

Pennsylvania Physician Shortage Facts

THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags behind patient demand nationally and across Pennsylvania. As supply falls, patients wait longer to see a doctor, and doctors burn out.

BY 2030

The U.S. is projected to have **120,000 too few** doctors nationally.¹⁻³

- ▶ Nearly **40% of American physicians** will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a **shortage of over 120,000 physicians**.
- ▶ **34.4%** of physicians in Pennsylvania are currently within retirement range.



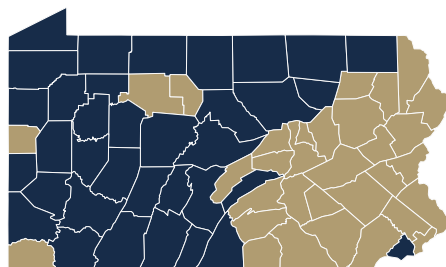
Pennsylvania is projected to be **short 1,039 doctors**.⁴⁻⁷

- ▶ There are only **350 residency slots** in Pennsylvania for primary care each year.
- ▶ **45.2%** of those residents will practice out of state.
- ▶ **20** Pennsylvania counties have seen **significant decreases** in primary care providers.



32 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties are health professional shortage areas (HPSA).⁸⁻¹⁰

- ▶ **Low-income citizens** are disproportionately affected by these shortages.
- ▶ HPSA designations indicate areas where there are **3,500 or more patients for every one provider**.
- ▶ **380,454 Pennsylvania residents** live in an HPSA.



■ = HPSAs

Ranked against other states, Pennsylvania's doctor-to-patient ratio is:

35% worse
in **pediatric internal medicine**

12% worse
in **plastic surgery**

21% worse
in **preventative medicine**

176% worse
in **pediatric cardiology**

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