

# Oregon's Occupational Therapy Workforce

Based on data collected during 2020

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 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.

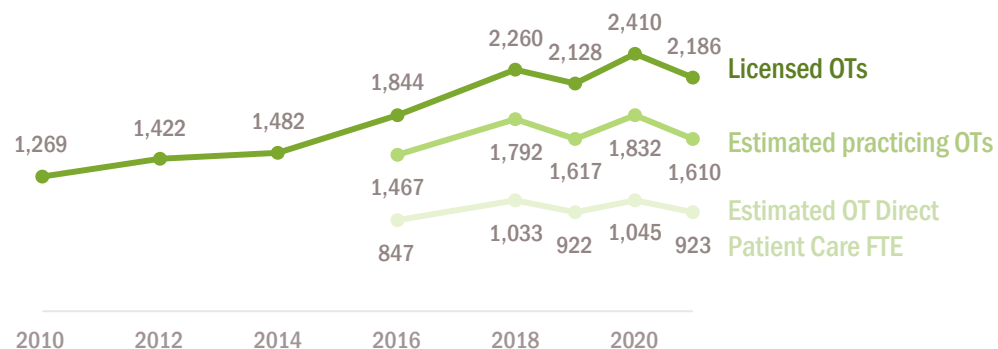
Workforce data were collected for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

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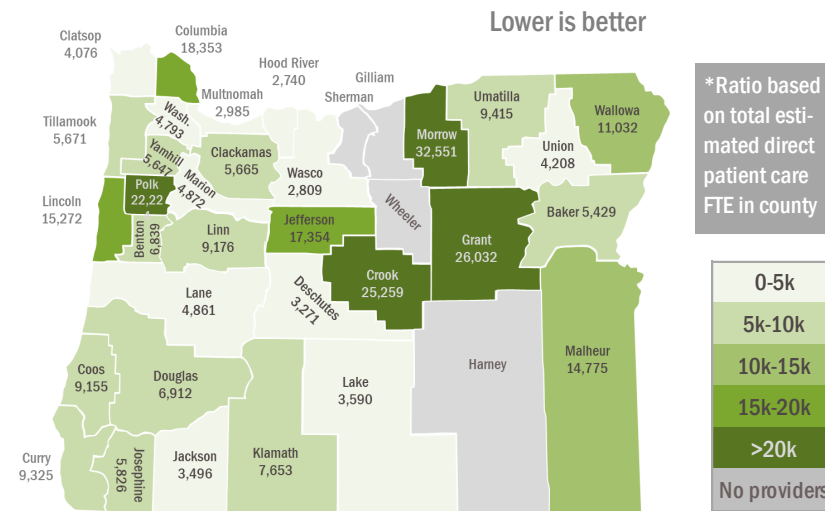
# Occupational Therapists (OT)

## OREGONS OT SUPPLY OVER TIME



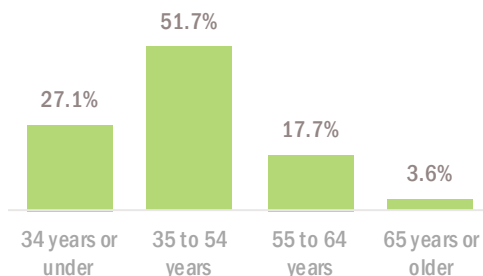
All subsequent data presented are from OTs who held an active license as of January 2021 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=1,432).

## ESTIMATED POPULATION-TO-PROVIDER RATIO\*

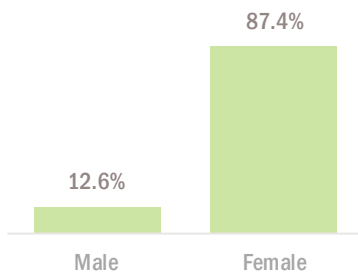


## WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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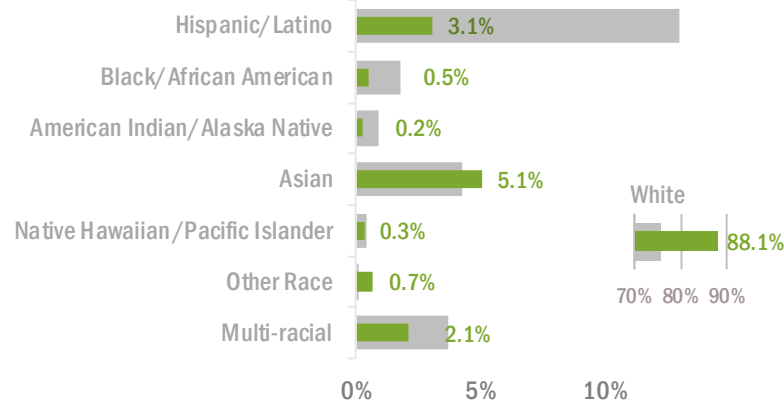


### GENDER



### RACE & ETHNICITY

#### WORKFORCE VS POPULATION\*



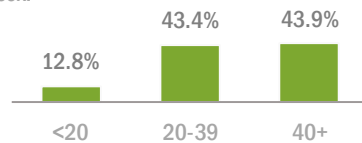
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# Occupational Therapists (OT)

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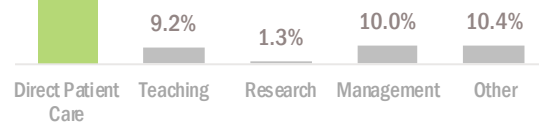
### HOURS WORKED PER WEEK

44% of OTs work at least 40 hours each week.

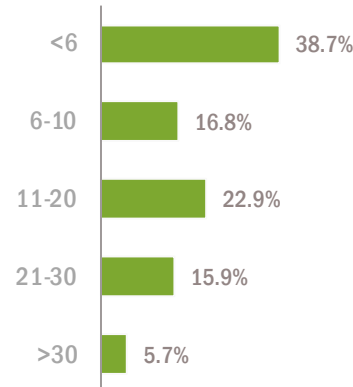


### HOW OTS SPEND THEIR TIME

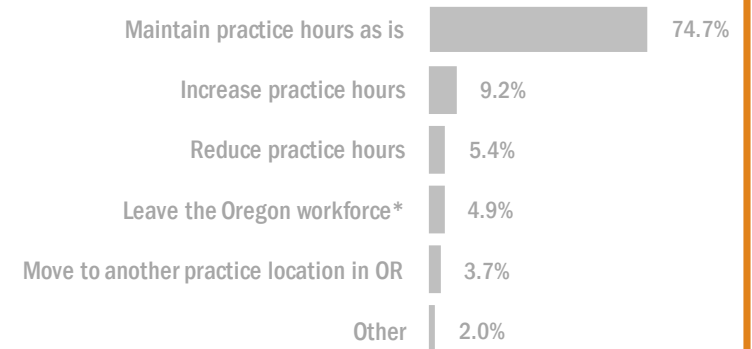
On average, OTs spend 69% of their time in **direct patient care**.



### NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED IN OREGON



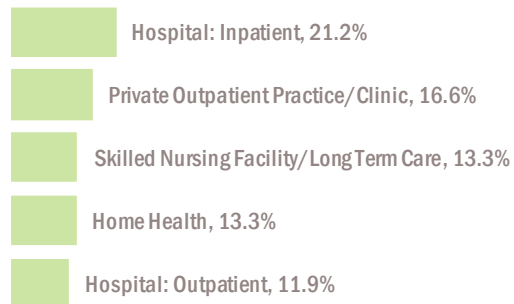
### PRACTICE PLANS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS



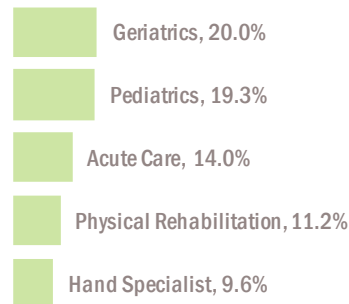
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## PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES

### TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS



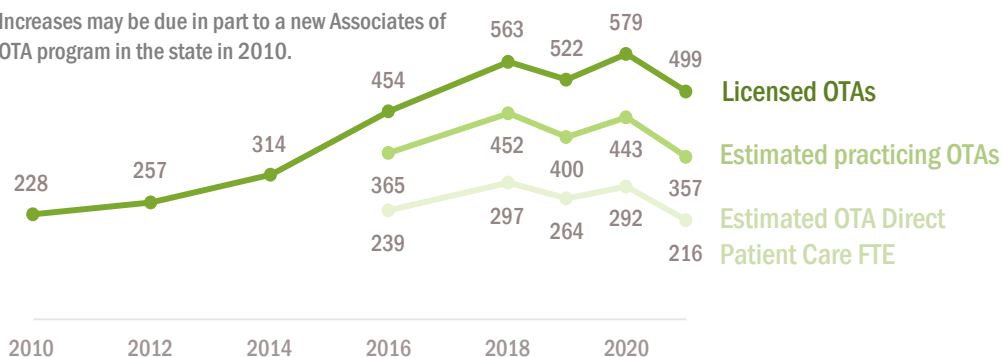
### TOP 5 SPECIALTIES



# Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA)

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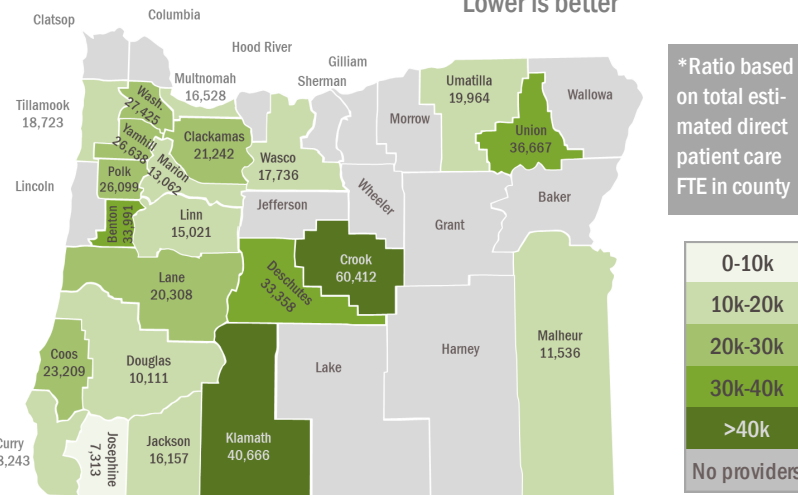
Increases may be due in part to a new Associates of OTA program in the state in 2010.



All subsequent data presented are from OTAs who held an active license as of January 2021 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=322).

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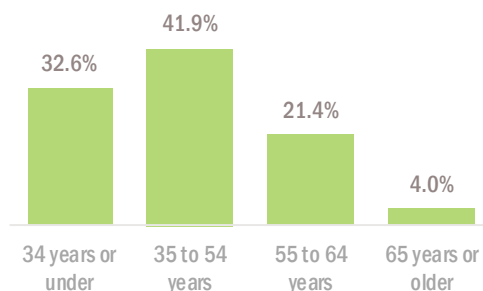
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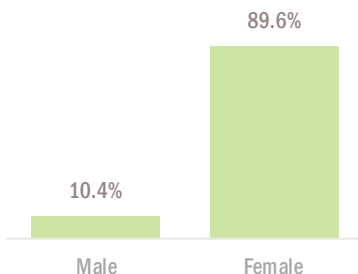
\*Ratio based on total estimated direct patient care FTE in county

## WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

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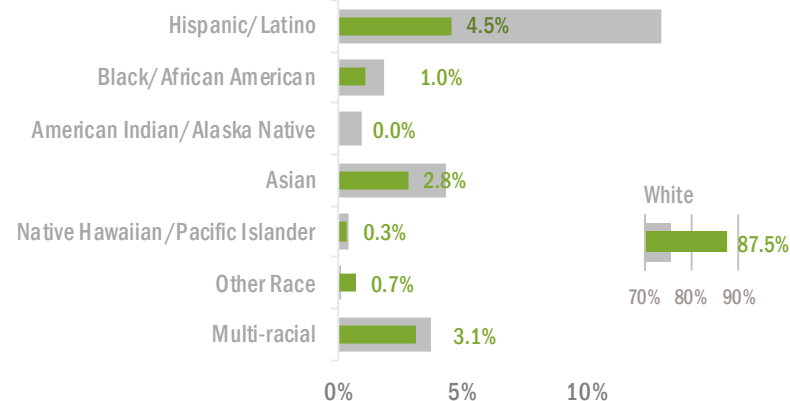


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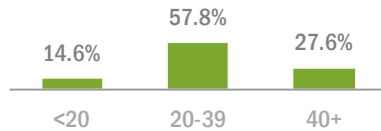
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# Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA)

## WORKFORCE SUPPLY

### HOURS WORKED PER WEEK

28% of OTAs work at least 40 hours each week.

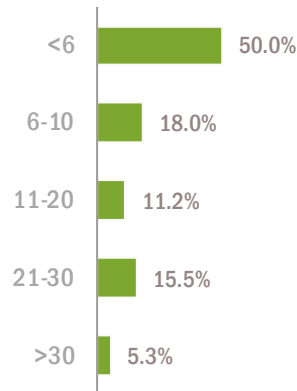


### HOW OTAS SPEND THEIR TIME

On average, OTAs spend 77% of their time in **direct patient care**.



### NUMBER OF YEARS LICENSED IN OREGON



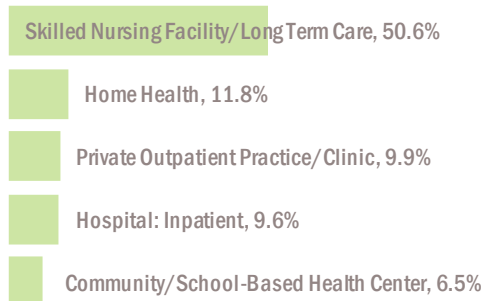
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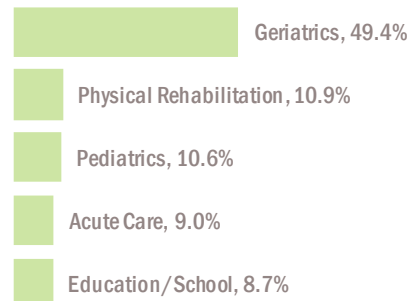
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## PRACTICE SETTINGS & SPECIALTIES

### TOP 5 PRACTICE SETTINGS



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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	6	3.1	5,429	0	0.0	-	●
BENTON	91,320	25	13.8	6,839	6	2.8	33,991	●
CLACKAMAS	404,980	168	75.3	5,665	39	20.1	21,242	
CLATSOP	38,225	16	9.7	4,076	0	0.0	-	●
COLUMBIA	50,795	7	2.9	18,353	0	0.0	-	●
COOS	63,190	12	6.9	9,155	4	2.7	23,209	
CROOK	21,580	2	0.9	25,259	1	0.4	60,412	●
CURRY	22,600	4	2.5	9,325	2	1.3	18,243	
DESCHUTES	176,635	105	60.2	3,271	9	5.9	33,358	●
DOUGLAS	110,395	22	16.3	6,912	14	11.1	10,111	
GILLIAM	1,980	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
GRANT	7,410	1	0.3	26,032	0	0.0	-	●
HARNEY	7,320	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
HOOD RIVER	24,735	18	9.4	2,740	0	0.0	-	●
JACKSON	213,765	100	63.9	3,496	20	13.8	16,157	
JEFFERSON	22,790	3	1.4	17,354	0	0.0	-	●
JOSEPHINE	84,675	22	14.9	5,826	14	11.8	7,313	●
KLAMATH	67,410	15	8.9	7,653	2	1.7	40,666	●
LAKE	8,015	2	2.2	3,590	0	0.0	-	●
LANE	365,940	126	78.5	4,861	33	18.8	20,308	
LINCOLN	47,735	6	3.2	15,272	0	0.0	-	●
LINN	122,315	35	13.9	9,176	17	8.5	15,021	
MALHEUR	31,705	4	2.2	14,775	6	2.8	11,536	
MARION	333,950	145	71.7	4,872	43	26.7	13,062	
MORROW	11,745	1	0.4	32,551	0	0.0	-	●
MULTNOMAH	790,670	473	277.9	2,985	89	50.2	16,528	
POLK	79,730	8	3.8	22,224	4	3.2	26,099	
SHERMAN	1,795	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
TILLAMOOK	25,920	8	4.7	5,671	3	1.4	18,723	
UMATILLA	79,880	15	8.7	9,415	9	4.1	19,964	
UNION	26,745	10	6.4	4,208	2	0.7	36,667	●
WALLOWA	7,140	1	0.6	11,032	0	0.0	-	●
WASCO	26,700	18	9.7	2,809	3	1.5	17,736	
WASHINGTON	583,595	260	129.4	4,793	38	22.6	27,425	
WHEELER	1,465	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
YAMHILL	104,990	35	19.2	5,647	10	4.1	26,638	
STATEWIDE	4,076,350	1,673	923	4,418	369	216	18,852	

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 the 2020 renewal cycle.

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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:**

- 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, 2015–2019)

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