

Prosthetists and Orthotists Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of licensed prosthetists and orthotists (LPOs) in Texas. In 2022, there were 459 active LPOs in Texas.

- This number represented a 6.3% increase since 2017 and a 16.2% decrease since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one LPO in 2012 was 47,713:1 and in 2022 it was 66,813:1. The ratio has increased by 40.0% over the past 10 years (Figure 2).¹

Figure 1. Total LPOs in Texas

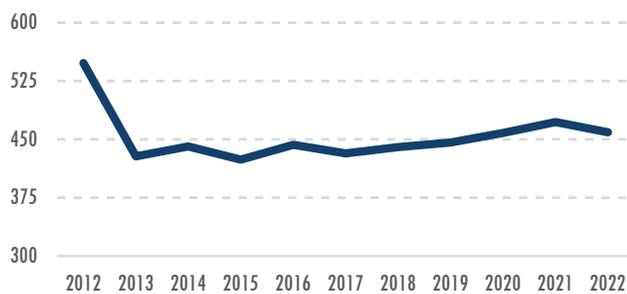
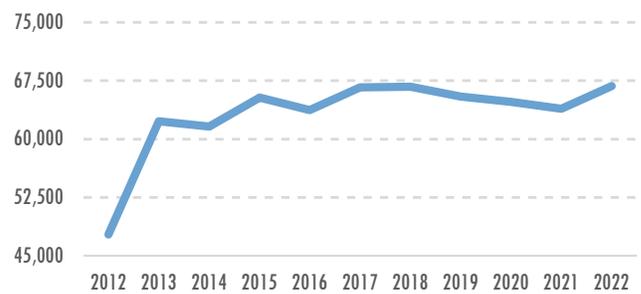


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to LPO¹



Geographic Distribution of Prosthetists and Orthotists

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to LPO by County¹

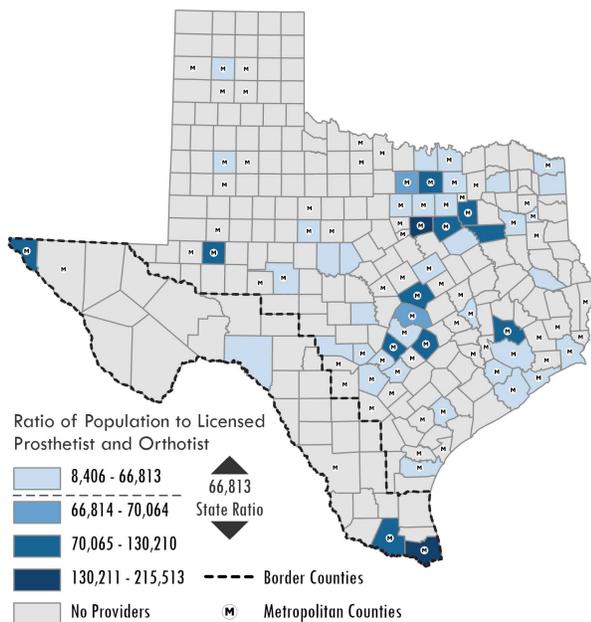


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to LPO by Geographic Designation¹

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to LPO
Metropolitan	62,274:1
Non-metropolitan	184,832:1
Border	137,299:1
Non-border	63,434:1
Texas	66,813:1

LPOs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- The ratio of the population to LPO was higher in non-metropolitan counties than metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the population to LPO was higher in border counties than non-border counties.
- 203 counties had no LPOs (Figure 3).

¹Population numbers are sourced from the Texas Demographic Center (previously the Texas State Data Center). The center regularly updates the demographic projections. Therefore, population numbers for a particular year may differ depending on the date the data was retrieved.

Demographics of Prosthetists and Orthotists

Age

Within 10 years, 31.6% of the current Texas LPO workforce will be over 65 years of age.

- 9.4% of active LPOs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.
- 14.2% of LPOs were 51-55 years of age (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Age Distribution of LPOs

