

# Oregon's Licensed Dietetic Workforce

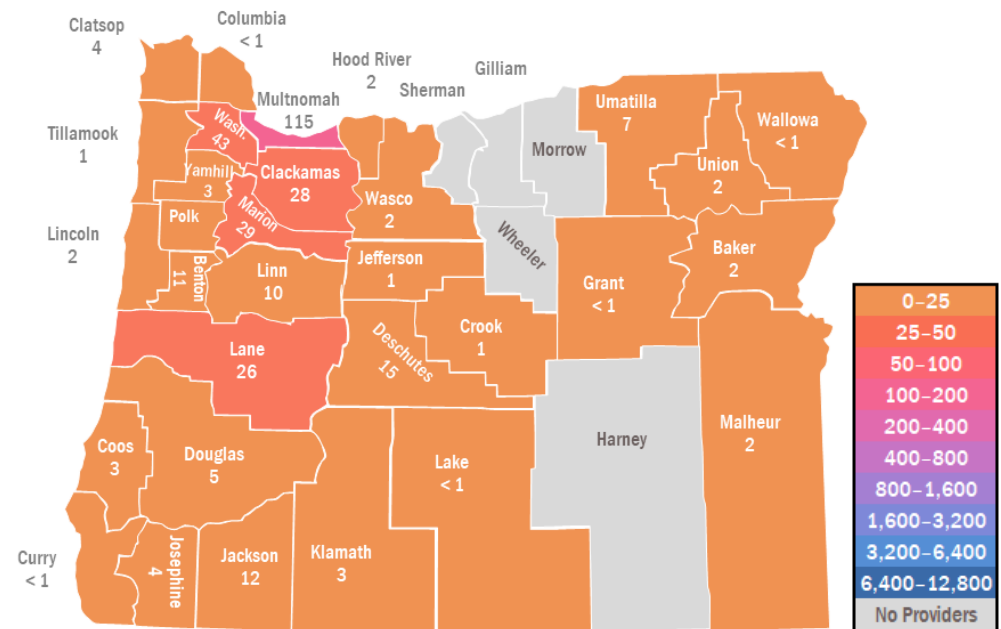
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This fact sheet provides a snapshot of the state's licensed dietetic workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Health Licensing Office and the Oregon Board of Licensed Dietitians.

The Oregon Board of Licensed Dietitians oversees the practice of licensed dietitians, who integrate and apply principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, management, physiology and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain people's health through a number of approaches. The Board does not oversee unlicensed dietitians nor nutritionists practicing in Oregon, therefore data on these professionals is beyond the scope of this factsheet.

If you would like more information about dietetic licensure from the Oregon Health Licensing Office, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Licensed-Dietitians.aspx>

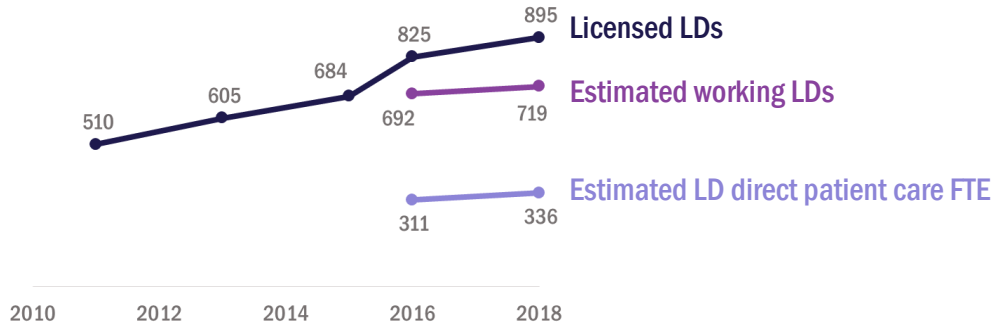
## Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes licensed dietitians)



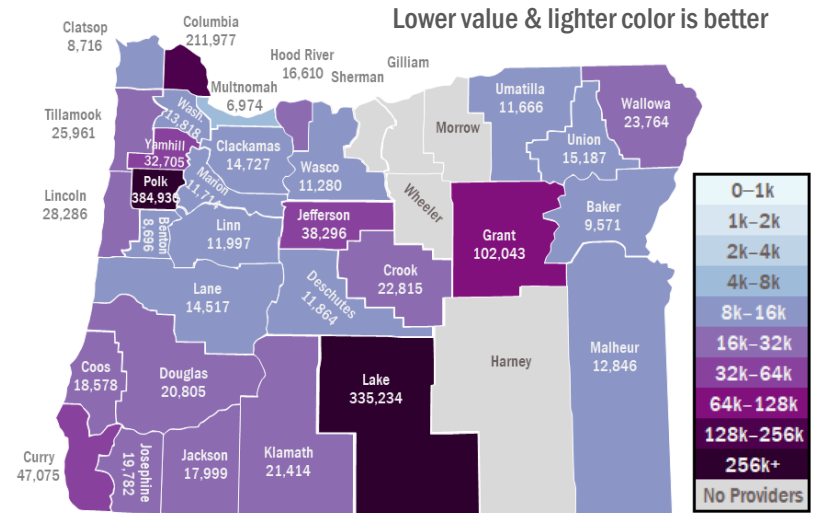
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# Licensed dietitians (LD)

Oregon's LD supply over time



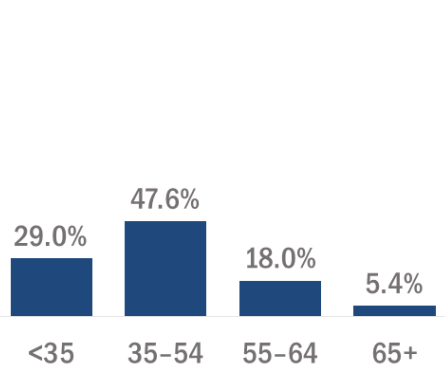
Estimated population-to-provider ratio\*



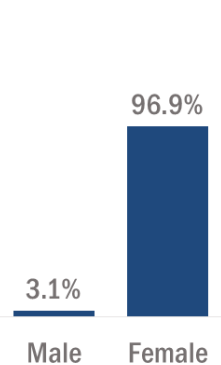
All subsequent data presented are from LDs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=594).

## Workforce demographics

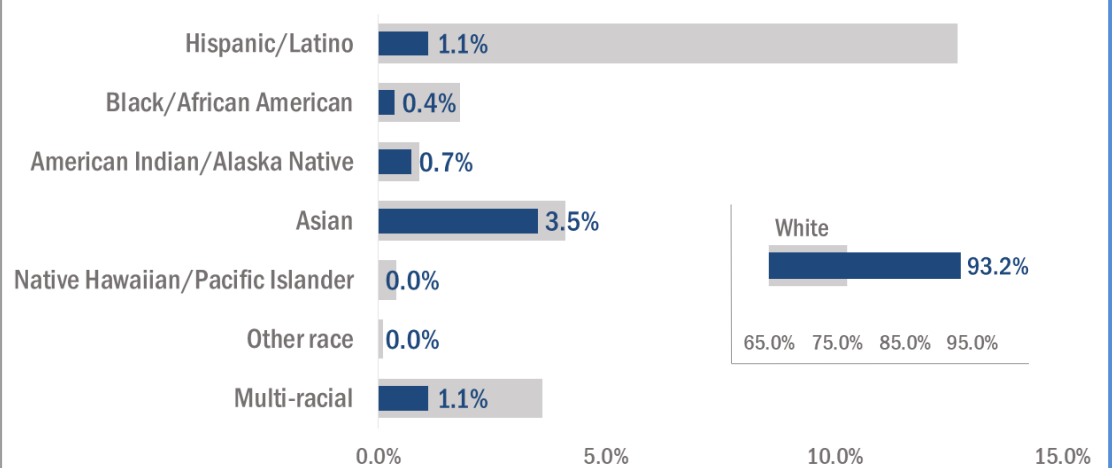
Age



Gender



Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



8.6% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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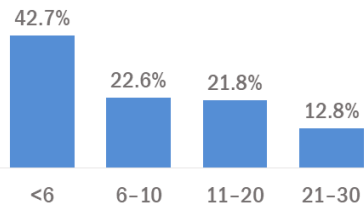
## Workforce supply



LDs work an average of 31.1 hours per week.

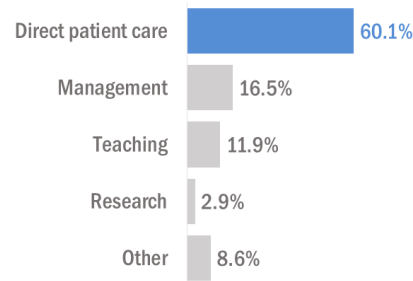
45.3% of LDs work at least 40 hours each week.

## Number of years licensed in Oregon<sup>§</sup>

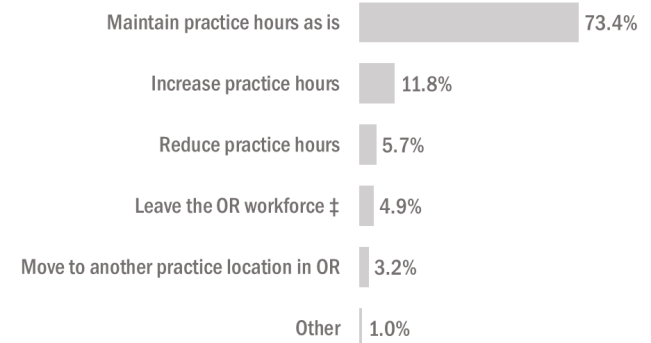


## How LDs spend their time

On average, LDs spend 60.1% of their time in direct patient care.

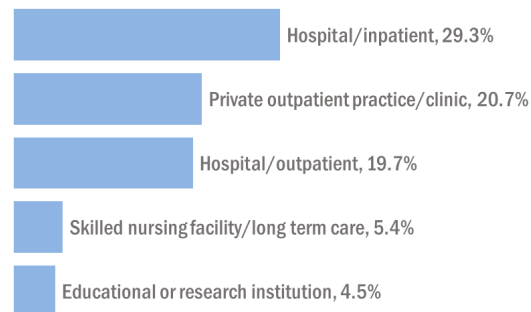


## Practice plans in the next two years

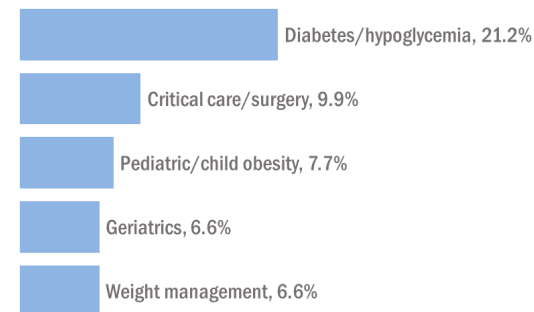


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings



### Top 5 specialties



### Footnotes:

\* Ratio based on total estimated direct patient care FTE in county.

† Licensees who did not report race and ethnicity data are excluded from the charts. Racial categories exclude Hispanic.

‡ Leave the Oregon workforce includes those planning to retire, move to practice out of state, or leave the occupation.

§ LDs were licensed in Oregon beginning in 1990.

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### About these fact sheets:

The Health Care Workforce Reporting Program (HWRP) collects workforce-related information directly from health care professionals via a questionnaire embedded in the license renewal process. Data reported in this fact sheet were collected during a two-year period (2016-2017). Health care professionals with a completed survey during this time period and an active license in January 2018 were included in this report. Please refer to the HWRP's General Methods documentation on the website for further details.

### For more information about methodology and results, visit:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/analytics/Pages/Health-Care-Workforce-Reporting.aspx>

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#### Additional data sources:

- Population Research Center. Population estimates and reports: certified population estimates, July 1, 2017 [Internet]. Portland, OR: Portland State University; 2017 [cited 2019 August 7]. Available from: <https://www.pdx.edu/prc/population-reports-estimates>
- U.S. Census Bureau: American Fact Finder. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2013–2017: Hispanic or Latino origin by race (table name B03002, geography of Oregon). Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau: American Fact Finder; 2018 [updated 2019 February 7; cited 2019 August 7]. Available from <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t#acsST>

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## Appendix A: Estimated count, FTE in direct patient care, and population-to-provider FTE ratio by county

County	Population	Licensed dietitians		
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio
BAKER	16,750	4	1.8	9,571
BENTON	92,575	27	10.6	8,696
CLACKAMAS	413,000	59	28.0	14,727
CLATSOP	38,820	10	4.5	8,716
COLUMBIA	51,345	1	0.2	211,978
COOS	63,310	10	3.4	18,578
CROOK	22,105	1	1.0	22,815
CURRY	22,805	1	0.5	47,075
DESCHUTES	182,930	38	15.4	11,864
DOUGLAS	111,180	12	5.3	20,805
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-
GRANT	7,415	1	0.1	102,042
HARNEY	7,360	0	0.0	-
HOOD RIVER	25,145	5	1.5	16,610
JACKSON	216,900	19	12.1	17,999
JEFFERSON	23,190	1	0.6	38,296
JOSEPHINE	85,650	6	4.3	19,782
KLAMATH	67,690	6	3.2	21,414
LAKE	8,120	1	0.0	335,232
LANE	370,600	48	25.5	14,517
LINCOLN	47,960	2	1.7	28,286
LINN	124,010	23	10.3	11,997
MALHEUR	31,845	6	2.5	12,846
MARION	339,200	59	29.0	11,714
MORROW	11,890	0	0.0	-
MULTNOMAH	803,000	245	115.1	6,974
POLK	81,000	4	0.2	384,930
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-
TILLAMOOK	26,175	2	1.0	25,961
UMATILLA	80,500	15	6.9	11,666
UNION	26,900	4	1.8	15,187
WALLOWA	7,195	2	0.3	23,764
WASCO	27,100	6	2.4	11,280
WASHINGTON	595,860	94	43.1	13,818
WHEELER	1,480	0	0.0	-
YAMHILL	106,300	6	3.3	32,705
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	719	336	12,339

Note: Circles indicate whether county has no providers (red) or is above (yellow) or below (green) the statewide ratio by 50%.

Population-to-provider ratios are based on the estimated patient care FTE in the county. Values greater than the county population are due to less than 1.0 FTE in county.