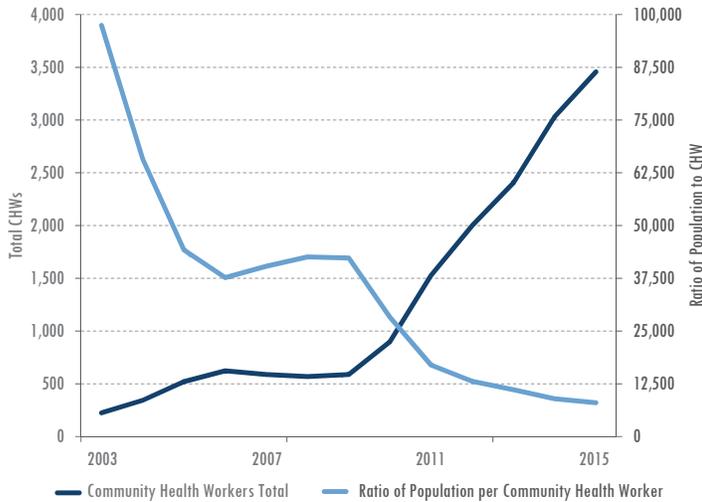




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CHW Growth Trends

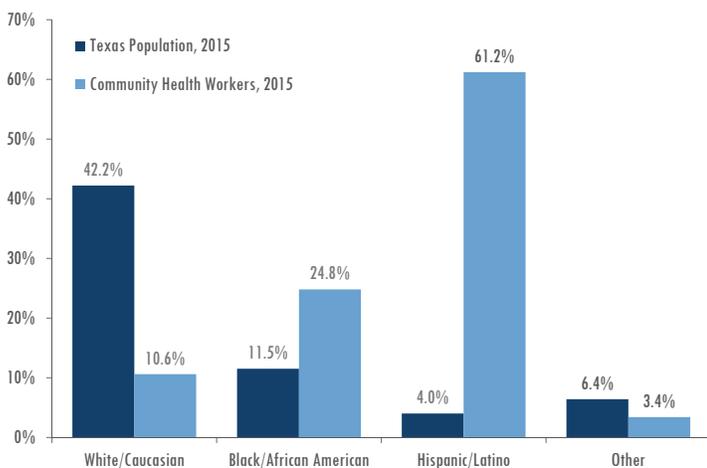


In 2015, there were 3,457 actively licensed community health workers (CHWs) in Texas.

- This number represented a 285.0% increase since 2010 and a 564.8% increase since 2005.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the CHW workforce has improved by 71.6% over the past ten years.

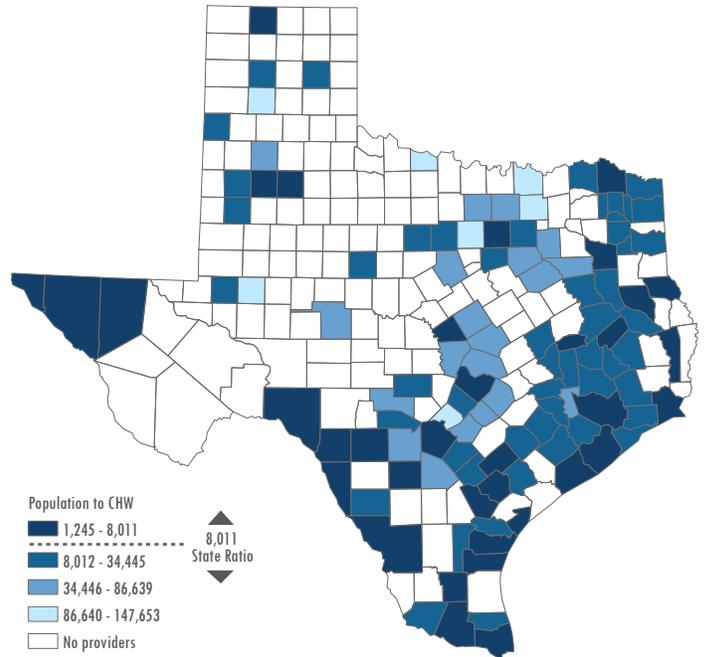
Despite these improvements, Texas still has slightly fewer CHWs than the national average.

Race/Ethnicity of CHWs



The racial/ethnic distribution of Texas CHWs differs greatly from that of the Texas population.

Ratio of Texas Population to CHW, by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to CHW
Metropolitan	7,467
Non-metropolitan	18,411
Border	4,323
Non-border	8,893
Texas	8,011

CHWs are not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There is a 84.6% difference between the number of CHWs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference is 69.2%.

Gender of CHWs

- In 2014, 86.9% of CHWs were female and 13.1% were male.
- Unlike many other health professions, this gender disparity is not mediated by age of CHW.

