

	Percent change by year							Percent change by decade		
Specialty	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	2009	1981–1991	1991–2001	2001–2009
Thoracic	1.71%	1.84%	1.83%	1.80%	1.79%	1.62%	1.54%	7.0%	-2.2%	-14.0%
General	12.56	11.74	11.33	10.32	10.38	9.86	9.51	-9.8	-8.4	-8.4
Urologic	3.23	3.36	3.49	3.43	3.39	3.29	3.18	8.0	-2.9	-6.2
Ophthalmologic	5.41	5.69	6.05	6.09	6.21	5.96	5.86	11.8	2.6	-5.6
Obstetrics-Gynecology	11.03	11.76	12.68	13.05	13.55	13.23	13.21	15.0	6.9	-2.5
Neurosurgery	1.37	1.46	1.57	1.66	1.64	1.63	1.61	14.6	4.5	-1.8
Otolaryngology	2.71	2.87	3.16	3.25	3.30	3.31	3.26	16.6	4.4	-1.2
Orthopaedic	5.74	6.32	7.30	7.51	7.27	7.35	7.26	27.2	-0.4	-0.1
Pediatric	0.18	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.26	27.8	8.7	4.0
Plastic	1.33	1.60	1.80	1.96	2.03	2.13	2.15	35.3	12.8	5.9
Colorectal	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.38	0.41	0.45	0.46	2.9	17.1	12.2
Vascular	N/A*	0.33	0.52	0.64	0.74	0.83	0.85	N/A*	42.3	14.9