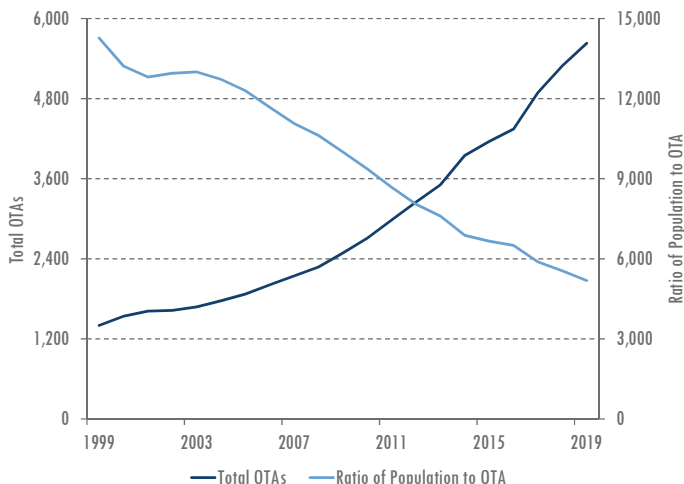




Occupational Therapy Assistants

2019

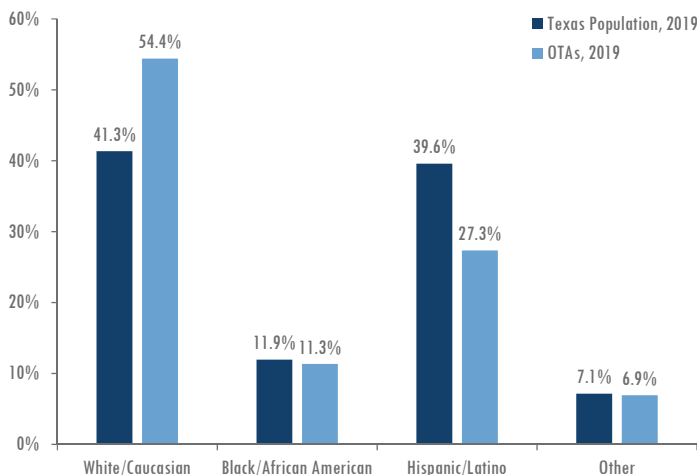
OTA Growth Trends



In 2019, there were 5,631 actively licensed occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 42.6% increase since 2014 and a 126.5% increase since 2009.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the OTA workforce has improved by 48.2% over the past 10 years.
- Texas had more OTAs than the national average.

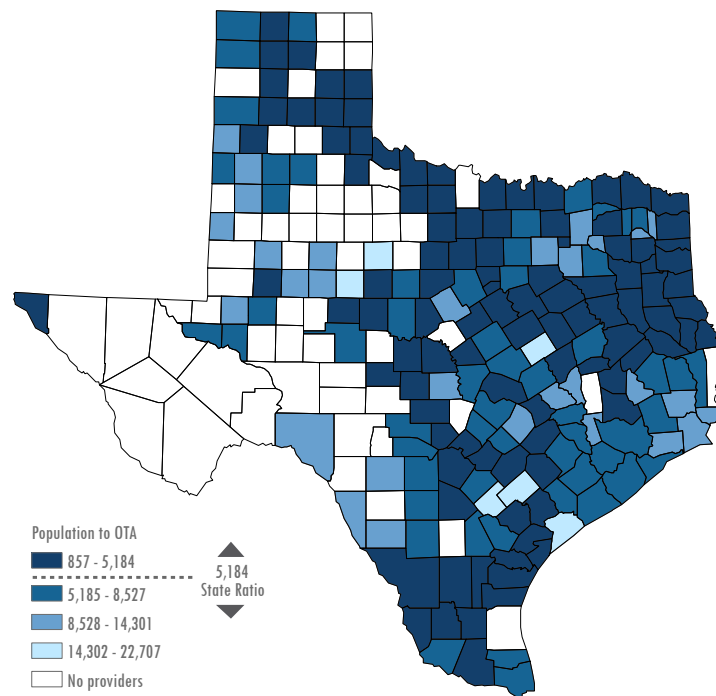
Race/Ethnicity of OTAs



The racial/ethnic distribution of Texas OTAs differed from that of the Texas population.¹

¹ Race/ethnicity data were available for 5,625 of the state's 5,631 OTAs.

Ratio of Texas Population to OTA by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to OTA
Metropolitan	5,346
Non-metropolitan	4,136
Border	3,874
Non-border	5,379
Texas	5,184

OTAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 25.5% difference between the number of OTAs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas, the percent difference was 32.5%.

Gender of OTAs

- In 2019, 82.9% of OTAs were female and 17.1% were male.
- In 2009, 84.5% were female and 15.5% were male.
- Among OTAs aged 40 years or younger in 2019, 83.7% were female and 16.3% were male.



Age Distribution of OTAs by Gender

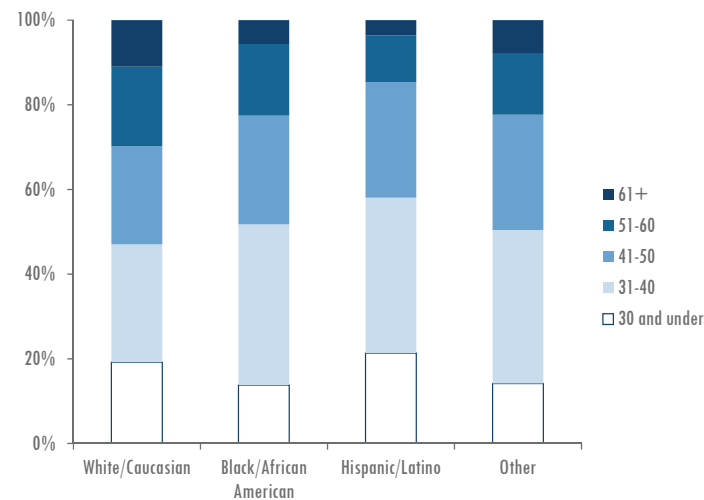
Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	916	138	1,054
31-35	763	172	935
36-40	710	154	864
41-45	586	136	722
46-50	552	123	675
51-55	414	93	507
56-60	343	63	406
61-65	237	46	283
>65	141	36	177
Total	4,662	961	5,623²

Within 10 years, 24.4% of the current Texas OTA workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 3.1% of active OTAs in Texas were older than 65 years of age in 2019.
- 50.7% were 40 years of age or younger.
- Among OTAs over 55 years of age, females comprised 83.3% of the OTA workforce.

² Gender data were available for 5,623 of the state's 5,631 OTAs.

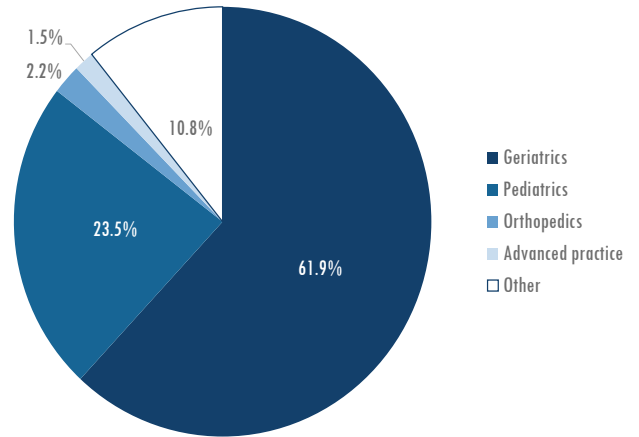
Age Distribution of OTAs by Race/Ethnicity



- Among white/Caucasian OTAs, 47.0% were aged 40 years or younger. Another 23.1% were between 41 and 50 years of age.
- 51.7% of blacks/African Americans were aged 40 years or younger, while 5.6% were 61 years of age or older.
- 58.1% of Hispanics/Latinos were aged 40 years or younger, while 3.6% were 61 years of age or older.

Employment Characteristics of OTAs

Primary Practice Specialty³



³ Primary practice specialty data were available for 3,751 of the state's 5,631 OTAs.

Primary Practice Setting

Setting	Number of OTAs
Inpatient facility	1,971
Home health	873
Rehabilitation facility	390
Outpatient facility	382
School	275
Hospital	267
Early childhood setting	35
Mental health facility	28
College or university research institution	14
Hospice	2
Industrial or workplace environment	2
Community outreach facility	1
Other	61
Total	4,301⁴

⁴ Primary practice setting data were available for 4,301 of the state's 5,631 OTAs.