

### **Match Day 2009 Results Show Strong Interest in Pediatrics**

According to an article in *AAP News* on March 19, an unprecedented number of prospective residents vied for 22,427 first-year positions in a highly competitive match process. Pediatrics performed strongly, with 97.2 percent of its positions filled, compared to 96.3 percent in 2008. The specialty also improved its popularity among graduates of U.S. medical schools, who matched to 72 percent of filled positions, compared to 62.4 percent in internal medicine and 46.3 percent in family medicine. With an increasingly competitive match and greater interest among U.S. medical seniors, pediatrics will secure the best and brightest for careers in both general pediatrics and the pediatric subspecialties. For additional coverage, please visit [AAP News online](#). A full feature article on the 2009 Match will appear in the May issue of *AAP News*.