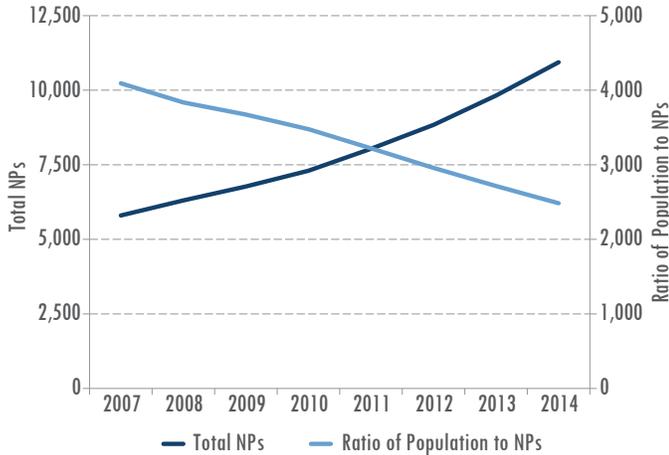




## Nurse Practitioners

# 2014

### Nurse Practitioner Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 10,936 actively practicing nurse practitioners (NP) with Texas RN licenses in Texas.<sup>1</sup>

- This number represented an 88.6% increase since 2007 and an 11.4% increase from 2013.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the NP workforce has increased by 39.3% over the past seven years.

### Ratio of Texas Population to NP, by Geographic Designation

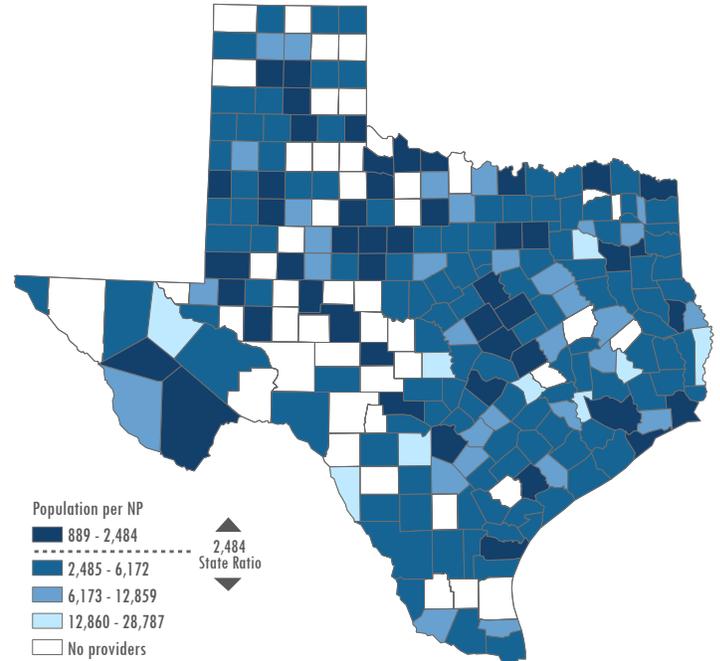
Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to NPs
Metropolitan	2,359
Non-metropolitan	4,157
Border	3,550
Non-border	2,400
<b>Texas</b>	<b>2,484</b>

- There was a 55.2% difference between the number of NPs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 38.7%.

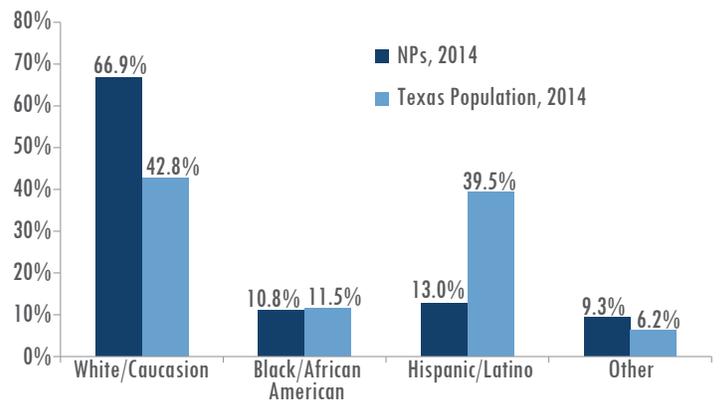
<sup>1</sup> 10,936 NPs held current Texas RN licenses, were actively practicing in nursing, and had their practice or mailing address geocoded to Texas. Only these nurses are included in the analyses on this fact sheet

There were an additional 358 NP certifications that could not be matched with an actively practicing Texas RN license. However with an active RN license in a compact state, these NPs could legally practice in Texas. An additional 537 NPs with current Texas RN licenses were geocoded to addresses outside of Texas.

### Ratio of Texas Population to NP, by County



### Race/Ethnicity of NPs



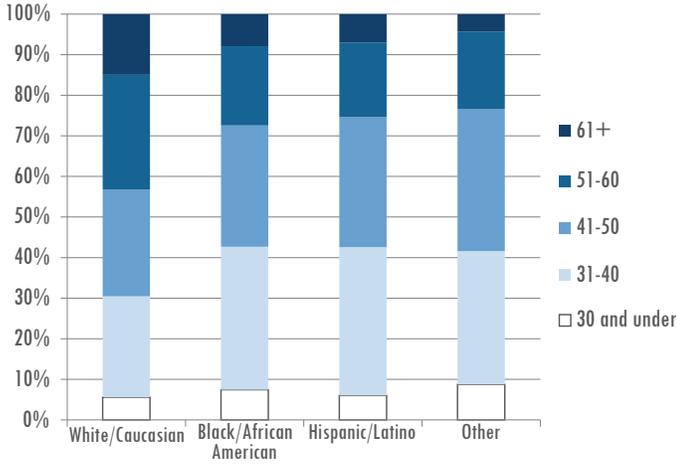
The race/ethnicity of NPs in 2014 differed from the overall Texas population.<sup>2</sup>

- White/Caucasians were overrepresented when compared to the overall Texas population.
- Hispanic/Latinos comprised only 13.0% of the NP workforce, compared to 39.5% of the overall population.
- Black/African American NPs closely mirrored the 2014 Texas population.

<sup>2</sup> Race/Ethnicity data were unavailable for 128 NPs.



## Age Distribution of NPs, by Race/Ethnicity



## Age Distribution of NPs, by Gender

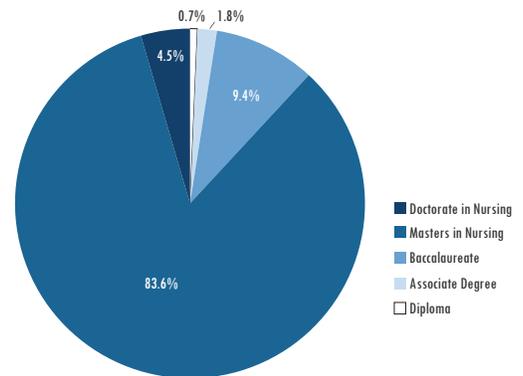
Age Group	Female	Male	Gender Unavailable	Total
≤25	5	0	2	7
26-30	631	45	11	687
31-35	1,345	113	16	1,474
36-40	1,426	198	18	1,642
41-45	1,425	276	17	1,718
46-50	1,147	195	13	1,355
51-55	1,163	152	14	1,329
56-60	1,256	114	25	1,395
61-65	815	70	13	898
>65	392	32	7	431
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,605</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>10,936</b>

The NP workforce is mostly female (88.9% of the NPs for whom gender data were available). 3.9% of the workforce was over the age of 65 and an additional 21.0% were 56 to 65 years old. Thus, over a quarter of NPs will be of retirement age within 10 years.

- 6.3% of NPs were 30 years old or younger.
- 28.5% of NPs were between 31 and 40 years of age.

## Training of NPs

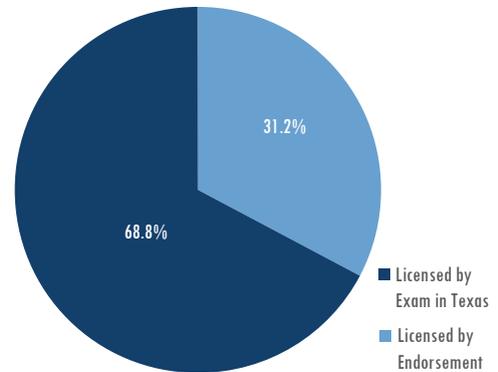
### Highest Nursing Degree of NPs



88.1% of the NP workforce had a Masters degree or higher.

- This proportion has increased every year since data on NPs were available (2007).

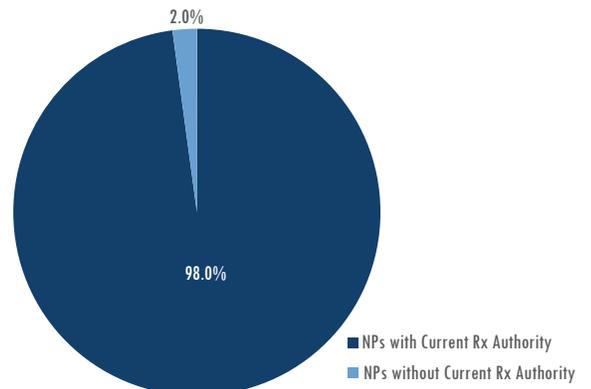
### Initial RN Licensure of NPs<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Licensure by exam indicates the NCLEX was taken through the State of Texas, while licensure by endorsement indicates the NCLEX was taken through another jurisdiction.

## Practice Characteristics of NPs

### Prescriptive Authority



## Training of NPs

### NP Type

Type of NP Certification	# NP Certifications <sup>4</sup>
Family NP	6,198
Pediatric NP	1,153
Women's Health NP	884
Adult NP	846
Adult Care NP	807
Neonatal NP	496
Psychiatric/Mental Health NP	386
Gerontological NP	285
Acute Care Pediatric NP	234
Emergency NP	99
Adult/Gerontology NP	66
Adult Care Adult/Gerontology NP	45
Perinatal NP	14
School NP	12
Other	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,547</b>

<sup>4</sup>This number represents the number of certifications and not the number of NPs. Some individual NPs are certified in more than one specialty.

## Employment Characteristics of NPs

### Employment Status

