Oregon’s Chiropractic Workforce
Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state’s chiropractic workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

The mission of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to protect the public by regulating the practice of chiropractic.

Workforce data were collected for licensed chiropractic physicians (DC) and certified chiropractic assistants (CA) and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

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Estimated direct patient care FTE by county
(includes all occupations within this factsheet)
Chiropractic physicians (DC)

Oregon’s DC supply

1,684
Licensed DCs

1,526
Estimated working DCs

864
Estimated DC direct patient care FTE

Workforce demographics

All subsequent data presented are from DCs 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=1,419).

Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†

- Hispanic/Latino: 1.9%
- Black/African American: 0.5%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.3%
- Asian: 4.4%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.3%
- Other race: 0.8%
- Multi-racial: 1.9%

16.2% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.
Chiropractic physicians (DC)

**Workforce supply**

DCs work an average of 30.1 hours per week. 35.9% of DCs work at least 40 hours each week.

**Number of years licensed in Oregon**

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**How DCs spend their time**

On average, DCs spend 72.3% of their time in direct patient care.

- Direct patient care: 72.3%
- Management: 17.5%
- Teaching: 4.5%
- Research: 1.9%
- Other: 3.8%

**Practice plans in the next two years**

- Maintain practice hours as is: 67.2%
- Increase practice hours: 10.6%
- Reduce practice hours: 6.8%
- Leave the OR workforce: 6.3%
- Move to another practice location in OR: 5.0%
- Other: 4.1%

**Practice settings and specialties**

**Top 5 practice settings**

- Private outpatient practice/clinic: 92.7%
- Educational or research institution: 2.3%
- Home health/hospice: 0.8%
- Community/school-based health center: 0.8%
- Locum tenens/traveler/temp agency: 0.6%

**Top 5 specialties**

- General practice: 67.4%
- Rehabilitation: 8.5%
- Orthopedics: 5.6%
- None: 4.3%
- Sports: 4.3%
Chiropractic assistants (CA)

Oregon’s CA supply

1,278 Certified CAs

1,216 Estimated working CAs

510 Estimated CA direct patient care FTE

Workforce demographics

All subsequent data presented are from CAs who held an active certification as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=969).

Estimated population-to-provider ratio *

Lower value & lighter color is better

Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†

14.1% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.
Chiropractic assistants (CA)

Workforce supply

How CAs spend their time

On average, CAs spend 66.6% of their time in direct patient care.

Practice plans in the next two years

Maintain practice hours as is 71.5%
Increase practice hours 13.6%
Other 4.6%
Leave the OR workforce 4.6%
Reduce practice hours 4.4%
Move to another practice location in OR 1.1%

Number of years certified in Oregon

77.2% <6
13.3% 6-10
6.5% 11-20
3.0% 21-30

Practice settings and specialties

Top practice settings

Private outpatient practice/clinic, 97.5%
Community/school-based health center, 0.4%
Educational or research institution, 0.1%

Top 5 specialties

Massage therapy, 41.7%
General practice, 34.3%
Physiotherapy, 9.3%
Rehabilitation, 7.1%
None, 6.0%
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.
§ CAs were certified in Oregon beginning in 1990.

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

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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.