

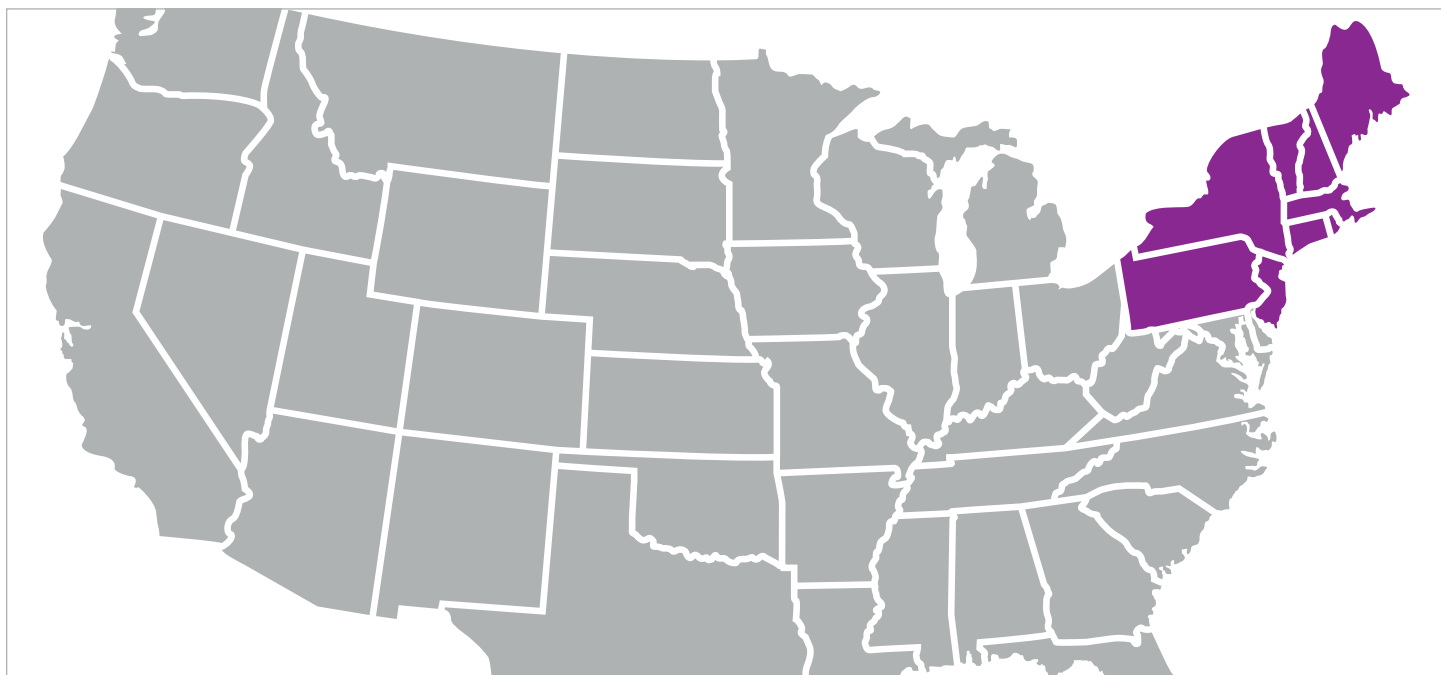
# GME DATA BRIEF (SEPTEMBER 2020)

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Graduate medical education (GME) is the system by which graduated medical students become fully trained doctors. This system is responsible for the production of the US's physician workforce.

The inaugural *GME Data Brief* examined the distribution of sponsoring institutions across the country's geographical regions to give stakeholders an accurate representation of GME's breadth and scope. While the regions vary in their population count and density, institutions that oversee GME are spread in significant numbers through most regions of the country.

This *GME Data Brief* takes a closer look at the Northeast and the GME training within the states that comprise the region. The Northeast has the highest population density of all the country's geographic regions<sup>1</sup>, and the states that comprise the Northeast region vary widely in population count and density.<sup>2</sup>



	CT	ME	MA	NH	NJ	NY	PA	RI	VT
<b>Population Count</b>	3,565,287	1,344,212	6,892,503	1,359,711	8,882,190	19,453,561	12,801,989	1,059,361	623,984
<b>Population Density</b>	738.1	43.1	839.4	147.0	1,195.5	411.2	283.9	1,018.1	67.9

1 [https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/maps-data/maps/reference/us\\_regdiv.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/geo/pdfs/maps-data/maps/reference/us_regdiv.pdf)

2 Population density is defined by the US Census Bureau as the population per square mile of land area; <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2010/dec/density-data-text.html>

3 <https://apps.acgme.org/ads/Public/Reports/Report/16>



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**DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENCY TRAINING IN THE NORTHEAST<sup>3</sup>**

As mentioned in July’s *GME Data Brief*, residency training can be measured by the number of sponsoring institutions that operate within a given area. The Accreditation Council for GME (ACGME) defines a sponsoring institution as the organization that “assumes the ultimate financial and academic responsibility for a program of graduate medical education” consistent with ACGME requirements. In the Northeast, New York has the most sponsoring institutions, followed by Pennsylvania. Vermont has only one for the entire state.

New York also has the most (40%) accredited residency programs of any state in the region, followed by Pennsylvania. As noted, Vermont has only one sponsoring institution to Maine’s four, yet has more residency programs than Maine.

Forty-four percent of residents training in the Northeast train in New York, nearly double the resident count of Pennsylvania, the state with the second highest count in the region. Massachusetts has the region’s third highest number of residents, accounting for 14% of the residents in training in the Northeast region.

*GNYHA is deeply committed to supporting its member teaching hospitals’ mission to train tomorrow’s doctors. We devote significant resources to protecting GME reimbursement, including advancing policies and legislation that ensure an adequate future physician workforce, and supporting GNYHA members on special projects that enhance the operations and quality of the physician training enterprise.*

*Future editions of GME Data Brief will provide additional information on physician training within different types of organizations and across specific specialty areas, as well as other topics of interest to the GME and broader policy community.*

