



# Impact of Increased Class Size on Family Medicine and Rural Health Clerkship Morehouse School Of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine

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## Introduction

In 2005, the Association of American Medical Colleges(AAMC) called on US medical schools to increase class size from 15% to 30% to address a projected shortage of physicians during the coming decades.

According to 2008 study, commissioned by the Medical College of Georgia, the state of Georgia is on the verge of a crisis due to drought of physicians. "Without changes in the state medical education system, Georgia will rank last in the United States in physician per capita by 2020.

## Purpose

To illustrate the impact of increasing medical school class size on the family medicine clerkship.

## Objectives

- Discuss recruiting and retaining community preceptors.
- Discuss the training of community preceptors.
- Create ways to ensure we maintain an excellent learning environment.

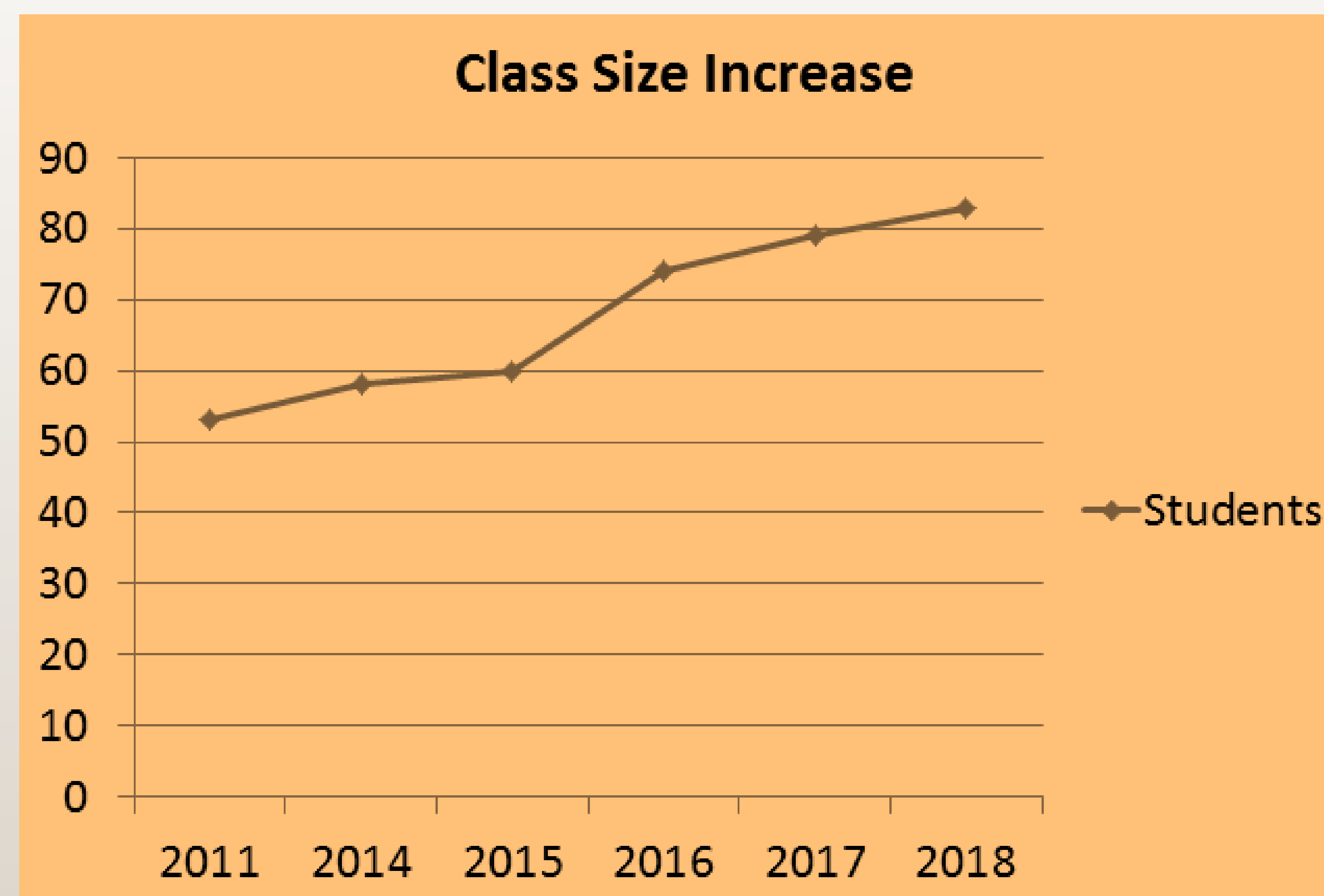


## Methods

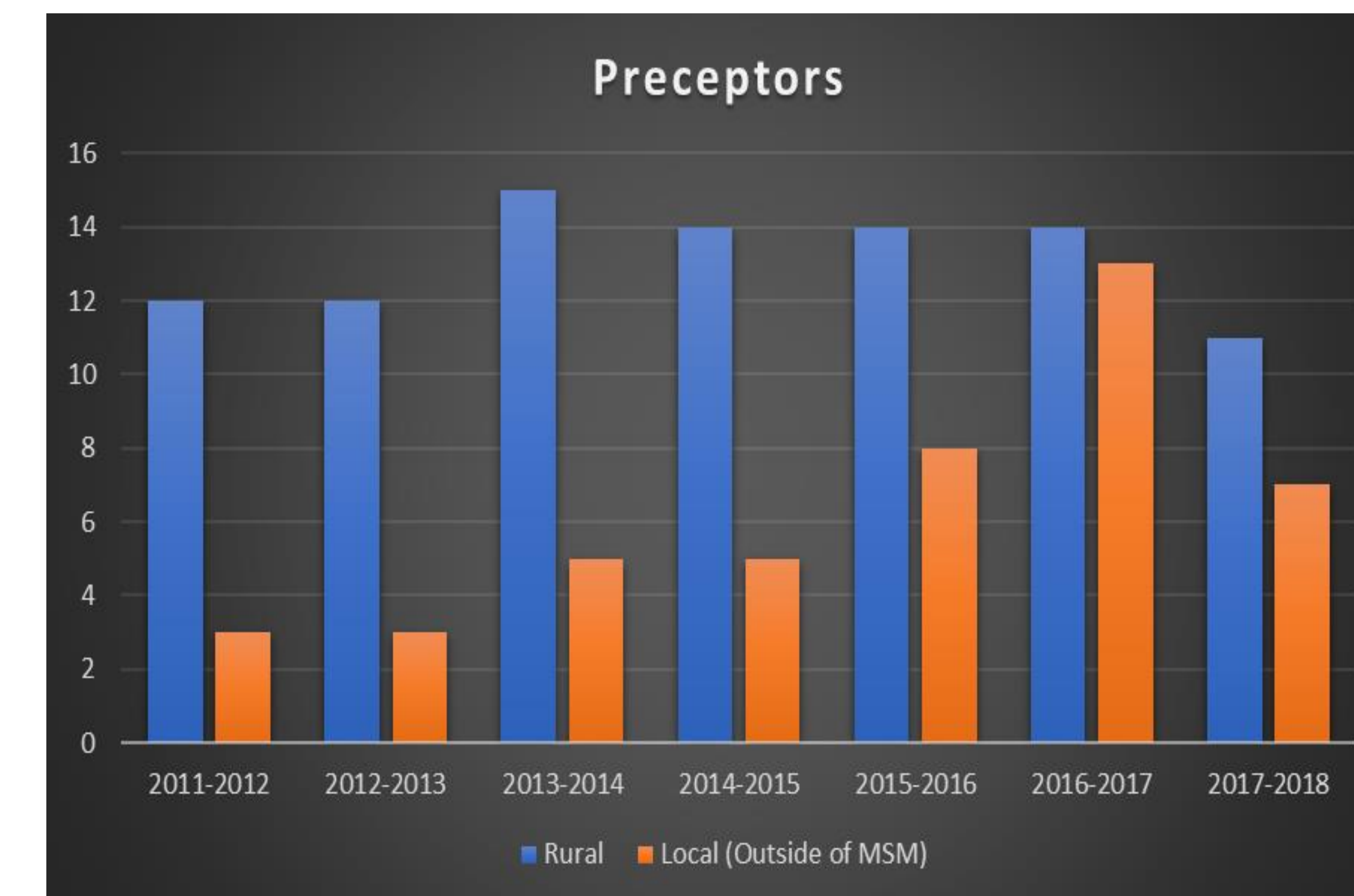
GAFP Email Announcement for interested Community Preceptors (CP)

- Collaborated with AHEC to recruit CP and housing sites
- Preceptor Incentives - Preceptor Tax Incentive Program
- End of year appreciation to all our preceptors - Gift cards, awards or plaques
- Recruiting referrals from MSM alumni physicians and other physicians
- Creating innovative ways to engage students and enhance learning
  - Increased sessions for Q&A
  - Group Clinical Skills sessions

## Graph of Class Size Increase 2011 to 2019



## Results



## Conclusion

We found that while there are short-term challenges that schools face, they are offset by long-term gains.

We concluded that increasing enrollment can lead to the need for more clinical sites, teachers, and materials; thereby, we have taken deliberate steps to ensure quality education during student clerkships through the various strategies we have employed.

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