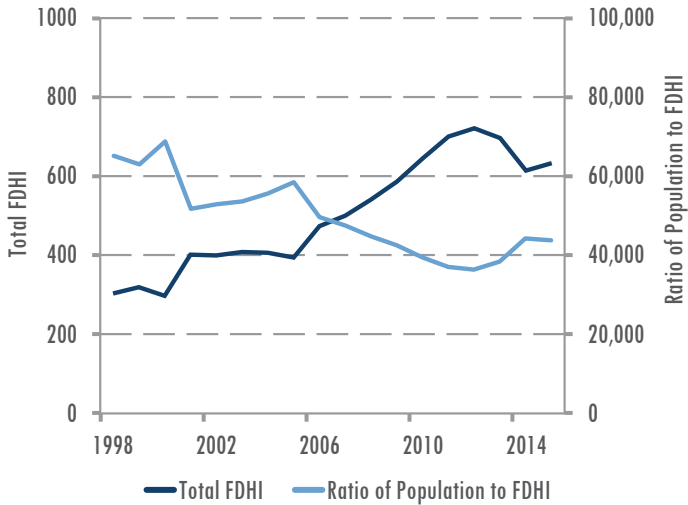




Fitters & Dispensers of Hearing Instruments

2015

FDHI Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 634 actively licensed Fitters & Dispensers of Hearing Instruments (FDHI) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 1.9% decrease since 2010 and a 61.3% increase since 2005.

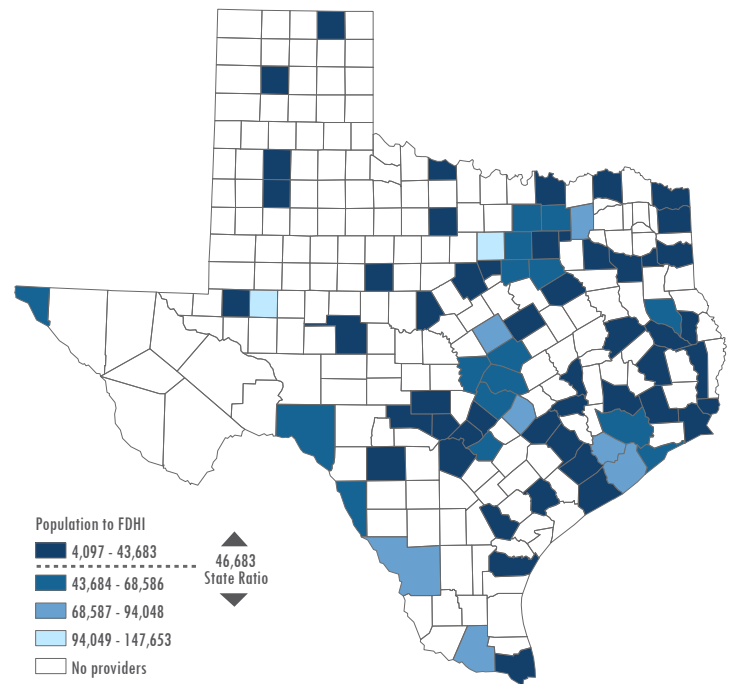
Age Distribution of FDHIs

Age Group	#FDHI	%FDHI
≤25	16	2.5%
26-30	55	8.7%
31-35	72	11.4%
36-40	62	9.8%
41-45	61	9.6%
46-50	70	11.0%
51-55	82	12.9%
56-60	70	11.0%
61-65	68	10.7%
>65	78	12.3%
Total	634	100.0%

Within ten years, 34.1% of FDHIs will be at or approaching retirement age.

- In 2015, 33.6% of FDHIs were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 32.3% of FDHIs were 40 years of age or younger in 2015.

Ratio of Texas Population to FDHI, by County



Geographic Distribution of FDHIs

FDHIs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 7.2% difference between the number of FDHIs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 39.1%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to FDHI
Metropolitan	43,337
Non-metropolitan	46,561
Border	62,680
Non-border	42,197
Texas	43,683

