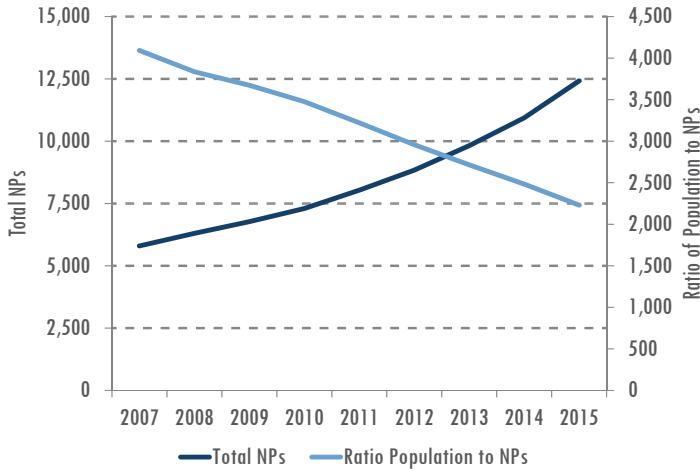




Nurse Practitioners

2015

Nurse Practitioner Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 12,421 actively practicing nurse practitioners (NP) with Texas RN licenses in Texas.¹

- This number represented a 114.2% increase since 2007 and a 13.6% increase from 2014.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the NP workforce has increased by 45.5% over the past eight years.

Ratio of Texas Population to NP, by Geographic Designation

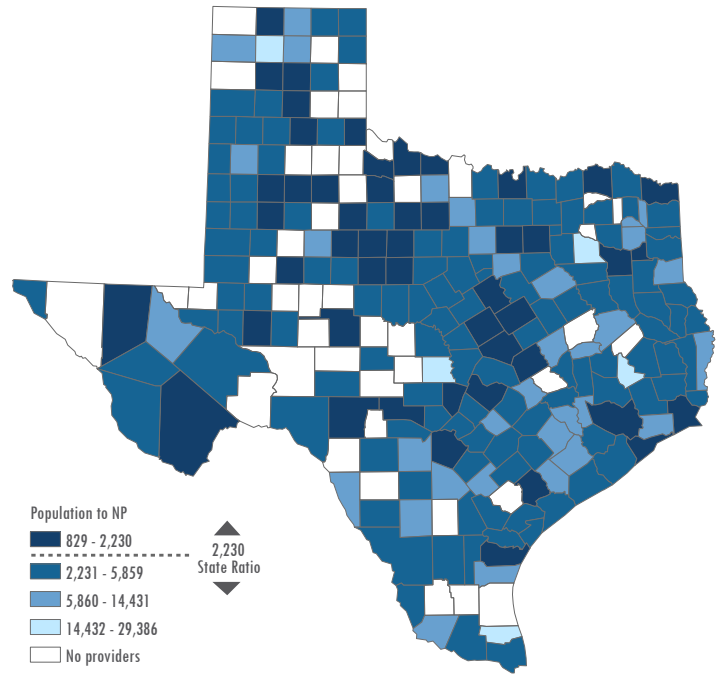
Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to NPs
Metropolitan	2,114
Non-metropolitan	3,867
Border	3,175
Non-border	2,155
Texas	2,230

- There was a 58.6% 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 38.3%.

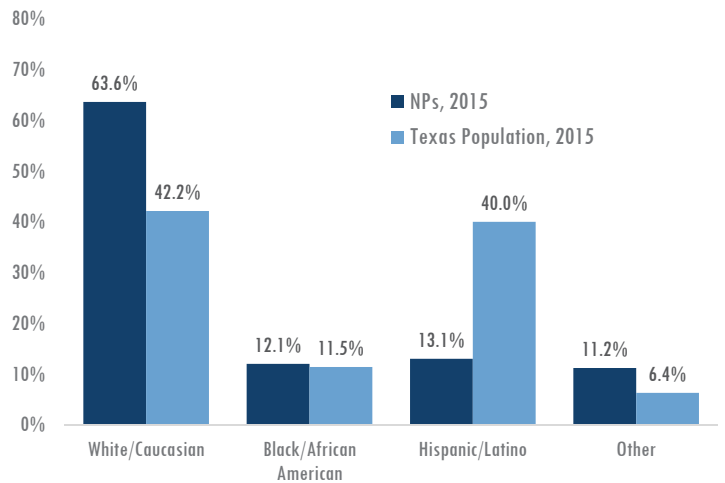
¹ 12,421 NPs held current Texas RN licenses, were actively practicing in nursing, and had their practice or mailing address geocoded to Texas. Only these nurses are included in the analyses on this fact sheet

There were an additional 638 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.

Ratio of Texas Population to NP, by County



Race/Ethnicity of NPs

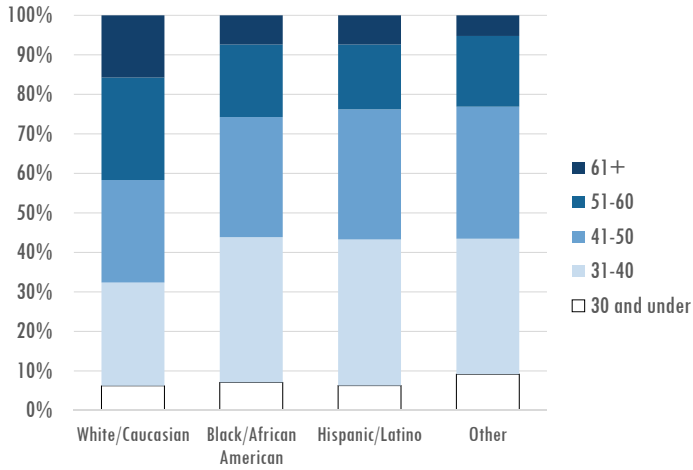


The race/ethnicity of NPs in 2015 differed from the overall Texas population.

- White/Caucasians were overrepresented when compared to the overall Texas population.
- Hispanic/Latinos comprised only 13.1% of the NP workforce, compared to 40% of the overall population.
- Black/African American NPs closely mirrored the 2015 Texas population.

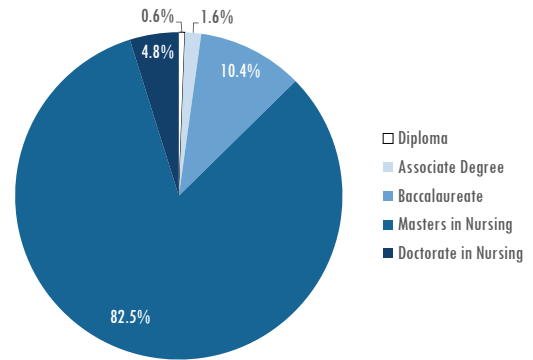


Age Distribution of NPs, by Race/Ethnicity



Training of NPs

Highest Nursing Degree of NPs



87.4% of the NP workforce had a Masters degree or higher.

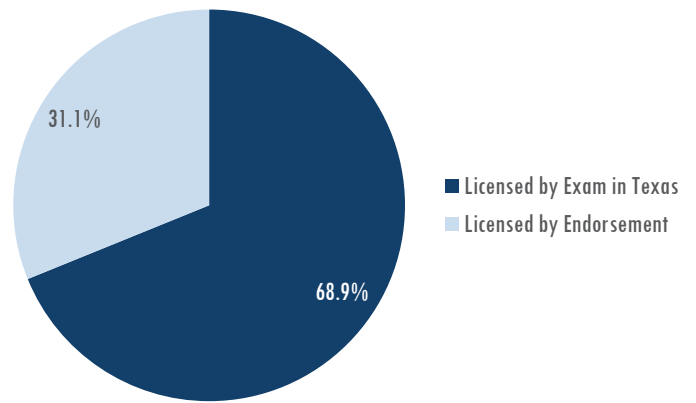
Age Distribution of NPs, by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Gender Unavailable	Total
≤25	9	1	0	10
26-30	741	64	14	819
31-35	1,607	148	17	1,772
36-40	1,677	237	9	1,923
41-45	1,637	315	17	1,969
46-50	1,279	245	13	1,537
51-55	1,230	167	21	1,418
56-60	1,281	123	19	1,423
61-65	952	77	15	1,044
>65	462	39	5	506
Total	10,875	1,416	130	12,421

The NP workforce is mostly female (88.5% of the NPs for whom gender data were available). 4.1% of the workforce was over the age of 65 and an additional 19.9% were 56 to 65 years old. Thus, nearly a quarter of NPs will be of retirement age within 10 years.

- 6.7% of NPs were 30 years old or younger.
- 29.7% of NPs were between 31 and 40 years of age.

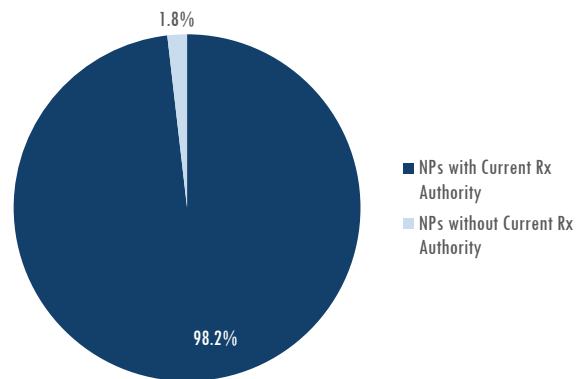
Initial RN Licensure of NPs²



² 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 ³
Family NP	7,177
Pediatric NP	1,023
Women's Health NP	827
Acute Care Adult NP	768
Adult NP	760
Neonatal NP	510
Psychiatric/Mental Health NP	430
Acute Care Pediatric NP	254
Gerontological NP	203
Adult/Gerontology NP	174
Adult Care Adult/Gerontology NP	167
Emergency NP	91
Perinatal NP	13
School NP	6
Other	18
Total	12,421

³This 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

