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Orthoistand Prosthetist Growth Tends


In 2019, there were 446 actively licensed orthotists and prosthetists providing care in Texas.

■ This number represented a $1.1 \%$ increase since 2014 and a $19.9 \%$ increase since 2009.

- Relative to population growth, the size of the orthotist and prosthetist workforce has improved by $2.1 \%$ over the past 10 years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer orthotists and prosthetists than the national average.

Age Distribution of Orthotists and Prosthetists

| Age Group | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\leq 30$ | 44 | $9.9 \%$ |
| $31-35$ | 49 | $11.0 \%$ |
| $36-40$ | 48 | $10.8 \%$ |
| $41-45$ | 42 | $9.4 \%$ |
| $46-50$ | 66 | $14.8 \%$ |
| $51-55$ | 63 | $14.1 \%$ |
| $56-60$ | 59 | $13.2 \%$ |
| $61-65$ | 31 | $7.0 \%$ |
| $>65$ | 44 | $9.9 \%$ |
| Total | 446 | $100.0 \%$ |

Within 10 years, $44.2 \%$ of the current Texas orthotist and prosthetist workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- $9.9 \%$ of active orthotists and prosthetists in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2019.
- $20.2 \%$ were between the ages of 56 and 65 .

Ratio of Texas Population toorthotist and Prostheiststy County


| Geographic Designation | Ratio of Population to Orthotist and <br> Prosthetist |
| :--- | :---: |
| Metropolitan | 60,952 |
| Non-metropolitan | 172,549 |
| Border | 134,122 |
| Non-border | 62,063 |
| Texas | $\mathbf{6 5 , 4 5 6}$ |

Orthotists and prosthetists were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

■ There was a $95.6 \%$ difference between the number of orthotists and prosthetists in metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
■ Between border and non-border areas, the percent difference was $73.5 \%$.

