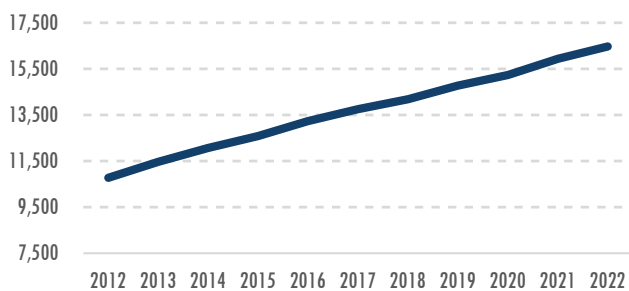


## Speech-Language Pathologists Growth Trends

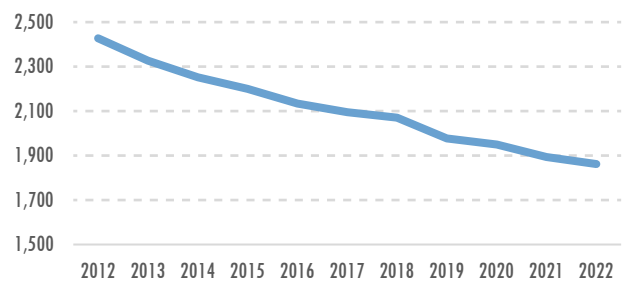
This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in Texas. In 2022, there were 16,473 actively licensed SLPs in Texas.

- This number represented a 19.9% increase since 2017 and a 52.9% increase since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of Texas population per one SLP in 2012 was 2,427:1 and in 2022 it was 1,862:1. This ratio has decreased 23.3% over the past 10 years (Figure 2).<sup>1</sup>

**Figure 1. Total Speech-Language Pathologists**

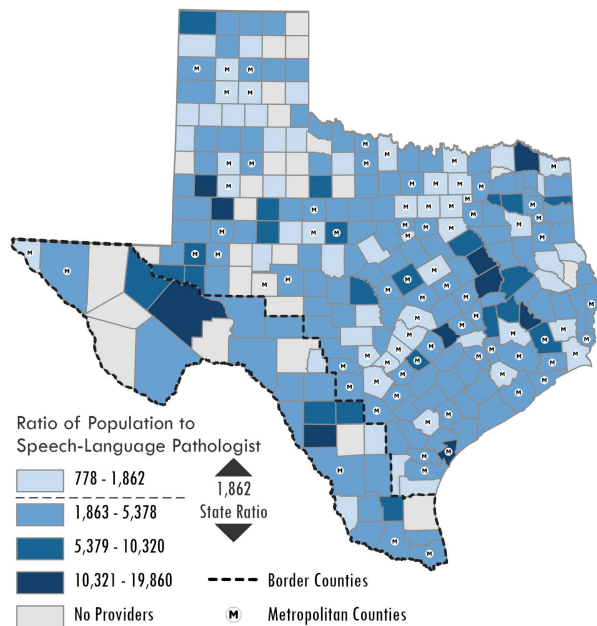


**Figure 2. Ratio of Population to Speech-Language Pathologist<sup>1</sup>**



## Geographic Distribution of Speech-Language Pathologists

**Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to SLP by County<sup>1</sup>**



**Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to SLP by Geographic Designation<sup>1</sup>**

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to SLP
Metropolitan	1,711:1
Non-metropolitan	4,034:1
Border	1,630:1
Non-border	1,883:1
Texas	1,862:1

- The ratio of population to SLP in non-border and metropolitan counties were similar to the state ratio.
- The ratio of population to SLP in metro counties was lower than in non-metro counties; while in non-border counties it was higher than in border counties and similar to the state ratio.
- 28 Texas counties had no speech-language pathologists in 2022 (Figure 3).

<sup>1</sup> Population numbers are sourced from the Texas Demographic Center (previously the Texas State Data Center). The center regularly updates the demographic projections. Therefore, population numbers for a particular year may differ depending on the date the data was retrieved.

# Demographics of Speech-Language Pathologists

## Gender

- In 2022, gender data was available for 5,587 of 16,473 (33.9%) SLPs. 97.1% of SLPs were female and 2.9% were male.
- In 2012, gender data was available for 9,029 of 13,911 SLPs (64.9%). 96.6% were female and 3.4% were male.

## Age Distribution by Gender

Within 10 years, 14.9% of the current Texas SLP workforce will be over 65 years of age.

- 5.5% of active SLPs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.
- Among SLPs over 55 years of age, males comprised 2.4% of the SLP workforce.
- Among SLPs aged 40 years or under in 2022, 97.9% were female and 2.1% were male.

Table 2. Age Distribution of SLPs by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	11	0	11
31-35	236	6	242
36-40	1,292	27	1,319
41-45	1,045	38	1,083
46-50	845	32	877
51-55	634	24	658
56-60	419	11	430
61-65	424	10	434
>65	521	12	533
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,427</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,587</b>

