

Physical Therapy Workforce Study 2024

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Overview of 2023-2024 License Data

- 1299 PTA – 4.14/10,000 Population
- 1868 PT – 6.35/10,000 Population
- National Data (FSBPT)
 - PT - 9.1/10,000 Population
 - PTA - 3.5/10,000 Population

By Race

Category	Total PTAs	Percentage PTAs	Total PTs	Percentage PTs
White	1140	87 %	1650	88%
Black	130	10 %	143	7%
Asian	11	0.8 %	48	2.6%
Hispanic	8	0.6 %	10	0.5%
Multiracial/other	10	0.7 %	17	0.9%

By Practice Setting

Category	Total PTAs	Percentage PTAs	Total PTs	Percentage PTS
Hospital	155	11.9%	306	16.4%
Nursing Home	318	24.5%	142	7.6%
Home Health	245	18.9%	336	18.0%
School	17	1.3%	46	2.5%
Private Practice	36	2.7%	163	8.7%
Outpatient	463	35.6%	791	42.3%
Other/Unknown	66	5.1%	84	4.5%

By Sex

Category	Total PTAs	Percentage PTAs	Total PTs	Percentage PTs
Male	363	27.9%	692	37%
Female	936	72.1%	1176	63%

Physical Therapists by Entry Level Degree

- Baccalaureate – 640/34.3%
- Master's – 231/12.4%
- Doctoral - 997/53.4%

Specialty Practice

- 150 ABPTS Certified PTs
- 15 ABPTS Certified PTAs

By Region/County

Central Region				
County	Total PTAs	Per 10,000 population	Total PTs	Per 10,000 population
Adams	8	2.8	24	8.5
Amite	5	2.5	3	2.4
Attala	12	6.9	12	6.9
Claiborne	3	3.4	2	2.3
Copiah	7	2.5	11	4
Franklin	5	6.6	3	4
Hinds	97	4.4	214	9.9
Jefferson	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lawrence	3	2.6	1	0.9
Leake	12	5.7	7	3.3
Lincoln	18	5.2	20	5.7
Madison	57	5.0	121	10.7
Pike	20	5.0	18	4.5
Rankin	64	3.9	133	8.2
Scott	14	5.1	12	4.4
Simpson	16	6.3	16	6.3
Smith	4	2.9	0	0
Walthall	3	2.2	2	1.5
Warren	18	4.2	23	5.4
Wilkinson	0	0	2	2.5
Average	18.4	3.9	31.2	4.5

Delta Region

County	Total PTAs	PTAs per 10,000 population	Total PTs	PTs per 10,000 population
Bolivar	7	2.4	20	6.8
Carroll	0	0	0	0
Coahoma	4	1.9	5	2.4
DeSoto	57	2.9	105	5.3
Grenada	12	5.7	16	7.6
Holmes	4	2.5	3	1.9
Humphreys	3	4.2	0	0
Issaquena	0	0	0	0
LeFlore	8	3	25	9.6
Montgomery	6	6.3	3	3.2
Panola	12	3.7	14	4.4
Quitman	0	0	0	0
Sharkey	1	2.9	1	2.9
Sunflower	6	2.4	10	4
Tallahatchie	5	4.1	5	4.1
Tate	5	1.8	7	2.5
Tunica	1	1	0	0
Washington	12	2.9	15	3.6
Yazoo	7	2.6	10	3.8
Average	7.9	2.7	12.6	3.3

Northeast Region

County	Total PTAs	PTAs per 10,000 population	Total PTs	PTs per 10,000 population
Alcorn	20	5.8	29	8.4
Benton	1	0.8	2	3.9
Calhoun	11	8.5	10	7.7
Chickasaw	9	5.4	5	3.0
Choctaw	4	4.9	3	3.7
Clay	9	4.8	4	2.2
Itawamba	13	5.4	37	15.3
Lafayette	11	1.9	53	9.5
Lee	99	11.9	116	14.0
Lowndes	34	6.0	40	7.2
Marshall	2	0.6	3	0.9
Monroe	26	7.8	10	3.0
Noxubee	4	4.1	2	2.0
Oktibbeha	14	2.7	32	6.1
Pontotoc	8	2.5	9	2.8
Prentiss	13	5.1	11	4.3
Tippah	11	5.1	8	3.7
Tishomingo	13	7	7	3.8
Union	12	4.2	10	3.5
Webster	8	8.1	4	4.0
Winston	8	4.6	12	7.0
Yalobusha	3	2.4	4	3.2
Average	6.8	4.8	18.7	5.2

Coast Region

County	Total PTAs	PTAs per 10,000 population	Total PTs	PTs per 10,000 population
Clark	4	2.6	1	0.7
Covington	14	7.8	16	8.9
Forrest	50	6.4	71	9.1
George	9	3.5	8	3.1
Greene	1	0.7	2	1.5
Hancock	8	1.7	18	3.9
Harrison	78	3.6	144	6.7
Jackson	60	4.1	106	7.2
Jasper	4	2.5	0	0.0
Jefferson Davis	2	1.8	0	0.0
Jones	16	2.4	37	5.6
Kemper	3	3.5	1	1.2
Lamar	33	4.9	33	4.9
Lauderdale	56	7.9	60	8.5
Marion	14	5.8	10	4.2
Neshoba	21	8.7	17	5.9
Newton	6	2.8	2	1.0
Pearl River	35	5.9	27	4.6
Perry	4	3.5	3	2.6
Stone	13	6.6	5	2.6
Wayne	8	4.1	6	3.0
Average	20.9	4.1	27.1	4.1

Projections 2025-2035

Physical Therapist

Year	PT Demand in FTE	PT Supply in FTE
2025	1427	1281
2026	1427	1270
2027	1427	1263
2028	1427	1256
2029	1427	1249

Physical Therapist Assistants

Year	PTA Demand in FTE	PT Supply in FTE
2025	1007	907
2026	1007	924
2027	1007	941
2028	1007	959
2029	1007	975

Methodology

- Counts and demographics per standard procedures
- Workforce projections per Landry, et.al, 2016. Physical Therapy.
 - Newer models exist. Zarek, MA et.al. 2025. Physical Therapy.
 - Data currently collected at the state level don't support using the newer model.

Key Points

- Demographics are stable as compared to the previous MS Study (2016)
- Specializations have increased from prior study
 - PTA's increased by 11
 - PT increased by 2.3%
- Projections remain stable as well as compared to the previous study

- The state loses more therapists to attrition than it produces in its educational programs. The supply will never meet the demand unless production increases.
- Physical Therapists Assistant supply is approximately at the demand level. PTA's may outstrip the demand beginning in 2030 a at current production