

Physical Therapist Assistant Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) in Texas. In 2020, there were 9,421 actively licensed PTAs in Texas.

- This number represented a 25.7% increase since 2015 and a 81.4% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the PTA workforce has improved by 35.5% over the past 10 years.

Despite these improvements, Texas had fewer PTAs per capita than the national average.

Figure 1. Total PTAs

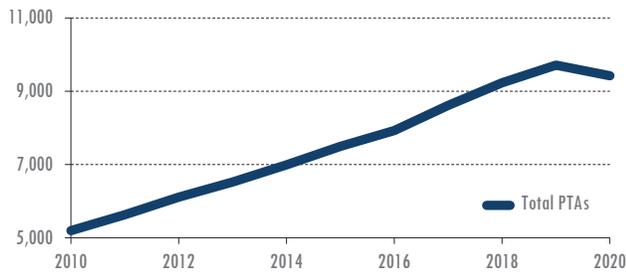
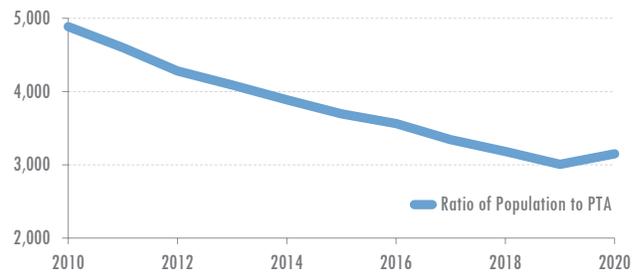


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to PTA



Geographic Distribution of Physical Therapist Assistants

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to PTA by County

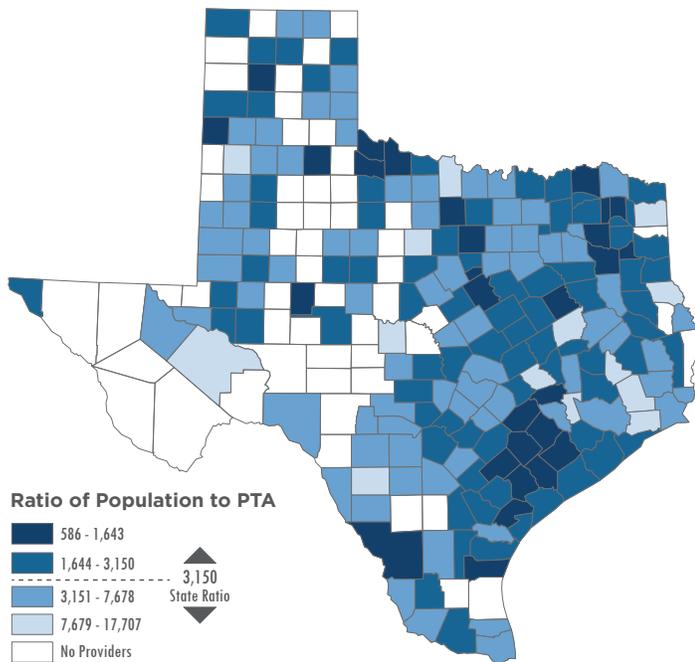


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to PTA by Geographic Designation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to PTA
Metropolitan	3,219
Non-metropolitan	2,663
Border	2,900
Non-border	3,179
Texas	3,150

PTAs were evenly distributed among border and non-border counties, but not evenly distributed throughout metropolitan and non-metropolitan counties.

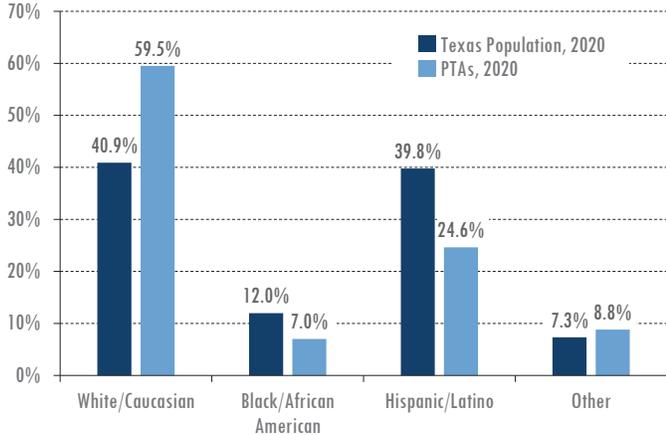
- Per capita, non-metropolitan counties had 1.2 times as many PTAs as metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, border counties had 1.1 times as many PTAs as non-border counties.

Demographics of Physical Therapist Assistants

Race/Ethnicity of PTAs

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino PTAs were underrepresented when compared to the Texas population.¹

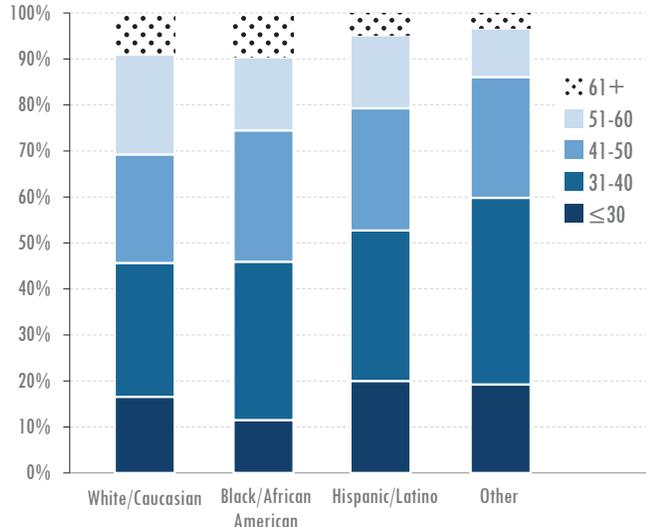
Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of Texas Population and PTAs



Age Distribution of PTAs by Race/Ethnicity

- 9.1% of white/Caucasian PTAs were 61 years of age or over, while 45.6% were aged 40 years or under.
- 28.5% of black/African American PTAs were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 45.9% were aged 40 years or under.
- 20.7% of Hispanic/Latino PTAs were 51 years of age or over, and 52.7% were aged 40 years or under.

Figure 5. Age Distribution of PTAs by Race/Ethnicity



Gender of PTAs

- In 2020, 67.1% of PTAs were female and 32.9% were male.²
- Among PTAs aged 40 years or under, 66.7% were female and 33.3% were male.

Age Distribution of PTAs by Gender

Within 10 years, 16.0% of the current Texas PTA workforce will be over the age of 65.³

- 2.5% of active PTAs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2020.
- Among PTAs over 55 years of age, males comprised 26.9% of the PTA workforce.

Table 2. Age Distribution of PTAs by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	1,098	526	1,624
31-35	979	529	1,508
36-40	975	470	1,445
41-45	760	421	1,181
46-50	746	418	1,164
51-55	662	325	987
56-60	580	210	790
61-65	362	120	482
>65	156	75	231
Total	6,318	3,094	9,412

¹ Race/ethnicity data were available for 9,420 of 9,421 PTAs.

² Gender data were available for 9,412 of 9,421 PTAs.

³ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.

