

Oregon's Counselor and Therapist Workforce

Based on data collected during 2016 and 2017

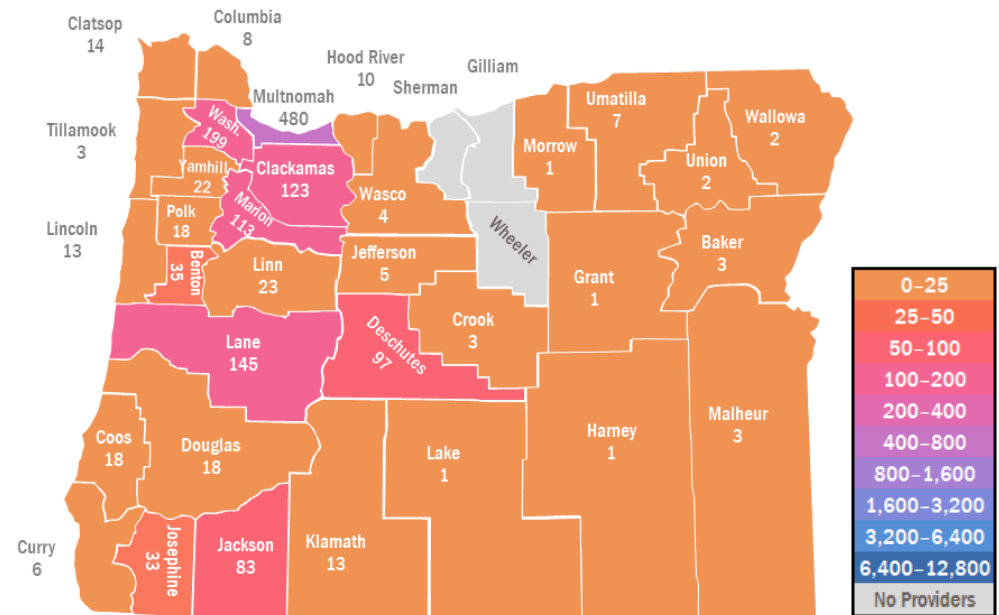
This fact sheet provides a snapshot of the state's counselor and therapist workforce using data collected by the Oregon Health Authority in collaboration with the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists.

The mission of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors & Therapists is to protect the public by identifying and regulating the practice of qualified professional counselors and marriage and family therapists.

Workforce data were collected for counselors and therapists (LPCs, LMFTs, & LPC/LMFTs) and are presented as a single occupational profile.

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Estimated direct patient care FTE by county (includes all counselors and therapists)



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Counselors & therapists (LPC/LMFT)

Oregon's LPC/LMFT supply

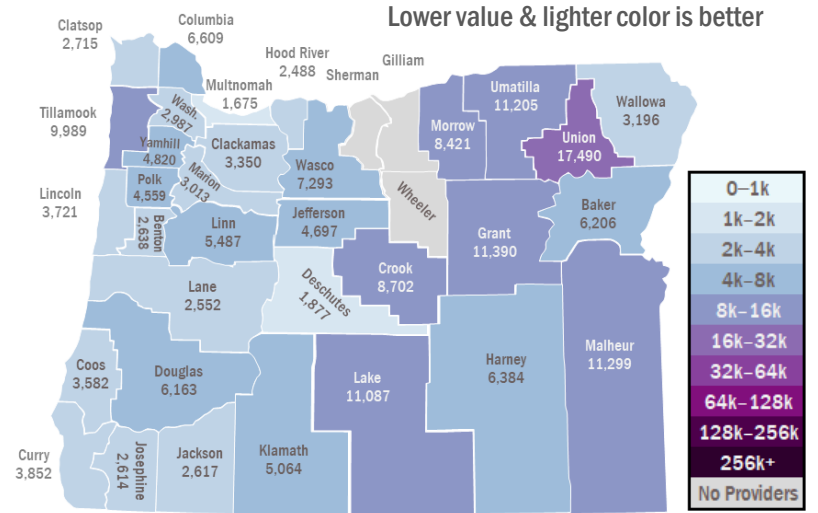


3,839
Licensed LPC/LMFTs

3,345
Estimated working LPC/LMFTs

1,505
Estimated LPC/LMFT direct patient care

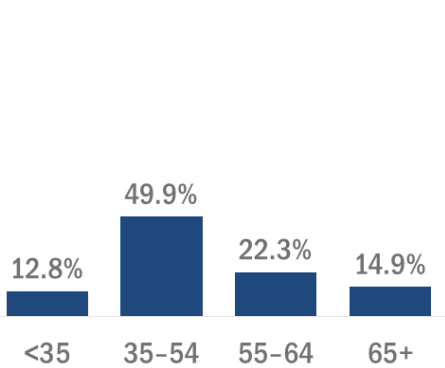
Estimated population-to-provider ratio*



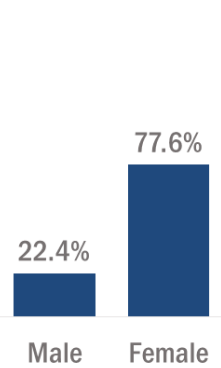
All subsequent data presented are from LPC/LMFTs who held an active license as of January 2018 and were actively practicing in Oregon at the time of Health Care Workforce Survey completion (n=3,085).

Workforce demographics

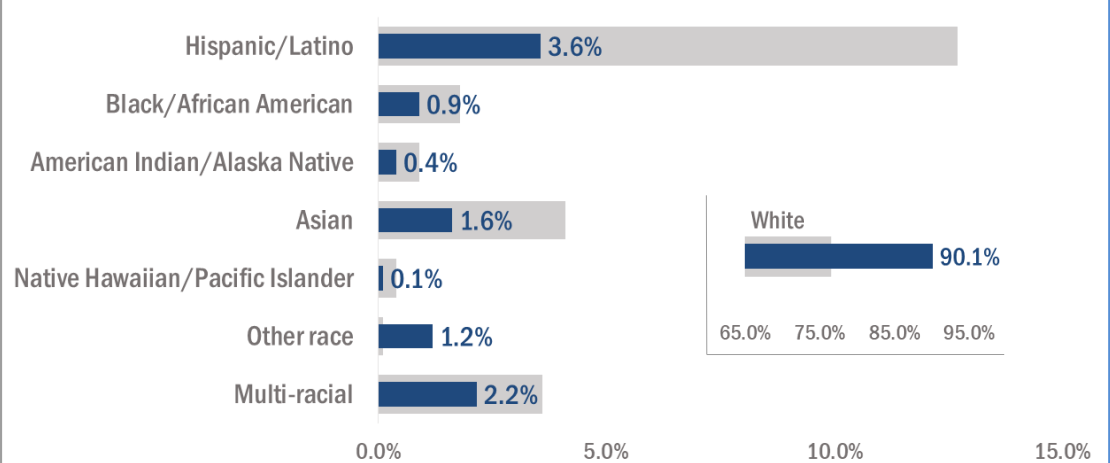
Age



Gender




Race and ethnicity — workforce compared with population†



9.9% of workforce declined to answer or data is missing for race and ethnicity.

Counselors & therapists (LPC/LMFT)

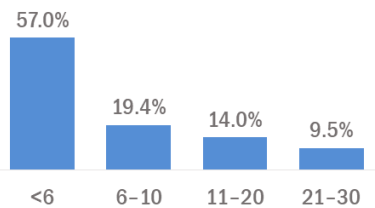
Workforce supply



LPC/LMFTs work an average of 29.6 hours per week.

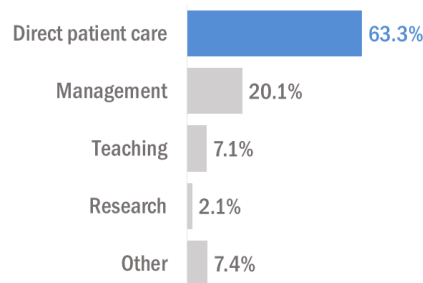
43.6% of LPC/LMFTs work at least 40 hours each week.

Number of years licensed in Oregon[§]

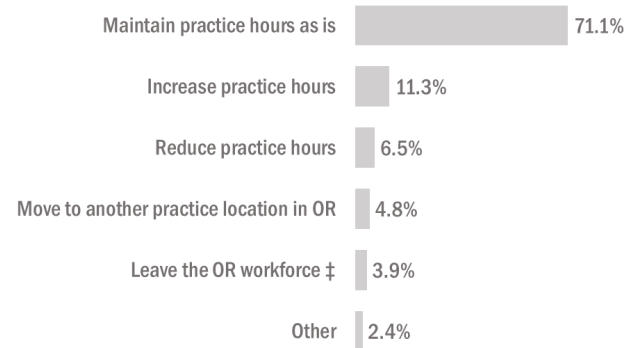


How LPC/LMFTs spend their time

On average, LPC/LMFTs spend 63.3% of their time in **direct patient care**.

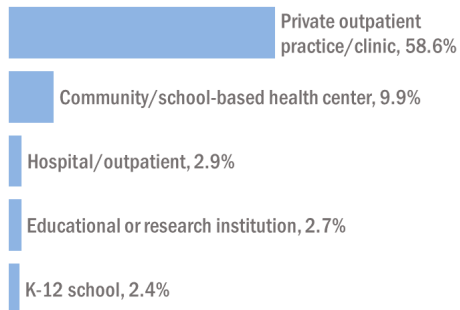


Practice plans in the next two years

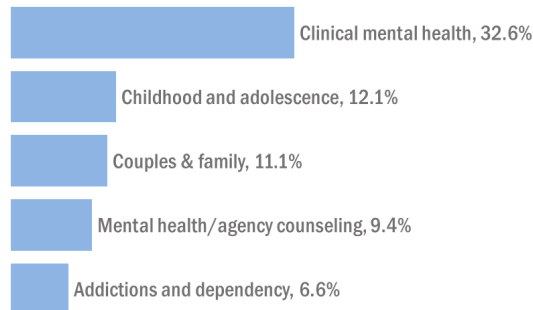



Practice settings and specialties

Top 5 practice settings



Top 5 specialties

78.2% practice with an LPC license alone.

19.0% practice with an LMFT license alone.

2.8% practice with a dual LPC/LMFT license.

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.

§ LPC/LMFTs were licensed in Oregon beginning in 1991.

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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	Counselors & therapists			
		Estimated Count	Est. Patient Care FTE	Pop-to-Prov Ratio	
BAKER	16,750	7	2.7	6,206	●
BENTON	92,575	77	35.1	2,638	
CLACKAMAS	413,000	294	123.3	3,350	
CLATSOP	38,820	33	14.3	2,715	
COLUMBIA	51,345	22	7.8	6,609	●
COOS	63,310	41	17.7	3,582	
CROOK	22,105	5	2.5	8,702	●
CURRY	22,805	9	5.9	3,852	
DESCHUTES	182,930	204	97.5	1,877	
DOUGLAS	111,180	34	18.0	6,163	●
GILLIAM	1,995	0	0.0	-	●
GRANT	7,415	2	0.7	11,390	●
HARNEY	7,360	2	1.2	6,384	●
HOOD RIVER	25,145	20	10.1	2,488	
JACKSON	216,900	191	82.9	2,617	
JEFFERSON	23,190	9	4.9	4,697	●
JOSEPHINE	85,650	65	32.8	2,614	
KLAMATH	67,690	33	13.4	5,064	●
LAKE	8,120	1	0.7	11,087	●
LANE	370,600	319	145.2	2,552	
LINCOLN	47,960	34	12.9	3,721	
LINN	124,010	45	22.6	5,487	●
MALHEUR	31,845	9	2.8	11,299	●
MARION	339,200	235	112.6	3,013	
MORROW	11,890	3	1.4	8,421	●
MULTNOMAH	803,000	1,111	479.5	1,675	
POLK	81,000	35	17.8	4,559	●
SHERMAN	1,800	0	0.0	-	●
TILLAMOOK	26,175	11	2.6	9,989	●
UMATILLA	80,500	12	7.2	11,205	●
UNION	26,900	7	1.5	17,490	●
WALLOWA	7,195	4	2.3	3,196	
WASCO	27,100	12	3.7	7,293	●
WASHINGTON	595,860	415	199.5	2,987	
WHEELER	1,480	0	0.0	-	●
YAMHILL	106,300	47	22.1	4,820	●
STATEWIDE	4,141,100	3,345	1,505	2,752	

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.