

Oregon's Occupational Therapy Workforce

Based on data collected during 2015 and 2016

These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state's occupational therapy workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board.

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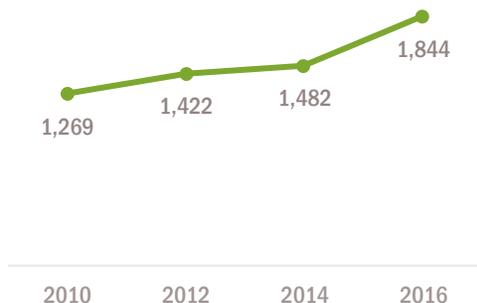
The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety and welfare of individuals who receive occupational therapy services in Oregon. The role of the board is to investigate complaints and take appropriate action; make and enforce laws and rules regarding occupational therapy practice; establish continuing education requirements; process applications and issue license and renewals; collect fees and authorize disbursements of funds.

Workforce data were collected for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

If you would like more information about the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, please visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/OTLB>

Occupational Therapists (OT)

OTS LICENSED IN OREGON



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF OTS WORKING IN OREGON:

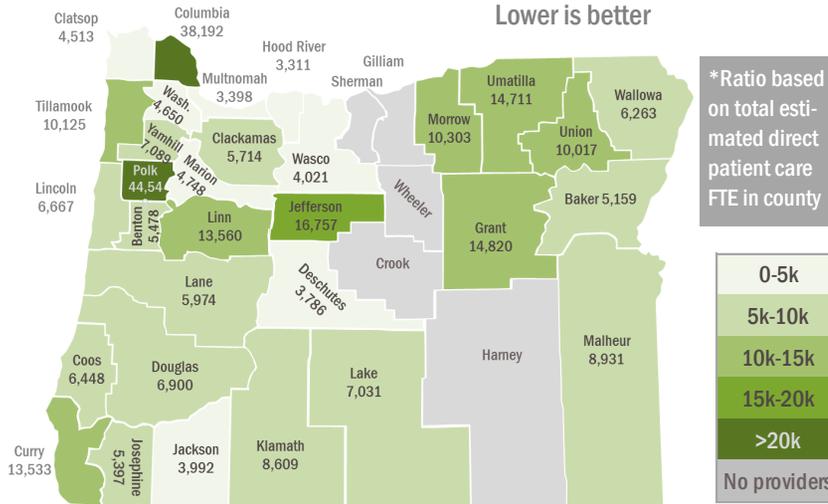
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ESTIMATED PATIENT CARE FTE IN OREGON:

808

ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO*

Lower is better

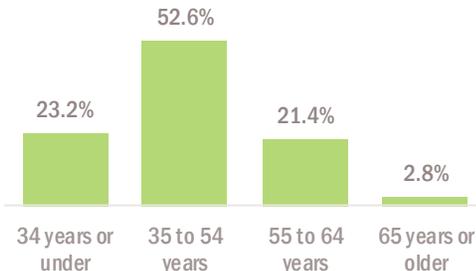


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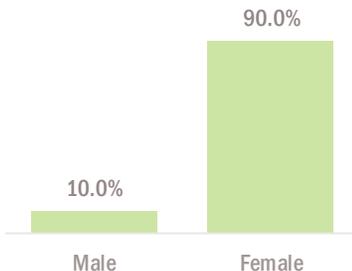
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WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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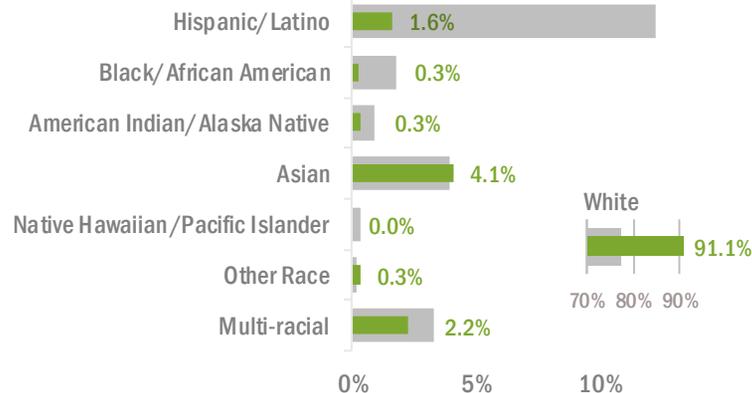


GENDER



RACE & ETHNICITY

WORKFORCE VS POPULATION*

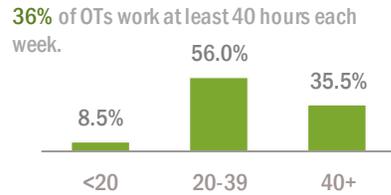


* Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from this chart. 9.5% of workforce are either missing data (0.2%) or declined to answer (9.3%). Racial categories exclude Hispanic.

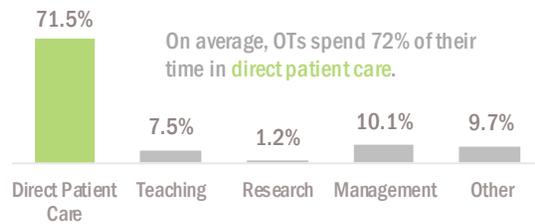
Occupational Therapists (OT)

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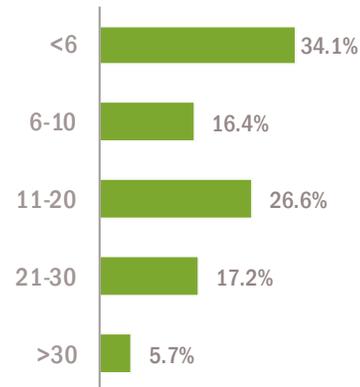
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK



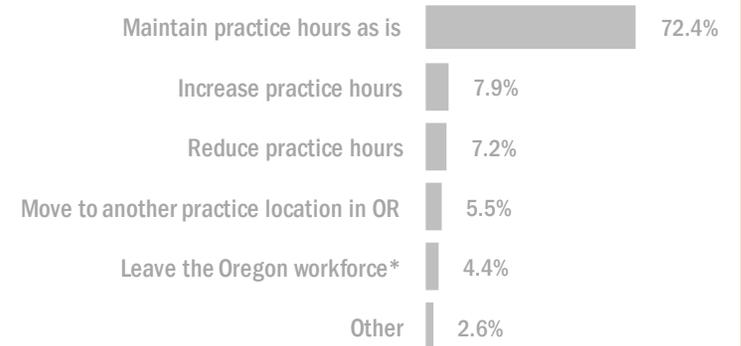
HOW OTS SPEND THEIR TIME



NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED



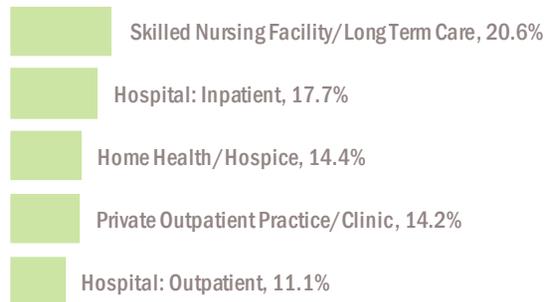
PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS



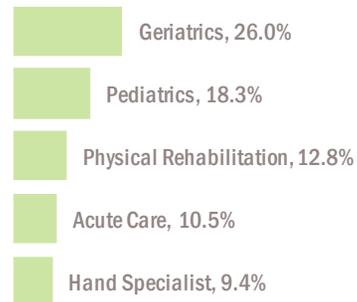
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PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES

TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS



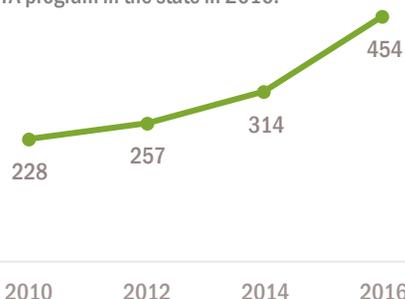
TOP 5 SPECIALTIES



Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA)

OTAS LICENSED IN OREGON

Increases may be due in part to a new Associates of OTA program in the state in 2010.



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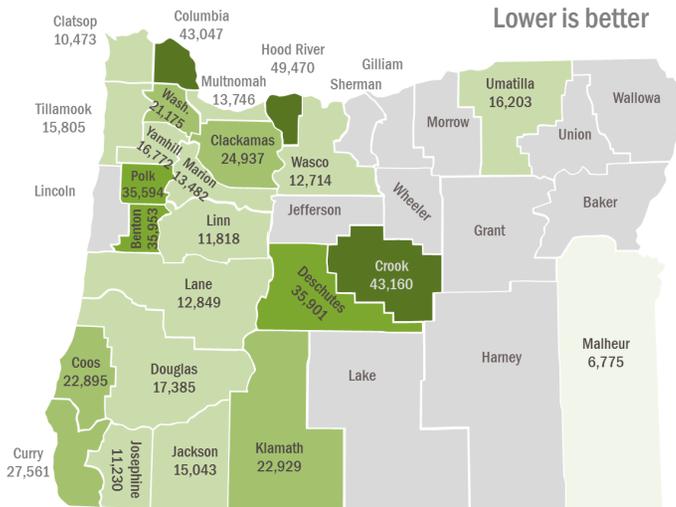
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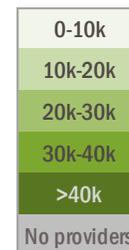
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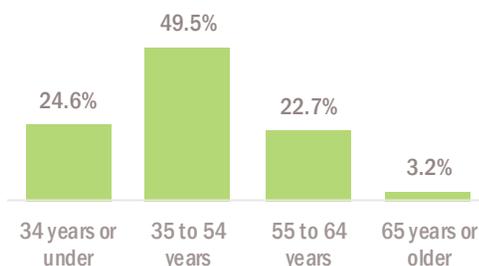
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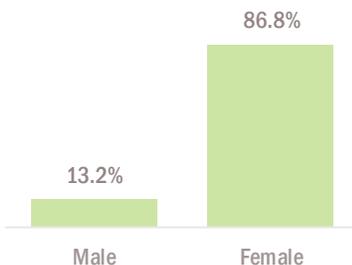
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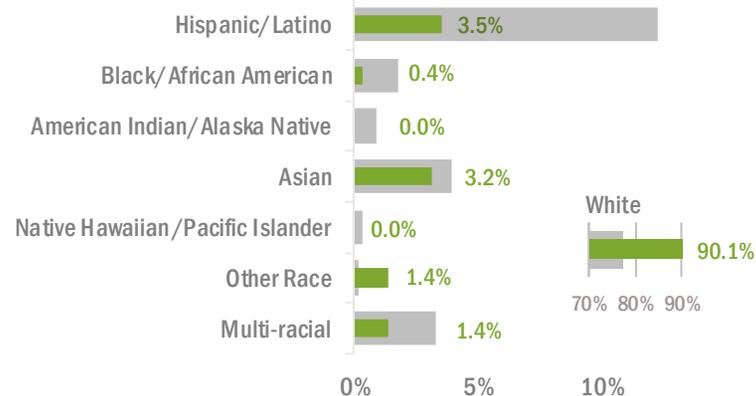


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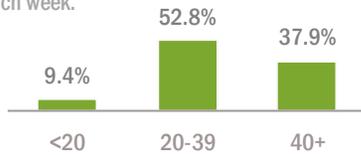
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Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA)

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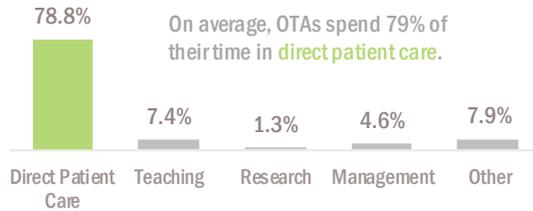
HOURS WORKED PER WEEK

38% of OTAs work at least 40 hours each week.

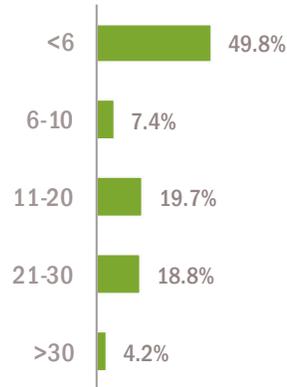


HOW OTAS SPEND THEIR TIME

On average, OTAs spend 79% of their time in direct patient care.



NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED



PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS



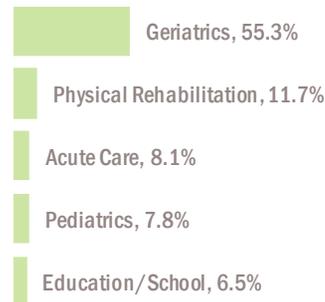
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Appendix A: Estimated count, FTE in direct patient care, and population-to-provider FTE ratio by county

County	Population	OT			OTA			
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	
BAKER	16,510	5	3.2	5,159	0	0.0	-	●
BENTON	91,320	28	16.7	5,478	4	2.5	35,953	●
CLACKAMAS	404,980	135	70.9	5,714	26	16.2	24,937	
CLATSOP	38,225	15	8.5	4,513	6	3.7	10,473	
COLUMBIA	50,795	6	1.3	38,192	2	1.2	43,047	●
COOS	63,190	17	9.8	6,448	5	2.8	22,895	
CROOK	21,580	0	0.0	-	1	0.5	43,160	●
CURRY	22,600	5	1.7	13,533	2	0.8	27,561	●
DESCHUTES	176,635	89	46.7	3,786	6	4.9	35,901	●
DOUGLAS	110,395	24	16.0	6,900	8	6.4	17,385	
GILLIAM	1,980	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
GRANT	7,410	1	0.5	14,820	0	0.0	-	●
HARNEY	7,320	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
HOOD RIVER	24,735	11	7.5	3,311	1	0.5	49,470	●
JACKSON	213,765	89	53.6	3,992	19	14.2	15,043	
JEFFERSON	22,790	3	1.4	16,757	0	0.0	-	●
JOSEPHINE	84,675	24	15.7	5,397	11	7.5	11,230	
KLAMATH	67,410	14	7.8	8,609	4	2.9	22,929	
LAKE	8,015	1	1.1	7,031	0	0.0	-	●
LANE	365,940	111	61.3	5,974	42	28.5	12,849	
LINCOLN	47,735	9	7.2	6,667	0	0.0	-	●
LINN	122,315	18	9.0	13,560	15	10.4	11,818	
MALHEUR	31,705	6	3.6	8,931	8	4.7	6,775	●
MARION	333,950	130	70.3	4,748	38	24.8	13,482	
MORROW	11,745	1	1.1	10,303	0	0.0	-	●
MULTNOMAH	790,670	420	232.7	3,398	92	57.5	13,746	
POLK	79,730	6	1.8	44,542	4	2.2	35,594	●
SHERMAN	1,795	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
TILLAMOOK	25,920	3	2.6	10,125	4	1.6	15,805	●
UMATILLA	79,880	8	5.4	14,711	7	4.9	16,203	●
UNION	26,745	5	2.7	10,017	0	0.0	-	●
WALLOWA	7,140	1	1.1	6,263	0	0.0	-	●
WASCO	26,700	13	6.6	4,021	4	2.1	12,714	
WASHINGTON	583,595	233	125.5	4,650	47	27.6	21,175	
WHEELER	1,465	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
YAMHILL	104,990	31	14.8	7,089	8	6.3	16,772	
STATEWIDE	4,076,350	1,460	808	5,045	363	235	17,370	

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.

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 (2015-2016).

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For more information about methodology and results, visit:

<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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