In 2019, there were 37,500 actively licensed dental assistants (DAs) in Texas.

- This number represented a 18.0% increase since 2014 and a 48.4% increase since 2011.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the dental assistant workforce has improved by 8.9% over the past 10 years.

With these improvements, Texas has slightly more dental assistants than the national average.

Dental assistants were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 21.7% 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 13.9%.

In 2019, 94.3% of dental assistants were female.
23.2% of dental assistants were 25 years of age or younger.
In 2019, 72.7% of DAs were under 40 years of age.

Gender data were available for 37,158 of Texas’ 37,500 dental assistants.