

Surgical Assistants Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of surgical assistants in Texas. In 2022, there were 589 actively licensed surgical assistants in Texas.

- This number represented a 26.9% increase since 2017 and a 59.6% increase since 2014 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one surgical assistant in 2014 was 73,610:1 and in 2022 it was 52,067:1. The ratio has decreased by 29.3% over the past 8 years (Figure 2).¹

Figure 1. Total Surgical Assistants in Texas

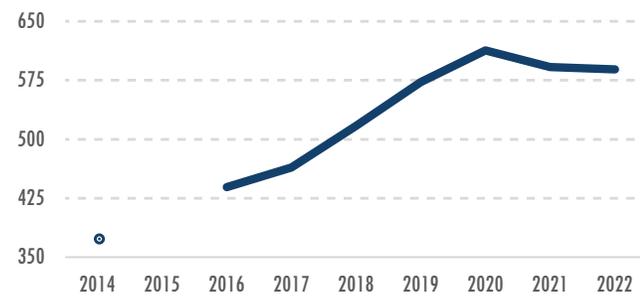
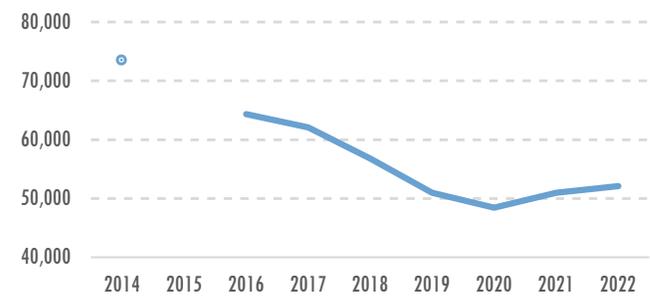


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to Surgical Assistant¹



Note: Data were not available for surgical assistants in 2015.

Geographic Distribution of Surgical Assistants

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Surgical Assistant by County¹

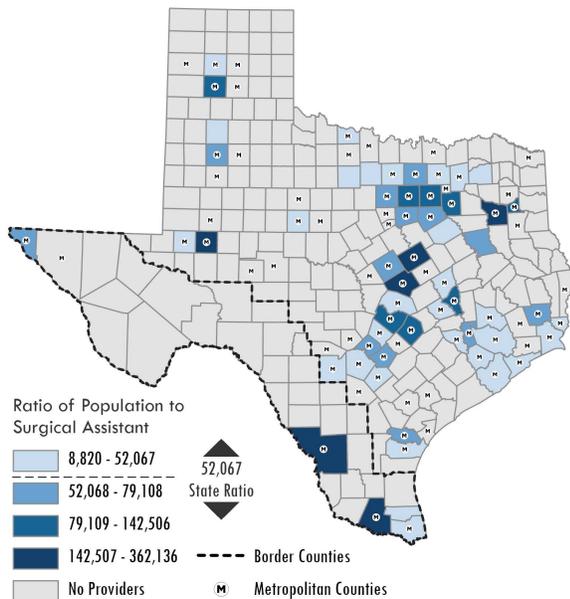


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Surgical Assistant by Geographic Designation¹

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Surgical Assistant
Metropolitan	47,376
Non-metropolitan	392,769
Border	84,802
Non-border	50,061
Texas	52,067

Surgical assistants were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- The ratio of the population to surgical assistant was higher in non-metropolitan counties than metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the population to surgical assistant was higher in border counties than non-border counties.
- 196 counties had no surgical assistants (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 Surgical Assistants

Age

Age data were available for 35.1% of active surgical assistants in 2022.

- Within 10 years, 38.2% of the current Texas surgical assistant workforce will be over 65 years of age.
- 11.6% of active surgical assistants in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.
- 15.5% of surgical assistants were 41-45 years of age (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Age Distribution of Surgical Assistants

