# Trends, Distribution, and Demographics

## **Medication Aides**





#### **MA Growth Trends** 12,000 10,000 3,000 2,400 Total MAs 4,000 2 000 2017 -Total MAs -Ratio of Population to MA

In 2019, there were 9,905 actively licensed medication aides (MAs) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 1.1% decrease since 2014 and a 2.4% decrease since 2009.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the MA workforce has declined by 20.2% over the past 10 years.

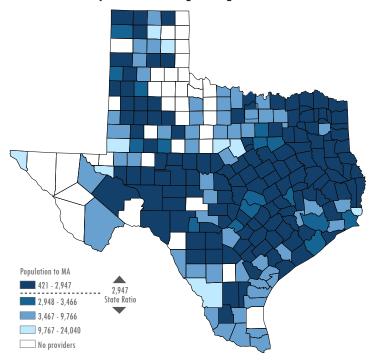
### Age Distribution of MAs

Age Group	Number	Percent
≤30	1,444	14.6%
31-35	1,320	13.3%
36-40	1,291	13.0%
41-45	1,424	14.4%
46-50	1,308	13.2%
51-55	1,218	12.3%
56-60	929	9.4%
61-65	607	6.1%
>65	364	3.7%
Total	9,905	100.0%

Within 10 years, 31.5% of the current Texas MA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 3.7% of active MAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2019.
- 15.5% were between the ages of 56 and 65.

#### Ratio of Texas Population to MA by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to MA
Metropolitan	3,290
Non-metropolitan	1,572
Border	5,748
Non-border	2,802
Texas	2,947

MAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 70.7% difference between the number of MAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas, the percent difference was 68.9%.