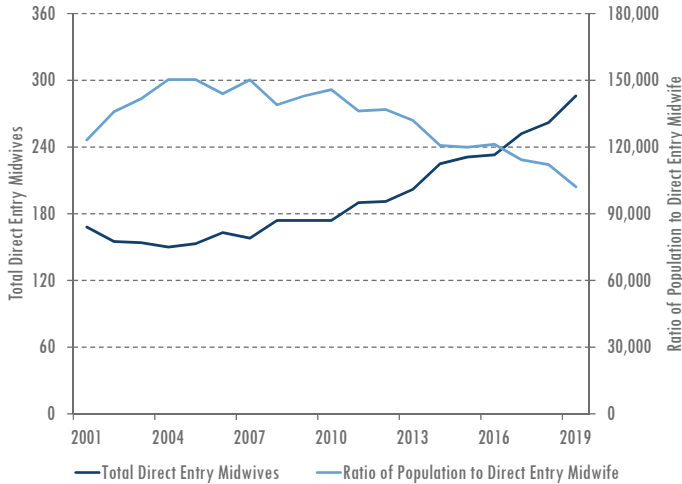




Direct Entry Midwives

2019

Direct Entry Midwife Growth Trends



In 2019, there were 286 actively licensed direct entry midwives providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 27.1% increase since 2014 and a 64.4% increase since 2009.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the direct entry midwife workforce has improved by 28.6% over the past 10 years.

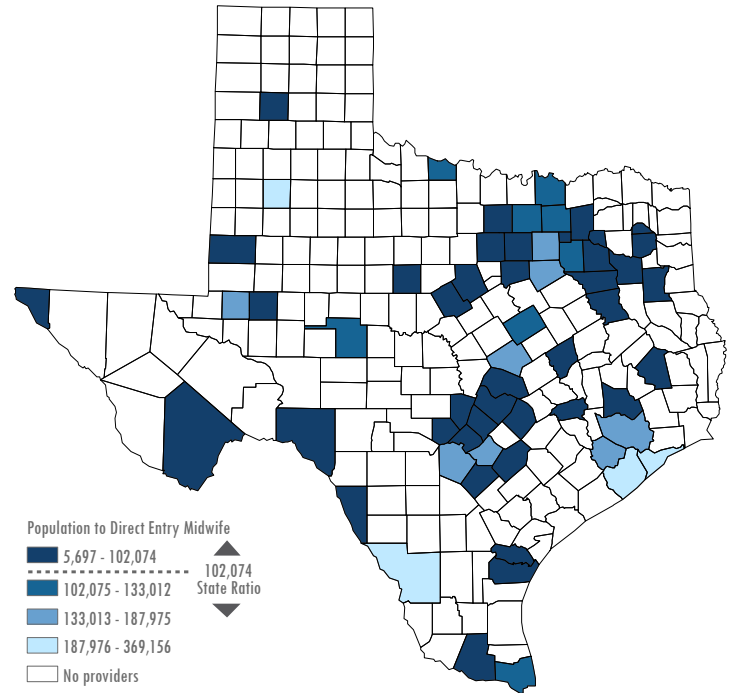
Age Distribution of Direct Entry Midwives

Age Group	Number	Percent
≤30	35	12.2%
31-35	42	14.7%
36-40	43	15.0%
41-45	41	14.3%
46-50	35	12.2%
51-55	25	8.7%
56-60	24	8.4%
61-65	22	7.7%
>65	19	6.6%
Total	286	100.0%

Within 10 years, 22.7% of the current Texas direct entry midwife workforce will be eligible for retirement.

- 6.6% of active direct entry midwives in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2019.
- 42.0% were 40 years of age or younger.

Ratio of Texas Population to Direct Entry Midwife by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Direct Entry Midwife
Metropolitan	97,341
Non-metropolitan	172,549
Border	64,013
Non-border	108,995
Texas	102,074

Direct entry midwives were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 55.7% difference between the number of direct entry midwives in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas, the percent difference was 52.0%.

