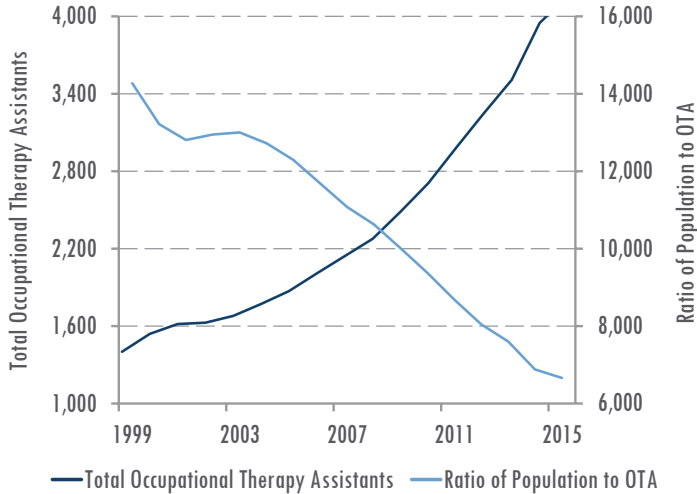


## Occupational Therapy Assistants

# 2015



### OTA Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 4,158 actively licensed occupational therapy assistants (OTA) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 53.5% increase since 2010 and a 122.2% increase since 2005.

### Age Distribution of OTAs, by Gender

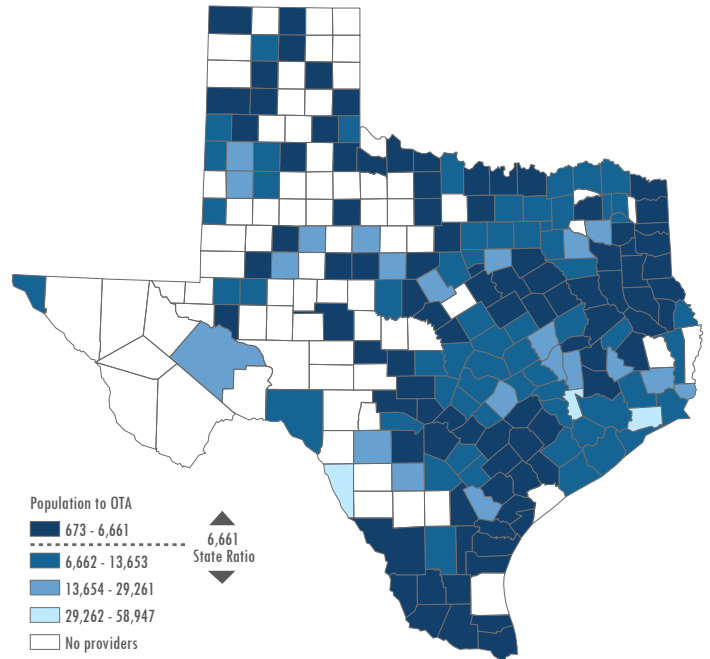
Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤25	133	23	156
26-30	490	86	576
31-35	552	109	661
36-40	508	98	606
41-45	508	119	627
46-50	393	74	467
51-55	357	71	428
56-60	287	45	332
61-65	163	43	206
>65	78	17	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>4,154<sup>1</sup></b>

Within ten years, 15.2% of the current Texas OTA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 2.3% of active OTAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2015.
- Among OTAs between ages 41 and 50, females comprised 82.4% of the workforce.
- Among OTAs over age 55, females comprised 83.4% of the workforce.

<sup>1</sup> Gender data were available for only 4,154 of 4,158 active OTAs.

### Ratio of Texas Population to OTA, by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to OTA
Metropolitan	6,836
Non-metropolitan	5,555
Border	5,149
Non-border	7,896
<b>Texas</b>	<b>6,661</b>

OTAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 20.7% difference between the number of OTAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 42.1%.

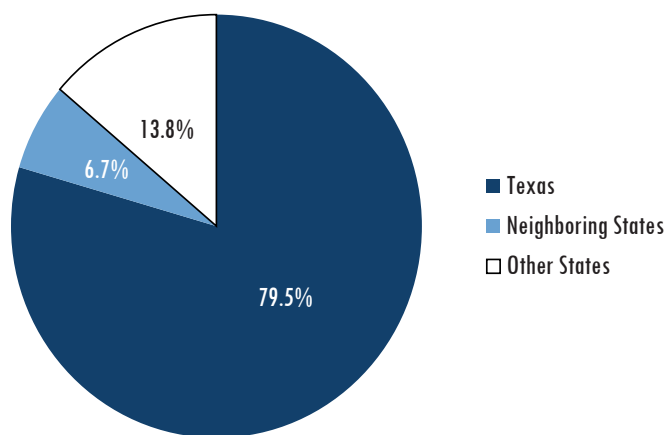
### Gender of OTAs

- In 2015, 83.5% of OTAs were female and 16.5% were male.
- In 2005, 84.6% were female and 15.4% were male.
- Among OTAs aged 35 years or younger in 2015, 84.4% were female and 15.6% were male.



## Training of OTAs

State of Training<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Among students indicating training in the U.S.

## Employment Characteristics of OTAs

Primary Practice Setting<sup>3</sup>

Setting	# OTAs	% OTAs
Inpatient Facility	1,381	45.8%
Home Health	505	16.7%
Rehabilitation Facility	315	10.4%
Outpatient Facility	277	9.2%
School	220	7.3%
Hospital	171	5.7%
Early Childhood Setting	32	1.1%
Mental Health Facility	17	0.6%
Other	98	3.2%

<sup>3</sup> Among those indicating a primary practice setting.

## Employment Characteristics of OTAs

Primary Specialty<sup>4</sup>

Specialty	# OTAs	% OTAs
Geriatrics	1,615	61.6%
Pediatrics	661	25.2%
Orthopedics	73	2.8%
Advanced Practice	34	1.3%
Hand	22	0.8%
Manual Therapy	13	0.5%
Healthcare Compliance	7	0.3%
Cardiopulmonary	6	0.2%
Assistive Technology	5	0.2%
Health Information	2	0.1%
Vocational Evaluation	2	0.1%
Other	183	6.9%

<sup>4</sup> Among those indicating a primary specialty.