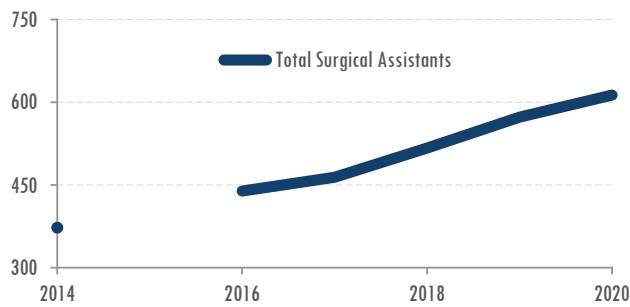


**Surgical Assistant Growth Trends**

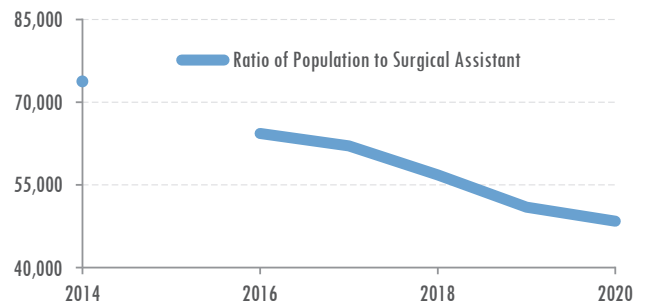
This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of surgical assistants in Texas. In 2020, there were 613 actively licensed surgical assistants in Texas.

- This number represented a 66.1% increase since 2014.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the surgical assistant workforce has improved by 34.2% over the past six years.

**Figure 1. Total Surgical Assistants<sup>1</sup>**



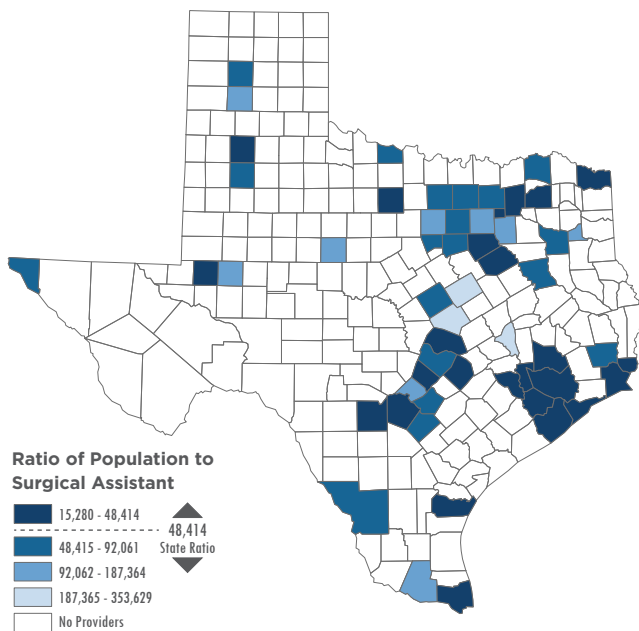
**Figure 2. Ratio of Population to Surgical Assistant**



<sup>1</sup> Data were unavailable for 2015.

**Geographic Distribution of Surgical Assistants**

**Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Surgical Assistant by County**



**Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Surgical Assistant by Geographic Designation**

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Surgical Assistant
Metropolitan	43,756
Non-metropolitan	519,676
Border	78,872
Non-border	46,513
Texas	48,414

Surgical assistants were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 11.9 times as many surgical assistants as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 1.7 times as many surgical assistants as border counties.