

Acupuncturists Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of acupuncturists in Texas. In 2022, there were 1,179 actively licensed acupuncturists in Texas.

- This number represented a 0.9% increase since 2017 and a 188.3% increase since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one acupuncturist in 2012 was 63,928:1 and in 2022 it was 26,011:1. The ratio of population to acupuncturist has decreased by 59.3% (Figure 2).¹

Figure 1. Total Texas Acupuncturists

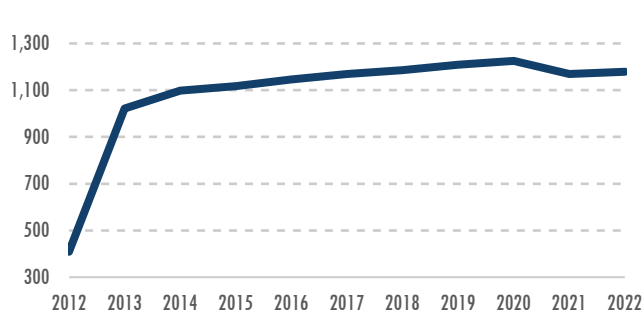
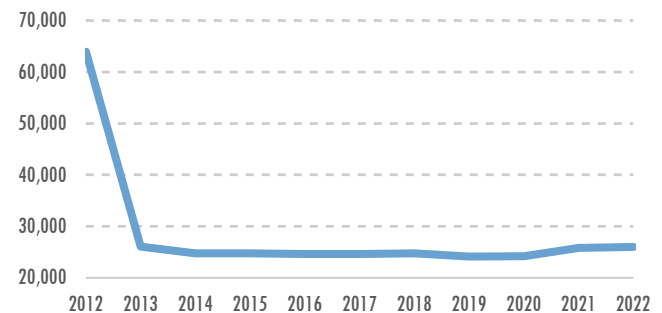


Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to Acupuncturist¹



Geographic Distribution of Acupuncturists

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Acupuncturist by County¹

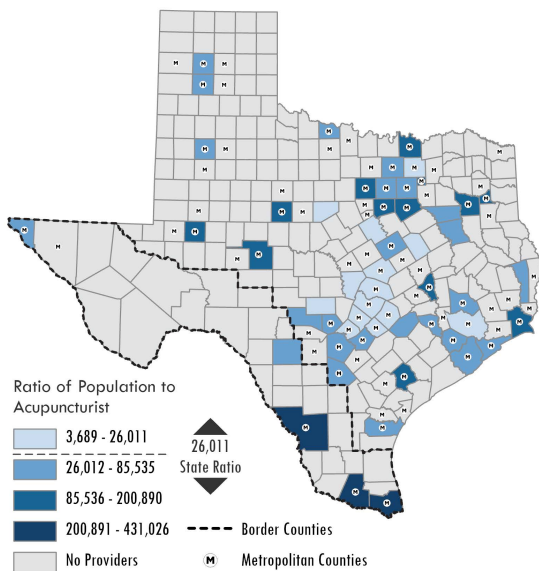


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Acupuncturist by Geographic Designation¹

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Acupuncturist
Metropolitan	23,647:1
Non-metropolitan	209,477:1
Border	144,163:1
Non-border	23,973:1
Texas	26,011:1

- The ratio of the Texas population to one acupuncturist was higher in non-metropolitan counties compared to metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the Texas population to one acupuncturist was higher in border counties compared to non-border counties.
- 200 counties had no acupuncturists (Figure 2).

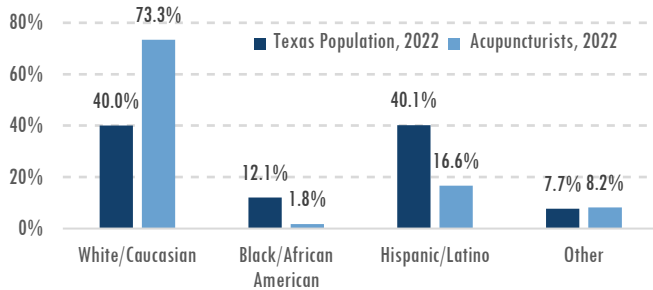
¹Population numbers are sourced from the Texas Demographic Center (previously the Texas State Data Center). The center regularly updates the demographic projections therefore, population numbers for a particular year may differ depending on the date the data was retrieved.

Demographics of Acupuncturists

Race/Ethnicity

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino acupuncturists were underrepresented when compared to the Texas population (Figure 4).² Race/ethnicity data were available for 679 of 1,179 acupuncturists (57.6%).

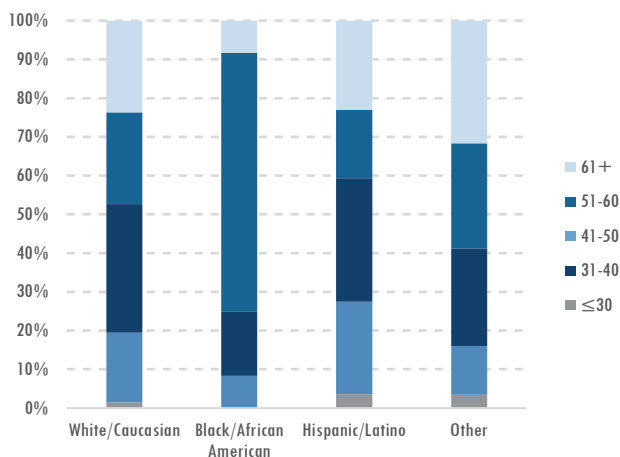
Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of Texas Population and Acupuncturists²



Age Distribution by Race/Ethnicity

- 23.7% of White/Caucasian acupuncturists were 61 years of age or over, while 19.5% were aged 40 years or under (Figure 5).
- 16.7% of Black/African American acupuncturists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 8.3% were aged 40 years or under (Figure 5).
- 31.9% of Hispanic/Latino acupuncturists were between 41 and 50 years of age, and 27.4% were aged 40 years or under (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Race/Ethnicity



Age

Within 10 years, 38.1% of the current Texas acupuncturist workforce will be over 65 years of age.³

- 18.3% of active acupuncturists in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.

Gender

- In 2022, 67.9% of acupuncturists were female and 32.1% were male. Gender data were available for all 1,179 acupuncturists in 2022.
- In 2012, 65.5% were female and 34.5% were male. Gender data were available for all 417 acupuncturists in 2012.

Age Distribution by Gender

- Among acupuncturists over 55 years of age, males comprised 36.5% of the acupuncturist workforce.
- Among acupuncturists aged 40 years or under in 2022, 74.3% were female and 25.7% were male.

Table 2. Age Distribution of Acupuncturists by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	23	7	30
31-35	53	18	71
36-40	86	31	117
41-45	113	58	171
46-50	125	47	172
51-55	116	53	169
56-60	88	40	128
61-65	68	37	105
>65	129	87	216
Total	801	378	1,179

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³The earliest retirement age for social security is 62 (www.socialsecurity.gov).



Employment Characteristics of Acupuncturists

- As seen in Figure 6, 40.7% of acupuncturists reported practicing for 20 to 39 hours.
- Primary practice hours data were available for 882 of 1,179 acupuncturists (74.8%).
- The top three primary practice settings for acupuncturists were solo (73.0%), partnership/group (15.8%), and direct medical (7.2%).
- Primary practice setting data were available for 890 of 1,179 acupuncturists (75.5%).

Table 3. Primary Practice Setting of Acupuncturists

Setting	Number of Acupuncturists
Solo	650
Partnership/Group	141
Direct Medical	12
Medical School	10
Hospital Based	6
VA	5
Military	1
HMO	1
Other	64
Total	890

Figure 6. Primary Practice Hours of Acupuncturists

