

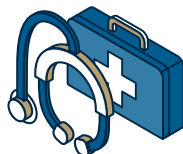
Arizona Physician Shortage Facts

THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags patient demand nationally and across Arizona. 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 nationally¹⁻³



- ▶ Nearly 40% of American physicians will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a shortage of over 120,000 physicians.
- ▶ 34.3% of Arizona physicians are within retirement range right now.

Arizona is projected to be **short 8,280 doctors**.^{2,4}



- ▶ Primary care alone is projected to be **short 1,941 providers**.

Overall, Arizona ranks in the **bottom half** of states for primary care and physician supply availability.³

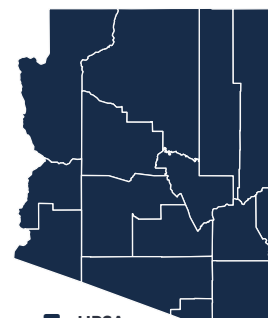
31st in active physician supply

42nd in primary physicians

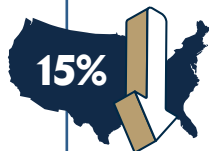
43rd in general surgeons

Every county in Arizona is a partial health professional shortage area (HPSA).^{5,6}

- ▶ **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**.



Arizona's physician-to-patient ratio is **15 percent worse** than the national average.



22% worse for cardiovascular disease

16% worse in family medicine

28% worse in geriatric medicine

29% worse in pediatrics

26% worse in psychiatry

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