Trends, Distribution, and Demographics
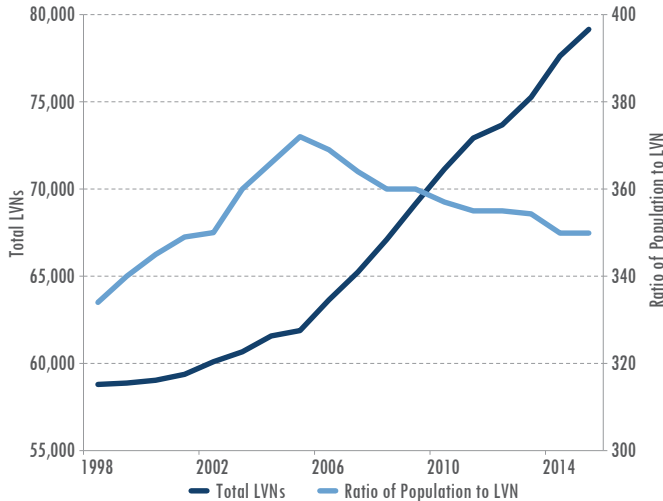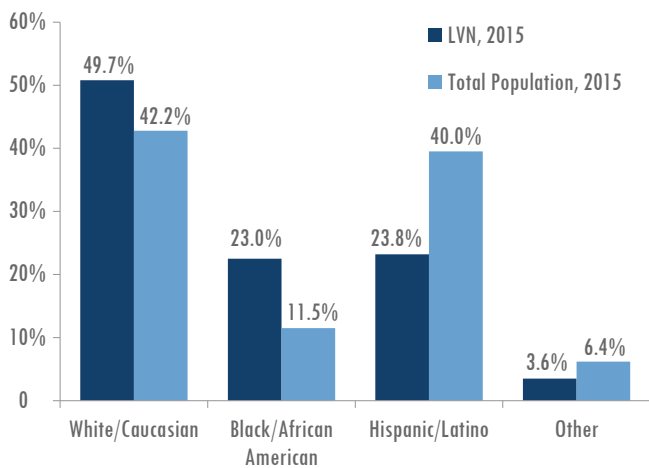
Licensed Vocational Nurses | 2015

LVN Growth Trends

In 2015, there were 79,154 active Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) in Texas.

- This number represented a 11.3% increase since 2010 and a 28.5% increase since 2004.
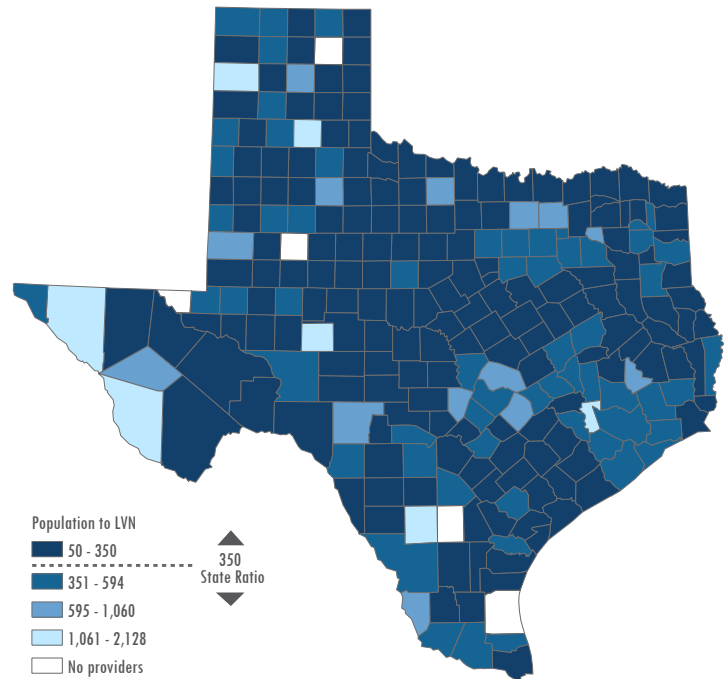- Texas has more LVNs than the national average.

Race/Ethnicity of LVNs

The race/ethnicity[1] of LVNs in 2015 differed from the overall Texas population.

- Whites/Caucasian LVNs were over-represented when compared to the overall population.
- Hispanic/Latinos made up 40.0% of the Texas population, but were under-represented in the LVN workforce.

[1]Race/ethnicity data were based on 72,837 of 79,154 active LVNs.
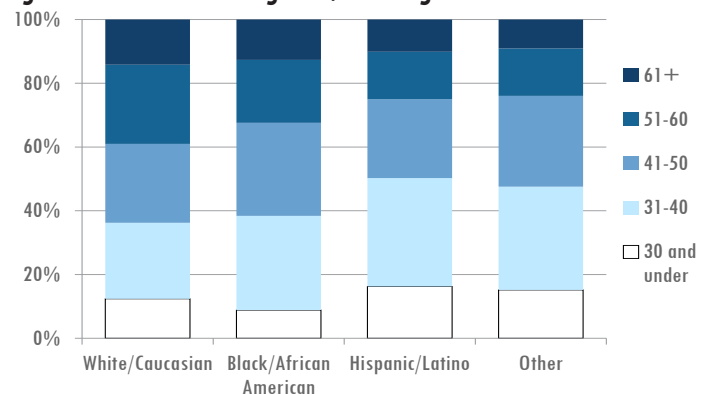
Ratio of Texas Population to LVN, by County

Population to LVN
- 50 - 350
- 351 - 594
- 595 - 1,060
- 1,061 - 2,128
- No providers

350 State Ratio

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to LVN
Metropolitan	379
Non-metropolitan	219
Border	376
Non-border	347
Texas	**349**

- There was a 53.5% difference between the number of LVNs in metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan areas.
- There was only a 8.0% difference between the number of LVNs in border areas and non-border areas.

Age Distribution of LVNs by Race/Ethnicity

- 61+
- 51-60
- 41-50
- 31-40
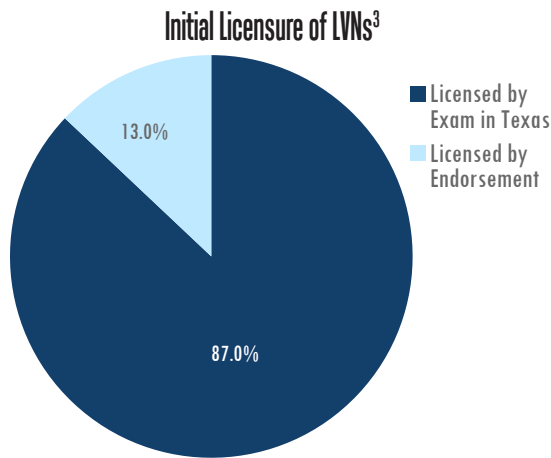- 30 and under

Age Distribution of LVNs, by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	7,970	1,024	8,994
31-35	8,768	1,127	9,895
36-40	9,144	1,313	10,457
41-45	9,294	1,372	10,666
46-50	7,281	1,124	8,405
51-55	6,800	955	7,755
56-60	6,506	722	7,228
61-65	5,123	467	5,590
>65	3,635	197	3,832
Total	64,521	8,301	72,822[2]

The LVN workforce was young and mostly female, with 40.3% of those holding active licenses under the age of 45 years old and 88.6% female.

- Only 33.5% of active LVNs in Texas will be at or over retirement age in ten years.
- The active male LVN workforce has increased over the past ten years.

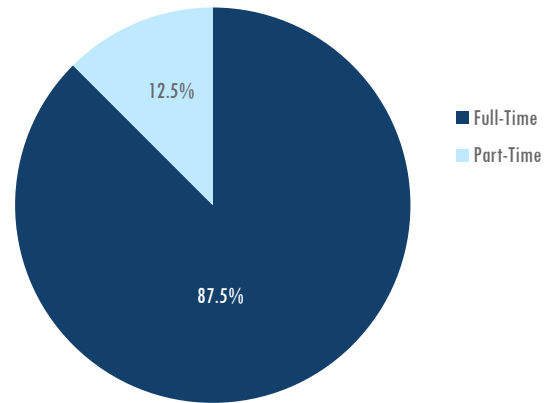[2]Gender data were available for 72,822 of the state's 79,154 LVNs.

Training of LVNs

Initial Licensure of LVNs[3]

Licensed by Exam in Texas — 87.0%
Licensed by Endorsement — 13.0%

[3] 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.

Employment Characteristics of LVNs

Employment Status

Full-Time — 87.5%
Part-Time — 12.5%

Primary Specialty[4]

Specialty	#LVNs	%LVNs
Geriatrics	18,198	24.8%
Home Health	8,731	11.9%
General Practice	7,385	10.1%
Medical/Surgical	6,830	9.3%
Pediatrics	6,724	9.2%
Community/Public Health	3,110	4.2%
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	2,702	3.7%
Rehabilitation	2,286	3.1%
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1,586	2.2%
Emergency Care	1,387	1.9%
Intensive/Critical Care	1,290	1.8%
Operating/Recovery Care	849	1.2%
Oncology	481	0.7%
Occupational/Environmental	372	0.5%
Neonatology	250	0.3%
Anesthesia	51	0.1%
Other	11,022	15.0%

[4]Primary specialty data were available for 73,254 of the state's 79,154 LVNs.