

### Direct Entry Midwives Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of direct entry midwives (DEMs) in Texas. In 2022, there were 304 actively licensed DEMs in Texas.

- This number represented a 20.6% increase since 2017 and a 59.2% increase since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one DEM in 2012 was 136,893:1 and in 2022 it was 100,800:1. The ratio has decreased by 26.3% over the past 10 years (Figure 2).<sup>1</sup>

Figure 1. Total DEMs in Texas

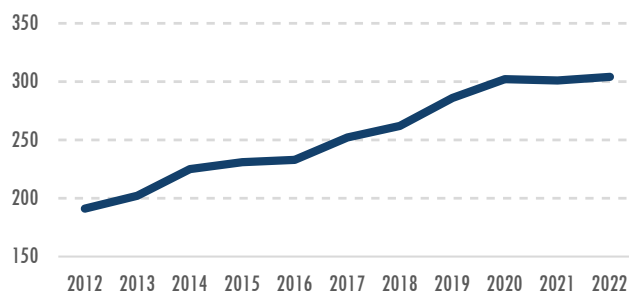
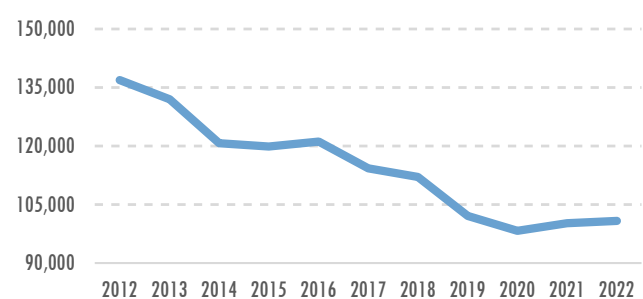


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to DEM<sup>1</sup>



### Geographic Distribution of Direct Entry Midwives

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to DEM by County<sup>1</sup>

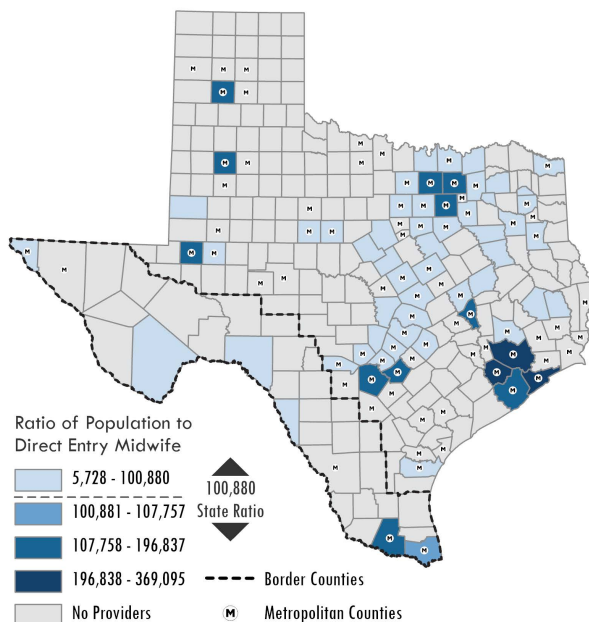


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to DEM by Geographic Designation<sup>1</sup>

| Geographic Designation | Ratio of Population to DEM |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Metropolitan           | 100,092:1                  |
| Non-metropolitan       | 108,350:1                  |
| Border                 | 110,895:1                  |
| Non-border             | 99,943:1                   |
| Texas                  | 100,880:1                  |

DEMs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- The ratio of the population to DEM was higher in non-metropolitan counties than metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the population to DEM was higher in border counties than non-border counties.
- 189 counties had no DEMs (Figure 3).

<sup>1</sup>Population numbers are sourced from the Texas Demographic Center (previously the Texas State Data Center). The center regularly updates the demographic projections. Therefore, population numbers for a particular year may differ depending on the date the data was retrieved.

## Demographics of Direct Entry Midwives

### Age

Within 10 years, 20.7% of the current Texas DEM workforce will be over 65 years of age.

- Age data were available for 100% of DEMs in 2022.
- 7.9% of active DEMs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.

### Gender

- In 2022, gender data was available for 27.6% of active DEMs in Texas. 92.9% of DEMs were female and 7.1% were male.
- In 2012, 57.1% of active DEMs provided their gender. 93.6% were female and 6.4% were male.

### Age Distribution by Gender

- Among DEMs over 55 years of age, males comprised 13.6% of the workforce.
- Among DEMs aged 40 years or under in 2022, 100.0% were female.

Table 2. Age Distribution of DEMs by Gender

| Age Group | Female | Male | Total |
|-----------|--------|------|-------|
| ≤30       | 6      | 0    | 6     |
| 31-35     | 3      | 0    | 3     |
| 36-40     | 3      | 0    | 3     |
| 41-45     | 7      | 0    | 7     |
| 46-50     | 10     | 0    | 10    |
| 51-55     | 11     | 0    | 11    |
| 56-60     | 7      | 2    | 9     |
| 61-65     | 11     | 1    | 12    |
| >65       | 20     | 3    | 23    |
| Total     | 78     | 6    | 84    |