

Direct Entry Midwife Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of direct entry midwives (DEMs) in Texas. In 2020, there were 302 actively licensed DEMs in Texas.

- This number represented a 30.7% increase since 2015 and a 73.6% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the DEM workforce has improved by 32.6% over the past 10 years.

Figure 1. Total DEMs

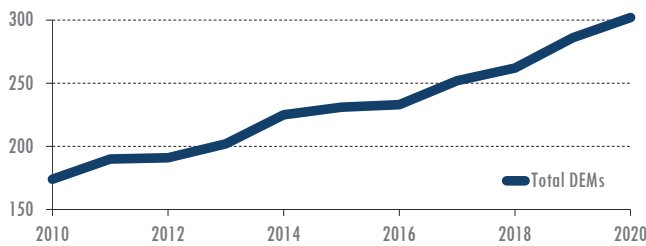
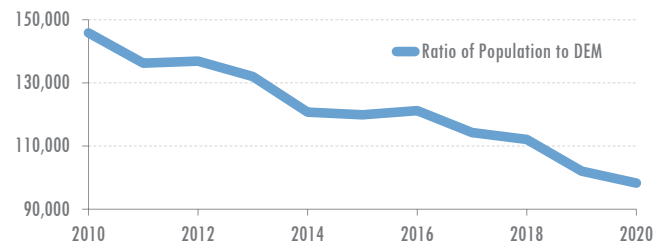


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to DEM



Geographic Distribution of Direct Entry Midwives

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to DEM by County

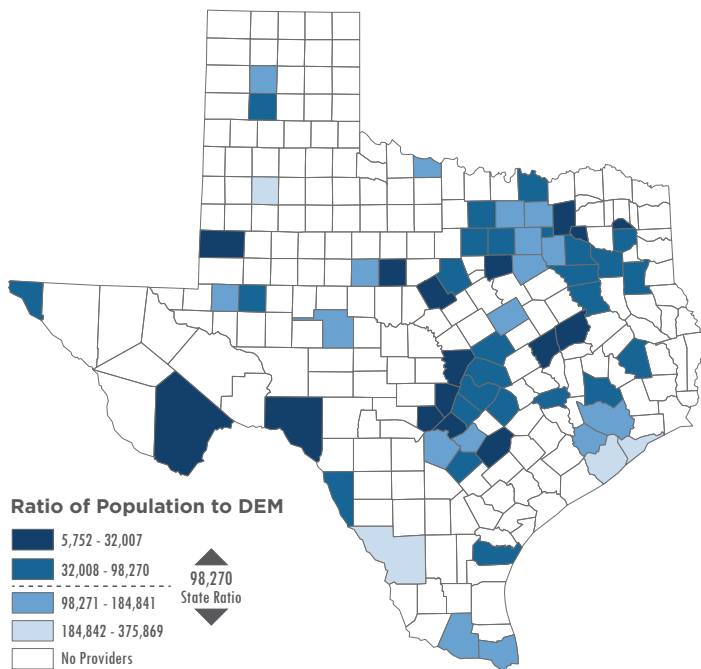


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to DEM by Geographic Designation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to DEM
Metropolitan	94,856
Non-metropolitan	141,730
Border	70,985
Non-border	102,436
Texas	98,270

DEMs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 1.5 times as many DEMs as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, border counties had 1.4 times as many DEMs as non-border counties.

Demographics of Direct Entry Midwives

Age Distribution of DEMs

Within 10 years, 22.5% of the current Texas DEM workforce will be over 65 years of age.¹

Table 2. Age Distribution of DEMs

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage
≤25	10	3.3%
26-30	27	8.9%
31-35	41	13.6%
36-40	43	14.2%
41-45	50	16.6%
46-50	34	11.3%
51-55	29	9.6%
56-60	23	7.6%
61-65	24	7.9%
>65	21	7.0%
Total	302	100.0%

¹ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.

