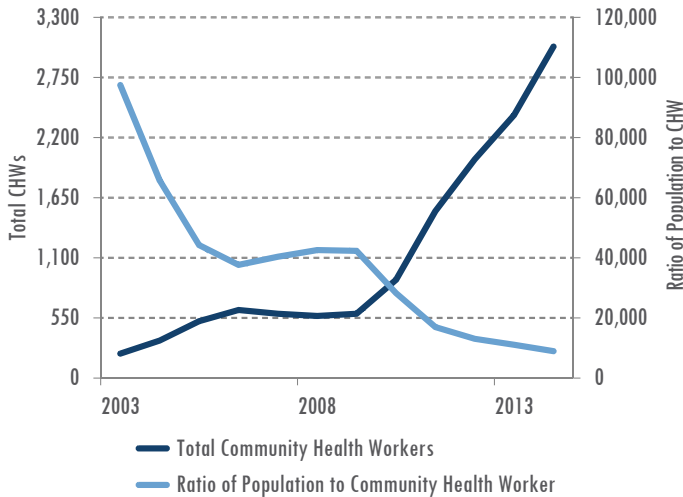




Community Health Workers

2014

CHW Growth Trends

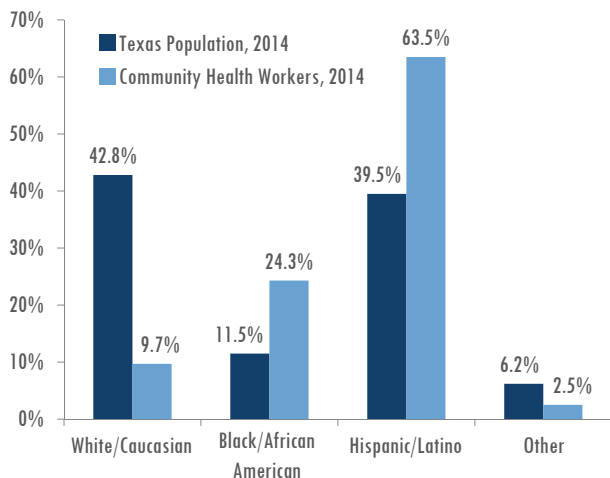


In 2014, there were 3,032 actively certified community health workers (CHWs) in Texas.

- This number represented a 415.6% increase since 2009 and a 784.0% increase since 2004.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the CHW workforce has improved by 86.4% over the past decade.

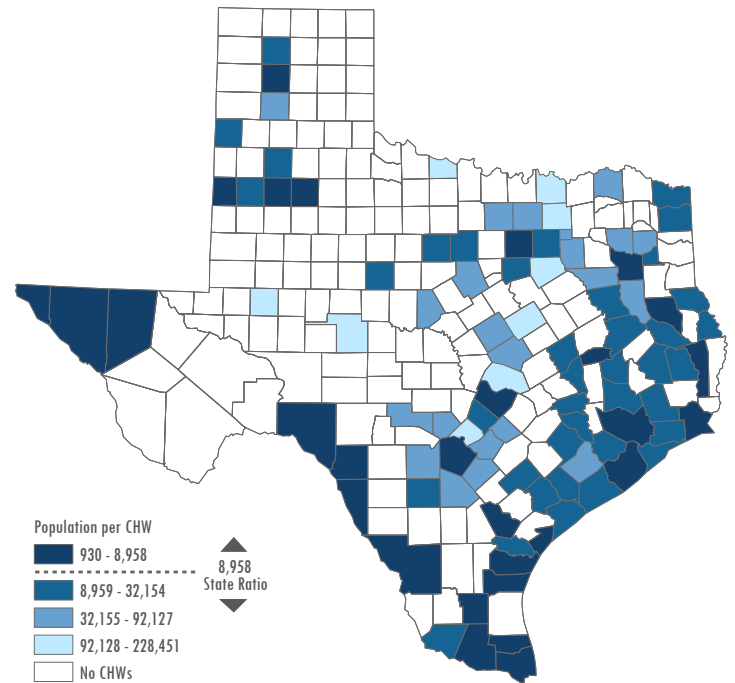
Despite these improvements, Texas still has slightly fewer CHWs than the national average.

Race/Ethnicity of CHWs



The racial/ethnic distribution of Texas CHWs differs greatly from that of the Texas population.

Ratio of Texas Population to CHW, by County



Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to CHW
Metropolitan	8,337
Non-metropolitan	20,891
Border	4,725
Non-border	9,999
Texas	8,958

CHWs are not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There is a 85.9% difference between the number of CHWs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference is 71.6%.

Gender of CHWs

- In 2014, 87.4% of CHWs were female and 12.6% were male.
- Unlike many other health professions, this gender disparity is not mediated by age of CHW.

