

Acupuncturist Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of acupuncturists in Texas. In 2020, there were 1,226 actively licensed acupuncturists in Texas.

- This number represented a 9.7% increase since 2015 and a 38.8% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the acupuncturist workforce has improved by 15.8% over the past 10 years.

Figure 1. Total Acupuncturists¹

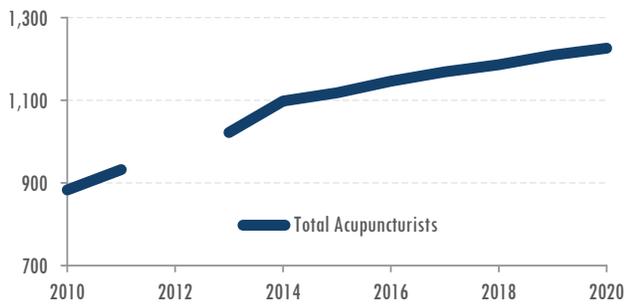
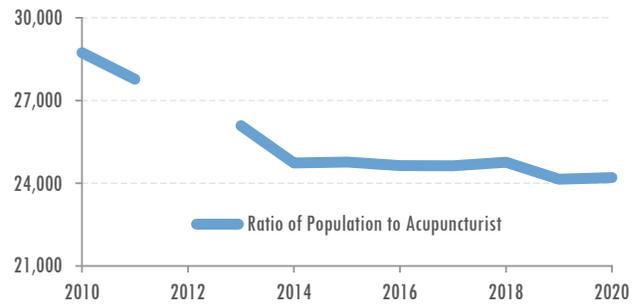


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to Acupuncturist



¹ Data were unavailable for 2012.

Geographic Distribution of Acupuncturists

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Acupuncturist by County

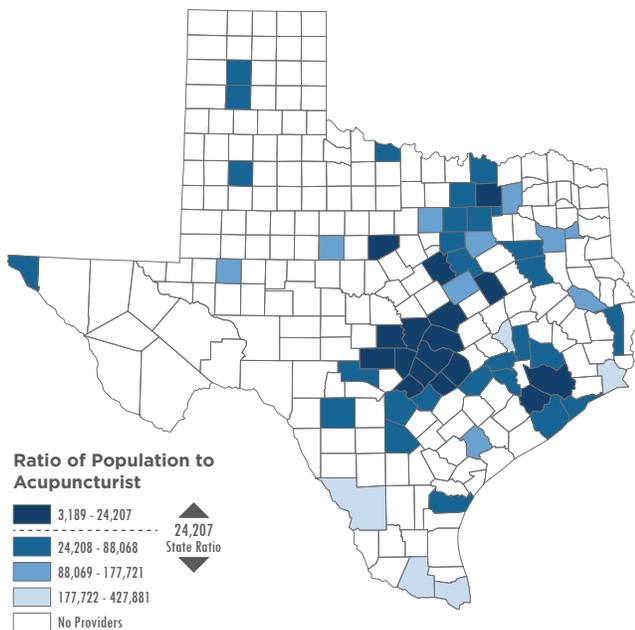


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Acupuncturist by Geographic Designation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Acupuncturist
Metropolitan	22,041
Non-metropolitan	148,479
Border	141,969
Non-border	22,254
Texas	24,207

Acupuncturists were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

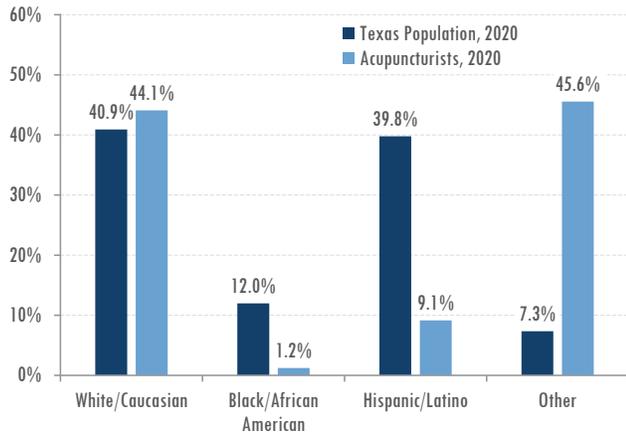
- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 6.7 times as many acupuncturists as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 6.4 times as many acupuncturists as border counties.

Demographics of Acupuncturists

Race/Ethnicity of Acupuncturists

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino acupuncturists were underrepresented when compared to the Texas population.²

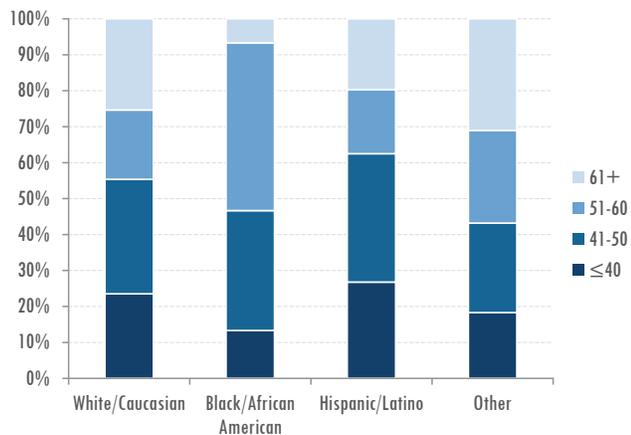
Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of Texas Population and Acupuncturists



Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Race/Ethnicity

- 31.9% of white/Caucasian acupuncturists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 25.4% were 61 years of age or over.
- 46.7% of black/African American acupuncturists were between 51 and 60 years of age, while 6.7% were 61 years of age or over.
- 35.7% of Hispanic/Latino acupuncturists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 26.8% were aged 40 years or under.

Figure 5. Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Race/Ethnicity



Gender of Acupuncturists

- In 2020, 67.9% of acupuncturists were female and 32.1% were male.
- In 2010, 62.6% were female and 37.4% were male.
- Among acupuncturists aged 40 years or under in 2020, 71.3% were female and 28.7% were male.

Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Gender

Within 10 years, 37.9% of the current Texas acupuncturist workforce will be over 65 years of age.³

- 15.9% of active acupuncturists in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2020.
- 22.0% were between the ages of 56 and 65.
- Among acupuncturists over 55 years of age, females comprised 64.3% of the acupuncturist workforce.

Table 2. Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	19	8	27
31-35	67	30	97
36-40	100	37	137
41-45	124	55	179
46-50	126	51	177
51-55	98	46	144
56-60	92	39	131
61-65	92	47	139
>65	115	80	195
Total	833	393	1,226

² Race/ethnicity data were available for 1,225 of 1,226 acupuncturists.

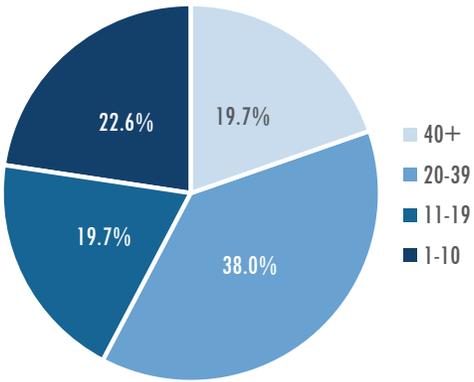
³ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.

Employment Characteristics of Acupuncturists

Table 3. Primary Practice Setting of Acupuncturists

Setting	Number of Acupuncturists
Solo	668
Partnership or Group	152
Medical School Faculty	15
Hospital Based	11
Direct Medical Care	4
Military	1
Other	67
Total	918⁴

Figure 6. Primary Practice Hours of Acupuncturists⁵



⁴ Primary practice setting data were available for 918 of 1,226 acupuncturists.

⁵ Primary practice hours data were available for 915 of 1,226 acupuncturists.