

### Licensed Professional Counselor Growth Trends



In 2014, there were 20,655 actively licensed professional counselors (LPC) providing direct patient care in Texas.

- This number represented a 38.8% increase since 2009 and a 93% increase since 2004.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the LPC workforce has improved by 37.4% over the past ten years.

Despite these improvements, Texas still had fewer licensed professional counselors than the national average.

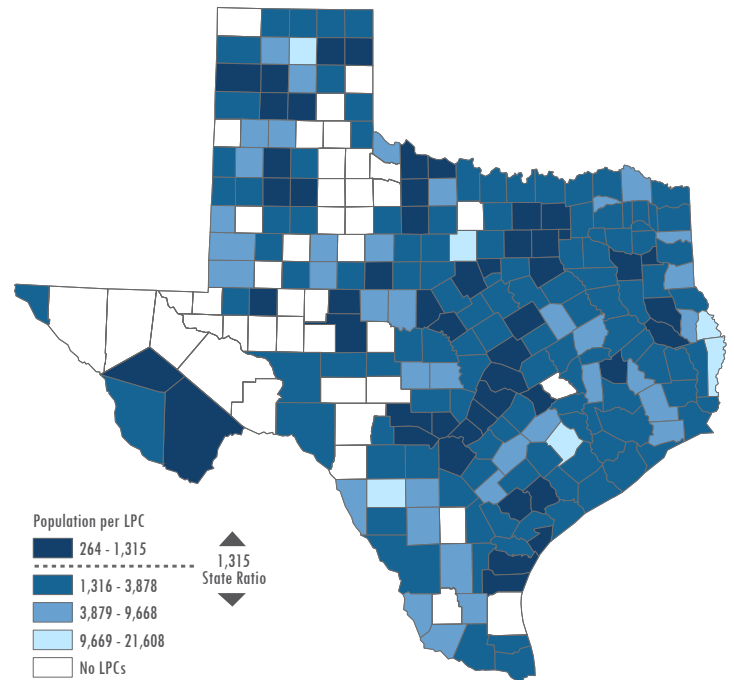
### Ratio of Texas Population to LPC, by Geographic Designation

Licensed professional counselors were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- There was a 172% difference between the number of LPCs in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas even after controlling for population differences.
- Between border and non-border areas the percent difference was 178.8%.

Geographic Designation	Ratio of population to LPCs
Metropolitan	1,251
Non-metropolitan	2,167
Border	2,585
Non-border	1,244
<b>Texas</b>	<b>1,315</b>

### Ratio of Texas Population to LPC, by County



### Age Distribution of LPCs

Age Group	Total
≤25	125
26-30	1,828
31-35	2,602
36-40	2,379
41-45	2,459
46-50	1,947
51-55	1,998
56-60	2,195
61-65	2,257
>65	2,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,655</b>

13.9% of the LPC workforce are currently greater than 65 years of age and, within ten years, 35.4% of the Texas LPC workforce will be at or past retirement age.

- 10.9% of active LPCs were 61-65 years of age.
- 33.6% of LPCs were aged 40 years or younger.

