## TRENDS, DISTRIBUITON, AND DENOGRAPHICS MEDICAL RADOLOOGIC TECCHOLOGISTS

## Medical Radiologic Technologist Growth Trends

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of medical radiologic technologists (MRTs) in Texas. In 2020, there were 25,878 actively licensed MRTs in Texas.

- This number represented a $10.3 \%$ increase since 2015 and a $22.6 \%$ increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the MRT workforce has improved by $4.6 \%$ over the past 10 years.

Figure 1. Total MRTs


Figure 2. Ratio of Population to MRT


## Geographic Distribution of Medical Radiologic Technologists

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to MRT by County


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to MRT by Geographic Designation

| Geographic Designation | Ratio of Population to MRT |
| :---: | :---: |
| Metropolitan | 1,131 |
| Non-metropolitan | 1,305 |
| Border | 1,620 |
| Non-border | 1,112 |
| Texas | 1,147 |

MRTs were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 1.2 times as many MRTs as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 1.5 times as many MRTs as border counties.


## Race/Ethnicity of MRTs

Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino MRTs were underrepresented when compared to the Texas population. ${ }^{1}$

Figure 4. Race/Ethnicity of Texas Population and MRTs


## Age Distribution of MRTs

Within 10 years, 20.8\% of the current Texas MRT workforce will be over 65 years of age. ${ }^{2}$

- $4.5 \%$ of active MRTs in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2020.
- $43.1 \%$ were aged 40 years or under.

Table 2. Age Distribution of MRTs

| Age Group | Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\leq 30$ | 3,761 | $14.5 \%$ |
| $31-35$ | 3,431 | $13.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 6 - 4 0}$ | 3,961 | $15.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4 1 - 4 5}$ | 3,464 | $13.4 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4 6 - 5 0}$ | 3,145 | $12.2 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{5 1 - 5 5}$ | 2,732 | $10.6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{5 6 - 6 0}$ | 2,415 | $9.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{6 1 - 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 0 6}$ | $7.0 \%$ |
| $>\mathbf{6 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 6 3}$ | $4.5 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 5 , 8 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## Age Distribution of MRTs by Race/Ethnicity

$35.8 \%$ of white/Caucasian MRTs were aged 40 years or under, while $14.9 \%$ were 61 years of age or over.

- 32.1\% of black/African American MRTs were between 41 and 50 years of age, and $29.1 \%$ were aged 40 years or under.
$45.6 \%$ of Hispanic/Latino MRTs were aged 40 years or under, while $9.1 \%$ were 61 years of age or over.

Figure 5. Age Distribution of MRTs by Race/Ethnicity

${ }^{1}$ Race/ethnicity data were available for 23,367 of 25,878 MRTs.
${ }^{2}$ The earliest retirement age for social security is 62 .

Employment Characteristics of Medical Radiologic Technologists

Table 3. Primary Practice Setting of MRTs

| Setting | Number of MRTs |
| :---: | :---: |
| Hospital Based | 13,265 |
| Direct Medical Care | 1,512 |
| Partnership or Group | 1,026 |
| Solo | 425 |
| Veterans Affairs | 213 |
| Medical School Faculty | 179 |
| Military | 107 |
| Public Health Service | 48 |
| Health Maintenance Organization | 46 |
| Research | 30 |
| Other | 2,911 |
| Total | $19,762^{3}$ |

Figure 6. Primary Practice Hours of MRTs ${ }^{4}$

${ }^{3}$ Primary practice setting data were available for 19,762 of 25,878 MRTs.
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