

Medication Aides Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of medication aides in Texas. In 2022, there were 6,667 actively licensed medication aides in Texas.

- This number represented a 32.6% decrease since 2017 and a 36.0% decrease since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one medication aide in 2012 was 2,511:1 and in 2022 was 4,600:1. The ratio of population to medication aide has increased by 83.2% since 2012 (Figure 2).¹

Figure 1. Total Texas Medication Aides

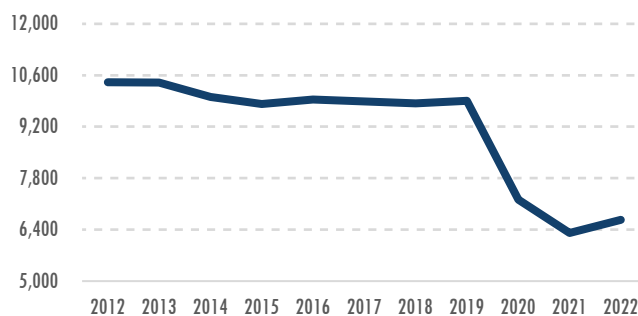
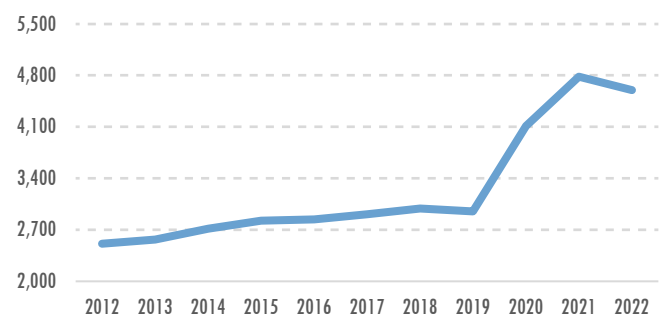


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to Medication Aide¹



Geographic Distribution of Medication Aides

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Medication Aide by County¹

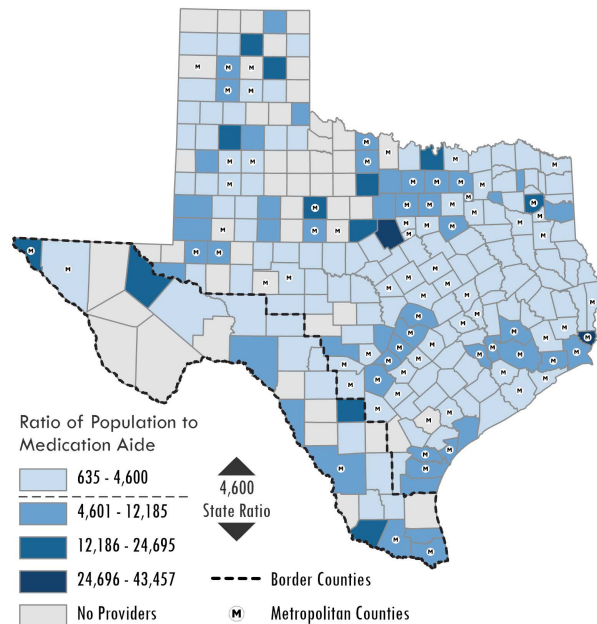


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Medication Aide by Geographic Designation¹

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Medication Aide
Metropolitan	5,071:1
Non-metropolitan	2,536:1
Border	9,643:1
Non-border	4,363:1
Texas	4,600:1

- The ratio of the Texas population to one medication aide was higher in metropolitan counties compared to non-metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the Texas population to one medication aide was higher in border counties compared to non-border counties.
- 51 counties had no medication aides (Figure 3).

¹Population 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 Medication Aides

Age

Within 10 years, 19.0% of the current Texas medication aide workforce will be 65 years of age (Figure 4).

- 2.7% of medication aides in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.
- 15.4% of medication aides were between 36 and 40 years of age.
- Age data were available for 6,604 of 6,667 medication aides (99.1%).

Figure 4. Age Distribution of Medication Aides

