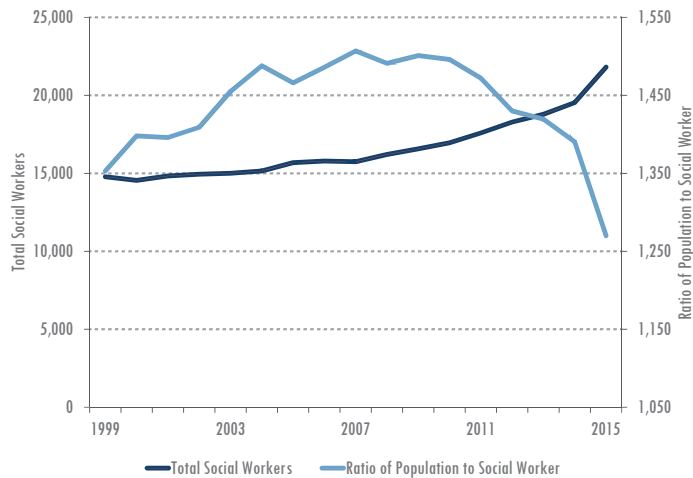




## Social Workers

# 2015

### Social Worker Growth Trends



In 2015, there were 21,812 actively licensed social workers (SW) in Texas.

- This number represented a 28.6% increase since 2010 and a 39.1% increase since 2005.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the social worker workforce has improved by 13.4% over the past ten years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer licensed social workers than the national average.

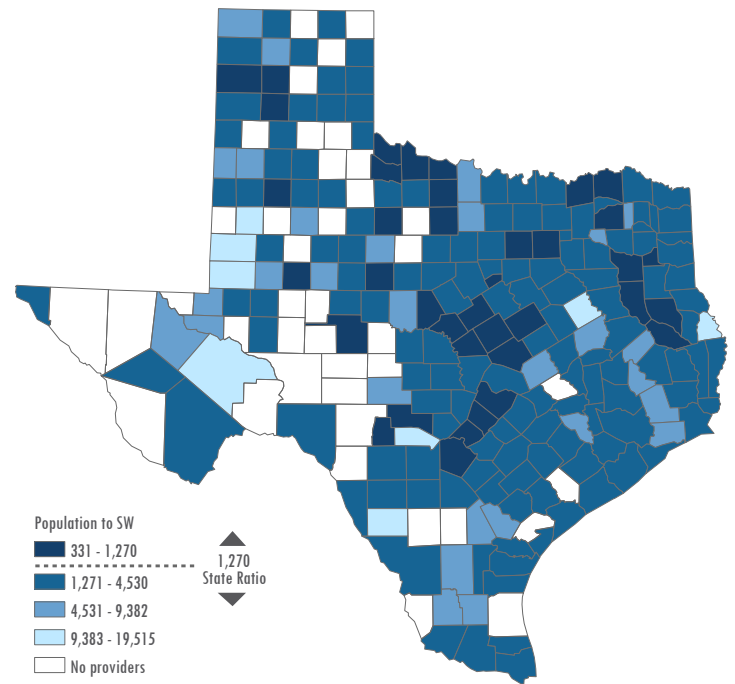
### Ratio of Texas Population to SWs, by Geographic Designation

Social workers were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 52.9% difference between the number of social workers in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 49.8%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to social workers
Metropolitan	1,209
Non-metropolitan	2,078
Border	2,025
Non-border	1,217
<b>Texas</b>	<b>1,270</b>

### Ratio of Texas Population to Social Workers, by County



### Age Distribution of Social Workers

Age Group	Percentage	Total
≤25	2.2%	483
26-30	9.4%	2,049
31-35	11.7%	2,561
36-40	11.3%	2,471
41-45	11.6%	2,528
46-50	11.5%	2,502
51-55	9.7%	2,121
56-60	10.3%	2,251
61-65	10.8%	2,362
>65	11.4%	2,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21,812</b>

11.4% of the social worker workforce were currently eligible for retirement, and within ten years 32.5% of the current Texas social worker workforce will be at or past retirement age.<sup>1</sup>

- 34.7% of the social worker workforce was 40 years of age or younger.

