Oregon’s Occupational Therapy Workforce
Based on data collected during 2017 and 2018

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.

The mission of the board is to protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
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
All subsequent data presented are from occupational therapists who completed the Health Care Workforce Survey and are working in Oregon (n=1,376).

**Workforce Demographics**

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<th>Age</th>
<th>OTS Licensed in Oregon</th>
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<td>34 years or under</td>
<td>1,269</td>
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<td>35 to 64 years</td>
<td>1,422</td>
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<td>65 years or older</td>
<td>1,482</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>4,173</td>
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**Estimated Number of OTs Working in Oregon:** 1,534

**Estimated Patient Care FTE in Oregon:** 848

**Race & Ethnicity**

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<th>Race &amp; Ethnicity</th>
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<td>Hispanic/Latino</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
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<td>Black/African American</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<td>American Indian/Alaska Native</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Other Race</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Multi-racial</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>100%</td>
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* Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from this chart. 9.2% of workforce are either missing data (0.0%) or declined to answer (9.2%). Racial categories exclude Hispanic.
**Occupational Therapists (OT)**

**WORKFORCE SUPPLY**

**HOURS WORKED PER WEEK**

- 43% of OTs work at least 40 hours each week.
- 13.7% work <20 hours.
- 43.2% work 20-39 hours.
- 43.1% work 40+ hours.

**HOW OTS SPEND THEIR TIME**

- 71.0% spend time in direct patient care.
- 8.4% in teaching.
- 1.3% in research.
- 9.8% in management.
- 9.6% in other.

**NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED IN OREGON**

- <6 years: 36.2%.
- 6-10 years: 15.5%.
- 11-20 years: 25.5%.
- 21-30 years: 16.9%.
- >30 years: 5.9%.

**PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS**

- Maintain practice hours as is: 71.5%.
- Increase practice hours: 8.3%.
- Reduce practice hours: 7.1%.
- Leave the Oregon workforce*: 6.2%.
- Move to another practice location in OR: 4.7%.
- Other: 2.2%.

* 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, 18.8%.
- Skilled Nursing Facility/Long Term Care, 18.0%.
- Private Outpatient Practice/Clinic, 15.3%.
- Home Health/Hospice, 13.5%.
- Hospital: Outpatient, 11.3%.

**TOP 5 SPECIALTIES**

- Geriatrics, 24.2%.
- Pediatrics, 19.3%.
- Acute Care, 12.1%.
- Physical Rehabilitation, 11.6%.
- Hand Specialist, 8.8%.
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 (2017-2018).

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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:
- 2017 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, 2012–2016)