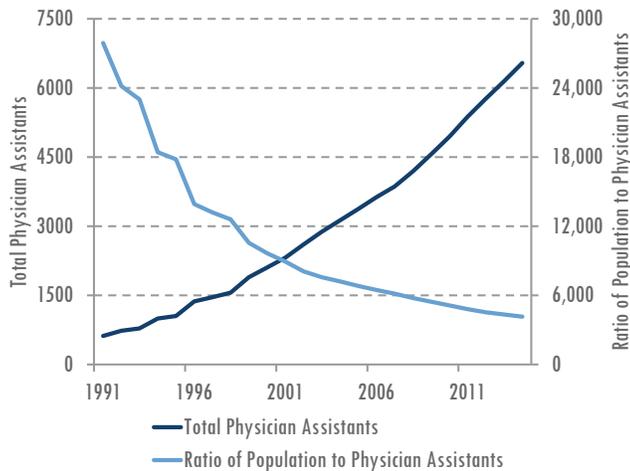




Physician Assistants

2014

PA Growth Trends

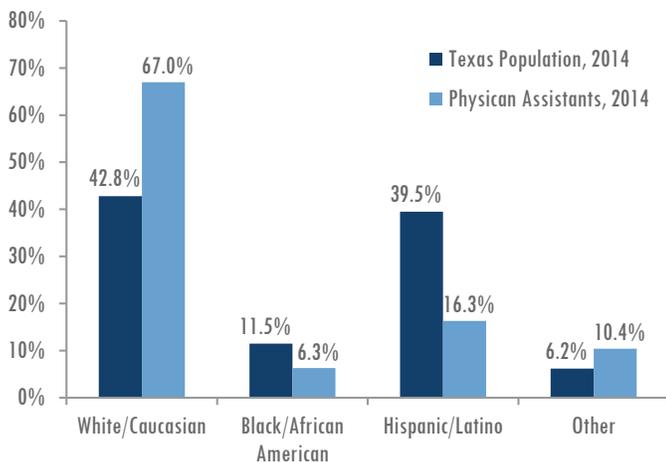


In 2014, there were 6,543 actively licensed physician assistants (PAs) providing direct patient care in Texas.

- This number represented a 43.4% increase since 2009 and a 109.2% increase since 2004.

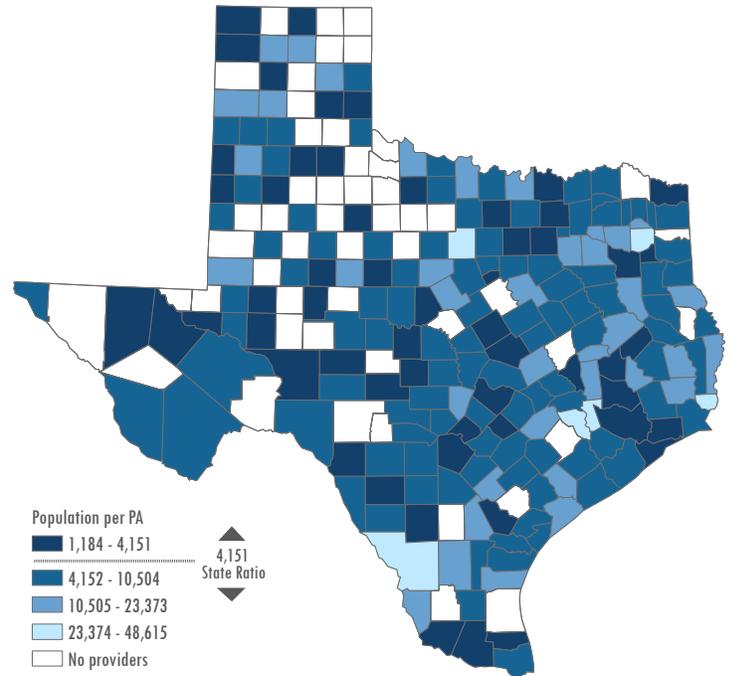
Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer PAs than the national average.

Race/Ethnicity of PAs



The racial/ethnic distribution of Texas physician assistants differed greatly from that of the Texas population.

Ratio of Texas Population to PA, by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to PA
Metropolitan	3,944
Non-metropolitan	6,950
Border	5,302
Non-border	4,049
Texas	4,151

PAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 55.2% difference between the number of PAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 26.8%.

Gender of PAs

- In 2014, 65.4% of PAs were female and 34.6% were male.
- In 2004, 53.5% were female and 46.5% were male.
- Among PAs aged 40 years or younger in 2014, 79.0% were female and 21.0% were male.



Age Distribution of PAs, by Gender

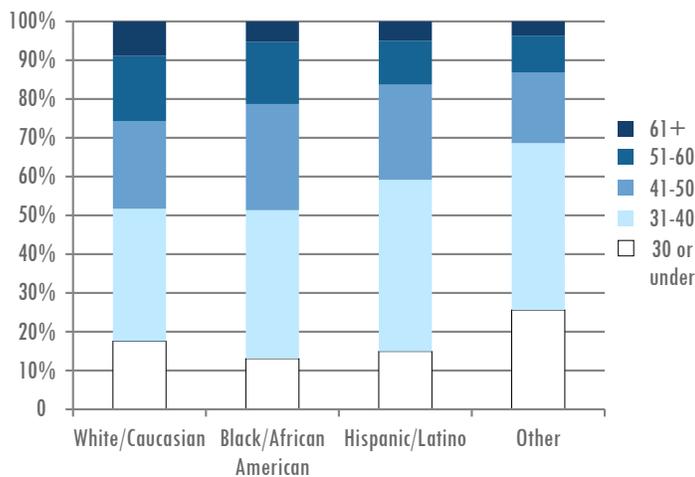
Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	1,017	140	1,157
31-35	1,028	262	1,290
36-40	777	347	1,124
41-45	505	364	869
46-50	299	317	616
51-55	256	273	529
56-60	236	222	458
61-65	114	194	308
>65	38	143	181
Total	4,270	2,262	6,532¹

Within ten years, 14.5% of the current Texas PA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- Just 2.8% of active PAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2014.
- 54.7% were between under 41 years of age.
- Among PAs over 55 years of age, males comprised 59.0% of the PA workforce.

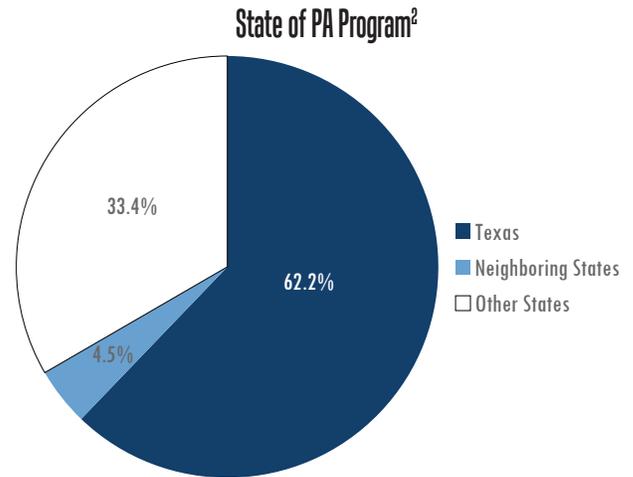
¹ Gender data were available for only 6,532 of 6,543 actively licensed PAs in Texas.

Age Distribution of PAs, by Race/Ethnicity



- Among Whites/Caucasians, 34.1% of PAs were between 31 and 40 years old.
- 38.3% of Black/African American PAs were between 31 and 40 years old. Another 27.4% were between 41 and 50 years of age.
- 44.2% of Hispanic/Latinos were between 31 and 40 years old, and 24.5% were between 41 and 50 years old.
- 43.0% of Other race/ethnicities were between 31 and 40 years old, and 25.6% were under 30 years old.

Training of PAs



² Among PAs indicating attendance at a physician assistants program in the U.S.

Supervising Physician Specialties

Primary Specialty of Supervising Physician	Number of PAs
Family Medicine/General Practice	2,113
Internal Medicine	1,006
Emergency Medicine	842
Orthopedic Surgery	542
Pediatrics	363
Hematology & Oncology	256
General Surgery	253
Cardiology	150
OB/GYN or Gynecology	127
Psychiatry	112
Plastic Surgery	103

The above table shows the number of PAs who have supervisory agreements with physicians in common specialties. Because a PA may have agreements with more than physician, an individual PA may be counted in more than one row.

- 3 of the 5 most common specialties are in primary care.