

Oregon's Physical Therapy Workforce

Based on data collected during 2015 and 2016


These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state's physical therapy workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board.

The board's purpose is public protection and to establish professional standards of practice which assure that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are properly educated, hold valid/current licenses, practice within their scope of practice and continue to receive ongoing training throughout their careers.

Physical therapy practice is governed by state statutes and rules, which define the scope of practice. The board issues licenses, promulgates rules, monitors continuing competency, investigates complaints, issues civil penalties for violations and may revoke, suspend or impose probation on a licensee or limit his/her practice.

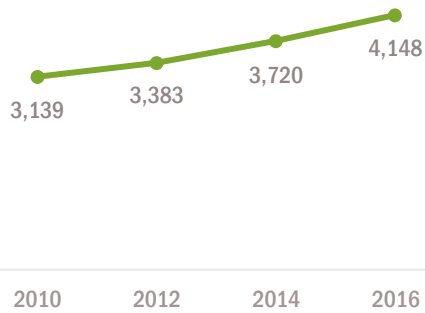
Workforce data were collected for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

If you would like more information about the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board, please visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/PTBrd>

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Physical Therapists (PT)

PTS LICENSED IN OREGON



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PTS WORKING IN OREGON:

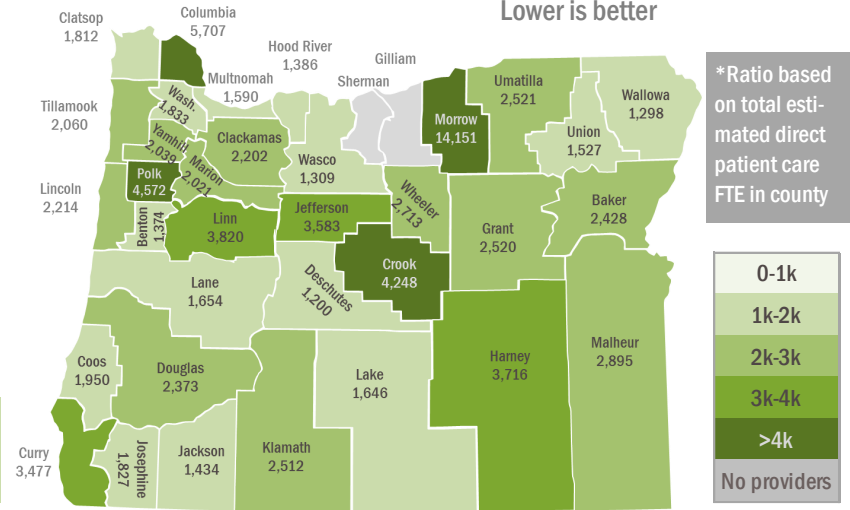
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ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

2,206

ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO*

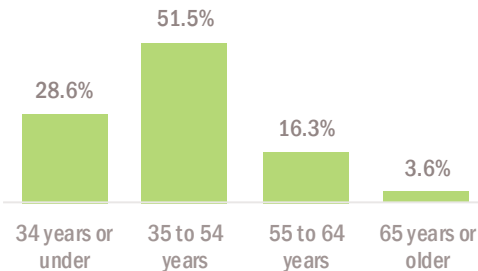
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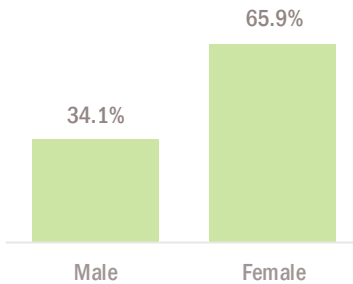
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WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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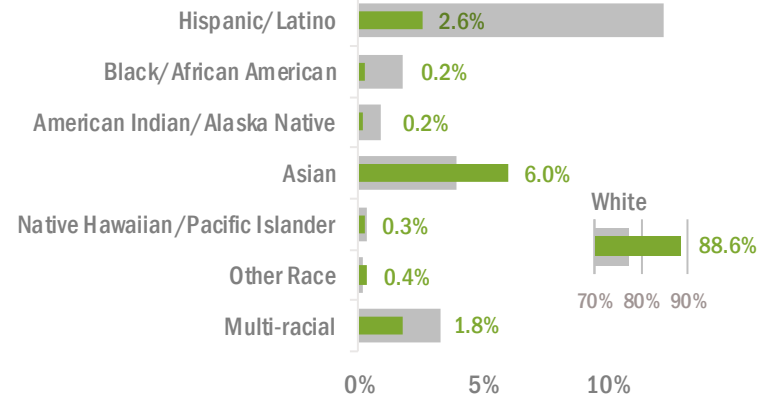


GENDER



RACE & ETHNICITY

WORKFORCE VS POPULATION*



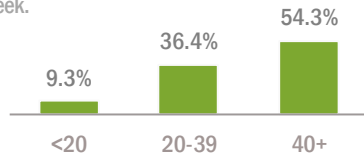
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Physical Therapists (PT)

WORKFORCE SUPPLY

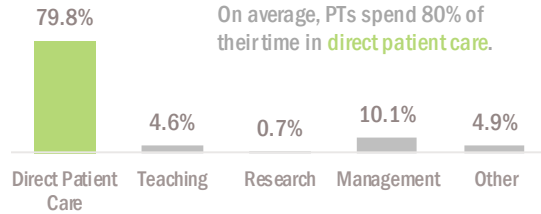
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK

54% of PTs work at least 40 hours each week.

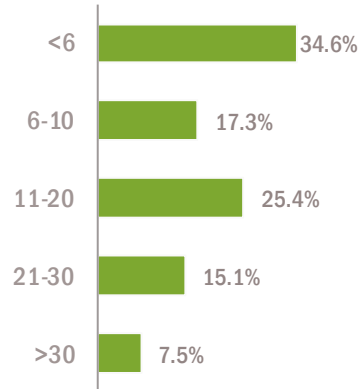


HOW PTS SPEND THEIR TIME

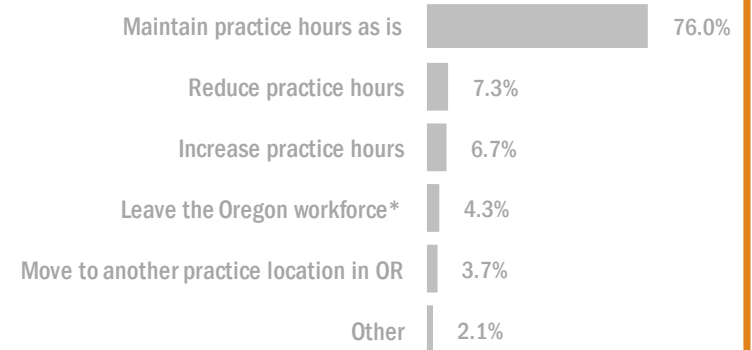
On average, PTs spend 80% of their time in **direct patient care**.



NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED



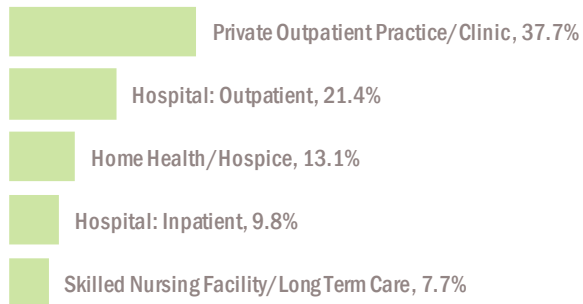
PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS



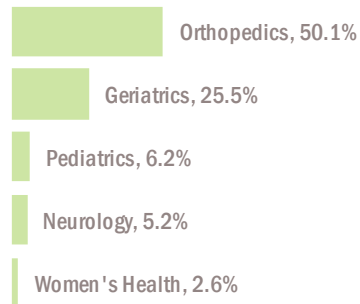
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PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES

TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS

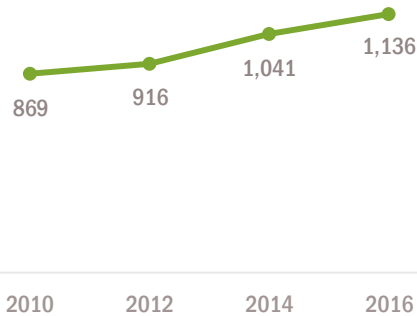


TOP 5 SPECIALTIES



Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA)

PTAS LICENSED IN OREGON



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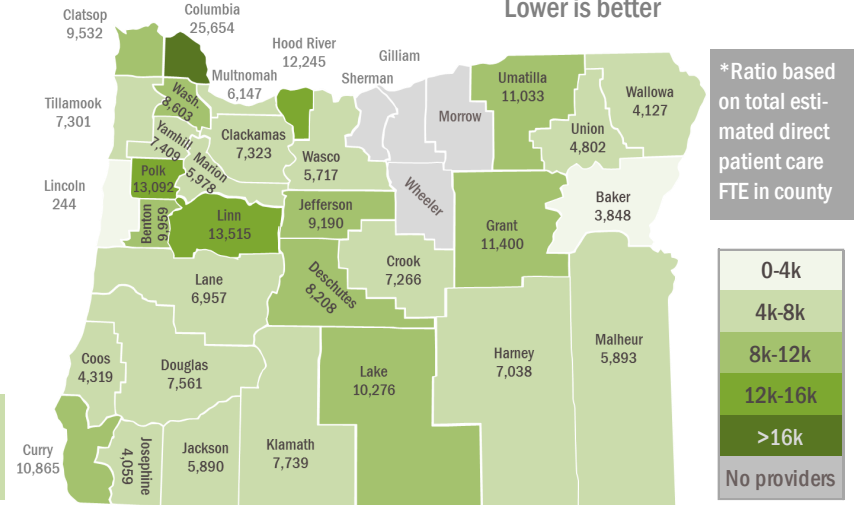
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ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

569

ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO *

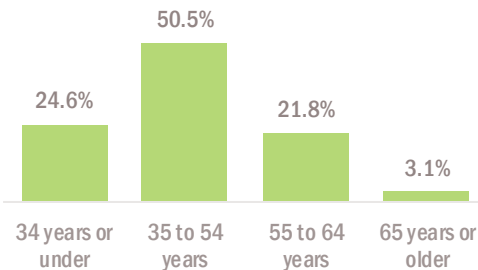
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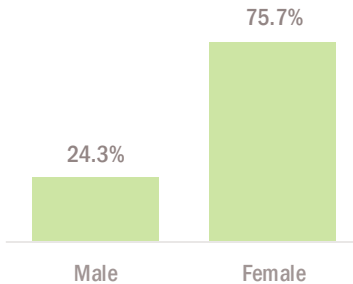
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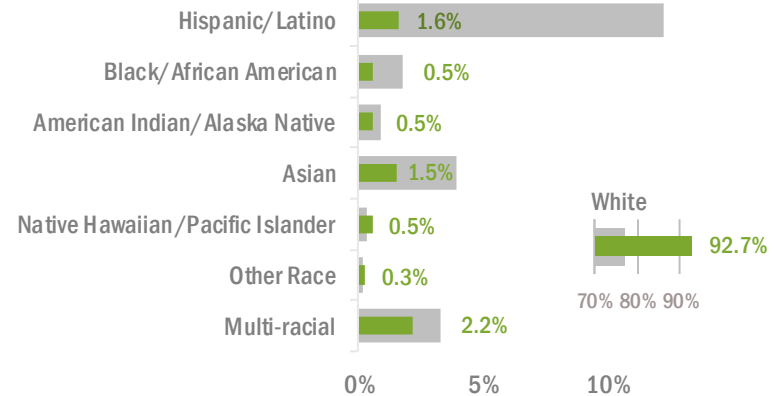


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WORKFORCE VS POPULATION*

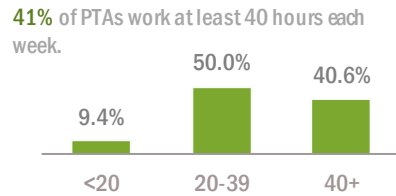


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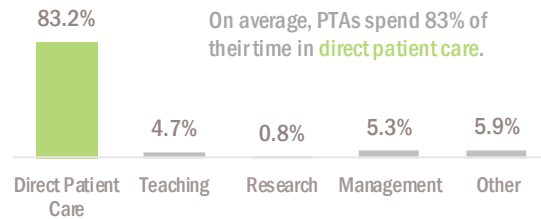
Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA)

WORKFORCE SUPPLY

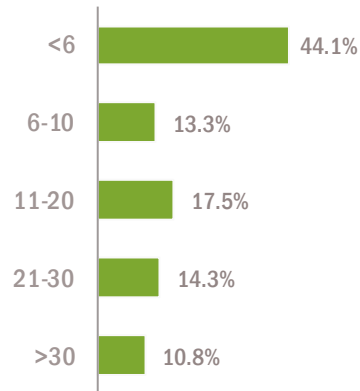
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK



HOW PTAS SPEND THEIR TIME



NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED



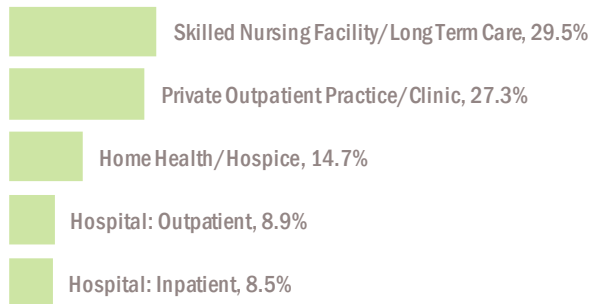
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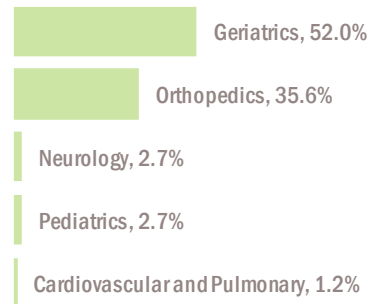
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Appendix A: Estimated count, FTE in direct patient care, and population-to-provider FTE ratio by county

County	Population	PT			PTA		
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio
BAKER	16,510	9	6.8	2,428	6	4.3	3,848
BENTON	91,320	92	66.5	1,374	12	9.2	9,959
CLACKAMAS	404,980	260	183.9	2,202	80	55.3	7,323
CLATSOP	38,225	31	21.1	1,812	6	4.0	9,532
COLUMBIA	50,795	10	8.9	5,707	3	2.0	25,654
COOS	63,190	40	32.4	1,950	19	14.6	4,319
CROOK	21,580	6	5.1	4,248	4	3.0	7,266
CURRY	22,600	9	6.5	3,477	4	2.1	10,865
DESCHUTES	176,635	227	147.2	1,200	34	21.5	8,208
DOUGLAS	110,395	59	46.5	2,373	22	14.6	7,561
GILLIAM	1,980	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
GRANT	7,410	4	2.9	2,520	1	0.7	11,400
HARNEY	7,320	2	2.0	3,716	1	1.0	7,038
HOOD RIVER	24,735	32	17.9	1,386	4	2.0	12,245
JACKSON	213,765	215	149.1	1,434	50	36.3	5,890
JEFFERSON	22,790	7	6.4	3,583	3	2.5	9,190
JOSEPHINE	84,675	58	46.4	1,827	31	20.9	4,059
KLAMATH	67,410	35	26.8	2,512	11	8.7	7,739
LAKE	8,015	7	4.9	1,646	1	0.8	10,276
LANE	365,940	326	221.3	1,654	89	52.6	6,957
LINCOLN	47,735	29	21.6	2,214	4	3.1	244
LINN	122,315	46	32.0	3,820	16	9.1	13,515
MALHEUR	31,705	16	11.0	2,895	7	5.4	5,893
MARION	333,950	228	165.3	2,021	78	55.9	5,978
MORROW	11,745	1	0.8	14,151	0	0.0	-
MULTNOMAH	790,670	771	497.4	1,590	192	128.6	6,147
POLK	79,730	24	17.4	4,572	9	6.1	13,092
SHERMAN	1,795	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	25,920	15	12.6	2,060	4	3.6	7,301
UMATILLA	79,880	44	31.7	2,521	9	7.2	11,033
UNION	26,745	23	17.5	1,527	7	5.6	4,802
WALLOWA	7,140	6	5.5	1,298	2	1.7	4,127
WASCO	26,700	34	20.4	1,309	7	4.7	5,717
WASHINGTON	583,595	487	318.4	1,833	99	67.8	8,603
WHEELER	1,465	1	0.5	2,713	0	0.0	-
YAMHILL	104,990	78	51.5	2,039	21	14.2	7,409
STATEWIDE	4,076,350	3,234	2,206	1,848	840	569	7,166

Note: Circles indicate whether county has no providers (red) or is above (yellow) or below (green) the statewide ratio by 50%.

Population-to-provider ratios are based on the estimated patient care FTE in the county. Values greater than the county population are due to less than 1.0 FTE in county.

About these fact sheets:

The Health Care Workforce Reporting Program (HWRP) collects workforce-related information directly from health care professionals via a questionnaire embedded in the license renewal process. Data reported in this fact sheet were collected during a two-year period (2015-2016).

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For more information about methodology and results, visit:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/analytics/Pages/Health-Care-Workforce-Reporting.aspx>

Sources:

- 2016 State and county population estimates come from Portland State University Population Research Center (<https://www.pdx.edu/prc/population-reports-estimates>)
- Statewide race & ethnicity data comes from five-year ACS estimates (data collected over 60-month period, 2011–2015)

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