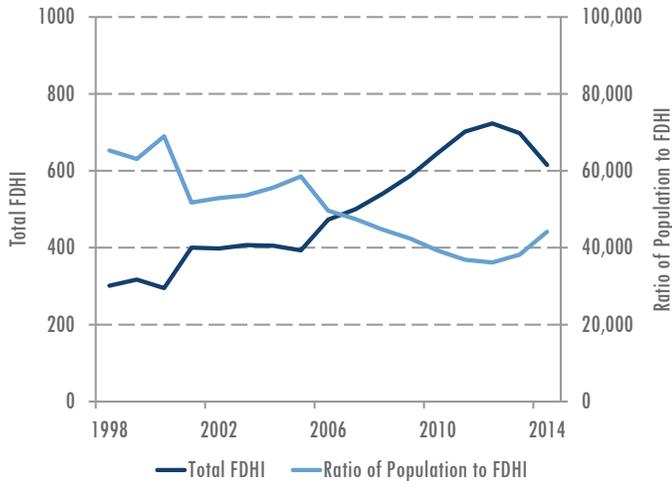




FDHI Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 615 actively licensed Fitters & Dispensers of Hearing Instruments (FDHI) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 4.8% increase since 2009 and a 51.9% increase since 2004.

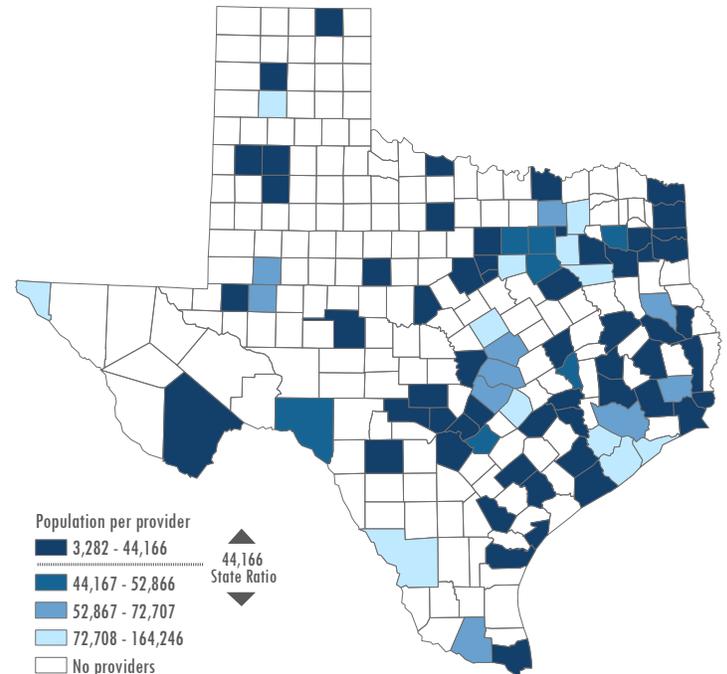
Age Distribution of FDHIs

Age Group	#FDHI	%FDHI
≤25	20	3.3%
26-30	48	7.8%
31-35	63	10.2%
36-40	63	10.2%
41-45	70	11.4%
46-50	58	9.4%
51-55	78	12.7%
56-60	77	12.5%
61-65	62	10.1%
>65	76	12.4%
Total	615	100%

Within ten years, 35.0% of FDHIs will be at or approaching retirement age.

- In 2014, 33.5% of FDHIs were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 31.5% of FDHIs were 40 years of age or younger in 2014.

Ratio of Texas Population to FDHI, by County



Geographic Distribution of FDHIs

FDHIs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 3.2% difference between the number of FDHIs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 24.9%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to FDHI
Metropolitan	44,331
Non-metropolitan	42,941
Border	55,408
Non-border	43,149
Texas	44,166

