

Oregon's Social Work Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

These fact sheets provide a snapshot of the state's social work workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers.

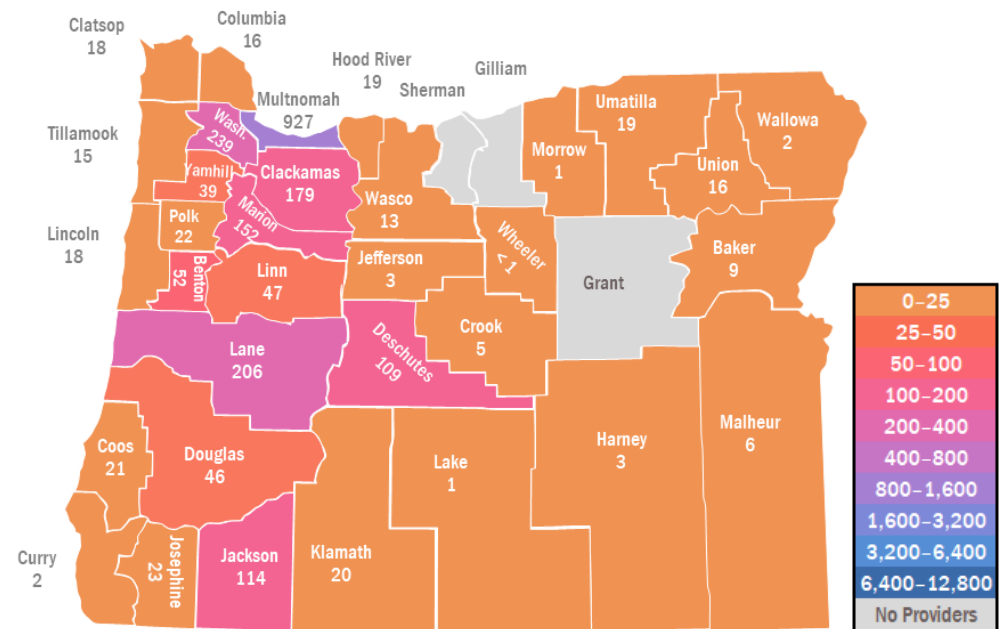
The mission of the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon through the licensing and regulation of social workers.

Clinical social work means a specialty within the practice of master's social work that requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advance clinical skills to the assessment, diagnosis or treatment of mental, emotional or behavioral disorders or conditions including but not limited to those identified in the DSM. Clinical license types include clinical social work associate (CSWA), temporary CSWA, and licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). Non-clinical license types include registered baccalaureate social worker (RBSW) and licensed master of social work (LMSW).

Workforce data were collected for clinical social work associates (CSWA), licensed clinical social workers (LCSW) and non-clinical social workers (LMSW/RBSW) and are presented as individual occupational profiles. For this report, license holders with both a clinical and non-clinical license were grouped with the clinical license category.

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



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Licensed clinical social workers (LCSW)

Oregon's LCSW supply

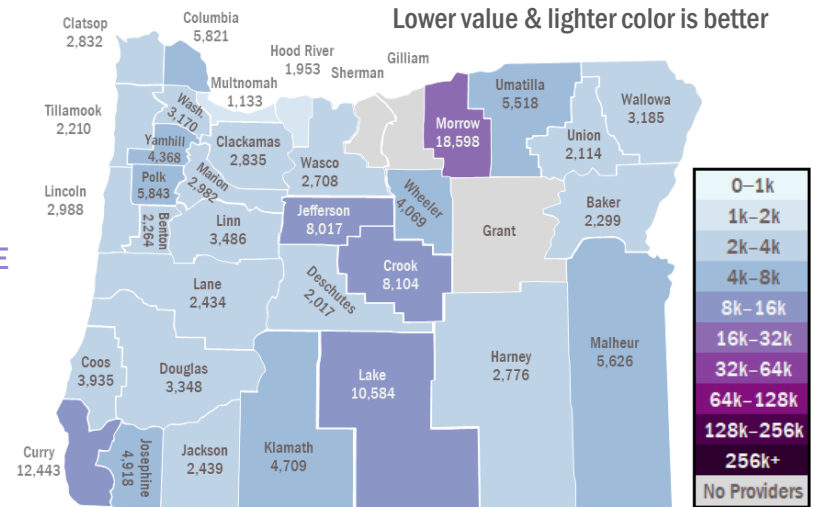


4,215
Licensed LCSWs

3,678
Estimated working LCSWs

1,811
Estimated LCSW direct patient care FTE

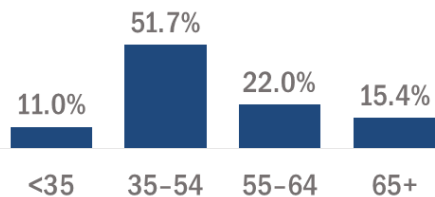
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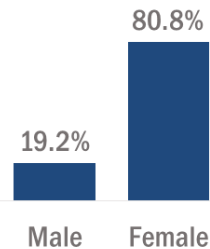
All subsequent data presented are from LCSWs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=3,240).

Workforce demographics

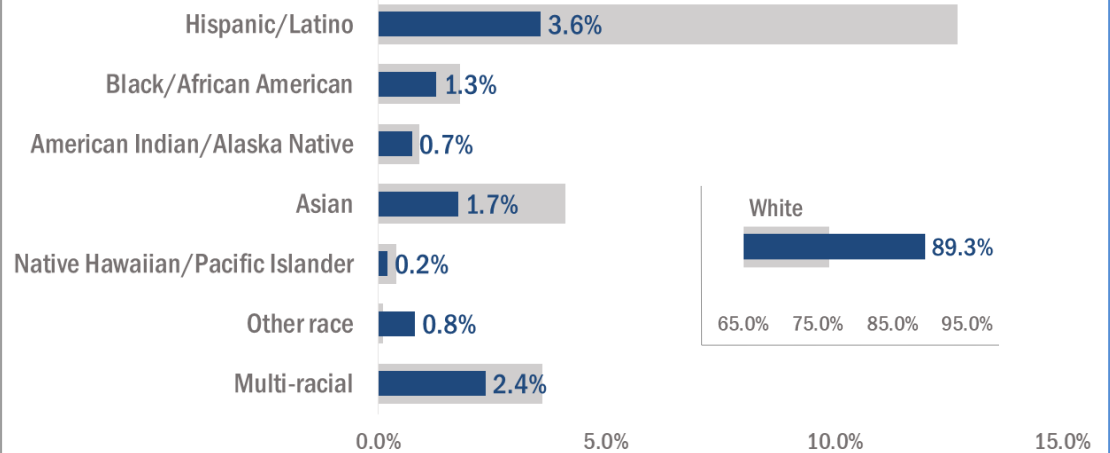
Age



Gender



Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



8.2% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

Licensed clinical social workers (LCSW)

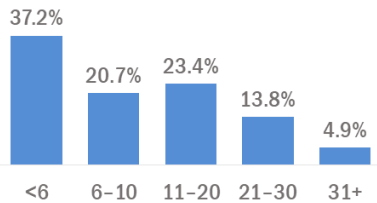
Workforce supply



LCSWs work an average of 32.4 hours per week.

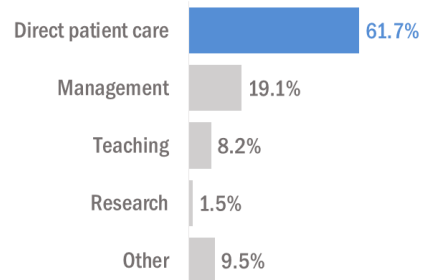
53.9% of LCSWs work at least 40 hours each week.

Number of years licensed in Oregon[§]

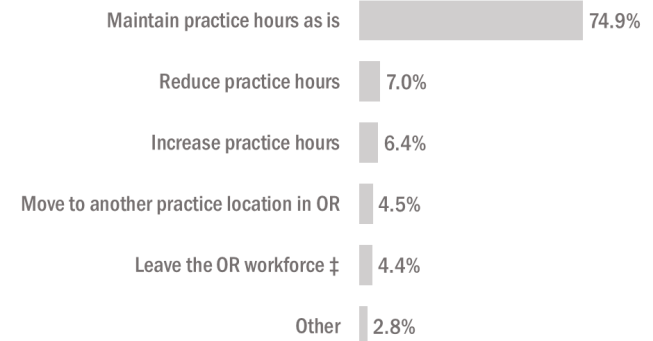


How LCSWs spend their time

On average, LCSWs spend 61.7% of their time in direct patient care.

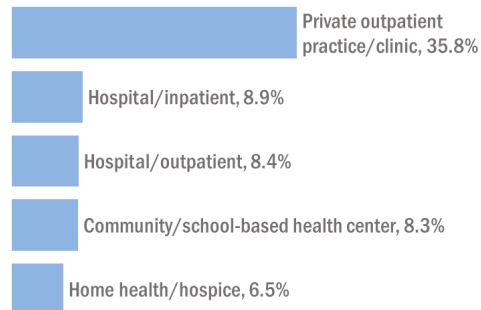


Practice plans in the next two years

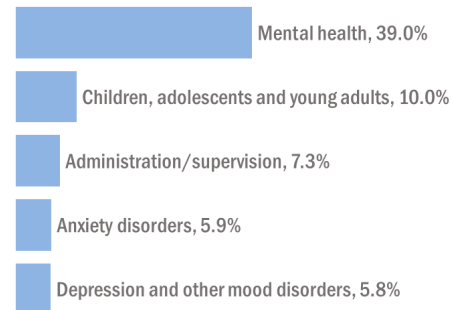


Practice settings and specialties

Top 5 practice settings



Top 5 specialties



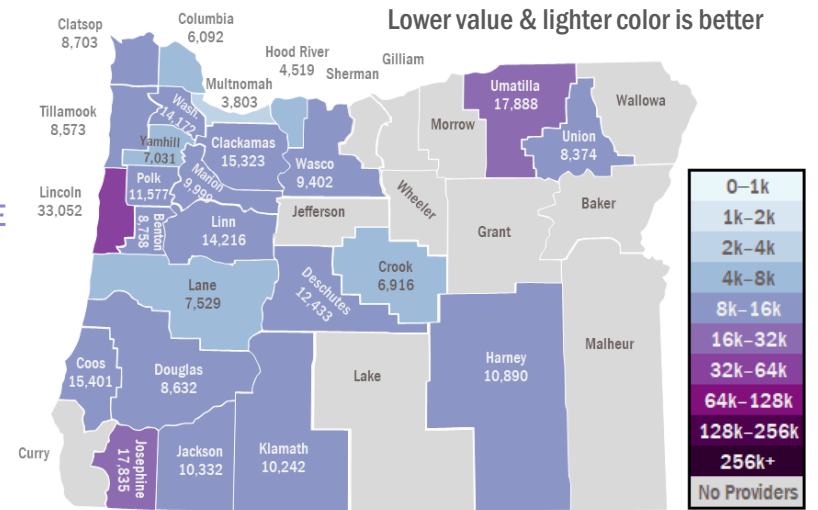
Clinical social work associates (CSWA)

Oregon's CSWA supply



908
Licensed CSWAs
856
Estimated working CSWAs
506
Estimated CSWA direct patient care FTE

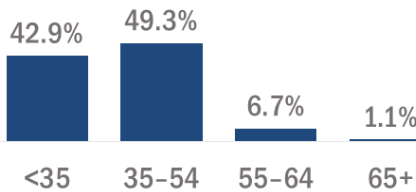
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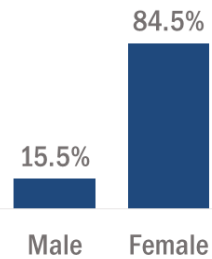
All subsequent data presented are from CSWAs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=538).

Workforce demographics

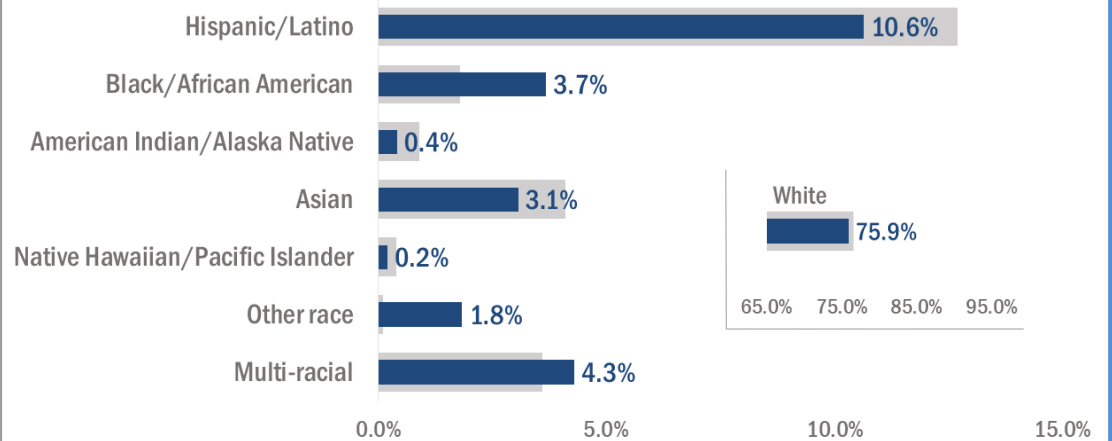
Age



Gender




Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



9.1% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

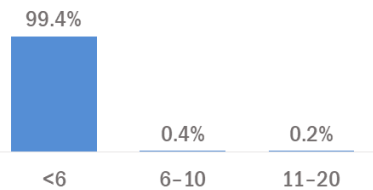
Clinical social work associates (CSWA)

Workforce supply



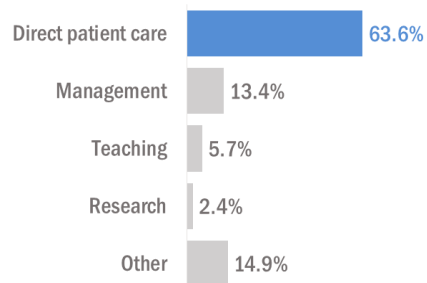
CSWAs work an average of 36.7 hours per week.
71.7% of CSWAs work at least 40 hours each week.

Number of years licensed in Oregon^s

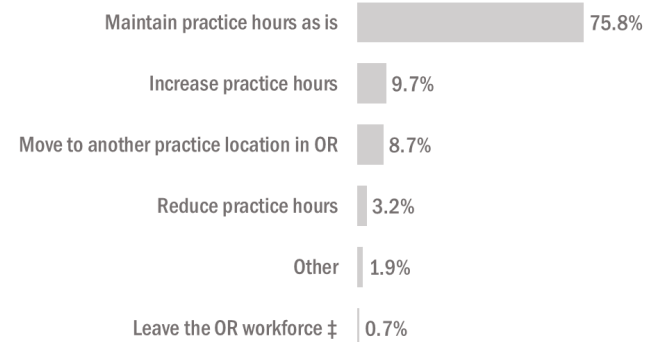


How CSWAs spend their time

On average, CSWAs spend 63.6% of their time in direct patient care.

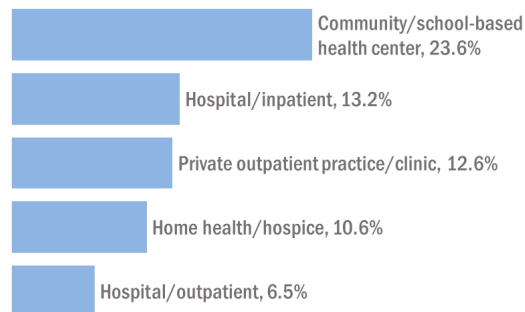


Practice plans in the next two years

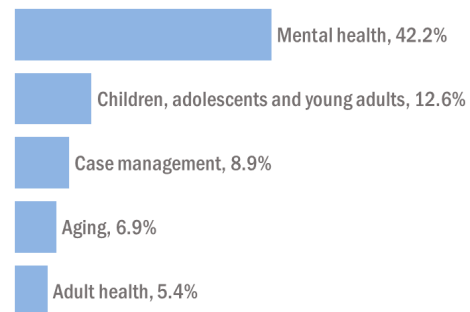


Practice settings and specialties

Top 5 practice settings



Top 5 specialties



Non-clinical social workers (LMSW/RBSW)

Oregon's LMSW/RBSW supply

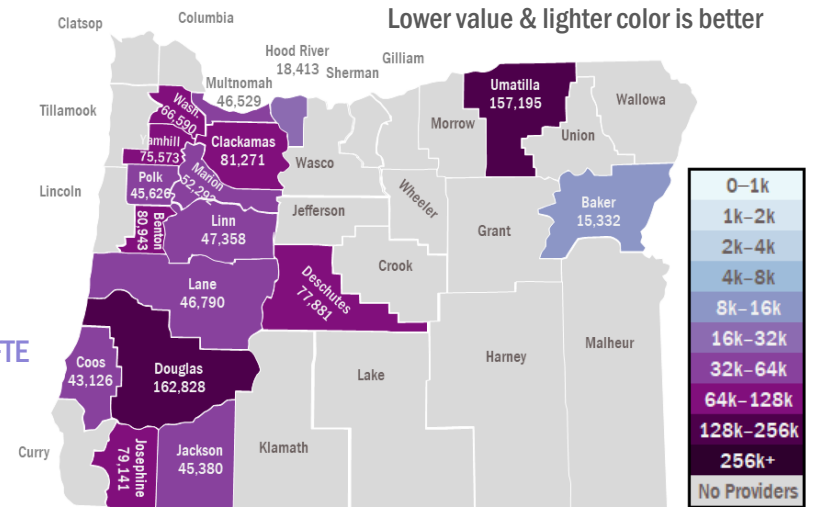


293
Licensed LMSW/RBSWs

195
Estimated working LMSW/RBSWs

66
Estimated LMSW/RBSW direct patient care FTE

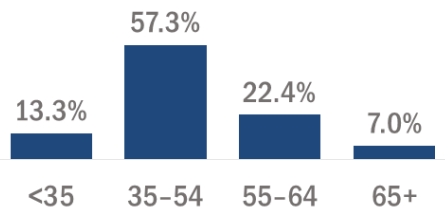
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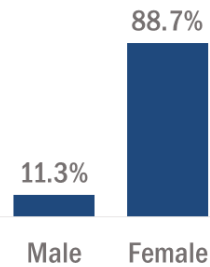
All subsequent data presented are from NCSWs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=143).

Workforce demographics

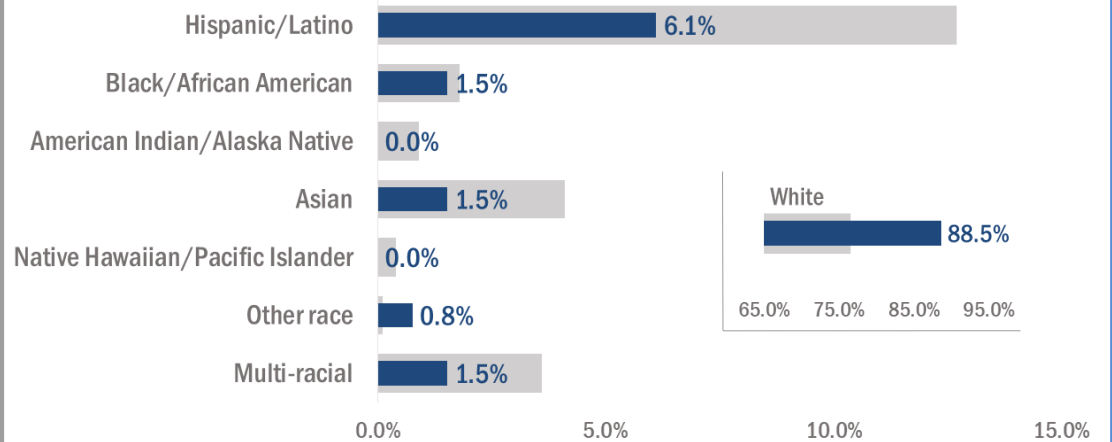
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Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



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Non-clinical social workers (LMSW/RBSW)

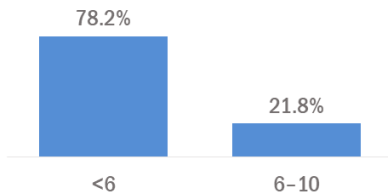
Workforce supply



LMSW/RBSWs work an average of 33.8 hours per week.

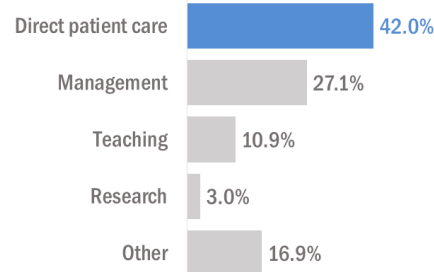
63.6% of LMSW/RBSWs work at least 40 hours each week.

Number of years licensed in Oregon[§]

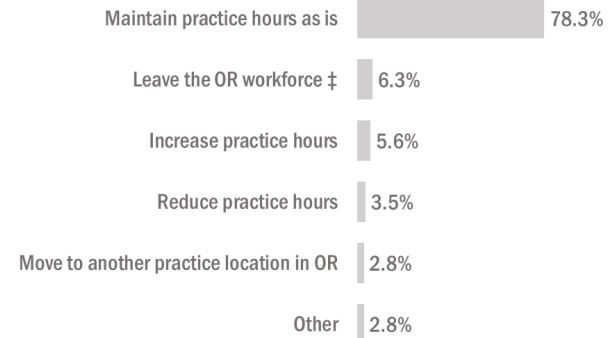


How LMSW/RBSWs spend their time

On average, LMSW/RBSWs spend 42.0% of their time in direct patient care.

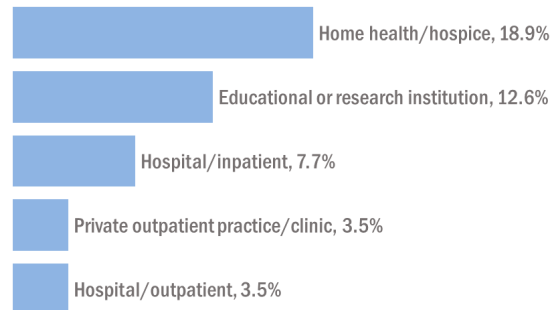


Practice plans in the next two years

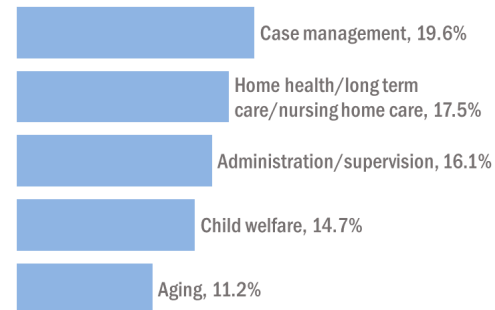


Practice settings and specialties

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.

§ LCSW license was initially voluntary in the 1980s. In 2011, the LCSW license was transitioned to a mandatory practice license while RBSW and LMSW licenses were created as voluntary. CSWA licenses are intended to be held during a period of supervision around 3 to 5 years and generally lead to the independent practice LCSW license, but occasionally some CSWAs continue practicing beyond the 5 years.

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

| County | Population | Licensed clinical social workers | | | Clinical social work associates | | | Non-clinical social workers | | |
|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Estimated Count | Est. Patient Care FTE | Pop-to-Prov Ratio | Estimated Count | Est. Patient Care FTE | Pop-to-Prov Ratio | Estimated Count | Est. Patient Care FTE | Pop-to-Prov Ratio |
| BAKER | 16,750 | 10 | 7.3 | 2,299 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 3 | 1.1 | 15,332 |
| BENTON | 92,575 | 83 | 40.9 | 2,264 | 17 | 10.6 | 8,758 | 3 | 1.1 | 80,943 |
| CLACKAMAS | 413,000 | 286 | 145.7 | 2,835 | 48 | 27.0 | 15,323 | 10 | 5.1 | 81,271 |
| CLATSOP | 38,820 | 24 | 13.7 | 2,832 | 6 | 4.5 | 8,703 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| COLUMBIA | 51,345 | 18 | 8.8 | 5,821 | 16 | 8.4 | 6,092 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| COOS | 63,310 | 27 | 16.1 | 3,935 | 6 | 4.1 | 15,401 | 3 | 1.5 | 43,126 |
| CROOK | 22,105 | 3 | 2.7 | 8,104 | 5 | 3.2 | 6,916 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| CURRY | 22,805 | 3 | 1.8 | 12,443 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| DESCHUTES | 182,930 | 180 | 90.7 | 2,017 | 25 | 14.7 | 12,433 | 7 | 2.3 | 77,881 |
| DOUGLAS | 111,180 | 57 | 33.2 | 3,348 | 19 | 12.9 | 8,632 | 3 | 0.7 | 162,828 |
| GILLIAM | 1,995 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| GRANT | 7,415 | 1 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| HARNEY | 7,360 | 6 | 2.7 | 2,776 | 2 | 0.7 | 10,890 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| HOOD RIVER | 25,145 | 27 | 12.9 | 1,953 | 10 | 5.6 | 4,519 | 1 | 1.4 | 18,413 |
| JACKSON | 216,900 | 175 | 88.9 | 2,439 | 35 | 21.0 | 10,332 | 11 | 4.8 | 45,380 |
| JEFFERSON | 23,190 | 6 | 2.9 | 8,017 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| JOSEPHINE | 85,650 | 34 | 17.4 | 4,918 | 8 | 4.8 | 17,835 | 3 | 1.1 | 79,141 |
| KLAMATH | 67,690 | 24 | 14.4 | 4,709 | 10 | 6.6 | 10,242 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| LAKE | 8,120 | 1 | 0.8 | 10,584 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| LANE | 370,600 | 318 | 152.2 | 2,434 | 86 | 49.2 | 7,529 | 36 | 7.9 | 46,790 |
| LINCOLN | 47,960 | 30 | 16.1 | 2,988 | 3 | 1.5 | 33,052 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| LINN | 124,010 | 58 | 35.6 | 3,486 | 13 | 8.7 | 14,216 | 4 | 2.6 | 47,358 |
| MALHEUR | 31,845 | 13 | 5.7 | 5,626 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 1 | 0.0 | - |
| MARION | 339,200 | 222 | 113.7 | 2,982 | 62 | 33.9 | 9,999 | 16 | 6.5 | 52,292 |
| MORROW | 11,890 | 1 | 0.6 | 18,598 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| MULTNOMAH | 803,000 | 1,501 | 708.6 | 1,133 | 361 | 211.1 | 3,803 | 63 | 17.3 | 46,529 |
| POLK | 81,000 | 27 | 13.9 | 5,843 | 11 | 7.0 | 11,577 | 3 | 1.8 | 45,626 |
| SHERMAN | 1,800 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| TILLAMOOK | 26,175 | 23 | 11.8 | 2,210 | 5 | 3.1 | 8,573 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| UMATILLA | 80,500 | 32 | 14.6 | 5,518 | 6 | 4.5 | 17,888 | 1 | 0.5 | 157,195 |
| UNION | 26,900 | 24 | 12.7 | 2,114 | 5 | 3.2 | 8,374 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| WALLOWA | 7,195 | 3 | 2.3 | 3,185 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| WASCO | 27,100 | 28 | 10.0 | 2,708 | 6 | 2.9 | 9,402 | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| WASHINGTON | 595,860 | 380 | 188.0 | 3,170 | 65 | 42.0 | 14,172 | 23 | 8.9 | 66,590 |
| WHEELER | 1,480 | 1 | 0.4 | 4,069 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - |
| YAMHILL | 106,300 | 51 | 24.3 | 4,368 | 25 | 15.1 | 7,031 | 4 | 1.4 | 75,573 |
| STATEWIDE | 4,141,100 | 3,678 | 1,811 | 2,286 | 856 | 506 | 8,180 | 195 | 66 | 62,772 |

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.