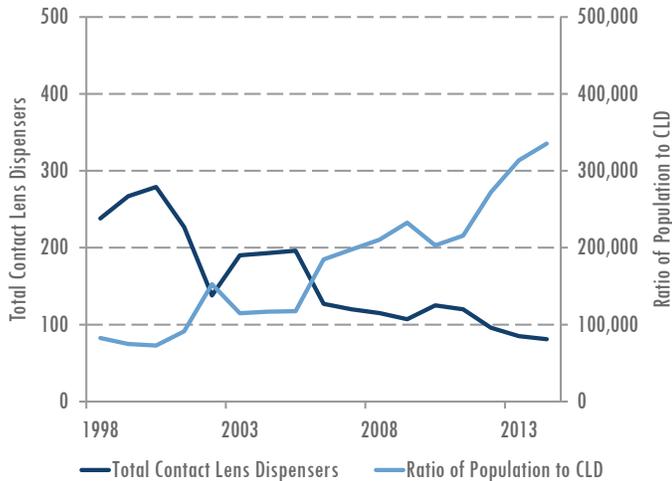




Contact Lens Dispensers

2014

CLD Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 81 actively registered contact lens dispensers (CLD) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 24.3% decrease since 2009 and a 58.0% decrease since 2004.

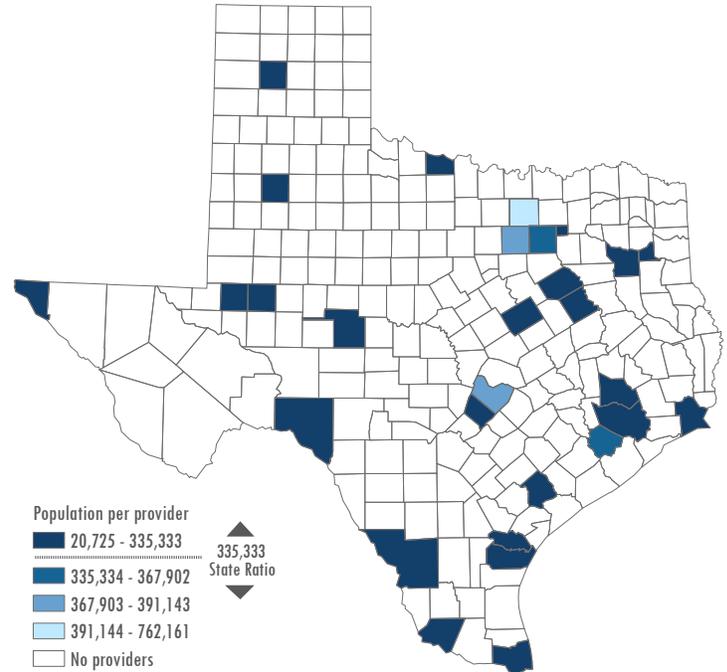
Age Distribution of CLDs

Age Group	#CLD	%CLD
≤25	1	1.2%
26-30	2	2.5%
31-35	5	6.2%
36-40	10	12.3%
41-45	9	11.1%
46-50	10	12.3%
51-55	11	13.6%
56-60	12	14.8%
61-65	12	14.8%
>65	9	11.1%
Total	81	100%

Within ten years, 40.7% of CLDs will be at or approaching retirement age.

- In 2014, 17.4% were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 79.7% of CLDs were 40 years of age or younger in 2014.

Ratio of Texas Population to CLD, by County



Geographic Distribution of CLDs

CLDs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was an 86.1% difference between the number of CLDs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 57.1%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to CLD
Metropolitan	312,043
Non-metropolitan	783,664
Border	201,843
Non-border	363,226
Texas	335,333

