

Speech Language Pathology Assistant Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of speech language pathology assistants (SLPAs) in Texas. In 2020, there were 4,115 actively licensed SLPAs in Texas.

- This number represented a 3.8% decrease since 2015 but a 79.4% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the SLPA workforce has improved by 37.8% over the past 10 years.

Figure 1. Total SLPAs

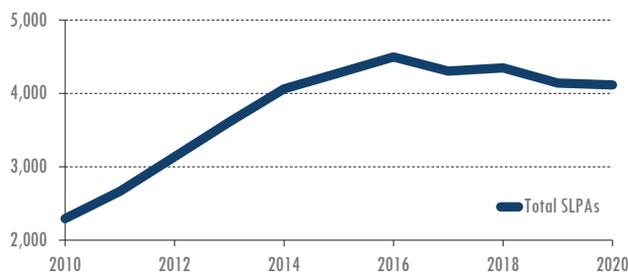
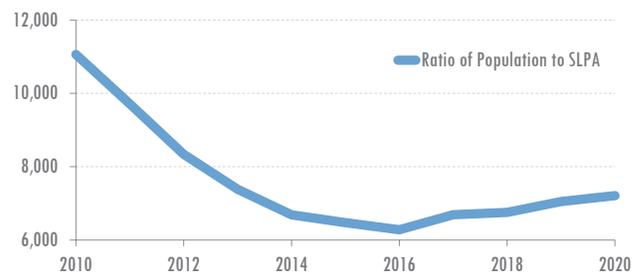


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to SLPA



Geographic Distribution of Speech Language Pathology Assistants

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to SLPA by County

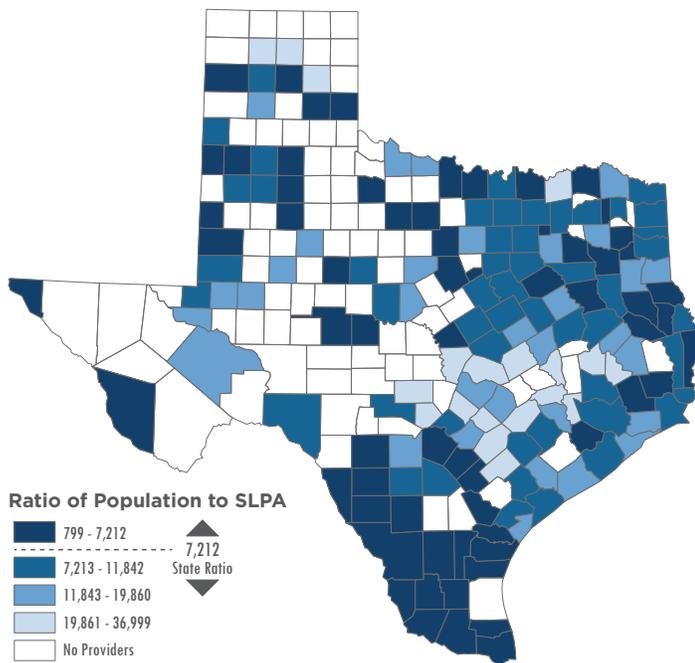


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to SLPA by Geographic Designation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to SLPA
Metropolitan	7,317
Non-metropolitan	6,429
Border	2,266
Non-border	9,377
Texas	7,212

SLPAs were not evenly distributed throughout border and non-border counties.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 1.1 times as many SLPAs as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, border counties had 4.1 times as many SLPAs as non-border counties.

Demographics of Speech Language Pathology Assistants

Age Distribution of SLPAs

Within 10 years, 5.5% of the current Texas SLPA workforce will be over 65 years of age.¹

- 57.3% of active SLPAs in Texas were aged 35 and under.

Table 2. Age Distribution of SLPAs

Age Group	Number	Percent
≤25	452	11.0%
26-30	994	24.2%
31-35	911	22.1%
36-40	626	15.2%
41-45	399	9.7%
46-50	323	7.8%
51-55	184	4.5%
56-60	139	3.4%
61-65	59	1.4%
>65	28	0.7%
Total	4,115	100.0%

¹ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.