



OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services

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WORKFORCE DATA

The Board continues to be busy as license numbers grow. There are 1792 licensees. 275 are OT Assistants – the highest number of Assistants was 273 in 1999.

Part of the renewal online was the required workforce data collection. Below are some of the results from that survey.

Figure 1: Number of licensed therapists

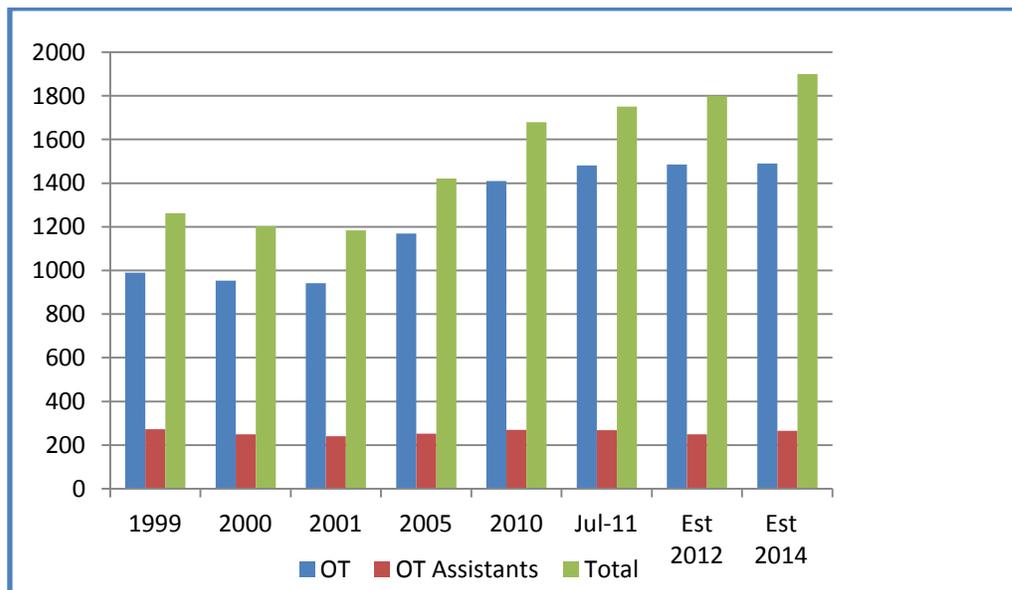


Figure 2: Employment Status: Full time or Part Time work

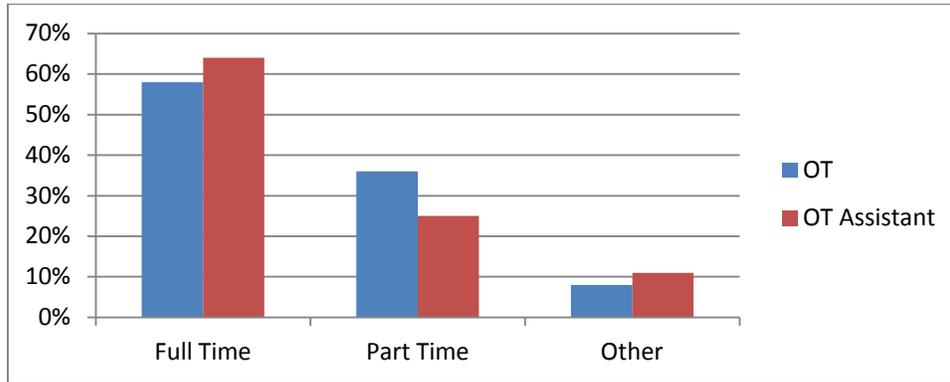


Figure 3: Work Settings:

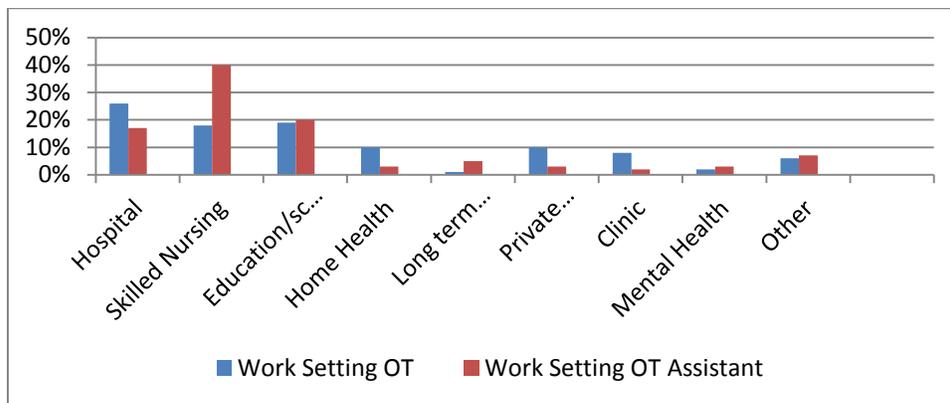


Figure 4: Gender of Therapists

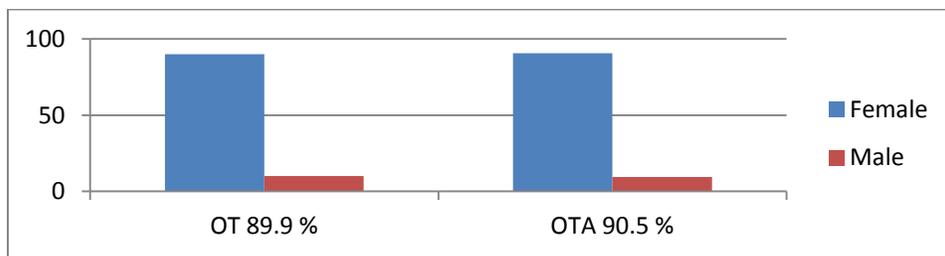
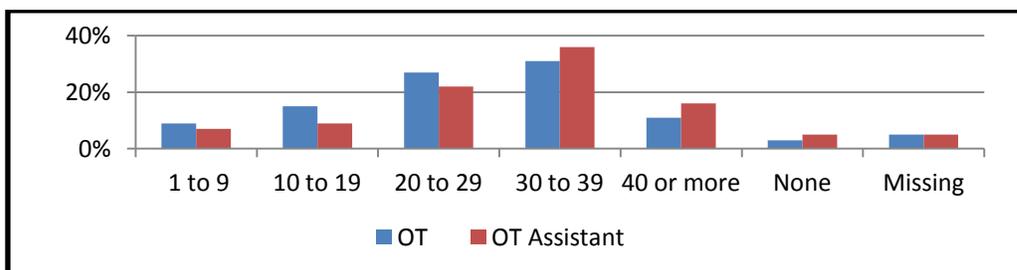


Figure 5: Average Hours in patient care



6. Age

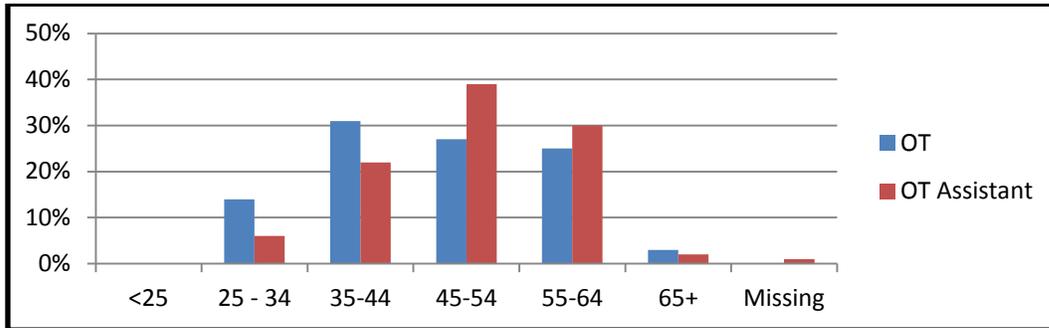
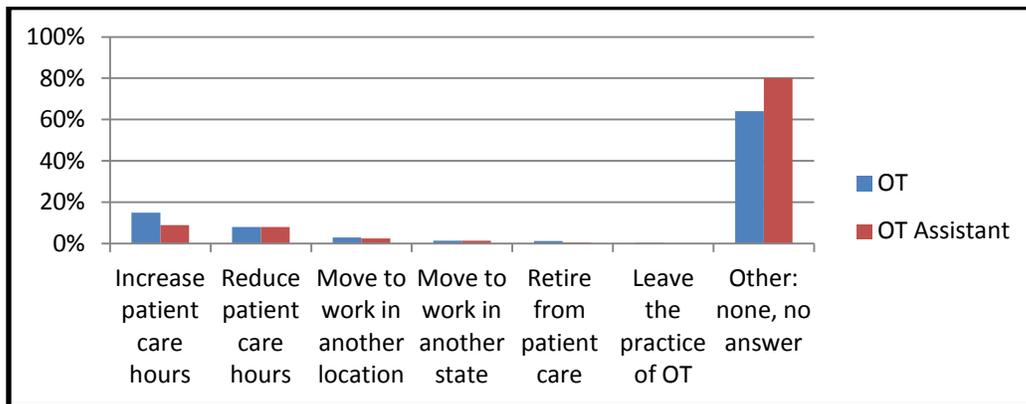


Figure 7: Future Practice Plans

*Note: These questions did not include keeping the same hours which will be part of the question next time. That will change the very high "Other" response



WORK OF THE BOARD

The OT Licensing Board's next meeting is Friday, Nov. 5, 2011

Contact the Director at Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us for the Agenda



The legislature approved the Agency 2011-2013 Budget for the OT Licensing Board. They did not approve a special package to cover cost of fingerprinting for new applicants. The Board will look at ways to check backgrounds, including HIPDB and LEDB (Law Enforcement Data Base).

Due to budget concerns, the mandatory furlough days will continue. The next unpaid **Furlough Day** is set for **Sept. 16, 2011**. Most other state offices will be closed. Check the web site for current information.

Other changes and topics the Board continues to work on include:

- An Ethics and Law Exam to be a part of the application process
- Migrating the web site to a new State of Oregon web site
- Developing a matrix including civil penalties for discipline issues
- Looking at pros and cons of Semi Independence (vs. consolidation)
- Consider whether to mandate NBCOT certification in Oregon
- Encourage evidence based practice and management skills

Other issues continued from the legislature:

- The bill to require continuing education in “cultural competency” did not pass in the 2011 session but will be back in the future.
- Other bills passed which affect health regulatory boards: administrative hearings, confidentiality of records, public records.
- There were also bills on autism and changes to the Oregon health care system.



OTAO: The **OT Association of Oregon** has an exciting updated web site: www.otao.com See information on the Annual conference in Tigard October 28-29th. You can register online soon. Go to <https://m360.otao.com/event.aspx?eventID=31894> . This year, as in the past, the Board will be making a presentation for CE credit during the Friday lunch hour at the state conference.

If you work in **mental health**, please fill out this survey the **Special Interest Group** has: <https://spreadsheets0.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDJSOGhvUVMza2o0TTdOM2d1eW8xQnc6MQ> Click on the link and control (CTRL) to get to the link or copy and paste it.

The OTLB, licensing Board members will be presenting at the conference during the Friday lunch hour. Board members and the Director will be available to answer questions at other times.



Please feel free to comment on any of these items the Board is working on. Contact Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us or call Felicia at 971-673-0198.