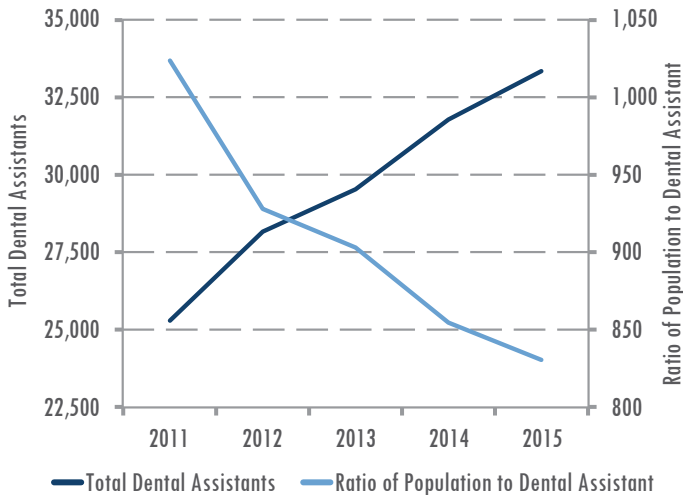




Dental Assistants

2015

DA Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 33,360 actively licensed dental assistants (DA) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 31.9% increase since 2011.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had slightly fewer dental assistants than the national average.

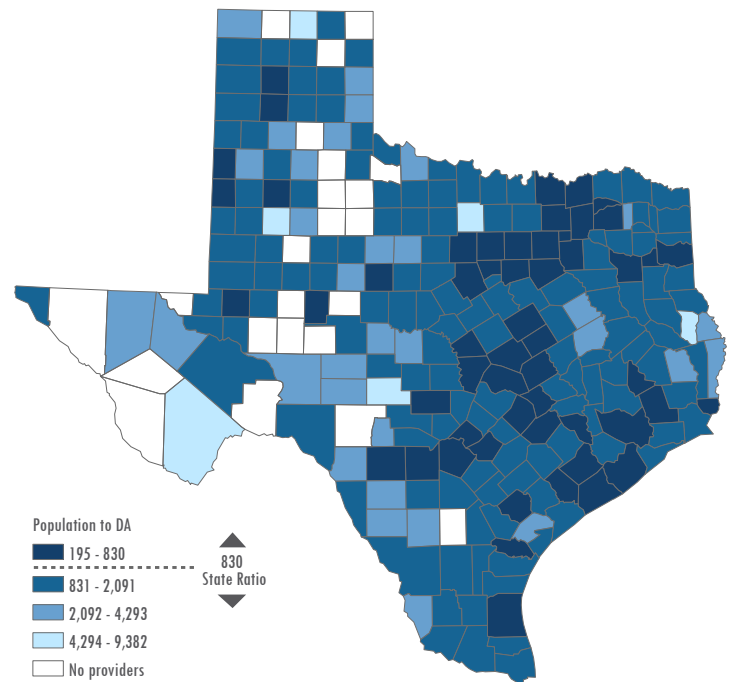
Age Distribution of DA, by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤25	7631	724	8,645
26-30	6230	474	6,791
31-35	4859	294	5,217
36-40	3467	158	3,668
41-45	2808	135	2,976
46-50	2205	66	2,303
51-55	1769	61	1,845
56-60	1102	22	1,136
61-65	513	8	526
>65	236	11	253
Total	30,820	1,953	33,360¹

- 72.9% of dental assistants were under 40 years of age.
- 21.4% of dental assistants were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 5.7% of dental assistants will be at or past retirement age in ten years.
- In 2015, 94.0% of dental assistants were female and 6.0% were male.

¹ Gender data were unavailable for 587 dental assistants.

Ratio of Texas Population to DA, by County



Geographic Distribution of DAs

Dental assistants were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 33.1% difference between the number of dental assistants in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 20.8%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to DA
Metropolitan	803
Non-metropolitan	1,122
Border	1,003
Non-border	814
Texas	830

