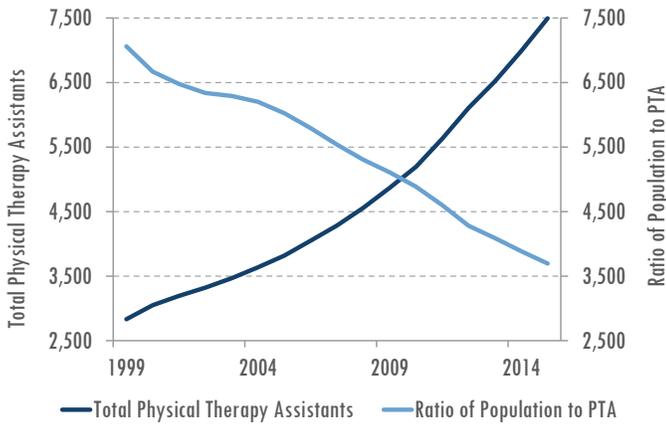




## Physical Therapy Assistants

# 2015

### PTA Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 7,495 actively licensed physical therapy assistants (PTAs) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 44.3% increase since 2010 and a 96.4% increase since 2005.

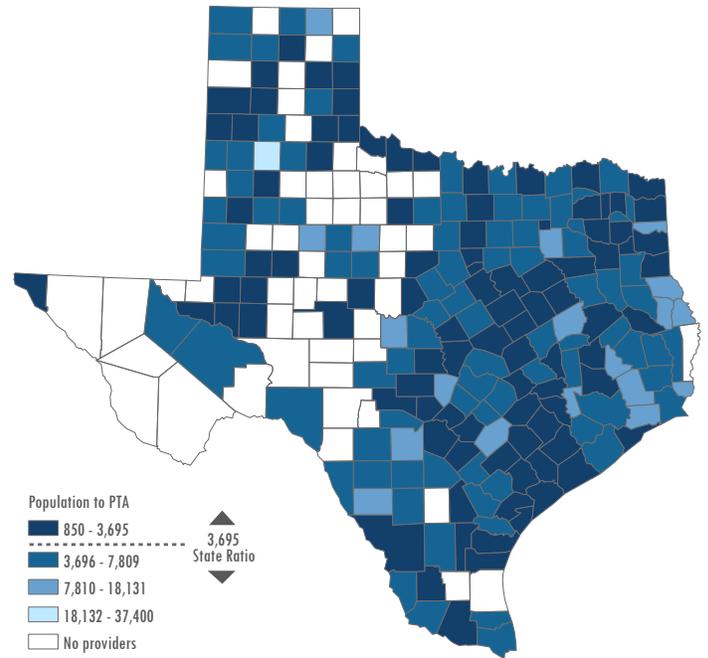
### Age Distribution of PTAs, by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤25	230	78	308
26-30	687	307	994
31-35	855	396	1,251
36-40	720	344	1,064
41-45	720	399	1,119
46-50	678	311	989
51-55	631	215	847
56-60	418	133	552
61-65	186	82	268
>65	71	32	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>7,495</b>

Within ten years, 11.8% of the current Texas PTA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 1.4% of active PTAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2015.
- Among PTAs between ages 41 and 55, males comprised 31.3% of the workforce.
- Among PTAs over age 55, males comprised 26.8% of the workforce.

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



Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to PTA
Metropolitan	3,759
Non-metropolitan	3,268
Border	3,465
Non-border	3,724
<b>Texas</b>	<b>3,695</b>

PTAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 14.0% difference between the number of PTAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 7.2%.

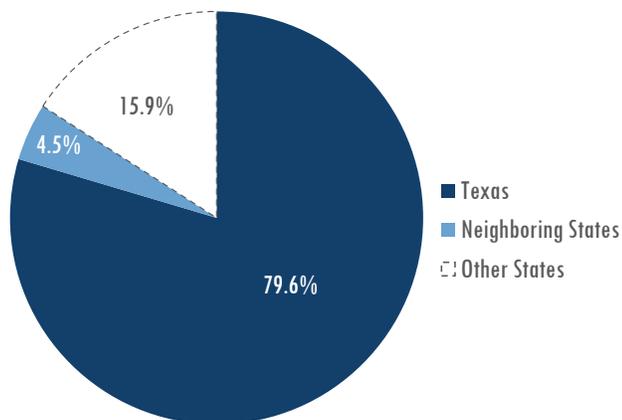
### Gender of PTAs

- In 2015, 69.3% of PTAs were female and 30.6% were male.
- In 2005, 72.5% were female and 27.5% were male.
- Among PTAs aged 35 years or younger in 2015, 69.4% were female and 30.6% were male.



## Training of PTAs

State of Training<sup>2</sup>



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

## Employment Characteristics of PTAs

Primary Specialty<sup>4</sup>

Specialty	#PTs	%PTs
Geriatrics	3,053	61.7%
Orthopedics	876	17.7%
Pediatrics	391	7.9%
Sports	42	0.8%
Wound Care	39	0.7%
Cardiopulmonary	35	0.7%
Manual Therapy	30	0.6%
Healthcare Compliance	20	0.4%
Hand	2	0.1%
Assistive Technology	1	0.1%
Other	462	9.3%

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

## Employment Characteristics of PTAs

Primary Practice Setting<sup>3</sup>

Setting	#PTs	%PTs
Home Health	1,856	24.8%
Inpatient Facility	1,663	22.2%
Outpatient Facility	1,075	14.3%
Hospital	621	8.3%
Rehabilitation Facility	366	4.9%
School	113	1.5%
College/University	20	0.3%
Early Childhood Setting	20	0.3%
Fitness/Sports/Athletic Facility	12	0.2%
Mental Health Facility	11	0.1%
Industrial/Workplace Environmental	6	0.1%
Other	89	1.2%

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