In 2019, there were 22,124 actively licensed primary care (PC) physicians in Texas.

- This number represented a 14.8% increase since 2014 and a 31.5% increase since 2009.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the PC physician workforce has increased by 10.7% over the past 10 years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer PC physicians than the national average.

The racial/ethnic distribution of Texas PC physicians differed greatly from that of the Texas population.

PC physicians were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 41.9% difference between the number of PC physicians in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas, the percent difference was 37.5%.

Gender of PC Physicians

- In 2019, 46.4% of PC physicians were female and 53.6% were male.\(^1\)
- Of physicians aged 40 years or younger 64.0% were female and 36.0% were male.

\(^1\) Gender data were available for 22,114 of 22,124 PC physicians
Age Distribution of PC Physicians by Gender

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Within 10 years, 46.8% of the current Texas PC physician workforce will be at or past retirement age.

1. 46.8% of active PC physicians in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2019.
2. Among PC physicians over 55 years of age, males comprised 72.2% of the PC physician workforce.

Gender data were available for 22,114 of the state’s 22,124 PC physicians.

Age Distribution of PC Physicians by Race/Ethnicity

- 32.1% of white/Caucasian PC physicians were 61 years of age or older, while 19.9% were aged 40 years or younger.
- Among blacks/African Americans, 33.3% were between 41 and 50 years of age. Another 30.3% were aged 40 years or younger.
- 27.2% of Hispanics/Latinos were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 26.1% were aged 40 years or younger.

Training of PC Physicians

Country of Medical School

- United States: 67.5%
- India: 17.5%
- Pakistan: 3.3%
- Mexico: 3.2%
- Other: 8.2%

State of Medical School

- Texas: 31.4%
- Neighboring states: 30.4%
- Other: 63.2%

Degree Type

- MD: 83.4%
- DO: 16.4%

Degree type data were available for 14,926 of the state’s 22,124 PC physicians.