

# Oregon's Naturopathic Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

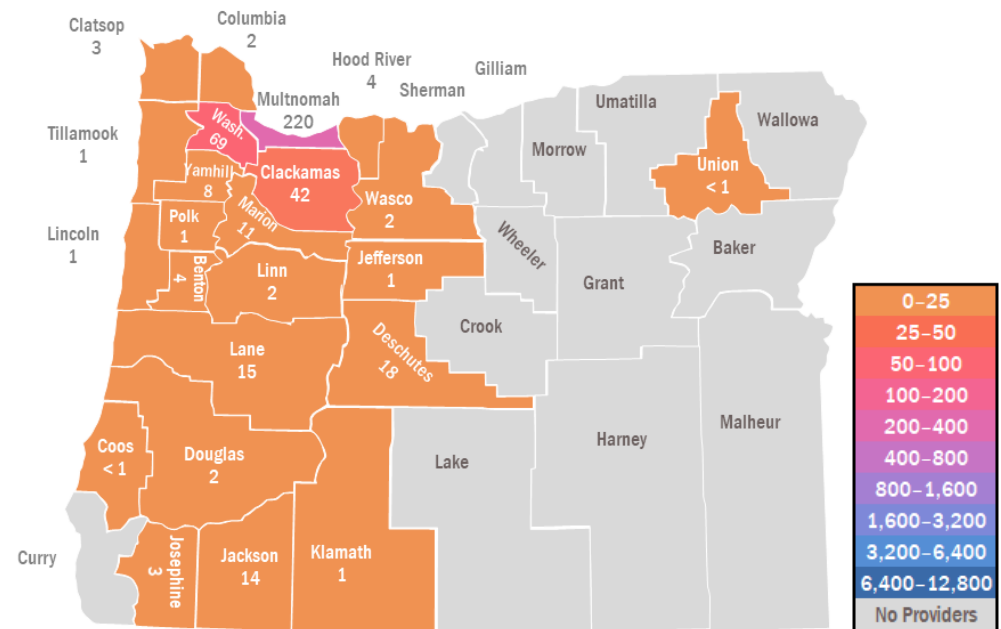
This fact sheet provides a snapshot of the state's naturopathic medicine workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

The mission of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is to regulate, through the Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules, the practices of naturopathic medicine in order to ensure protection of the public. We promote excellence in the practice of naturopathic medicine by assuring quality education, regulating naturopathic practices, and fostering ongoing public outreach. In this manner, the Board cultivates public trust and safety by ensuring the State of Oregon is served by naturopathic professionals providing the highest standards of care.

Naturopathic medicine is a unique and distinct system of health care that emphasizes the use of prevention and natural therapeutics. The doctors who practice naturopathic medicine, called naturopathic physicians, are trained to serve as primary care general practitioners who are experts in the prevention, diagnosis, management, and treatment of both acute and chronic health conditions.

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## Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes naturopathic physicians)



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# Naturopathic physicians (ND)

## Oregon's ND supply

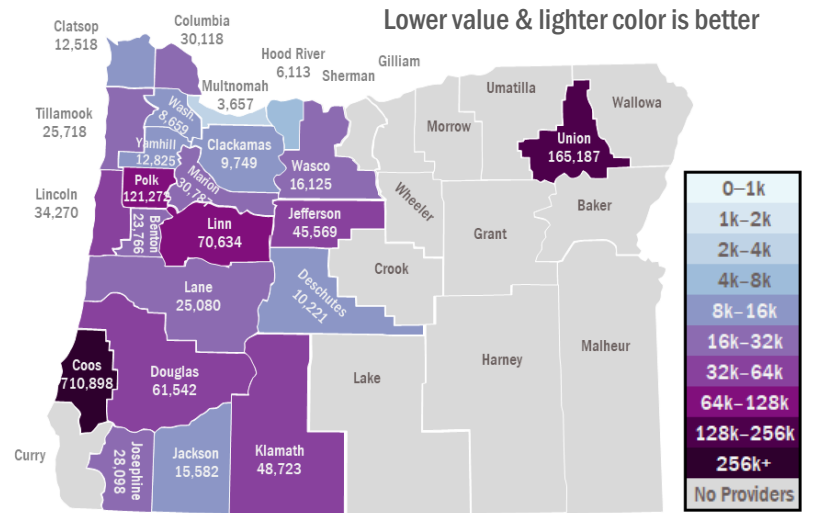


**1,030**  
Licensed NDs

**861**  
Estimated working NDs

**423**  
Estimated ND direct patient care FTE

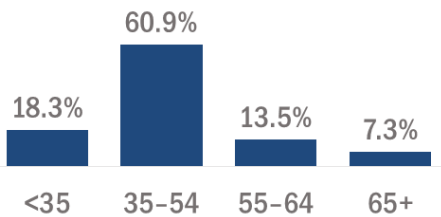
## Estimated population-to-provider ratio\*



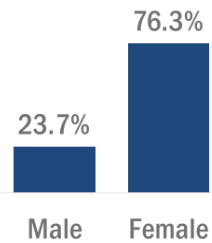
All subsequent data presented are from NDs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=846).

## Workforce demographics

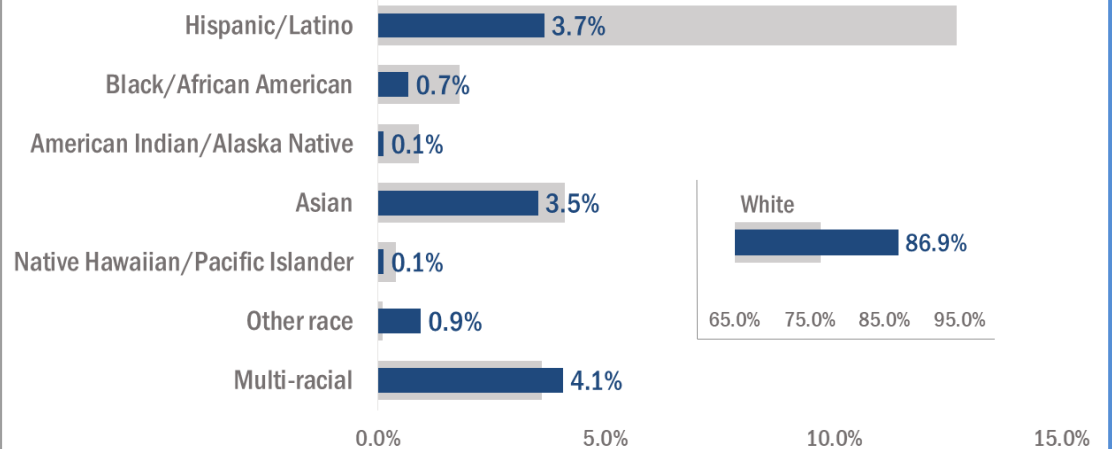
### Age



### Gender



### Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population<sup>†</sup>



12.6% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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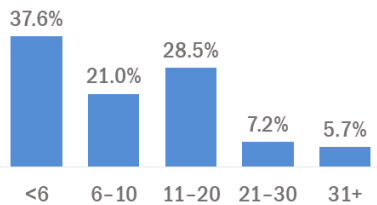
## Workforce supply



NDs work an average of 28.4 hours per week.

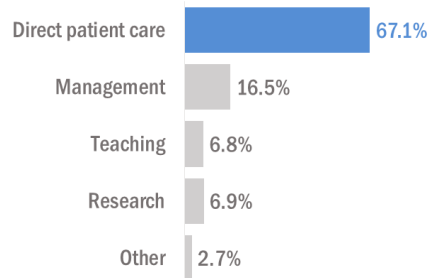
33.7% of NDs work at least 40 hours each week.

## Number of years licensed in Oregon

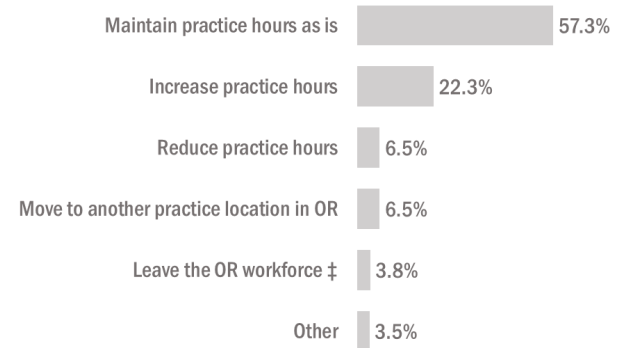


## How NDs spend their time

On average, NDs spend 67.1% of their time in direct patient care.

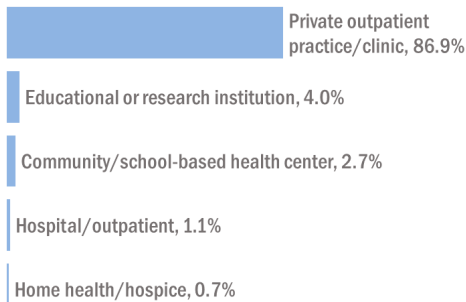


## Practice plans in the next two years

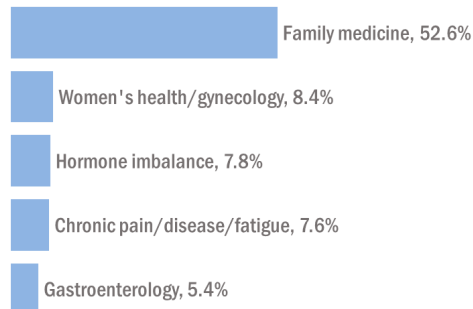


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings



### Top 5 specialties



67.0% of NDs report practicing primary care<sup>1</sup>

### Footnotes:

\* Ratio based on total estimated direct patient care FTE in county.

† Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from the charts. Racial categories exclude Hispanic.

‡ Leave the Oregon workforce includes those planning to retire, move to practice out of state, or leave the occupation.

¶ Primary care naturopathic physicians are defined as those who indicated that they considered themselves primary care providers.

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### 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 (2016-2017). Health care professionals with a completed survey during this time period and an active license in January 2018 were included in this report. Please refer to the HWRP's General Methods documentation on the website for further details.

### For more information about methodology and results, visit:

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

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#### Additional data sources:

- Population Research Center. Population estimates and reports: certified population estimates, July 1, 2017 [Internet]. Portland, OR: Portland State University; 2017 [cited 2019 August 7]. Available from: <https://www.pdx.edu/prc/population-reports-estimates>
- U.S. Census Bureau: American Fact Finder. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2013–2017: Hispanic or Latino origin by race (table name B03002, geography of Oregon). Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau: American Fact Finder; 2018 [updated 2019 February 7; cited 2019 August 7]. Available from <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t#acsST>

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

County	Population	Naturopathic physicians			
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	
BAKER	16,750	0	0.0	-	●
BENTON	92,575	10	3.9	23,766	●
CLACKAMAS	413,000	90	42.4	9,749	
CLATSOP	38,820	7	3.1	12,518	
COLUMBIA	51,345	3	1.7	30,118	●
COOS	63,310	1	0.1	710,901	●
CROOK	22,105	0	0.0	-	●
CURRY	22,805	0	0.0	-	●
DESCHUTES	182,930	37	17.9	10,221	
DOUGLAS	111,180	4	1.8	61,542	●
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-	●
GRANT	7,415	0	0.0	-	●
HARNEY	7,360	0	0.0	-	●
HOOD RIVER	25,145	9	4.1	6,113	
JACKSON	216,900	29	13.9	15,582	●
JEFFERSON	23,190	1	0.5	45,570	●
JOSEPHINE	85,650	7	3.0	28,098	●
KLAMATH	67,690	2	1.4	48,723	●
LAKE	8,120	0	0.0	-	●
LANE	370,600	30	14.8	25,080	●
LINCOLN	47,960	3	1.4	34,270	●
LINN	124,010	3	1.8	70,634	●
MALHEUR	31,845	0	0.0	-	●
MARION	339,200	18	11.0	30,787	●
MORROW	11,890	0	0.0	-	●
MULTNOMAH	803,000	463	219.6	3,657	●
POLK	81,000	1	0.7	121,272	●
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-	●
TILLAMOOK	26,175	1	1.0	25,718	●
UMATILLA	80,500	0	0.0	-	●
UNION	26,900	2	0.2	165,187	●
WALLOWA	7,195	0	0.0	-	●
WASCO	27,100	3	1.7	16,125	●
WASHINGTON	595,860	121	68.8	8,659	
WHEELER	1,480	0	0.0	-	●
YAMHILL	106,300	16	8.3	12,825	
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	861	423	9,790	

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.