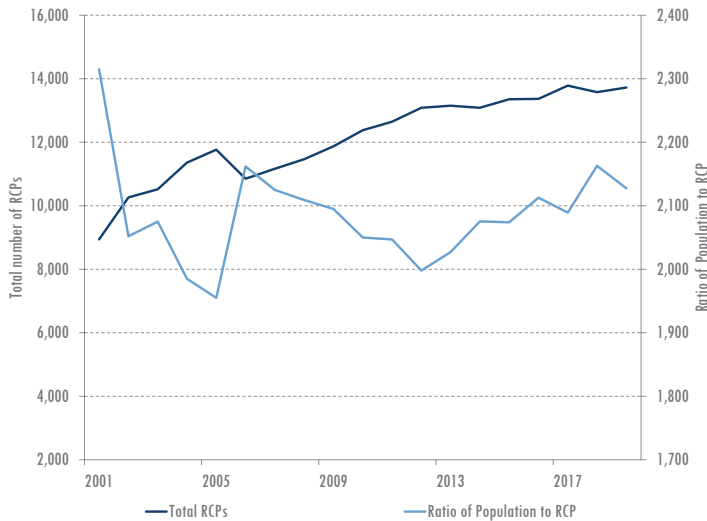




Respiratory Care Practitioners

2019

RCP Growth Trends



In 2019, there were 13,723 actively licensed respiratory care practitioners (RCPs) in Texas.

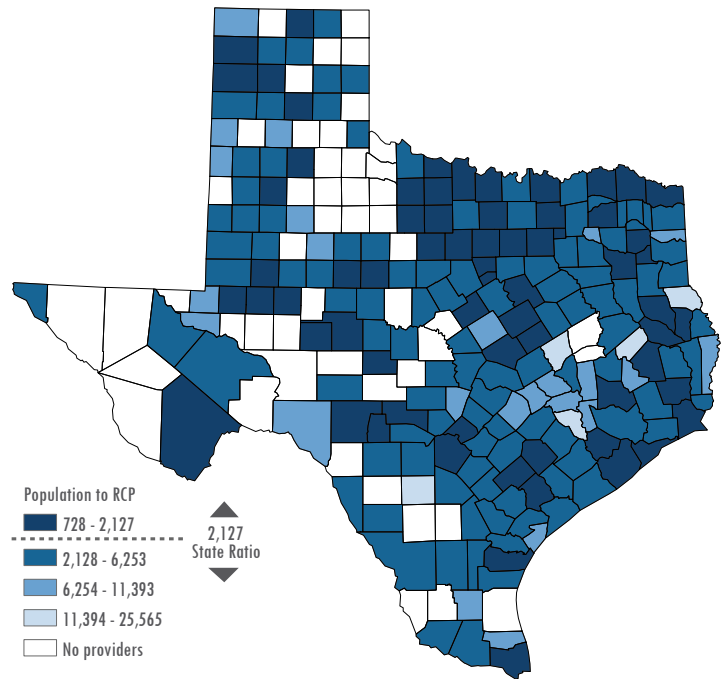
- This number represented a 4.9% increase since 2014 and a 15.6% increase since 2009.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the RCP workforce has declined by 1.5% over the past 10 years.

Age Distribution of RCPs

Age Group	Frequency	Percent
≤25	367	2.7
26-30	1,292	9.4
31-35	1,695	12.4
36-40	1,945	14.2
41-45	1,755	12.8
46-50	1,915	14.0
51-55	1,578	11.5
56-60	1,494	10.9
61-65	1,109	8.1
>65	573	4.2
Total	13,723	100.0

- 38.2% were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 38.6% of RCPs were 40 years of age or younger in 2019.
- Within 10 years, 23.1% of RCPs will be eligible for retirement.

Ratio of Texas Population to RCP by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to RCP
Metropolitan	2,057
Non-metropolitan	2,989
Border	2,551
Non-border	2,090
Texas	2,127

RCPs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 36.9% difference between the number of RCPs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas, the difference was 19.9%.

