

# Oregon's Physical Therapy Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

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 Board of Physical Therapy.

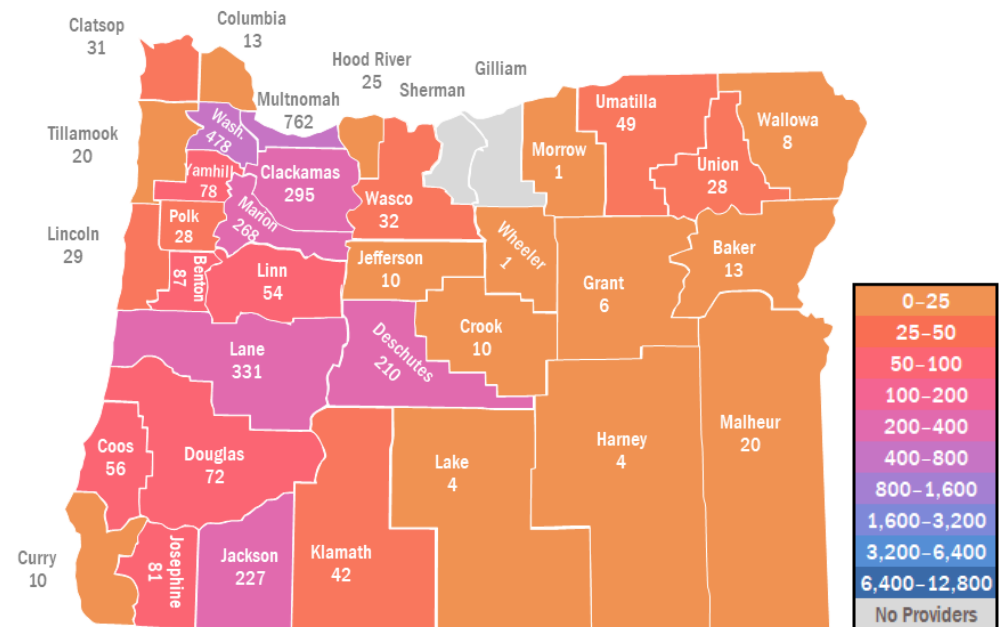
The Oregon Board of Physical Therapy's purpose is public protection and to establish professional standards of practice which assure that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are properly educated, hold valid/current licenses, practice within their scope of practice and continue to receive 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 (PT) and physical therapist assistants (PTA) and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

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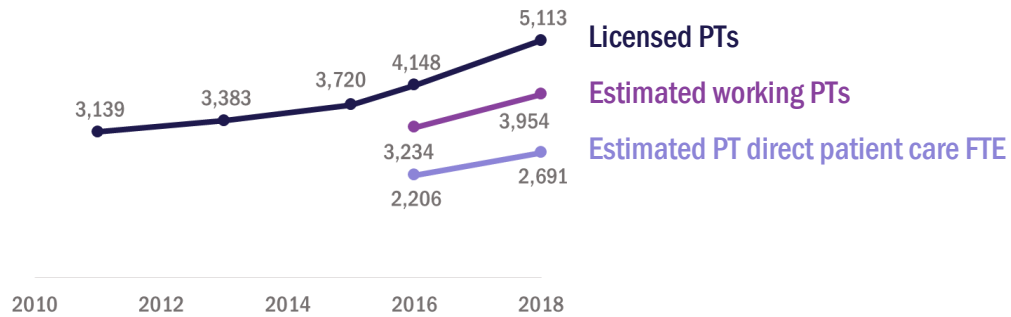
## Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes all occupations within this factsheet)



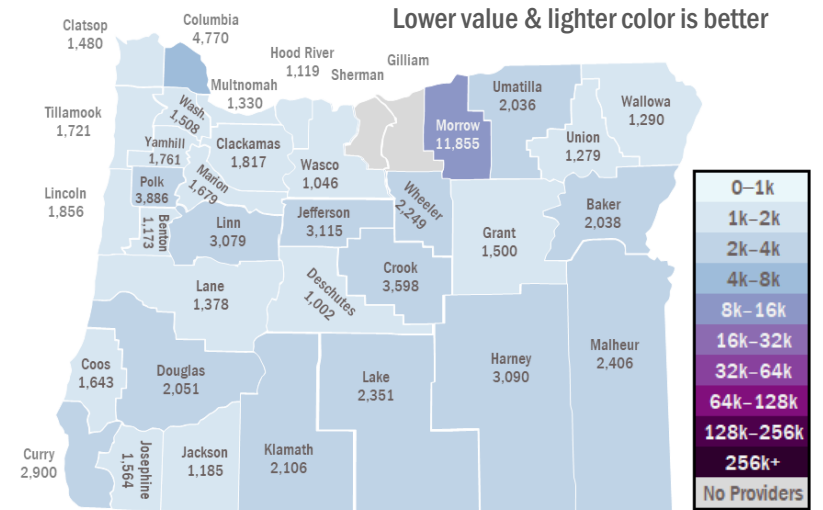
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# Physical Therapists (PT)

## Oregon's PT supply over time



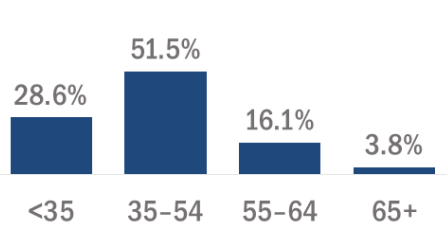
## Estimated population-to-provider ratio\*



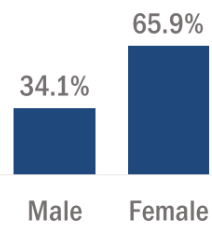
All subsequent data presented are from PTs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=3,166).

## Workforce demographics

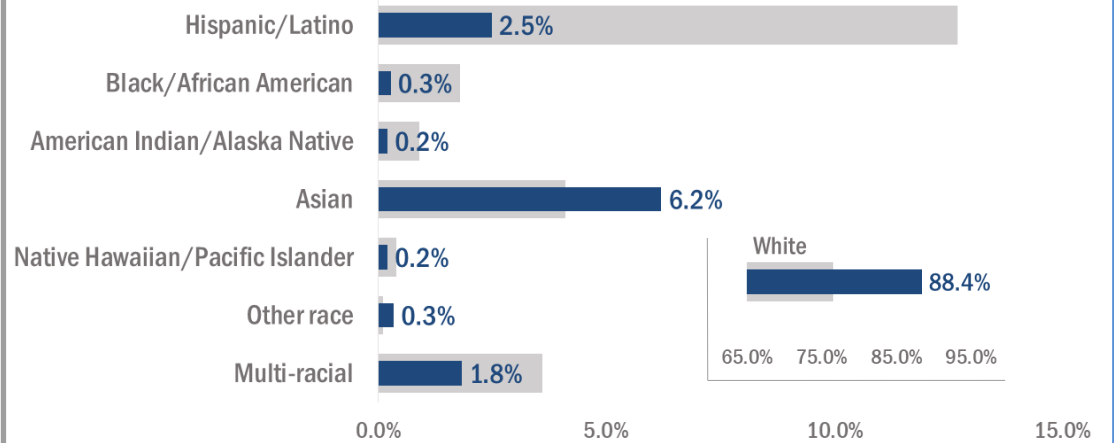
### Age



### Gender



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



8.9% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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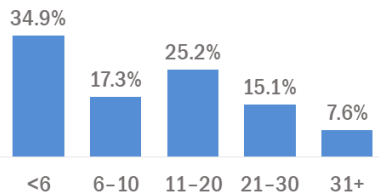
## Workforce supply



PTs work an average of 33.6 hours per week.

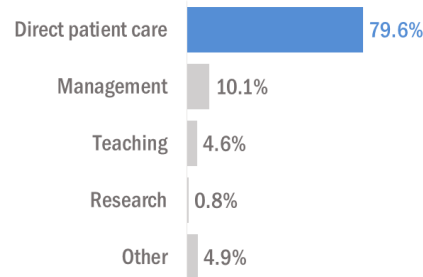
54.4% of PTs work at least 40 hours each week.

## Number of years licensed in Oregon

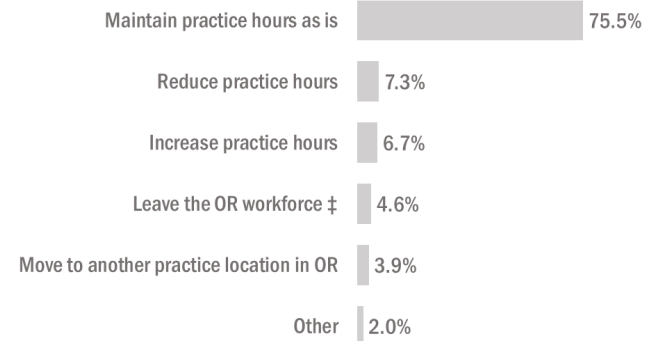


## How PTs spend their time

On average, PTs spend 79.6% of their time in direct patient care.

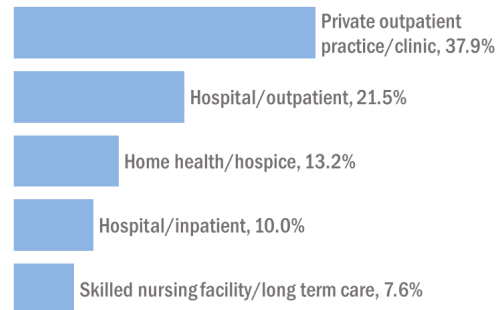


## Practice plans in the next two years

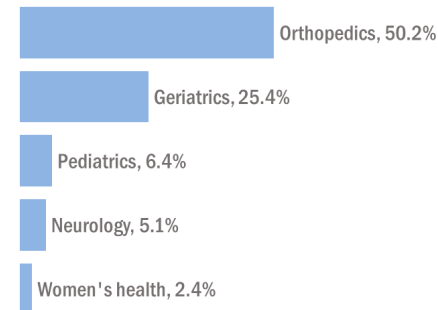


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings

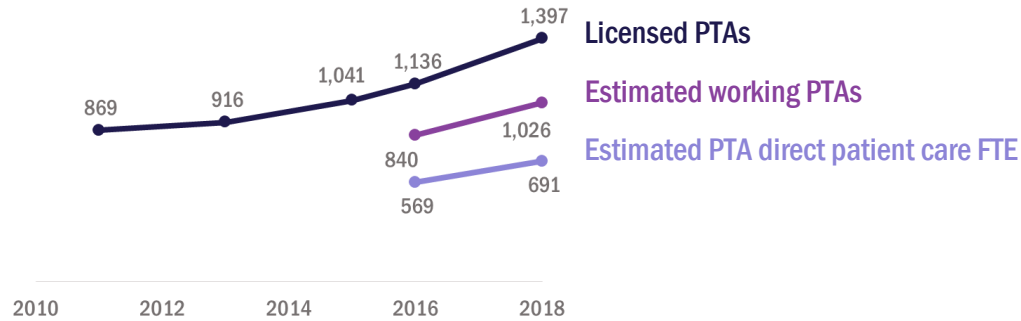


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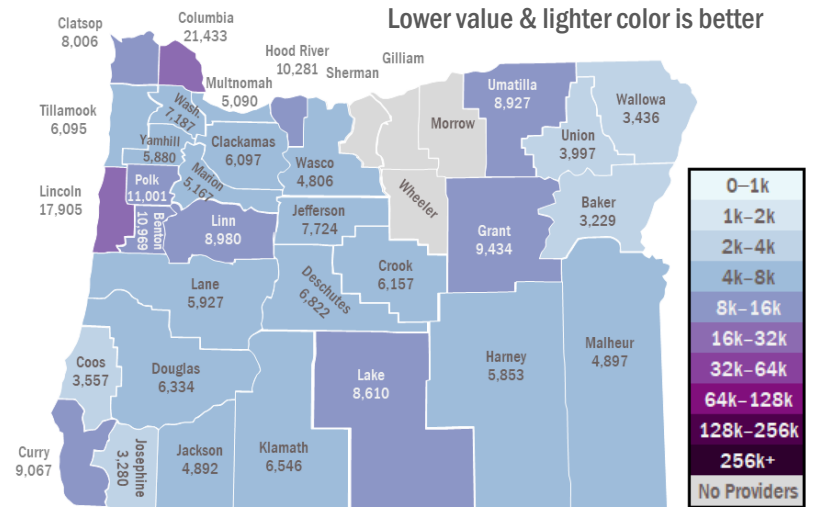


# Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA)

Oregon's PTA supply over time



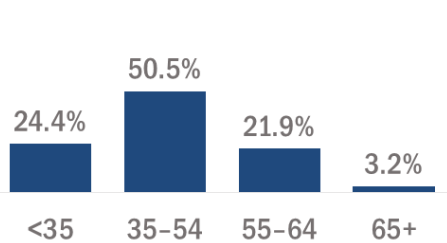
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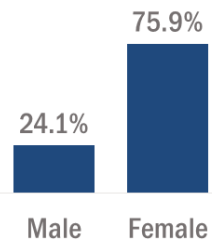
All subsequent data presented are from PTAs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=819).

## Workforce demographics

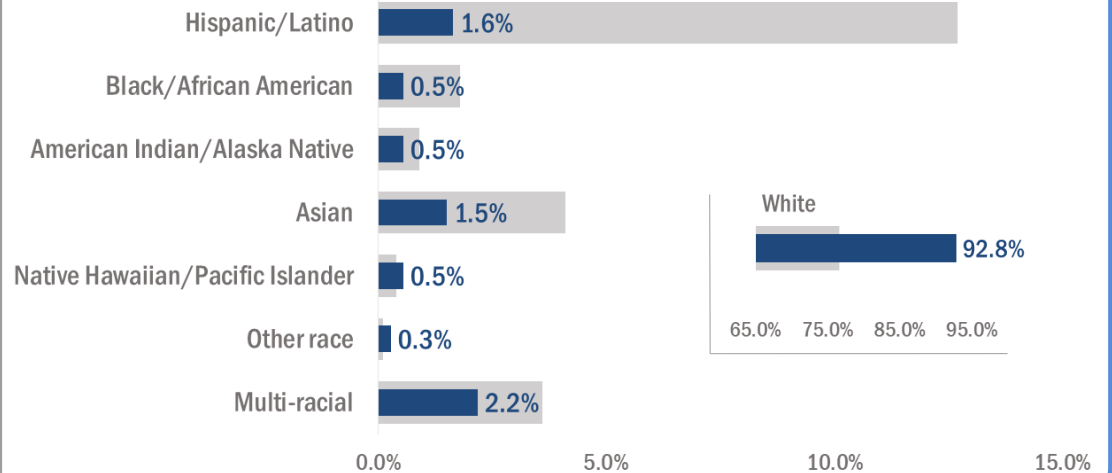
### Age



### Gender



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



10.5% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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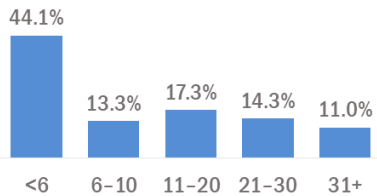
## Workforce supply



PTAs work an average of 32.5 hours per week.

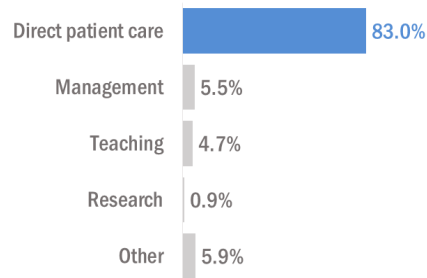
40.8% of PTAs work at least 40 hours each week.

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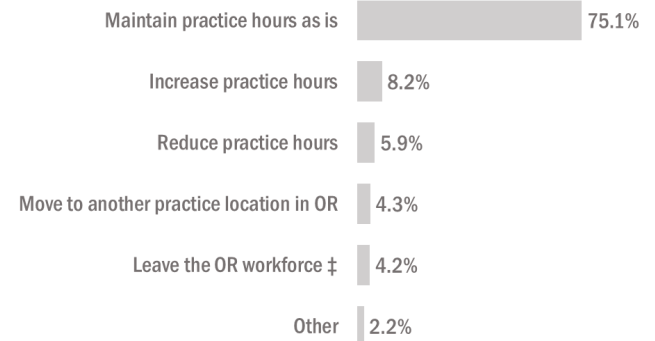


## How PTAs spend their time

On average, PTAs spend 83.0% of their time in direct patient care.

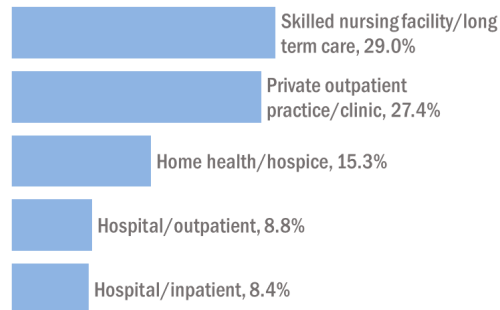


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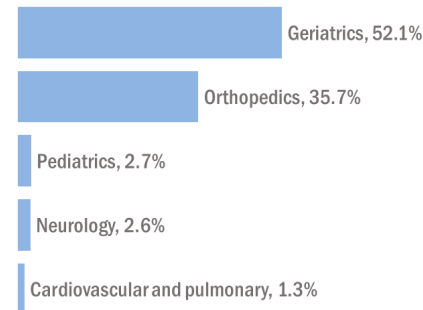


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings



### Top 5 specialties



### 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.

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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:**

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- 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	Physical therapists			Physical therapy assistants		
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio
BAKER	16,750	11	8.2	2,038	8	5.2	3,229
BENTON	92,575	108	79.0	1,173	13	8.4	10,969
CLACKAMAS	413,000	325	227.3	1,817	99	67.7	6,097
CLATSOP	38,820	39	26.2	1,480	8	4.8	8,006
COLUMBIA	51,345	13	10.8	4,770	4	2.4	21,433
COOS	63,310	48	38.5	1,643	23	17.8	3,557
CROOK	22,105	8	6.1	3,598	5	3.6	6,157
CURRY	22,805	11	7.9	2,900	5	2.5	9,067
DESCHUTES	182,930	278	182.6	1,002	41	26.8	6,822
DOUGLAS	111,180	71	54.2	2,051	26	17.6	6,334
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
GRANT	7,415	6	4.9	1,500	1	0.8	9,434
HARNEY	7,360	3	2.4	3,090	1	1.3	5,853
HOOD RIVER	25,145	39	22.5	1,119	5	2.4	10,281
JACKSON	216,900	261	183.0	1,185	62	44.3	4,892
JEFFERSON	23,190	8	7.4	3,115	4	3.0	7,724
JOSEPHINE	85,650	69	54.8	1,564	40	26.1	3,280
KLAMATH	67,690	41	32.1	2,106	14	10.3	6,546
LAKE	8,120	6	3.5	2,351	1	0.9	8,610
LANE	370,600	398	268.9	1,378	107	62.5	5,927
LINCOLN	47,960	35	25.8	1,856	4	2.7	17,905
LINN	124,010	59	40.3	3,079	23	13.8	8,980
MALHEUR	31,845	19	13.2	2,406	9	6.5	4,897
MARION	339,200	278	202.0	1,679	92	65.6	5,167
MORROW	11,890	1	1.0	11,855	0	0.0	-
MULTNOMAH	803,000	944	603.7	1,330	238	157.7	5,090
POLK	81,000	29	20.8	3,886	11	7.4	11,001
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	26,175	18	15.2	1,721	5	4.3	6,095
UMATILLA	80,500	53	39.5	2,036	11	9.0	8,927
UNION	26,900	28	21.0	1,279	9	6.7	3,997
WALLOWA	7,195	6	5.6	1,290	3	2.1	3,436
WASCO	27,100	43	25.9	1,046	9	5.6	4,806
WASHINGTON	595,860	606	395.2	1,508	121	82.9	7,187
WHEELER	1,480	1	0.7	2,249	0	0.0	-
YAMHILL	106,300	93	60.4	1,761	26	18.1	5,880
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	3,954	2,691	1,539	1,026	691	5,992

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.