

Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of hearing instrument fitters and dispensers (HIFDs) in Texas. In 2022, there were 711 actively licensed HIFDs in Texas.

- This number represented a 3.5% increase since 2017 and a 1.7% decrease since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one HIFD in 2012 was 36,164:1 and in 2022 it was 43,133:1. The ratio has increased by 19.3% over the past 10 years (Figure 2).¹

Figure 1. Total HIFDs in Texas

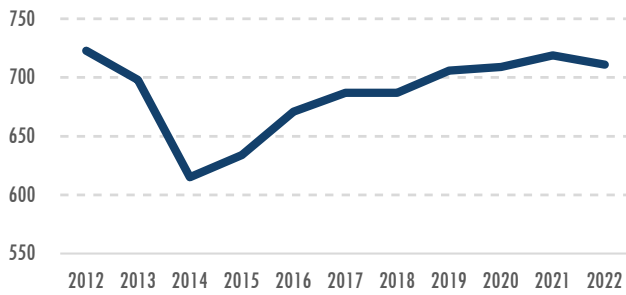
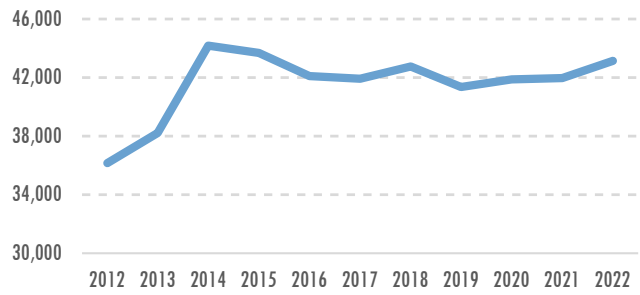


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to HIFD¹



Geographic Distribution of Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to HIFD by County¹

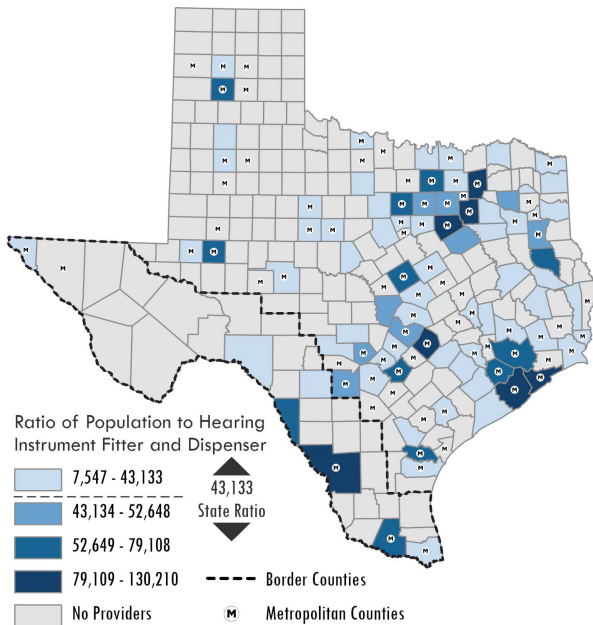


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to HIFD by Geographic Designation¹

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to HIFD
Metropolitan	42,347:1
Non-metropolitan	51,511:1
Border	50,584:1
Non-border	42,483:1
Texas	43,133:1

HIFDs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- The ratio of the population to HIFD was higher in non-metropolitan counties than metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the population to HIFD was higher in border counties than non-border counties.
- 168 counties had no HIFDs (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 Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers

Age

Within 10 years, 33.3% of the current Texas HIFD workforce will be over 65 years of age.

- Age data were available for 100% of licensed HIFDs in 2022.
- 11.8% of active HIFDs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.

Gender

- In 2022, gender data was available for 33.5% of licensed HIFDs in Texas. 39.1% of HIFDs were female and 60.9% were male.
- In 2012, 59.5% of active HIFDs provided their gender. 41.9% were female and 58.1% were male.

Age Distribution by Gender

- Among HIFDs over 55 years of age, males comprised 66.9% of the workforce.
- Among HIFDs aged 40 years or under in 2022, 45.5% were female and 54.5% were male.

Table 2. Age Distribution of HIFDs by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	0	1	1
31-35	2	1	3
36-40	8	10	18
41-45	7	10	17
46-50	14	11	25
51-55	16	19	35
56-60	12	20	32
61-65	16	32	48
>65	18	41	59
Total	93	145	238

