Oregon’s Dietitian Workforce
Based on data collected during 2015 and 2016

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of the state’s dietitian workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Health Licensing Office.

If you would like more information about the dietetic licensure please visit the Oregon Health Licensing Office at www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Licensed-Dietitians.aspx
Licensed Dietitians (LD)

LDS LICENSED IN OREGON

510
605
684
825


ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LDS WORKING IN OREGON:

692

ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

311

All subsequent data presented are from licensed dietitians who completed the Health Care Workforce Survey and are working in Oregon (n=470).

WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

27.2% 47.2% 21.1% 4.5%
34 years or under 35 to 54 years 55 to 64 years 65 years or older

GENDER

97.6% 2.4%
Male Female

RACE & ETHNICITY

WORKFORCE VS POPULATION*

Hispanic/Latino 2.3%
Black/African American 0.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native 0.5%
Asian 3.9%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.0%
Other Race 0.2%
Multi-racial 0.9%
White 92.2%

* Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from this chart. 7.0% of workforce are either missing data (0.0%) or declined to answer (7.0%). Racial categories exclude Hispanic.

Lower is better

ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO*

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

0-10k
10k-20k
20k-30k
30k-40k
>40k
No providers

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**Licensed Dietitians (LD)**

**WORKFORCE SUPPLY**

**HOURS WORKED PER WEEK**

- 45% of LDs work at least 40 hours each week.
- 14.9% work <20 hours.
- 40.5% work 20-39.
- 44.6% work 40+.

**HOW LDS SPEND THEIR TIME**

- 59.1% spend 59% of their time in Direct Patient Care.
- 13.9% in Teaching.
- 2.8% in Research.
- 16.3% in Management.
- 7.9% Other.

**NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED IN OREGON**

- <6 years: 39.2%
- 6-10 years: 23.0%
- 11-20 years: 22.6%
- 21-30 years: 15.1%
- More than 30 years: 0.0%

**PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS**

- Maintain practice hours as is: 75.5%
- Increase practice hours: 9.6%
- Reduce practice hours: 6.4%
- Leave the Oregon workforce*: 5.1%
- Move to another practice location in OR: 1.9%
- Other: 1.5%

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

**PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES**

**TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS**

- Hospital: Inpatient, 30.0%
- Hospital: Outpatient, 20.6%
- Private Outpatient Practice/Clinic, 17.7%
- Educational or Research Institution, 6.2%
- Skilled Nursing Facility/Long Term Care, 5.5%

**TOP 5 SPECIALTIES**

- Diabetes/Hypoglycemia, 22.6%
- Critical Care/Surgery, 10.9%
- Pediatric/Child Obesity, 6.8%
- Weight Management, 6.4%
- Education/Teaching/Training, 5.1%

On average, LDs spend 59% of their time in direct patient care. 45% of LDs work at least 40 hours each week. 75.5% plan to maintain their practice hours as is, 9.6% plan to increase their practice hours, 6.4% plan to reduce their practice hours, 5.1% plan to leave the Oregon workforce, and 1.9% plan to move to another practice location in OR. Other plans include 1.5%.

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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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<th>County</th>
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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.
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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 (2015-2016).

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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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