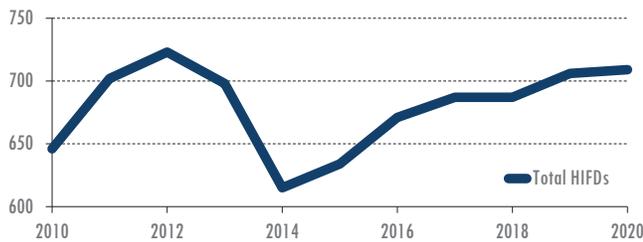


**Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Growth Trends**

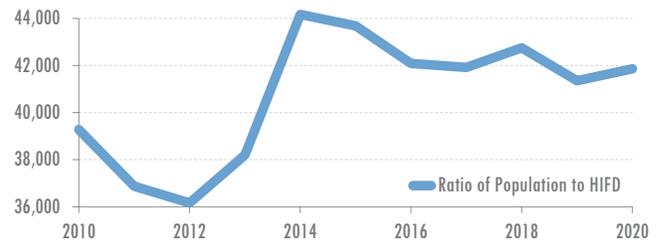
This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of hearing instrument fitters and dispensers (HIFDs) in Texas. In 2020, there were 709 actively licensed HIFDs in Texas.

- This number represented a 11.8% increase since 2015 and a 9.8% increase since 2010.
- However, relative to population growth, the size of the HIFD workforce has declined by 6.6% over the past 10 years.

**Figure 1. Total HIFDs**

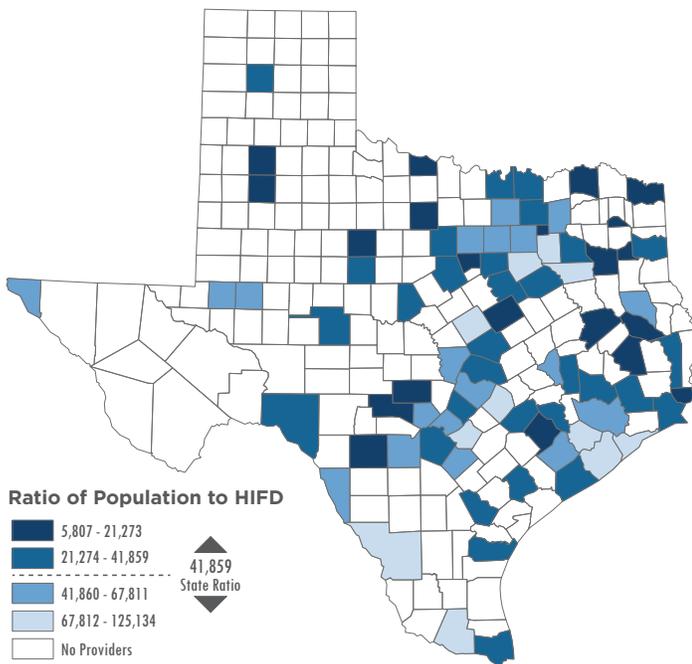


**Figure 2. Ratio of Population to HIFD**



**Geographic Distribution of Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers**

**Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to HIFD by County**



**Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to HIFD by Geographic Designation**

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to HIFD
Metropolitan	40,798
Non-metropolitan	53,760
Border	56,788
Non-border	40,726
Texas	41,859

HIFDs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 1.3 times as many HIFDs as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 1.4 times as many HIFDs as border counties.

## Demographics of Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers

### Age Distribution of HIFDs

Within 10 years, 34.3% of the current Texas HIFD workforce will be over 65 years of age.<sup>1</sup>

- 12.8% of active HIFD in Texas were over 65 years of age.

Table 2. Age Distribution HIFDs

Age Group	Number	Percent
≤30	71	10.0%
31-35	88	12.4%
36-40	87	12.3%
41-45	70	9.9%
46-50	71	10.0%
51-55	79	11.1%
56-60	87	12.3%
61-65	65	9.2%
>65	91	12.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>1</sup> The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.

