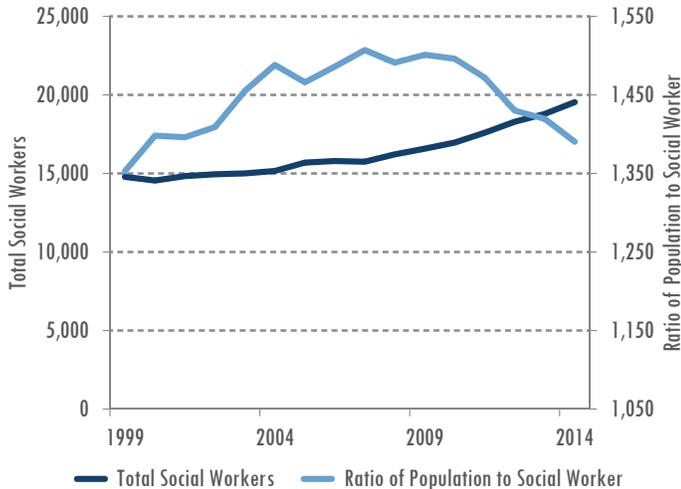




Social Workers

2014

Social Worker Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 19,536 actively licensed social workers (SW) in Texas.

- This number represented a 17.9% increase since 2009 and a 28.9% increase since 2004.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the social worker workforce has improved by 6.1% over the past ten years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer licensed social workers than the national average.

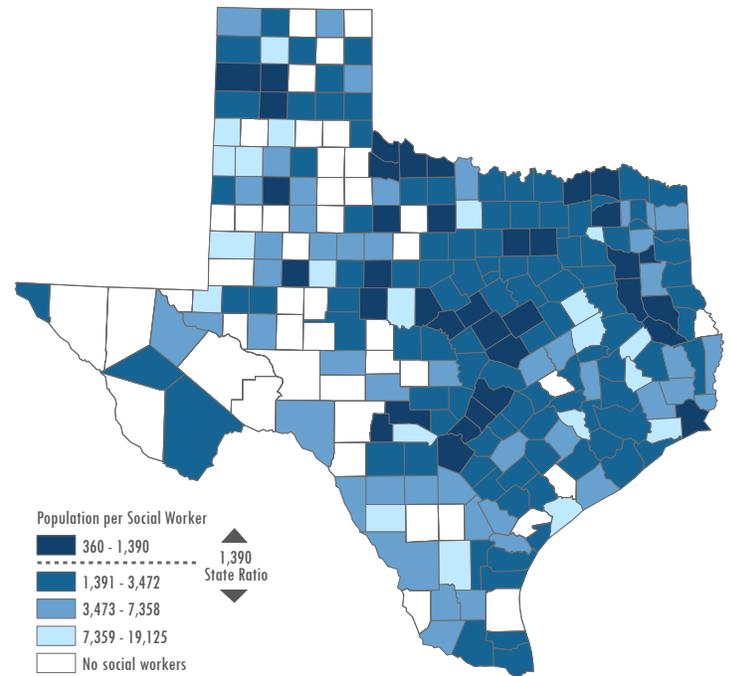
Ratio of Texas Population to SWs, by Geographic Designation

Social workers were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 172.2% difference between the number of social workers in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 173.8%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to social workers
Metropolitan	1,322
Non-metropolitan	2,309
Border	2,206
Non-border	1,333
Texas	1,390

Ratio of Texas Population to Social Workers, by County



Age Distribution of Social Workers

Age Group	Percentage	Total
≤25	2.3%	452
26-30	10.2%	1,989
31-35	11.8%	2,308
36-40	11.4%	2,219
41-45	11.7%	2,279
46-50	11.0%	2,140
51-55	9.7%	1,889
56-60	11.4%	2,222
61-65	10.7%	2,081
>65	10.0%	1,957
Total	100%	19,536

10.0% of the social worker workforce were currently eligible for retirement, and within ten years 32.0% of the current Texas social worker workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 35.7% of the social worker workforce was under 40 years of age.

