

Licensed Psychologist Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of licensed psychologists in Texas. In 2020, there were 4,823 actively licensed psychologists in Texas.

- This number represented a 11.0% increase since 2015 and a 27.0% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the licensed psychologist workforce has improved by 7.9% over the past 10 years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer licensed psychologists per capita than the national average.

Figure 1. Total Licensed Psychologists¹

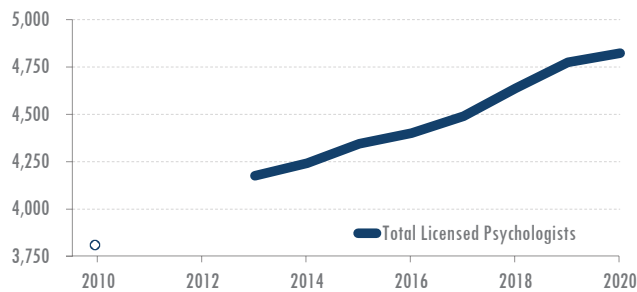
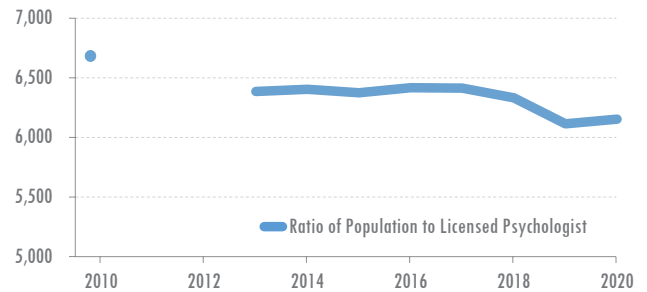


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to Licensed Psychologist



¹ Data unavailable for 2011 and 2012.

Geographic Distribution of Licensed Psychologists

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Licensed Psychologist by County

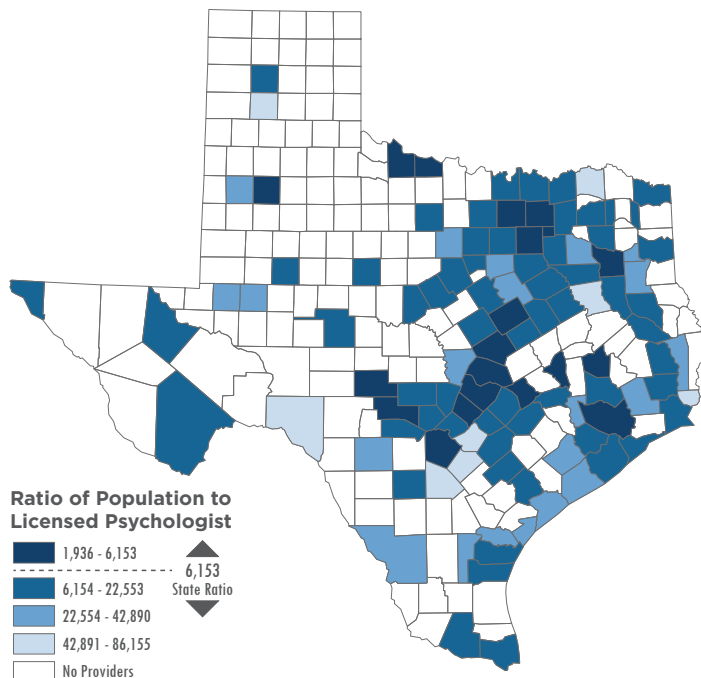


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Licensed Psychologist by Geographic Designation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Licensed Psychologist
Metropolitan	5,679
Non-metropolitan	21,357
Border	22,715
Non-border	5,713
Texas	6,153

Licensed psychologists were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

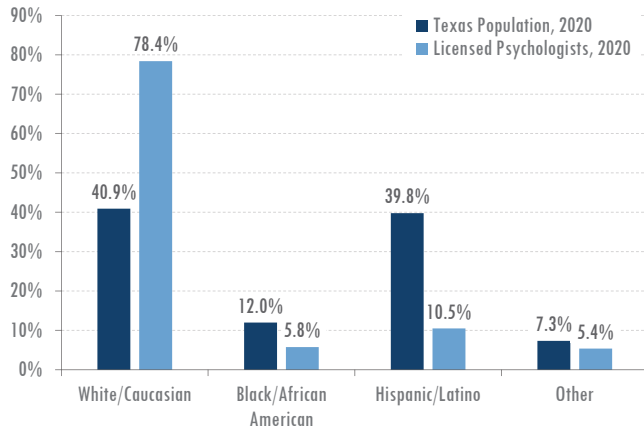
- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 3.8 times as many licensed psychologists as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 4.0 times as many licensed psychologists as border counties.

Demographics of Licensed Psychologists

Race/Ethnicity of Licensed Psychologists

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

Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of Texas Population and Licensed Psychologists

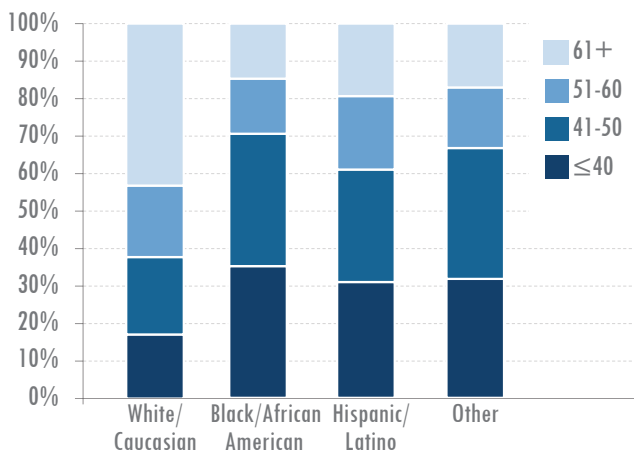


² Race/ethnicity data were available for 4,382 of 4,823 licensed psychologists.

Age Distribution of Licensed Psychologists by Race/Ethnicity

- 43.2% of white/Caucasian licensed psychologists were 61 years of age or over, while 17.1% were aged 40 years or under.
- 35.3% of black/African American licensed psychologists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 35.3% were aged 40 years or under.
- 30.0% of Hispanic/Latino licensed psychologists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 31.1% were aged 40 years or under.

Figure 5. Age Distribution of Licensed Psychologists by Race/Ethnicity



Gender of Licensed Psychologists

- In 2020, 66.4% of licensed psychologists were female and 33.6% were male.³
- In 2010, 56.4% were female and 43.6% were male.
- Among licensed psychologists aged 40 years or under in 2020, 82.8% were female and 17.2% were male.

Age Distribution of Licensed Psychologists by Gender

Within 10 years, 43.9% of the current Texas licensed psychologist workforce will be over 65 years of age.⁴

- 26.4% of active licensed psychologists in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2020.
- Among licensed psychologists over 55 years of age, males comprised 47.8% of the workforce.

Table 2. Age Distribution of Licensed Psychologists by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	47	7	54
31-35	338	75	413
36-40	547	112	659
41-45	444	140	584
46-50	379	138	517
51-55	326	130	456
56-60	272	138	410
61-65	265	160	425
>65	557	704	1,261
Total	3,175	1,604	4,779

³ Gender data were available for 4,779 of 4,823 licensed psychologists.

⁴ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.



Practice Characteristics and Education of Licensed Psychologists

Practice Characteristics of Licensed Psychologists

Table 3. Primary Practice Setting⁵

Practice Setting	Percent
Private Office	56.6%
Hospital	9.8%
Public College or University	7.8%
Public School	2.8%
Military Facility	1.3%
Government Facility	7.2%
Nursing Home	3.1%
Other	11.5%
Total	100.0%

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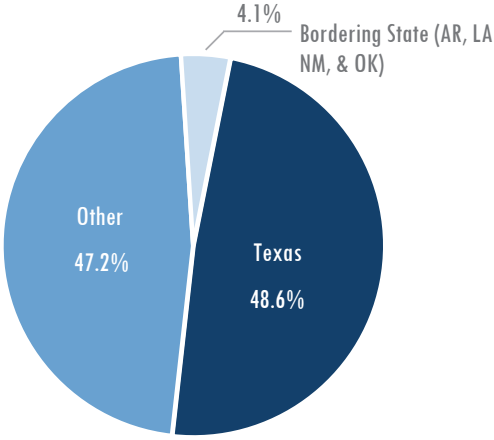
Table 4. Primary Specialty⁶

Specialty	Percent
Clinical	55.7%
Child Clinical	7.6%
Counseling	15.7%
Neuropsychology	7.7%
School	4.4%
Industrial/Organizational	0.9%
Teaching	1.4%
Forensics	3.5%
Other	3.2%
Total	100.0%

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Training of Licensed Psychologists

Figure 6. State of Graduate School⁷



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