that I would match. However, I had to drop many interviews at programs I may have liked. A uniform system, match or non-match, would be more beneficial to the applicant.	1
I went to a non match program which required me to accept it the position prior to many of the interviews I had scheduled at match programs.	1
My husband was applying to the pediatric match at the same time. Talk about stress! Because his match was a different day for him, we had to play the odds than actually pick the schools we wanted to go to. This is a horrible situation! I know it is rare, but should be considered.	1
I was offered a pre-match position and it was a better option compared to the schools I was interviewed at which had a match position	1

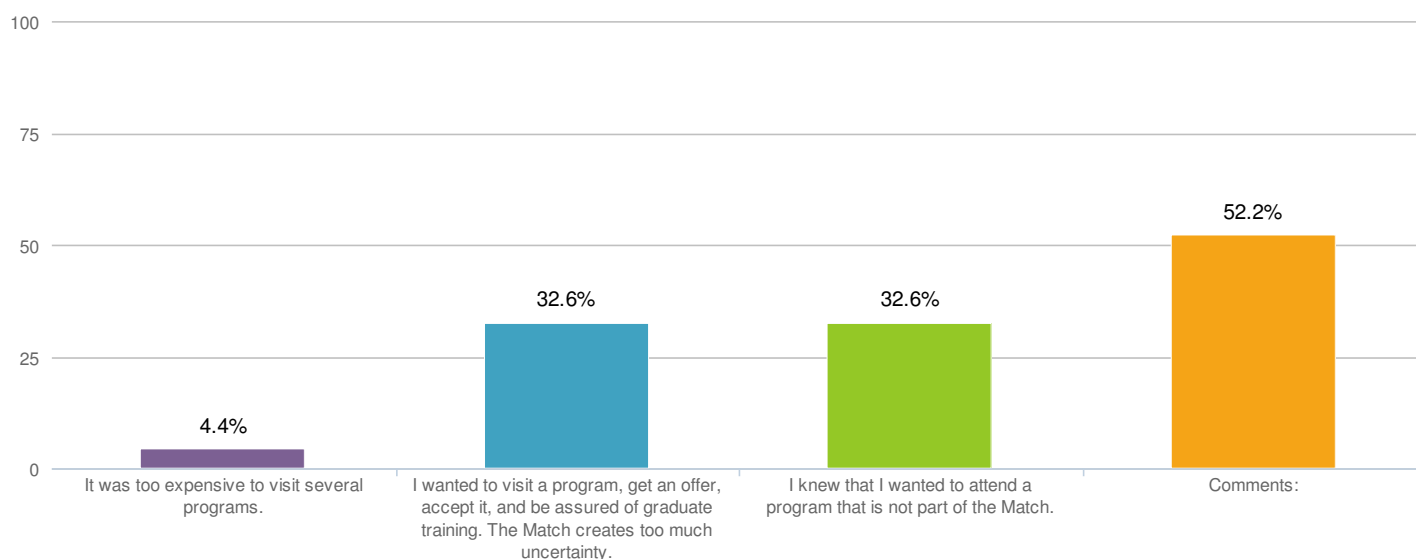


**Responses ""**

**Count**

Though i was interested in match offered program i had to go with other program because the offered residency first. That limits my options. Either all program should be match or non.	1
I got an offer from a non-match school and took it because I liked that program more than the other schools I had interviewed at.	1
I matched but do feel that students take non-Match positions because they worry about risking not matching. They feel they should take the "sure" option presented to them at that point versus waiting for an unknown	1
I wasn't uncertain that I would match but liked the program I got offered the spot at and worried I'd have to rank all of the match programs I applied to in order to increase my odds of matching and didn't know I'd like them all as much as the one I accepted.	1

I did not participate in the Match because: (Please check ALL that apply for each question).



**Statistics**

Reason	Percentage	Count
It was too expensive to register.	0.0%	0
It was too expensive to visit several programs.	4.4%	2
I wanted to visit a program, get an offer, accept it, and be assured of graduate training. The Match creates too much uncertainty.	32.6%	15
I knew that I wanted to attend a program that is not part of the Match.	32.6%	15
Comments:	52.2%	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>

Total Responses 46

**Responses ""**

**Count**

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Did not participate	1
I did participate	3

Responses ""	Count
I did participate in match	1
I did participate in match but never matched.	1
I did participate.	1
I got accepted to a non-match school	1
I liked the match	1
I participated	1
I participated in Match	1
I was applying only to Canadian programs that at the time did not participate in Match	1
N/A	5
None	1
Participated in match.	1
Tri-Service military trained; did not use Match	1
I completed a Pedo program as well, during that process I was told by a program director that the match is all figured out before hand, "us program directors talk", I can't be certain but it wouldn't be hard to believe Ortho is the same way. The match is just another fee that burdens applicants. If all programs don't participate the whats the point. I believe Pass was beneficial, one application, it should be sent to all the programs, then the applicant can choose who they want to attend interviews with. Schools aren't choosing an application, in the end they choose a person.	1
because I wanted to be by my husband, and he had interviews in the region I accepted so we figured the odds were the best.	1
I participated but could not apply all the programs because we pay double fees, it get really expensive if you are applying to many programs. I ended up applying to 3 programs only and got accepted at non-match program.	1
I did not Match at any of the schools I interviewed at but was offered a seat from a Non-match program.	1

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