HEALTH PROFESSIONS RESOURCE CENTER UNDER THE GOVERNANCE OF THE STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

# TRENDS, DISTRIBUTION, AND DEMOGRAPHICS



# SANITARIANS

### Sanitarian Growth Trends

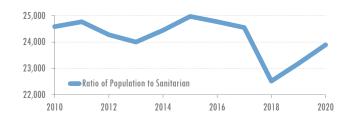
**Figure 1. Total Sanitarians** 

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

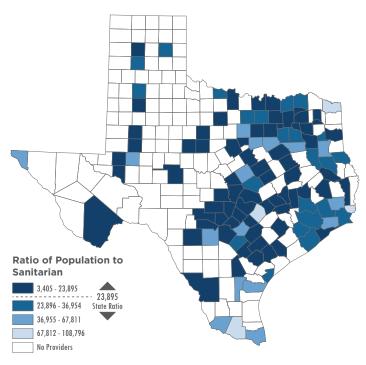


Table 1. Ratio of Texas Population to Sanitarian by GeographicDesignation

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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup>

- 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

<sup>1</sup> Gender data were available for 548 of 1,241 sanitarians.

<sup>2</sup> The earliest retirement age for social security is 62.