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TRENDS, DISTRIBUTION, AND DEMOGRAPHICS

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS
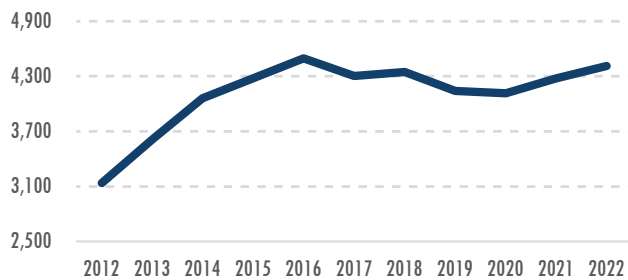
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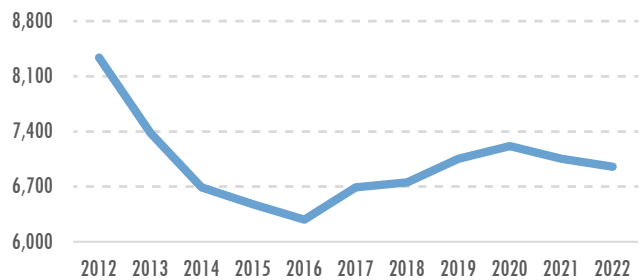## Speech-Language Pathology Assistants Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of speech-language pathology assistants (SLPAs) in Texas. In 2022, there were 4,411 actively licensed SLPAs in Texas.

- This number represented a 2.5% increase since 2017 and a 40.7% increase since 2012 (Figure 1).
- The ratio of the Texas population per one SLPA in 2012 was 8,338:1 and in 2022 it was 6,952:1. The ratio has decreased by 16.6% over the past 10 years (Figure 2).[1]

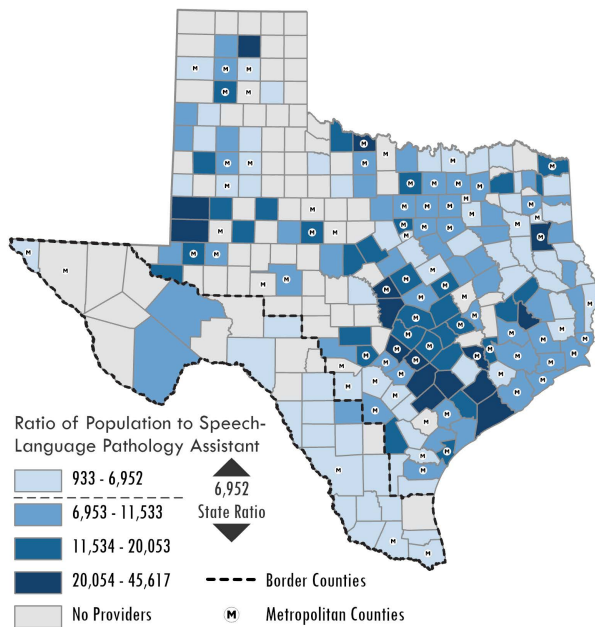**Figure 1. Total SLPAs in Texas**

Figure 2. Ratio of Texas Population to SLPA[1]

Geographic Distribution of Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to SLPA by County[1]

Ratio of Population to Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

- 933 - 6,952
- 6,953 - 11,533
- 11,534 - 20,053
- 20,054 - 45,617
- No Providers

6,952 State Ratio

- - - - Border Counties

(M) Metropolitan Counties

Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to SLPA by Geographic Designation[1]

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to SLPA
Metropolitan	7,022:1
Non-metropolitan	6,399:1
Border	2,486:1
Non-border	8,546:1
Texas	6,952:1

SLPAs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- The ratio of the population to SLPA was higher in metropolitan counties than non-metropolitan counties.
- The ratio of the population to SLPA was higher in non-border counties than border counties.
- 80 counties had no SLPAs (Figure 3).

[1]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.

Age

Within 10 years, 5.3% of the current Texas SLPA workforce will be over 65 years of age.

- Age data were available for 100% of licensed SLPAs in 2022.
- 0.6% of active SLPAs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2022.

Gender

- In 2022, gender data was available for 25.1% of licensed SLPAs. 95.5% of SLPAs were female and 4.5% were male.
- In 2012, 71.1% of licensed SLPAs provided their gender. 95.0% were female and 5.0% were male.

Age Distribution by Gender

- Among SLPAs over 55 years of age, males comprised 2.8% of the workforce.
- Among SLPAs aged 40 years or under in 2022, 94.2% were female and 5.8% were male.

Table 2. Age Distribution of SLPAs by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	3	0	3
31-35	123	7	130
36-40	282	18	300
41-45	215	11	226
46-50	165	4	169
51-55	130	6	136
56-60	71	3	74
61-65	51	0	51
>65	17	1	18
Total	1,057	50	1,107