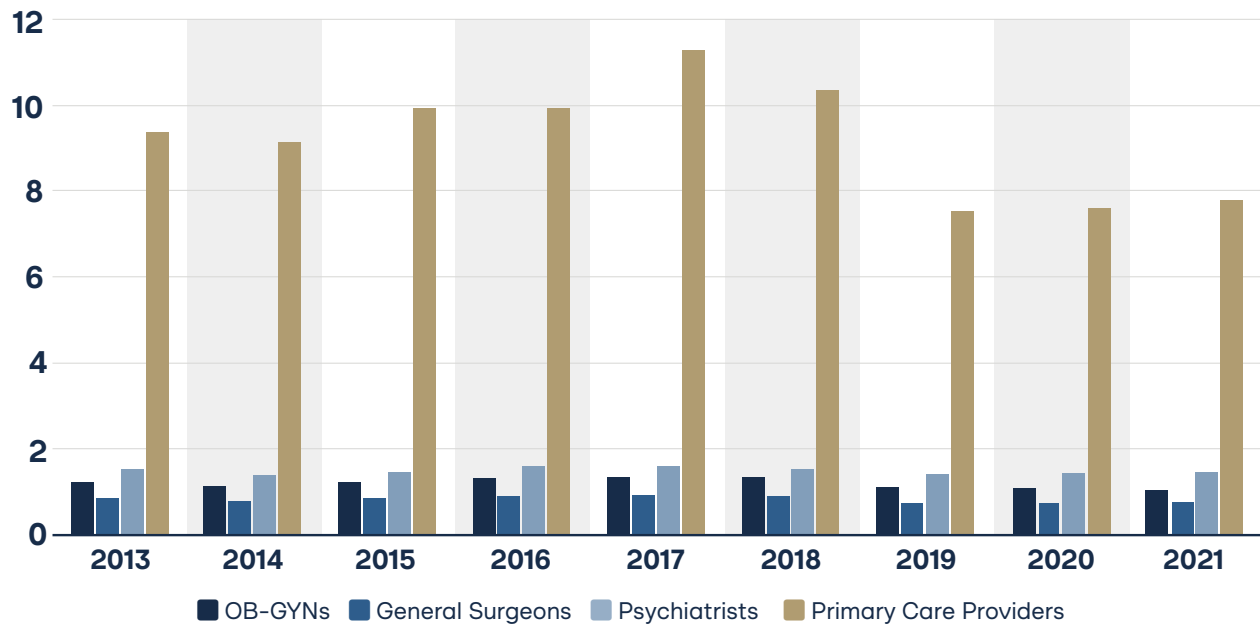


# New Mexico's Increasing Physician Shortage

New Mexico is facing a healthcare workforce shortage overall and in key specialties including primary care, OB-GYN, general surgery, and psychiatry. All these specialties have seen decreases in the total number of physicians since 2013 with an even more marked decline since 2017 indicating a progressively worsening problem.

## NEW MEXICO PHYSICIANS PER CAPITA IS FALLING

*Physicians per 1,000 Residents*



In a growing state like New Mexico, even a stagnant number of physicians would mean a decrease in the number of available physicians per capita. A decreasing number is a significant problem, especially considering the number of physicians was already below the national average in several counties in 2013.

<p><b>OB-GYNs</b></p> <p><b>59</b> physicians below the national average</p> <p>AND...</p> <p><b>19</b> physicians further below in 2021 than in 2013</p>	<p><b>General Surgeons</b></p> <p><b>10</b> physicians below the national average</p>	<p><b>Psychiatrists</b></p> <p><b>119</b> physicians below the national average</p> <p>AND...</p> <p><b>15</b> physicians further below in 2021 than in 2013</p>	<p><b>Primary Care Physicians</b></p> <p><b>334</b> physicians below the national average</p> <p>AND...</p> <p><b>181</b> physicians further below in 2021 than in 2013</p>
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