

# Oregon's Occupational Therapy Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state's occupational therapy workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board.

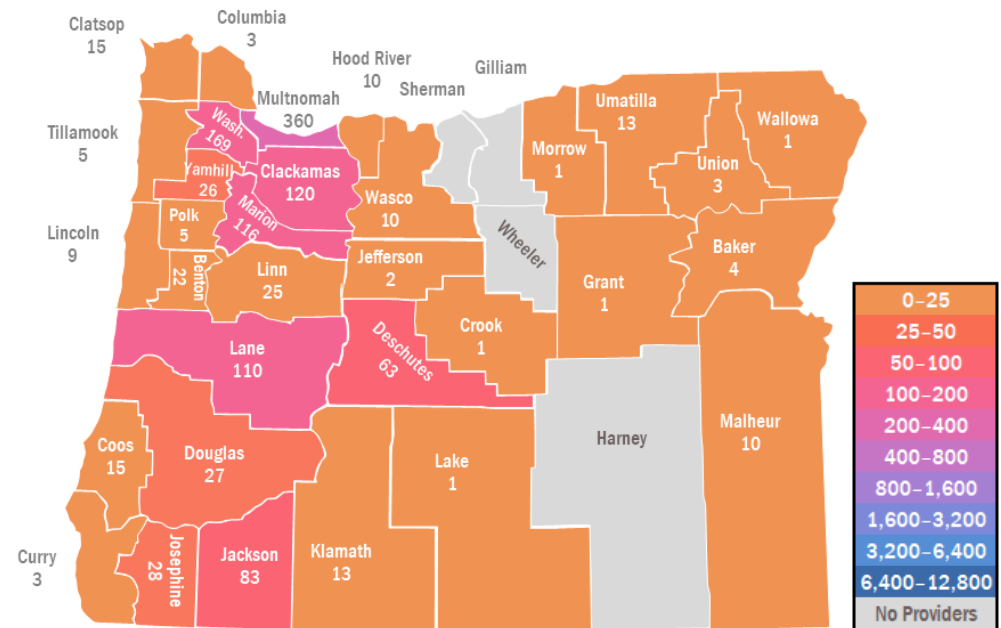
The mission of the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board is to protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.

The board is responsible for protecting the health, safety and welfare of individuals who receive occupational therapy services in Oregon. The role of the board is to investigate complaints and take appropriate action; make and enforce laws and rules regarding occupational therapy practice; establish continuing education requirements; process applications and issue license and renewals; collect fees and authorize disbursements of funds.

Workforce data were collected for occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA) and are presented as individual occupational profiles.

If you would like more information about the Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/OTLB>

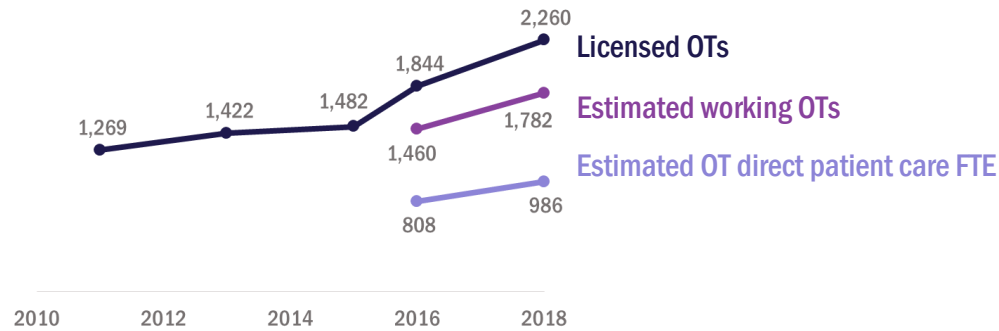
## Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes all occupations within this factsheet)



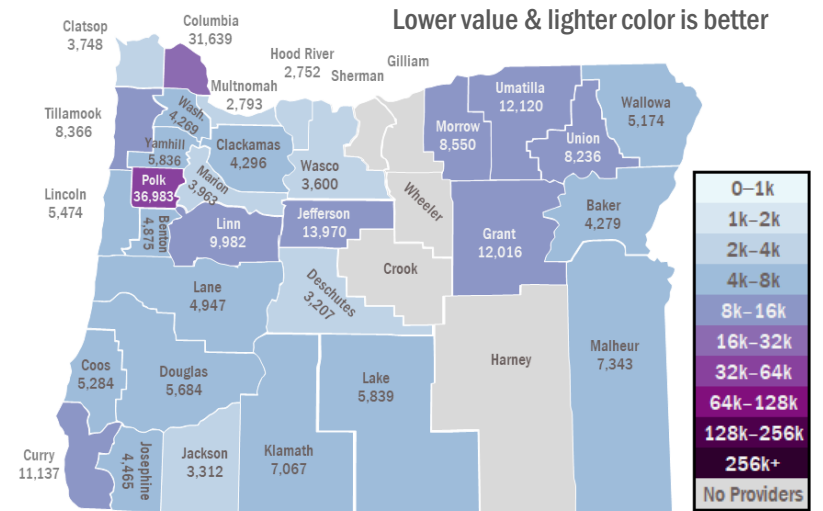
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# Occupational therapists (OT)

Oregon's OT supply over time



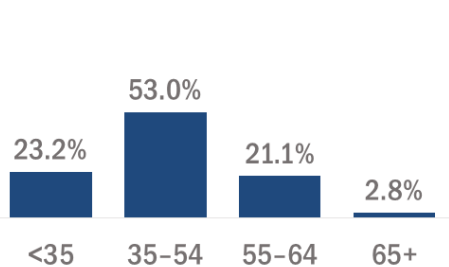
Estimated population-to-provider ratio\*



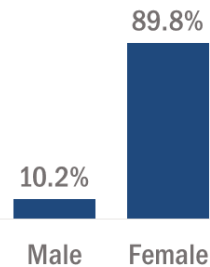
All subsequent data presented are from OTs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=1,282).

## Workforce demographics

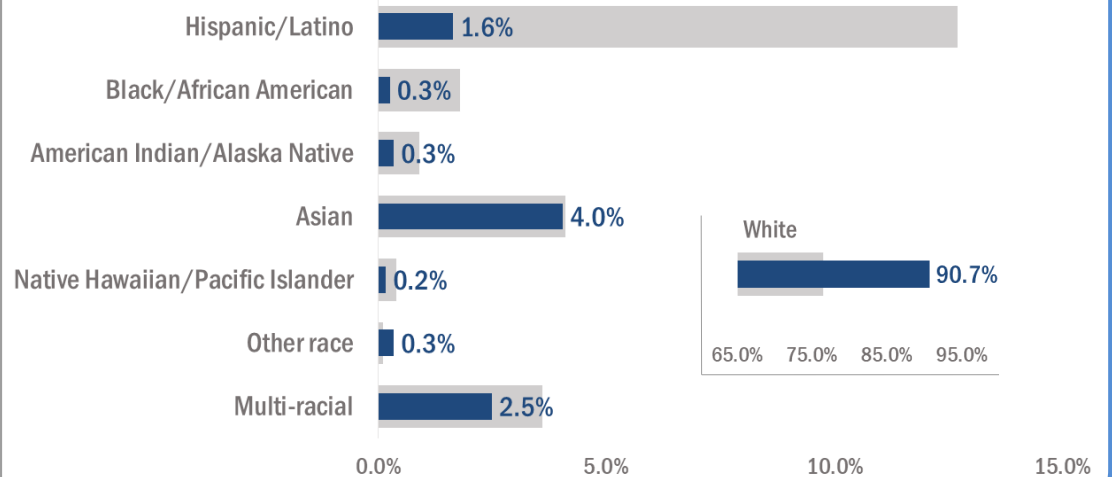
Age



Gender



Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population<sup>†</sup>



9.4% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

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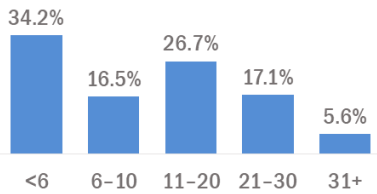
## Workforce supply



OTs work an average of 31.3 hours per week.

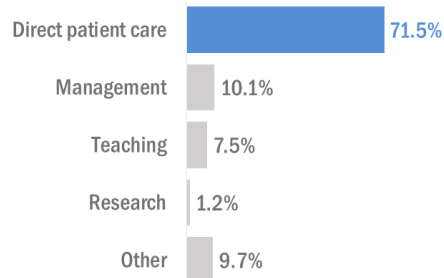
42.6% of OTs work at least 40 hours each week.

## Number of years licensed in Oregon

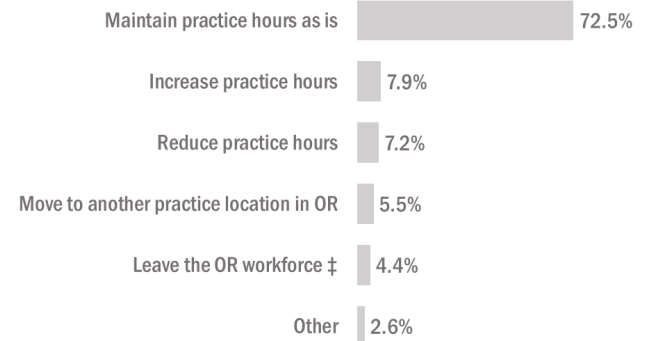


## How OTs spend their time

On average, OTs spend 71.5% of their time in direct patient care.

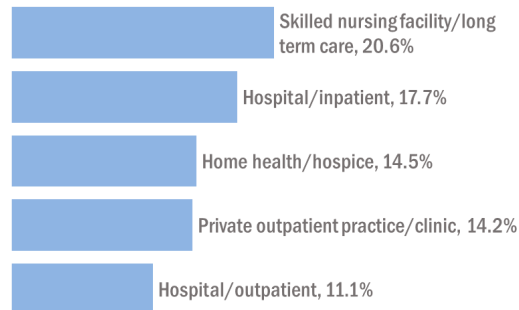


## Practice plans in the next two years

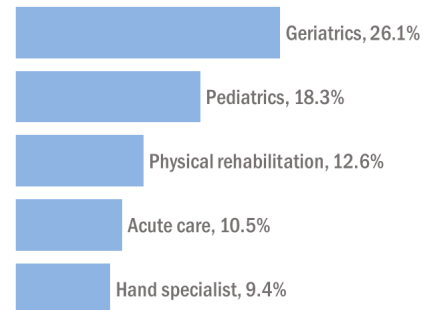


## Practice settings and specialties

### Top 5 practice settings

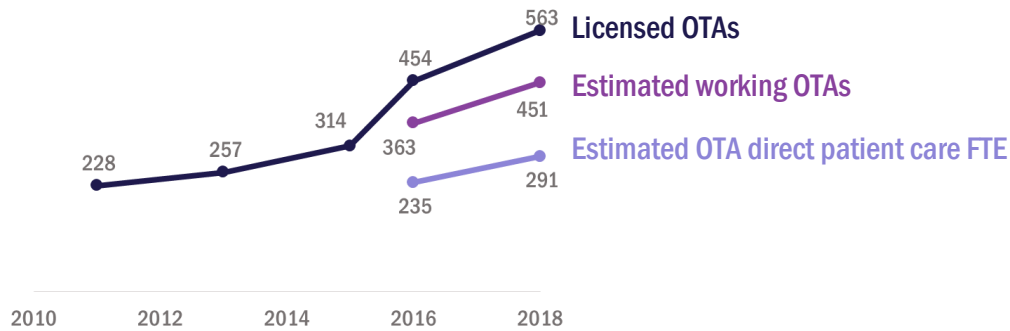


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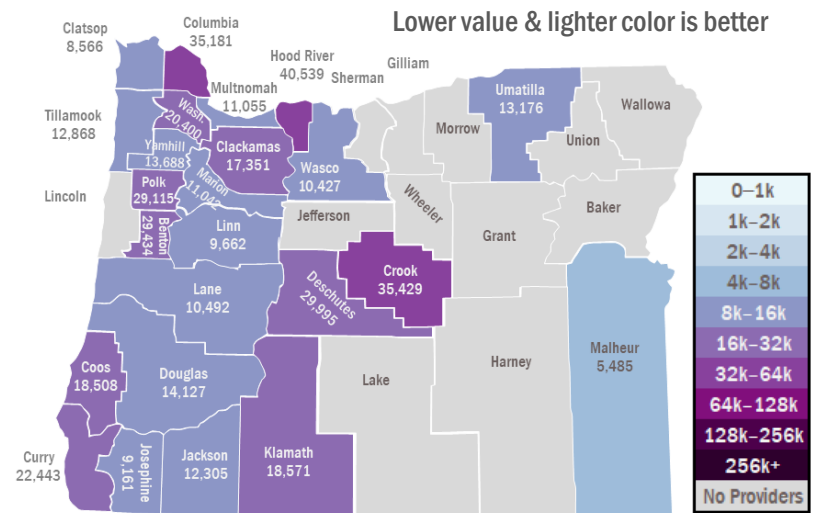


# Occupational therapy assistants (OTA)

Oregon's OTA supply over time



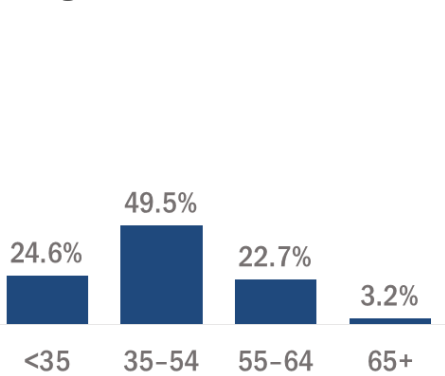
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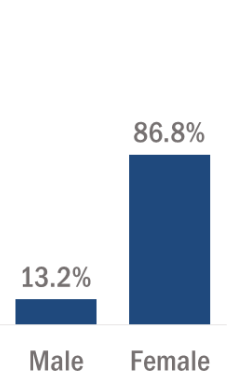
All subsequent data presented are from OTAs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=309).

## Workforce demographics

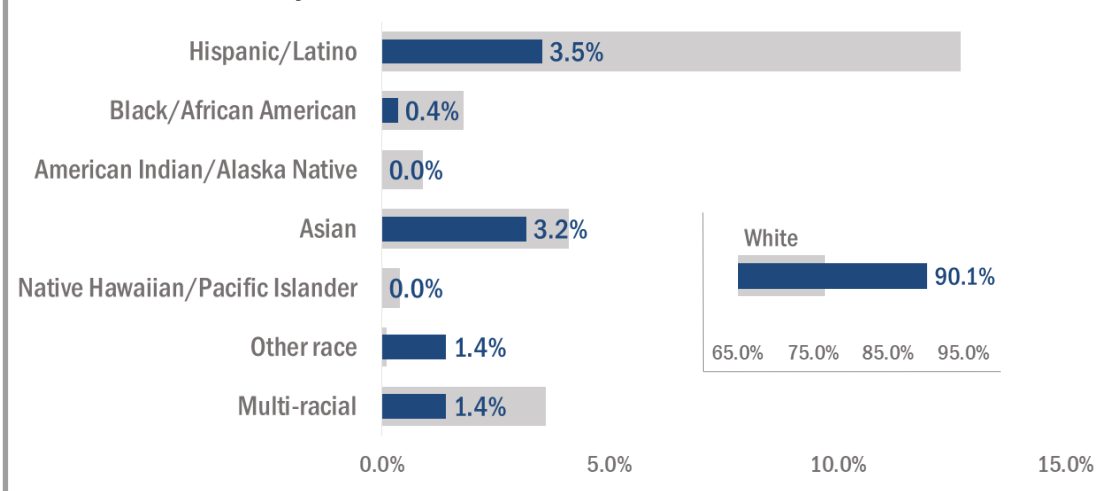
Age



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Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



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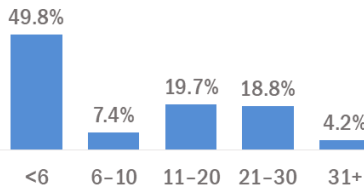
## Workforce supply



OTAs work an average of 32.9 hours per week.

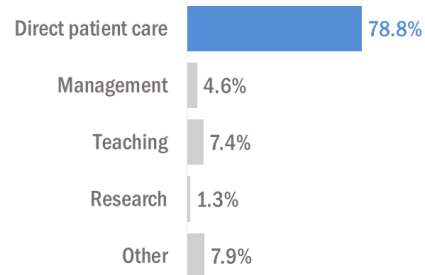
37.9% of OTAs work at least 40 hours each week.

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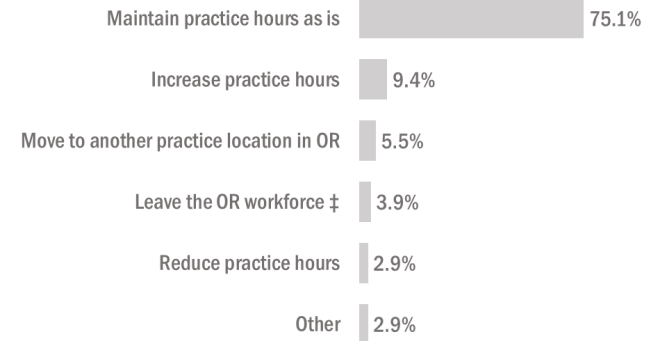


## How OTAs spend their time

On average, OTAs spend 78.8% of their time in direct patient care.

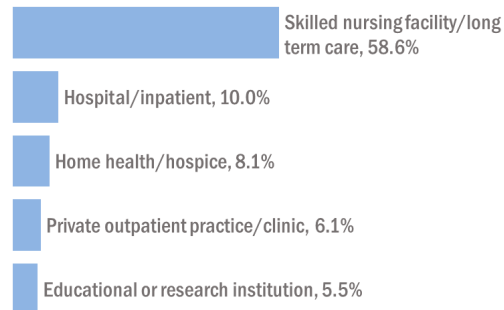


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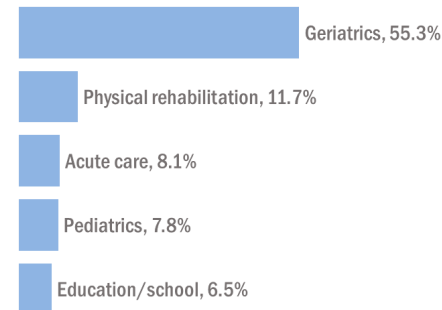


## Practice settings and specialties

### 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.

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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	Occupational therapists			Occupational therapy assistants			
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	
BAKER	16,750	6	3.9	4,279	0	0.0	-	●
BENTON	92,575	33	19.0	4,875	4	3.1	29,434	●
CLACKAMAS	413,000	189	96.1	4,296	40	23.8	17,351	
CLATSOP	38,820	18	10.4	3,748	7	4.5	8,566	
COLUMBIA	51,345	7	1.6	31,639	3	1.5	35,181	●
COOS	63,310	21	12.0	5,284	6	3.4	18,508	
CROOK	22,105	0	0.0	-	1	0.6	35,429	●
CURRY	22,805	6	2.0	11,137	3	1.0	22,443	●
DESCHUTES	182,930	108	57.0	3,207	7	6.1	29,995	●
DOUGLAS	111,180	29	19.6	5,684	10	7.9	14,127	
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
GRANT	7,415	1	0.6	12,016	0	0.0	-	●
HARNEY	7,360	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
HOOD RIVER	25,145	14	9.1	2,752	1	0.6	40,539	●
JACKSON	216,900	108	65.5	3,312	23	17.6	12,305	
JEFFERSON	23,190	4	1.7	13,970	0	0.0	-	●
JOSEPHINE	85,650	29	19.2	4,465	13	9.3	9,161	
KLAMATH	67,690	17	9.6	7,067	4	3.6	18,571	
LAKE	8,120	1	1.4	5,839	0	0.0	-	●
LANE	370,600	136	74.9	4,947	53	35.3	10,492	
LINCOLN	47,960	11	8.8	5,474	0	0.0	-	●
LINN	124,010	24	12.4	9,982	19	12.8	9,662	
MALHEUR	31,845	7	4.3	7,343	10	5.8	5,485	●
MARION	339,200	157	85.6	3,963	47	30.7	11,042	
MORROW	11,890	1	1.4	8,550	0	0.0	-	●
MULTNOMAH	803,000	517	287.5	2,793	117	72.6	11,055	
POLK	81,000	7	2.2	36,983	4	2.8	29,115	●
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
TILLAMOOK	26,175	4	3.1	8,366	4	2.0	12,868	
UMATILLA	80,500	10	6.6	12,120	9	6.1	13,176	
UNION	26,900	6	3.3	8,236	0	0.0	-	●
WALLOWA	7,195	1	1.4	5,174	0	0.0	-	●
WASCO	27,100	14	7.5	3,600	4	2.6	10,427	
WASHINGTON	595,860	256	139.6	4,269	48	29.2	20,400	
WHEELER	1,480	0	0.0	-	0	0.0	-	●
YAMHILL	106,300	38	18.2	5,836	10	7.8	13,688	
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	1,782	986	4,202	451	291	14,229	

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.