

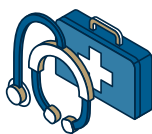
# Texas Physician Shortage Facts

## THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags behind patient demand nationally and across Texas. 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.**<sup>1-3</sup>



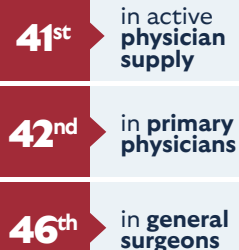
- ▶ Nearly 40% of American physicians will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a shortage of over 120,000 physicians.
- ▶ 29.4% of Texas physicians are within retirement range right now.

Texas is projected to be **short 20,420 doctors.**<sup>4-6</sup>



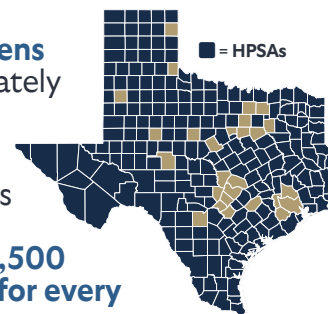
- ▶ There are only **334 residency slots** in Texas for primary care each year.
- ▶ **45.2%** of those residents will practice out of state.

Overall, Texas ranks in the **bottom half** of states for primary care and physician availability.<sup>7</sup>



**224 of Texas' 254 counties** are health professional shortage areas (HPSA).<sup>8-10</sup>

- ▶ **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.**
- ▶ **6,066,420 Texas residents** live in an HPSA.



Texas' physician-to-patient ratio is **26% worse** than the national average:

**37% worse** in critical care

**17% worse** in family medicine

**23% worse** in general surgery

**46% worse** in internal medicine

**31% worse** in pediatrics

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