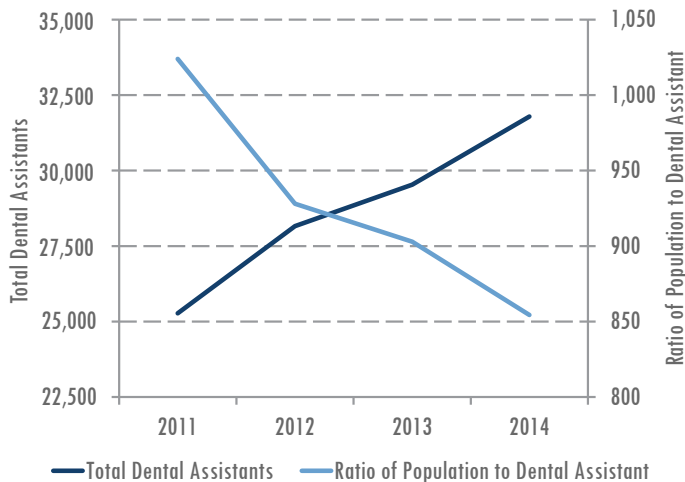




Dental Assistants

2014

DA Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 31,791 actively licensed dental assistants (DA) providing care in Texas.

- This number represented a 25.8% increase since 2011.
- Despite these improvements, Texas still had slightly fewer dental assistants than the national average.

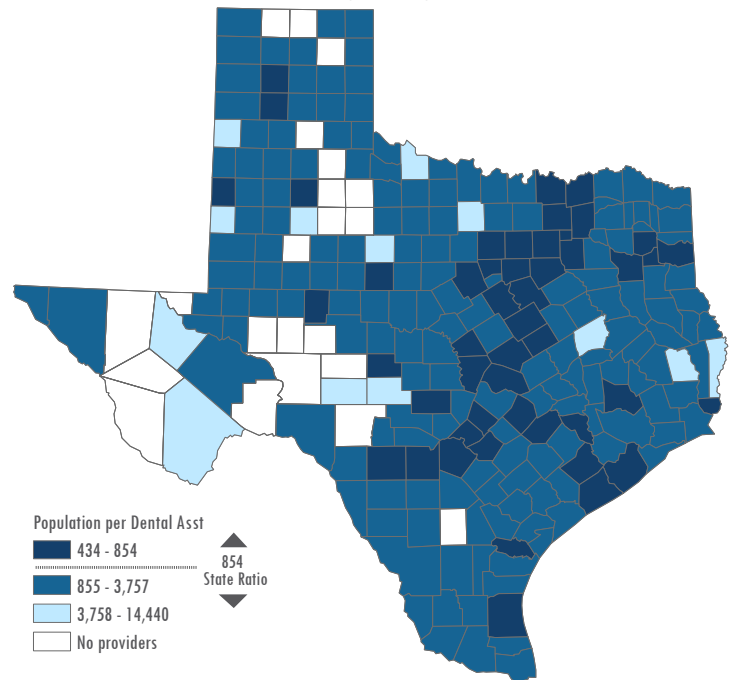
Age Distribution of DA, by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤25	7,009	679	7,688
26-30	5,990	433	6,423
31-35	4,683	281	4,964
36-40	3,411	150	3,561
41-45	2,829	113	2,942
46-50	2,174	61	2,235
51-55	1,762	56	1,818
56-60	1,048	15	1,063
61-65	467	9	476
>65	246	14	260
Total	29,619	1,811	31,430¹

- 72.0% of dental assistants were under 40 years of age.
- 22.3% of dental assistants were between 41 and 55 years of age.
- 5.7% of dental assistants will be at or past retirement age in ten years.
- In 2014, 94.2% of dental assistants were female and 5.8% were male.

¹ Gender data were unavailable for 361 dental assistants.

Ratio of Texas Population to DA, by County



Geographic Distribution of DAs

Dental assistants were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 38.0% difference between the number of dental assistants in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 22.7%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to DA
Metropolitan	823
Non-metropolitan	1,209
Border	1,050
Non-border	836
Texas	854

