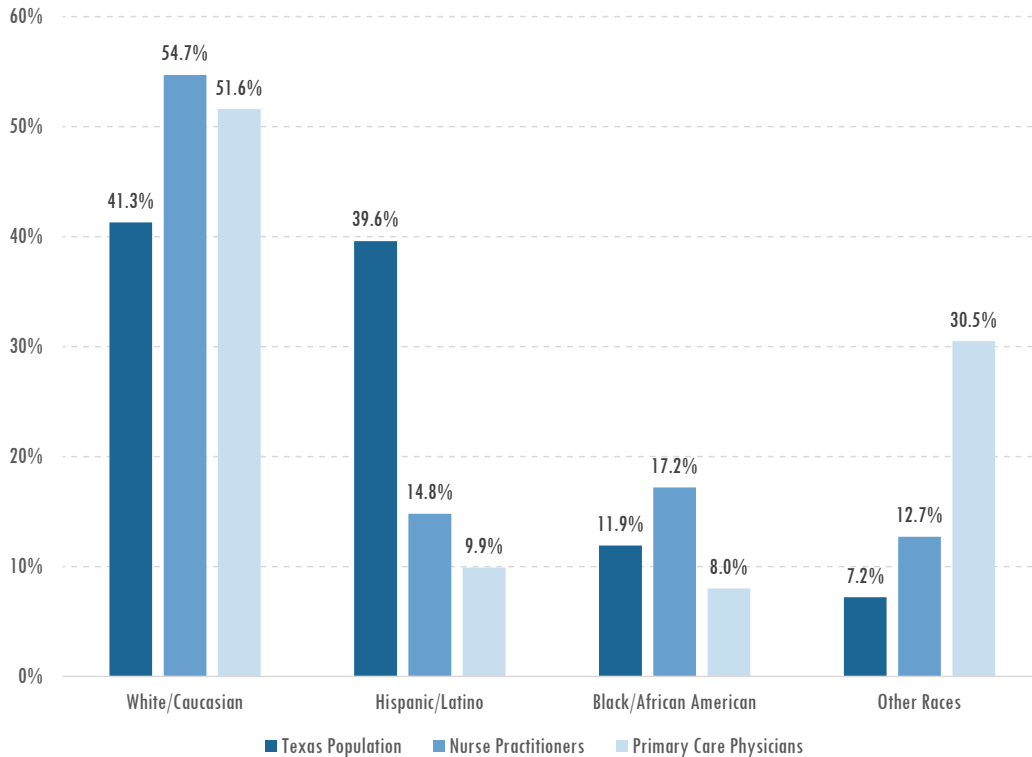


2019 NURSE PRACTITIONER,^{1,2} PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN,^{3,4} AND TEXAS POPULATION⁵ RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION



The race/ethnicity proportions among Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) does not align with race/ethnicity proportions of the 2019 Texas population.

- The largest discrepancy lies in the Hispanic/Latino category; while making up nearly 40% of the Texas population in 2019, only 10.0% of PCPs and 15.0% of NPs were Hispanic/Latino.
- White/Caucasian NPs and PCPs were overrepresented, with 13.4 and 10.3 percentage points, respectively, greater than the proportion in the Texas population in 2019.
- Within the 2019 Texas Population, Asian people made up 5% of the “Other Races” category. Asian PCPs were overrepresented, accounting for 23.6% of the “Other Races” category, and Asian NPs comprising 11.2%.
- The “Other Races” category includes American Indian or Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, which account for 0.5% of NPs, 2.15% of the 2019 Texas Population, and 0.4% of PCPs.
- Having a shared race and ethnicity between patients and providers has been shown to increase health outcomes,⁶ and patients of racial and ethnic minorities have been shown to prefer healthcare providers of the same race and ethnicity.⁷

¹Nurse Practitioners include those indicating a primary specialty in family medicine, general medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics & gynecology, or pediatrics.
²Texas Department of State Health Services, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS). Licensure data from Texas Board of Nursing as geocoded and processed by TCNWS, 2019. www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/tcnws
³Primary Care Physicians include physicians indicating a primary specialty in family medicine or practice, general practice, geriatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and/or gynecology, or pediatrics.
⁴Texas Department of State Health Services, Health Professions Resource Center (HPRC). Licensure data from Texas Medical Board as geocoded and processed by HPRC, 2019. www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hprc
⁵Texas population projections data for 2019 were generated January 17, 2022 with the Texas Demographic Center's 2019 Texas Population Projections Data Tool at demographics.texas.gov/Data/TPPP/Projections/Tool.
⁶Ferlizzi E, Connor E, Zelaya C, et al. Reported Importance and Access to Health Care Providers Who Understand or Share Cultural Characteristics With Their Patients Among Adults, by Race and Ethnicity. National Health Statistics Reports. 2019;130: 1-12.
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