



Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

NEWSLETTER

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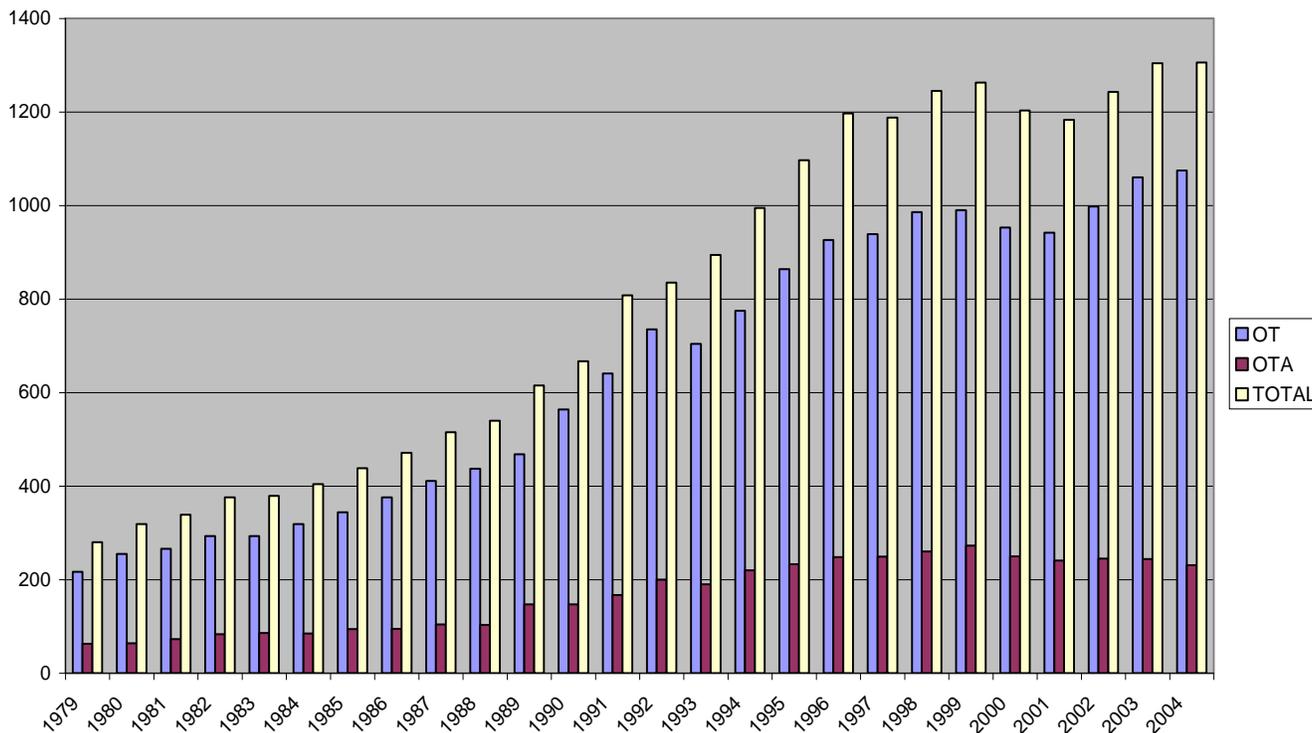
Board news: The next meeting is **Thursday, February 3 at 9:30** at the State Office Building in Room 445. Board business includes ratifying licenses, fiscal issues, mentorship, disciplinary matters, questions from licensees, and continued work on strategic plans (chart on next page). The Board also plans a meeting in The Dalles on **Friday, April 29, 2004**, to include a community meeting and a CE on ethics/discipline co-sponsored by OTAO.



What follows is some statistical information about the Oregon Occupational Therapy licenses. **The Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board was created in 1978.**

Year	OT	OTA	Total	Percent Increase
1979	215	63	280	
1989	468	147	615	45 % in these 10 years
1999	990	273	1263	44 % in these 10 years
2004 (Nov)	1075	231	1306	25 % in these 5 years

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Licensee History 1979 - November, 2004



Average of new licenses issued each month in 2004: 8 per month.

As of Nov. 2004 there are **231 OT Assistant licenses**. 199 are working with a Statement of Supervision and 32 have no Statement of supervision because they are not working.

There is a new State Agency look for the OT web site: www.otlb.state.or.us

You can check on license verification, CE forms, supervision guidelines and forms, Board minutes, newsletters and lots of other information.

Name or Address changes?

Be sure to let the Board know of any name, address or E-mail changes.

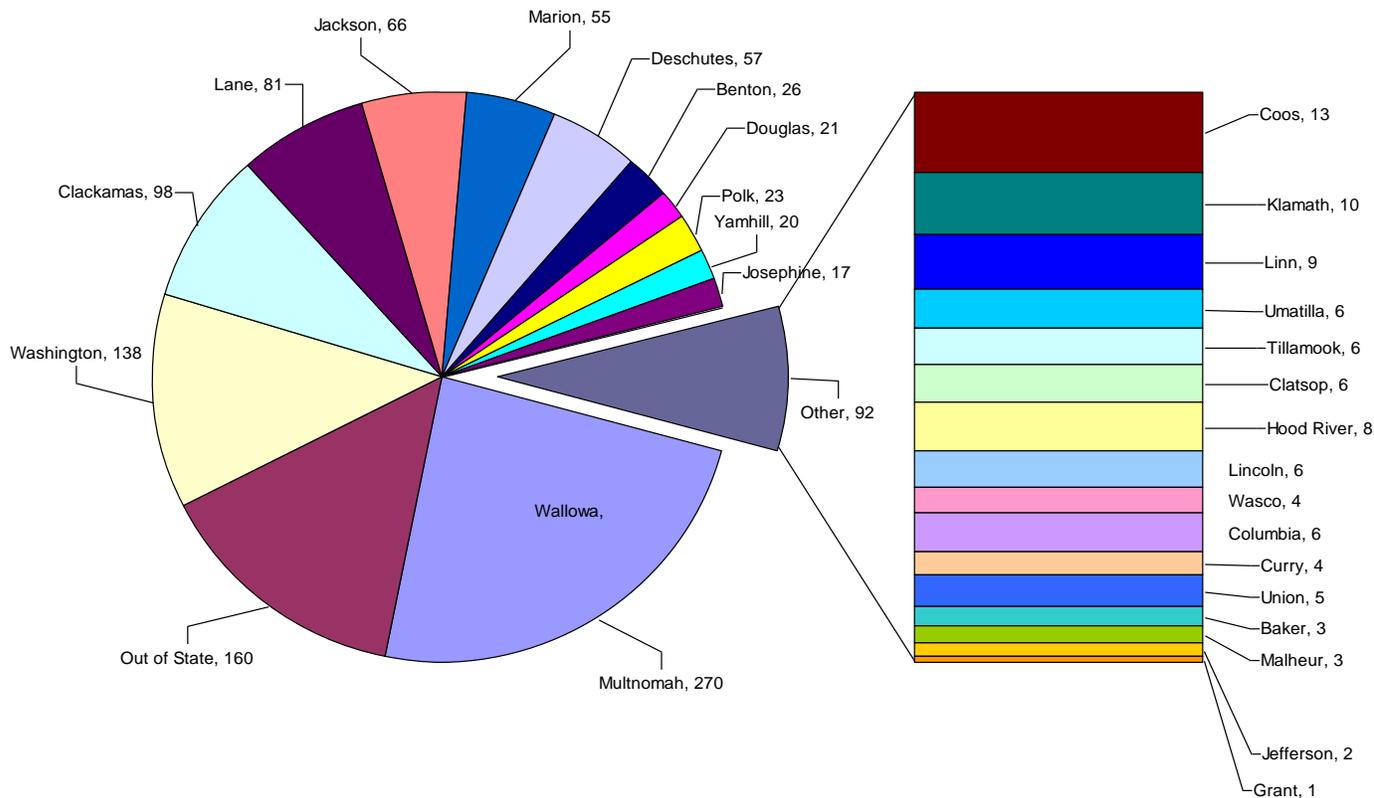
Send in a copy of official papers if you have a name change.

Call 503-731-4048 or better, e-mail the Director: Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us



Statistics on the distribution of occupational therapists around the state:

**Occupational Therapists
By COUNTY
(as of 7/26/2004)**



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Check the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us for a copy of the CE categories and credits or a log form or call (503) 731-4048 or e-mail Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us The Board does not pre-approve CE credits, but if you attend OT classes provided by OTAO, AOTA or AOTA providers, or NBCOT and they specifically contribute and relate to the development of occupational therapy skills you can get credit. For most categories one point of attendance equals one point of CE credit. Keep the certificates you receive.

If you are audited you will need to send in a copy of the certificate with your log form where you keep track of your hours. Under the rules you must keep these records for four years.

The Board developed a four year plan at the strategic planning meeting:

Occupational Therapy Licensing Board Strategic Plan 2004-2008

<u>Key Area</u>	<u>Current Reality</u>	<u>Roadmap</u>	2005 – 2008	<u>Board Vision</u>
1. OPERATIONS:				<u>Operations:</u>
Staffing	Budget sound Limited meeting times	Monitor Budget carefully		Be financially stable with improved Ancillary
Budget	New licensing cycle	Online Registration; resources		Resources
Investigations	Full and dedicated Board Investigations costly, take time	Decide about strategy to define investigative process; use of civil penalties/ mediation; investigator		
2. COMMUNICATIONS				<u>Communications:</u>
OTAO, NBCOT, Pacific U, AOTA	Opportunity to work with OTAO, NBCOT, AOTA	Talk with OTAO; collaborate and hold community meetings		OTLB is central to OT communications for the public and state professionals.
Work with legislature	Need to create re-entry for OT with no recent practice or CE	Legislative changes		
PT	Guidelines encroachment to OT	Communicate legislative concepts to stakeholders		
WEB	Web page, e-mail opportunities	FAQ page on current questions On line renewals and applications		
BOARD MEMBERS	No OTA school in Oregon	Meeting schedule outside Portland Attend relevant conferences		
PUBLIC	Quick response to questions	Inform boards, stakeholders of proposed changes		
3. LAWS/RULES				<u>Laws/Rules:</u>
Definitions	Rules too Broad, vague, limiting Definition of OT need updating Language limiting Danger to open up OTLB definitions/laws – unsure of outcome	General Review of Statutes and Rules Develop task force/groups to consider : -Definition -Requirements before licensing/ reentry -Rules for OT Aides -CE General overview of all rules		Have rules and regulations that clearly reflect current practice and efficient operations

Are you interested in being a Board Member in 2005?

Under our statutes, the OT on the Board must have at least three years experience in occupational therapy prior to the four year appointment. Contact the Board office at 503-731-4048 if you are interested or want some more information about the position which will open in October, 2005.

Occupational Therapy Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire Coming

The OT Licensing Board is working on a customer satisfaction questionnaire as part of the requirement of the Oregon Progress Board. A random sample of OT and OT Assistants will be sent the questionnaire. This will help us evaluate and then improve the services we provide to you.

Mentorship Program

John White, Director of the Occupational Therapy School at Pacific University is working with the Board to provide a program for applicants for licensure who have let their license lapse for more than three years and wish to return to practice. Look at a copy of the proposal on our web site at www.otlb.state.or.us under CE. Please give your comments to Felicia Holgate, Director, at the Board Office or John White at Pacific. The Board is also considering whether to require retaking the NBCOT exam for applicants who have not practiced for a long period of time. Your comments are appreciated.

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