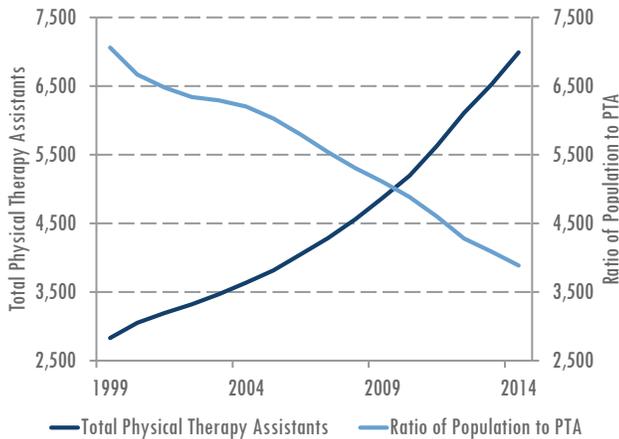




Physical Therapy Assistants

2014

PTA Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 6,989 actively licensed physical therapy assistants (PTAs) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 43.5% increase since 2009 and a 92.2% increase since 2004.

Age Distribution of PTAs, by Gender

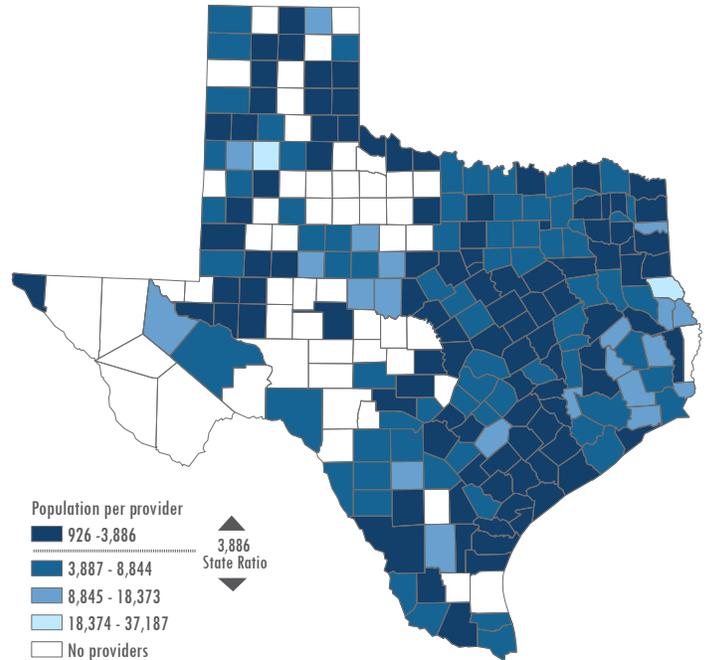
Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤25	221	71	292
26-30	689	280	969
31-35	768	350	1,118
36-40	636	316	952
41-45	744	385	1,129
46-50	657	281	938
51-55	579	189	768
56-60	378	129	507
61-65	157	73	230
>65	58	26	84
Total	4,887	2,100	6,987¹

Within ten years, 11.8% of the current Texas PTA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 1.2% of active PTAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2014.
- Among PTAs between ages 41 and 55, males comprised 30.2% of the workforce.
- Among PTAs over age 55, males comprised 27.8% of the workforce.

¹ Gender data were available for only 6,987 of the state's 6,989 PTAs.

Ratio of Texas Population to PTA, by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to PTA
Metropolitan	3,955
Non-metropolitan	3,430
Border	3,550
Non-border	3,930
Texas	3,886

PTAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 14.2% difference between the number of PTAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 10.2%.

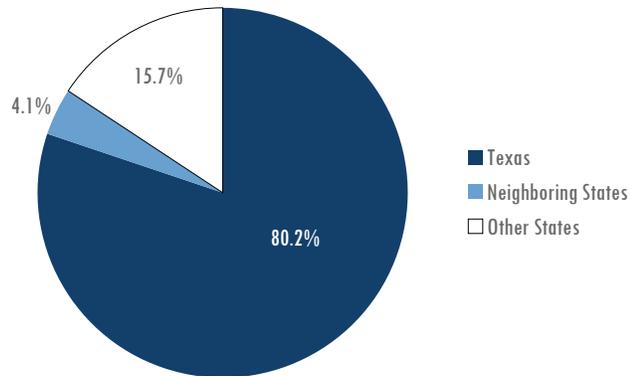
Gender of PTAs

- In 2014, 69.9% of PTAs were female and 30.1% were male.
- In 2004, 72.7% were female and 27.3% were male.
- Among PTAs aged 35 years or younger in 2014, 70.5% were female and 29.5% were male.



Training of PTAs

State of Training²



² Among students indicating training in the U.S.

Employment Characteristics of PTAs

Primary Specialty⁴

Specialty	#PTs	%PTs
Geriatrics	2,785	62.0%
Orthopedics	801	17.8%
Pediatrics	349	7.8%
Sports	37	0.8%
Wound Care	35	0.8%
Cardiopulmonary	30	0.7%
Manual Therapy	29	0.6%
Healthcare Compliance	19	0.4%
Hand	3	0.1%
Assistive Technology	3	0.1%
Other	403	9.0%

⁴ Among those indicating a primary specialty.

Employment Characteristics of PTAs

Primary Practice Setting³

Setting	#PTs	%PTs
Home Health	1,652	31.1%
Inpatient Facility	1,504	28.3%
Outpatient Facility	990	18.6%
Hospital	571	10.7%
Rehabilitation Facility	342	6.4%
School	111	2.1%
College/University	20	0.4%
Early Childhood Setting	18	0.3%
Fitness/Sports/Athletic Facility	12	0.2%
Mental Health Facility	9	0.2%
Industrial/Workplace Environmental	6	0.1%
Other	79	1.5%

³ Among those indicating a primary practice setting.

