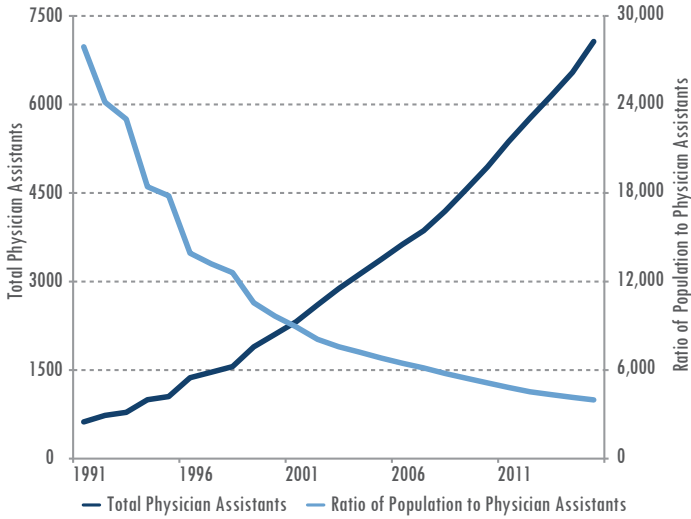




Physician Assistants

2015

PA Growth Trends

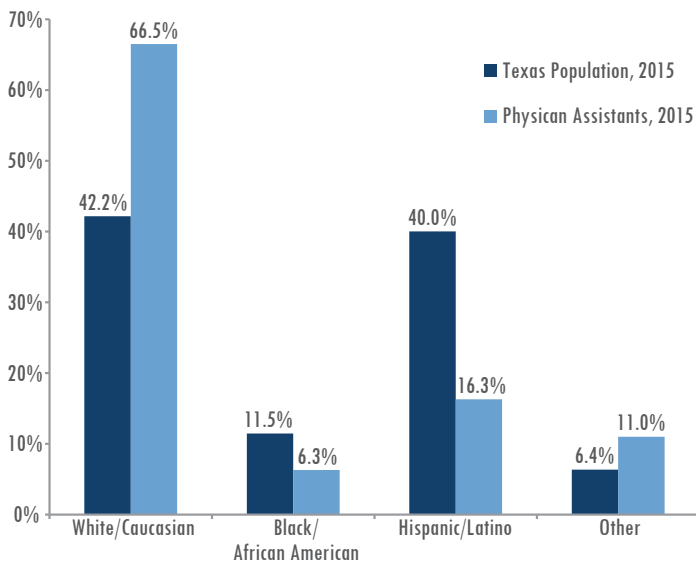


In 2015, there were 7,067 actively licensed physician assistants (PAs) providing direct patient care in Texas.

- This number represented a 43.0% increase since 2010 and a 125.9% increase since 2004.

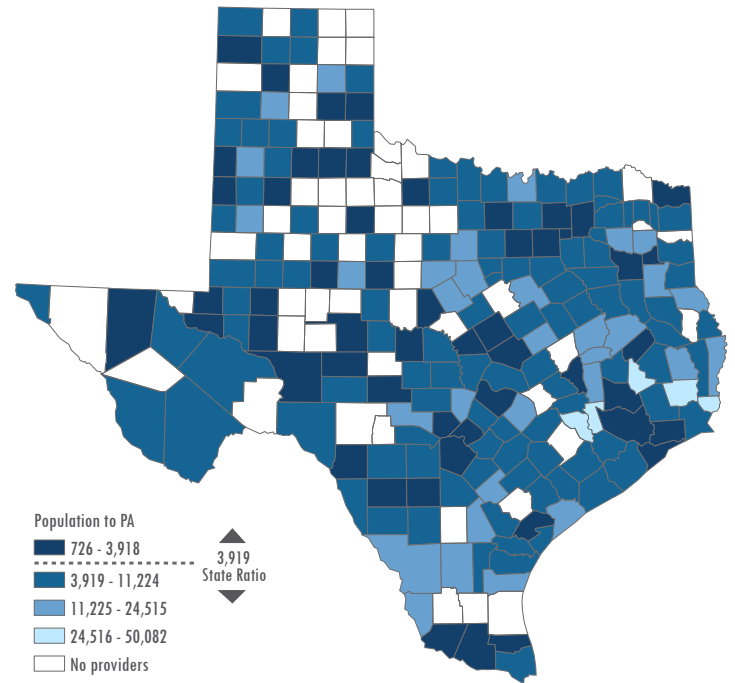
Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer PAs than the national average.

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	3,720
Non-metropolitan	6,666
Border	5,040
Non-border	3,820
Texas	3,979

PAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 56.7% 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 27.5%.

Gender of PAs

- In 2015, 66.3% of PAs were female and 33.7% were male.
- In 2004, 53.5% were female and 46.5% were male.
- Among PAs aged 40 years or younger in 2014, 80.0% were female and 20.0% were male.



Age Distribution of PAs, by Gender

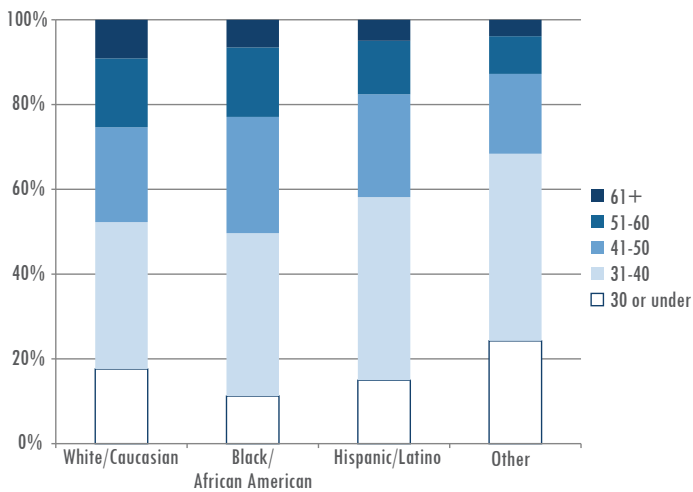
Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	1,072	164	1,236
31-35	1,164	267	1,431
36-40	860	344	1,204
41-45	547	385	932
46-50	327	334	661
51-55	278	265	543
56-60	252	253	505
61-65	134	191	325
>65	45	173	218
Total	4,679	2,376	7,055¹

Within ten years, 22.6% of the current Texas PA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- Just 3.1% of active PAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2015.
- 54.9% were under 41 years of age.
- Among PAs over 55 years of age, males comprised 58.9% of the PA workforce.

¹ Gender data were available for only 7,055 of 7,067 actively licensed PAs in Texas.

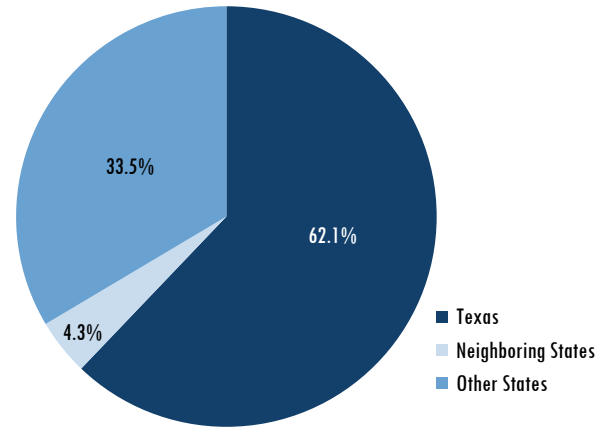
Age Distribution of PAs, by Race/Ethnicity



- 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

State of PA Program²



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
General Practice	3,297
Emergency Medicine	1,920
Internal Medicine	1,832
Hematology & Oncology	1,709
Orthopedic Surgery	1,283
General Surgery	710
Plastic Surgery	641
Pediatrics	485
Other Surgical Specialties	454
Cardiology	412
Urology	410

The above table shows the number of supervisory agreements between PAs and physicians in common specialties.³ Because a PA may have agreements with more than one physician and a physician with multiple PAs, an individual PA may be counted in more than one row.

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

³ The data here are reported differently than in 2014, so these data should not be compared to 2014 data.