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TRENDS, DISTRIBUTION, AND DEMOGRAPHICS



SANITARIANS

Sanitarian Growth Trends

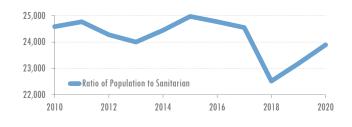
Figure 1. Total Sanitarians

This fact sheet is an overview of the trends, distribution, and demographics of sanitarians in Texas. In 2020, there were 1,242 actively licensed sanitarians in Texas.

- This number represented a 12.0% increase since 2015 and a 20.3% increase since 2010.
- Relative to population growth, the size of the sanitarian workforce has improved by 2.8% over the past 10 years.



Figure 2. Ratio of Population to Sanitarian



Geographic Distribution of Sanitarians

Figure 3. Ratio of Texas Population to Sanitarian by County

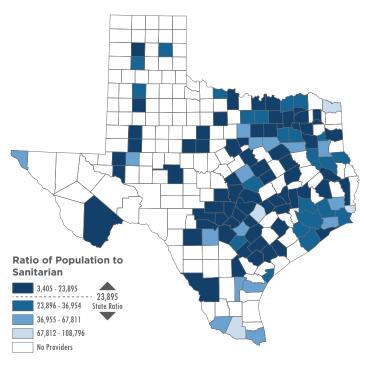


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Sanitarian by GeographicDesignation

Geographic Designation	Ratio of Population to Sanitarian	
Metropolitan	23,463	
Non-metropolitan	28,346	
Border	50,703	
Non-border	22,629	
Texas	23,895	

Sanitarians were not evenly distributed throughout the state.

- Per capita, metropolitan counties had 1.2 times as many sanitarians as non-metropolitan counties.
- Per capita, non-border counties had 2.2 times as many sanitarians as border counties.

Demographics of Sanitarians

Gender of Sanitarians

- In 2020, 33.9% of sanitarians were female and 66.1% were male.¹
- Of sanitarians age 40 and under, 54.2% were women and 45.8% were men.

Age Distribution of Sanitarians by Gender

Within 10 years, 52.0% of the current Texas sanitarian workforce will be over 65 years of age.²

- 21.0% of active sanitarians in Texas were over 65 years of age in 2020.
- Of sanitarians over the age of 55, 77.9% were men.

Table 2. Age Distribution Sanitarians by Gender

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
≤30	22	14	36
31-35	6	7	13
36-40	4	6	10
41-45	30	25	55
46-50	31	40	71
51-55	30	48	78
56-60	23	73	96
61-65	21	53	74
>65	19	96	115
Total	186	362	548

¹ Gender data were available for 548 of 1,241 sanitarians.

² The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.