



Governor's 2017-2019 Balanced Budget Presentation Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB)

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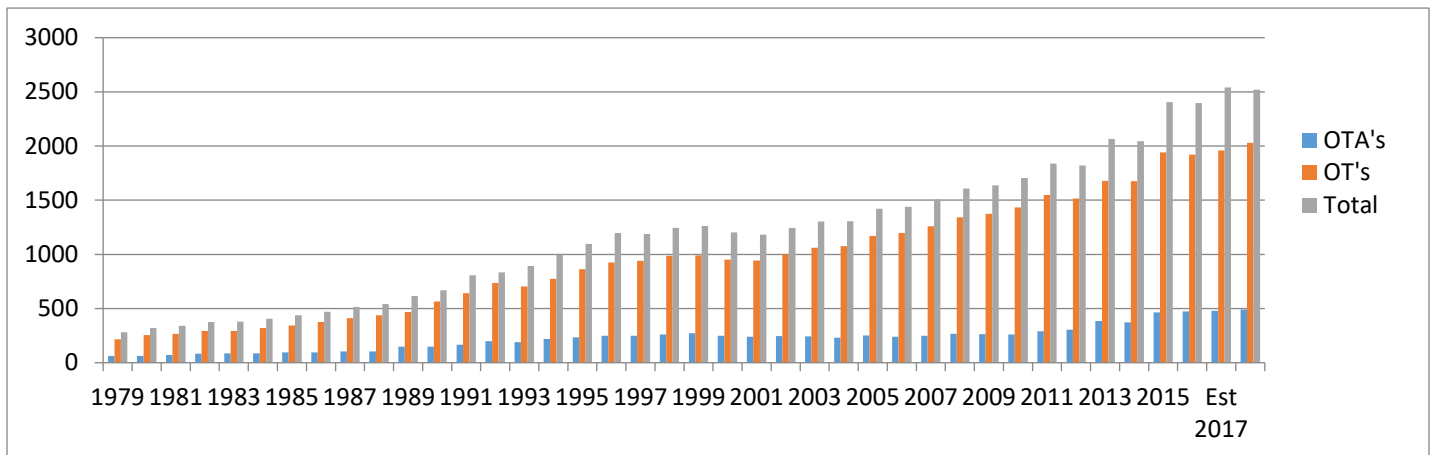
Mashelle Painter, COTA/L, Board Chair

AGENCY MISSION is to protect the public by supervising Occupational Therapy practice and to assure safe and ethical delivery of Occupational Therapy services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants within 3 days of receiving all required documentation.
- Current licensee total as of 2/10/2017: **1,939 OT's** and **479 OTA's**. **Total: 2,418**.

Occupational Therapists have been licensed in Oregon since 1977 and the license numbers continue to increase. Occupational Therapy is growing much faster than the average for all occupations. Bureau of Labor projects OT's to grow 27% and OTA's to grow 40% between now and 2024. OT will continue to be an important part of treatment for people with various illnesses and disabilities, such as Alzheimers disease, cerebral palsy, autism or the loss of a limb.



PROGRAM SUMMARY

- The **Board** is composed five members: two Occupational Therapists, one Occupational Therapy Assistant and two public members.
- Administrative **Staff** includes the Executive Director and one half-time administrative assistant.
- The Board has kept up with the increasing number of complaints through a contract with a former board member to help with investigations. The Board expects the number of licensees and complaints to continue to increase.

Online license renewals: Held every other year, even years, eight months after the start of the biennium. Current two-year renewal fees: **\$150 OT's**; **\$100 OTA's**. There has been **no increase** since 2006. Lowered by \$20 in 2008 and again in 2010. The Board performs background LEADS checks (Law Enforcement Data System) on all licensees prior to renewals. We track and record required pain management courses and conduct audits on continuing education. Most licensees pay by credit card versus checks.

Work force data: Collected in 2012, 2014 and 2016 during renewals. The board absorbs the \$4 cost per licensee into the budget.

Education of students and licensees:

- We present at the state association (OTAO) meeting every year.
- All applicants are required to take and pass the free Board law/ethics exam.
- Quarterly e-newsletter keeps licensees informed regarding board news and rule proposals.
- Website: Continuous review and update of website to keep information current. Transition to new V4 user-friendly format completed and submitted for review by E-Gov. Our new website is expected to go live soon.
- Schools in Oregon: Pacific U has an OTD program in Hillsboro. Linn Benton has an OTA program in Lebanon. The board speaks to students from both schools annually to educate about the Board, statutes and rules and licensing process.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Key Performance 1: Timely Licensing: Over 98% issued within 3 days of receipt of required documents. Staff confirms primary source verification of education and licensure in other states and the national certification board. Continuing education and completion of pain management and data collection is required.

- Online renewals saves time and we process few checks as payment is made mostly by credit card.
- Share administrative functions, fax/copier, accountant, office space, security with other 833 boards.

Key Performance 2: Timely resolution of complaints: In the last 4 years, the board has averaged 14-15 cases per year. Cases are investigated and reviewed cases at each quarterly board meeting. We expect an increase in investigations because of more public awareness of mandatory reporting requirement, LEADS background checks and the overall increase in license numbers.

- Educate and have resolved all cases by Consent Orders without having costly administrative hearings.
- Use former board member to help with discipline/consultation and education.
- The Board educates when appropriate to work with licensees while still protecting the public.

Key Performance 3: Customer satisfaction: Customer service is at a high level. Over 98% ratings received of good or excellent. Comments provided anonymously and reviewed by the Board annually to improve current services.

- Licensees and those who contact the Board appreciate the personal service and quick turnaround on questions and licensing.
- Verification requests are made by e-mail, the address is copied onto our form and printed, signed and sealed and in a window envelope, all done within a few minutes at no charge.

Key Performance 4: Board follows best practices and these are measured annually.

About License fees:

- No fee increase projected for 2017-19 biennium.
- Revenue is “other funds” and a cash reserve is needed before the next renewal period starts.
- Costs are lower because of few discipline cases that are resolved by Consent Order.
- The board continues to pay the \$4 per licensee for work force data collection and tracks Pain Management.

Policy Package 130 to address rising AAG costs: The board requested an increase in its AAG limitation in the event that a case went to hearing. The board entered into a flat charge agreement in August 2016 with the DOJ that allows us to spread out legal costs over three biennia.

2017 Legislation: The OT Licensing Board has not submitted any bills for this session.

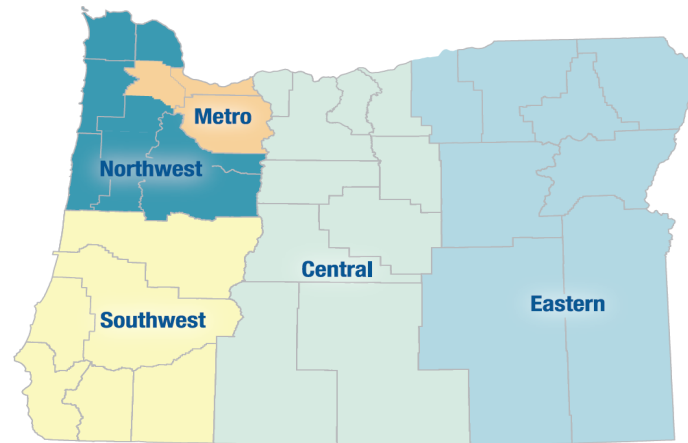
Thank you for the opportunity to explain our budget and programs. We ask that you approve the Governor’s budget as proposed.

Oregon's Occupational Therapist Workforce – 2016

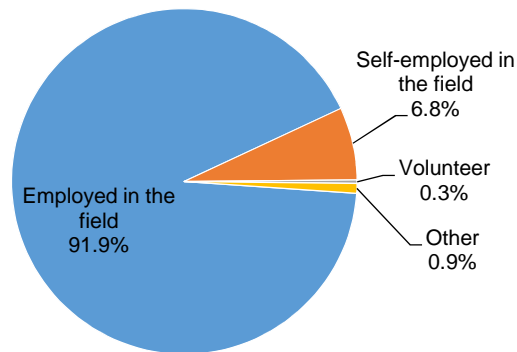
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	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2016</u>
Number of Occupational Therapists licensed in Oregon	1269	1422	1482	1844
Number of licensed Occupational Therapists practicing in Oregon	1030	1150	1082	1291

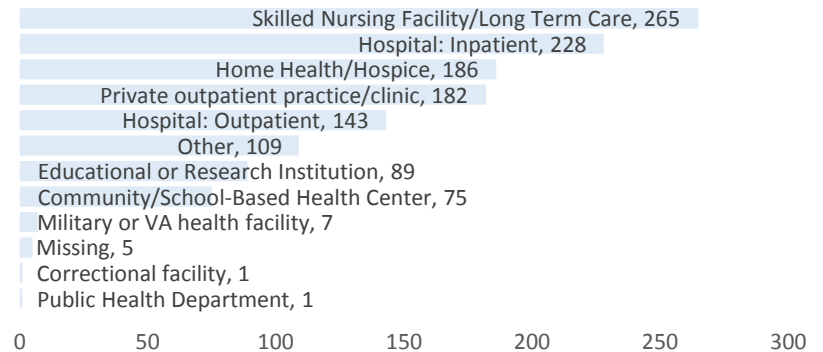
REGION	Total OTs in region	%
Metro	692	53.6%
Northwest	216	16.7%
Southwest	237	18.4%
Central	115	8.9%
Eastern	23	1.8%
Missing	8	0.6%
Total	1291	



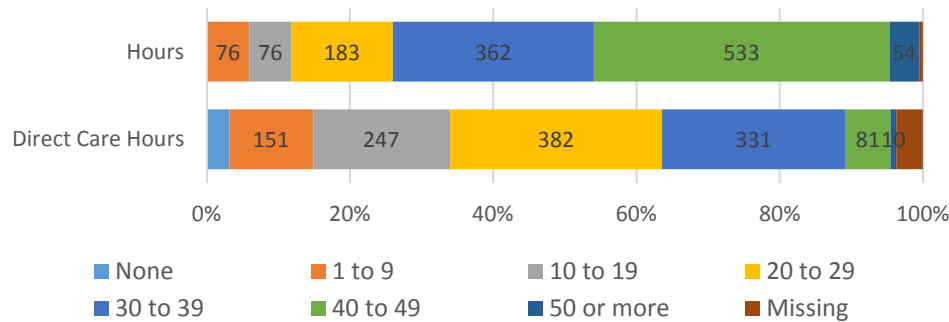
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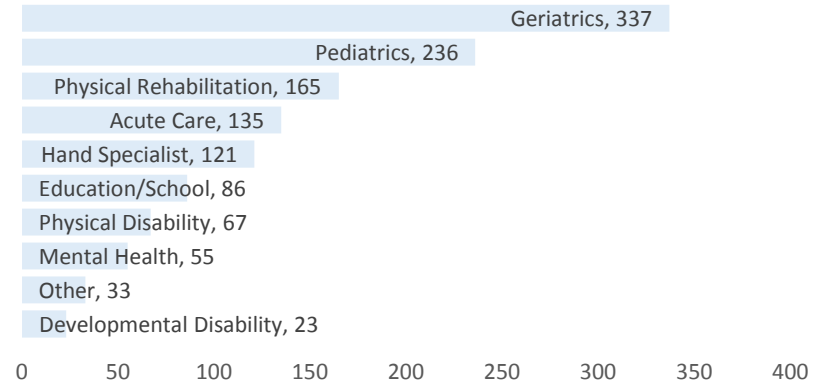
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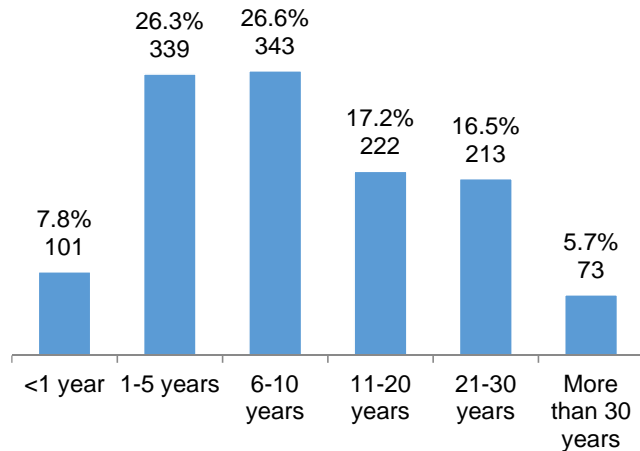
Average Weekly Work Hours as Compared to Average Weekly Hours in Direct Patient Care



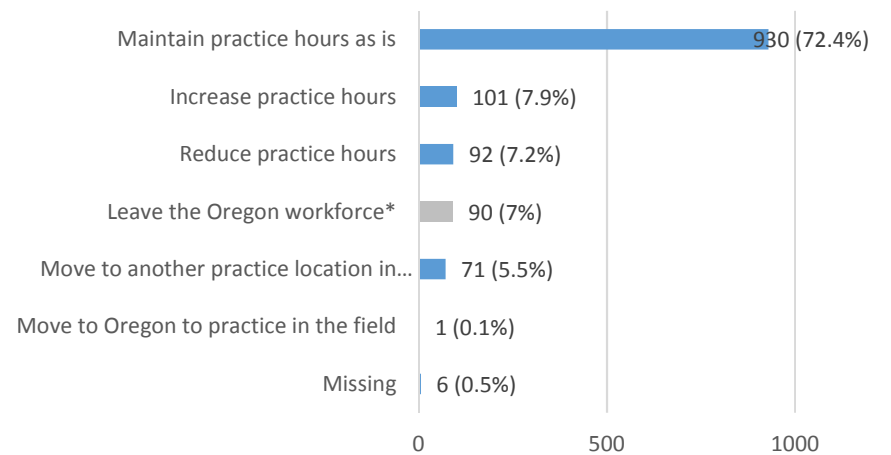
Top 10 Specialties Reported



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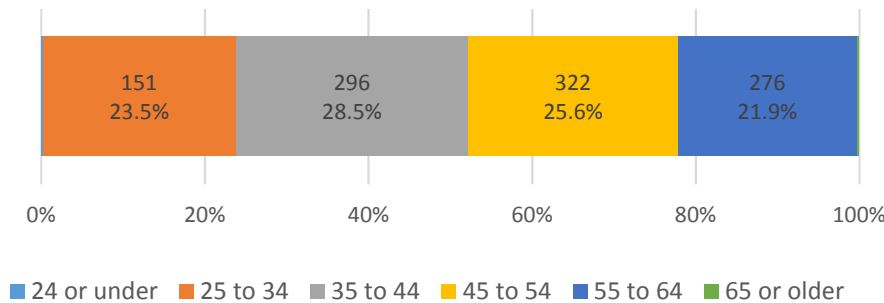
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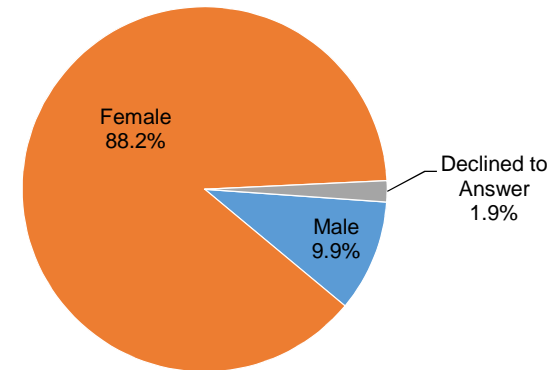
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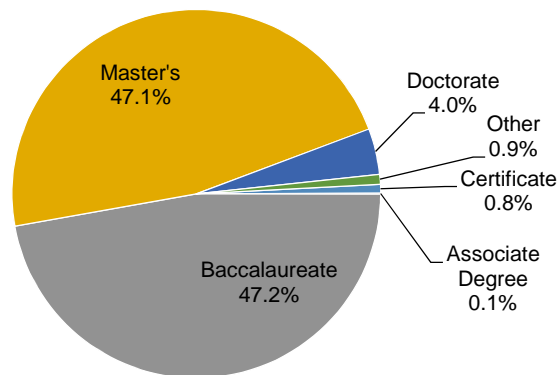
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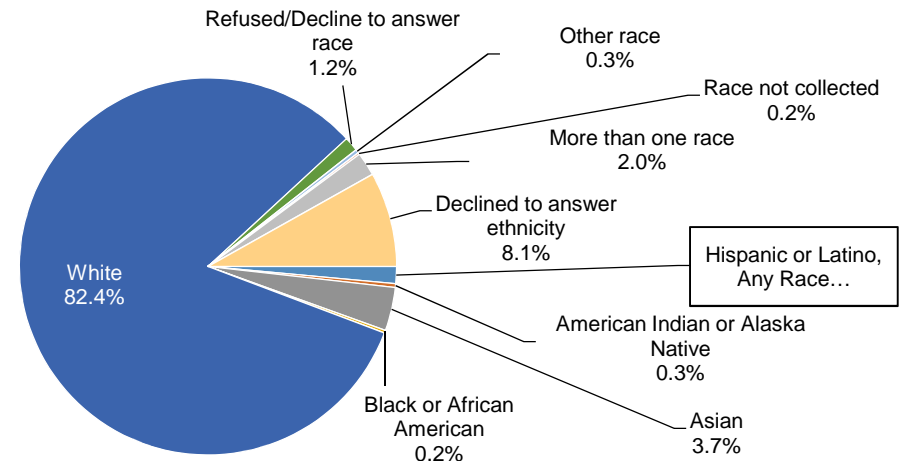
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Highest Level of Education in the Field



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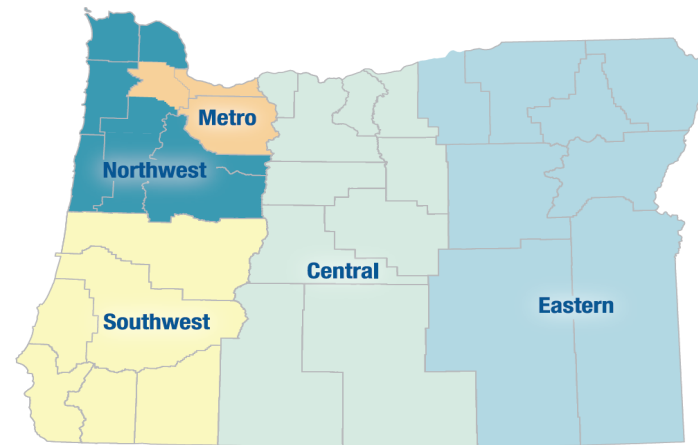
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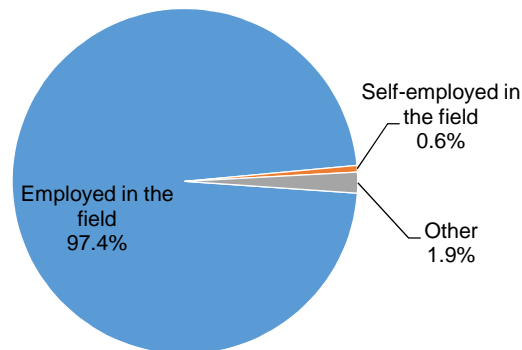
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	2010	2012	2014	2016
Number of OT Assistants licensed in Oregon	228	258	314	454
Number of licensed OT Assistants practicing in Oregon	199	215	225	309

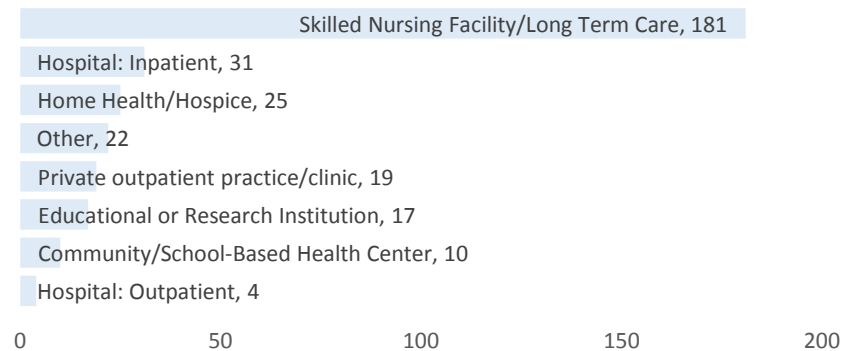
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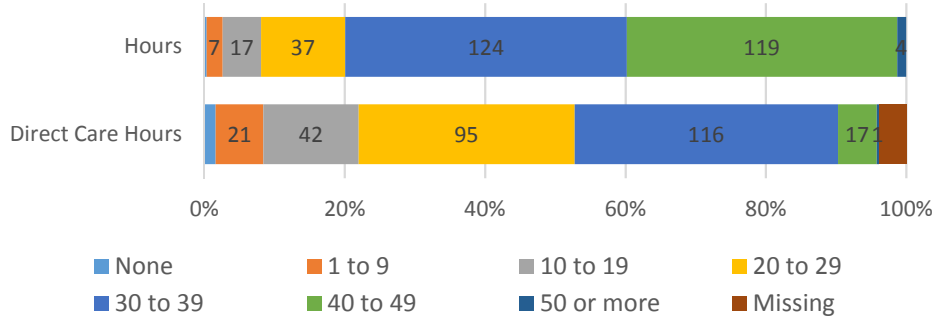


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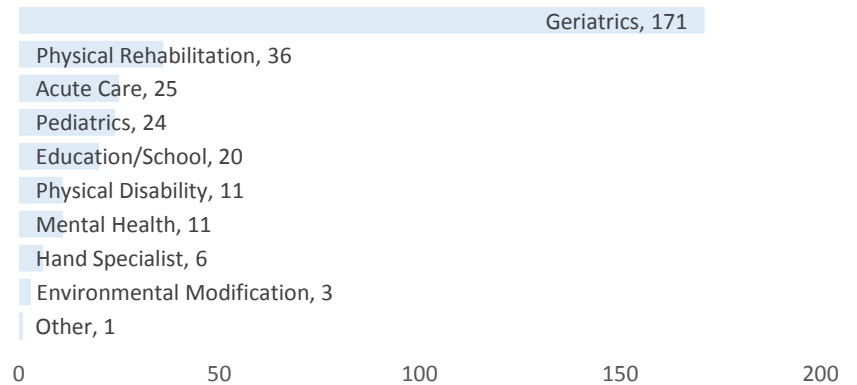


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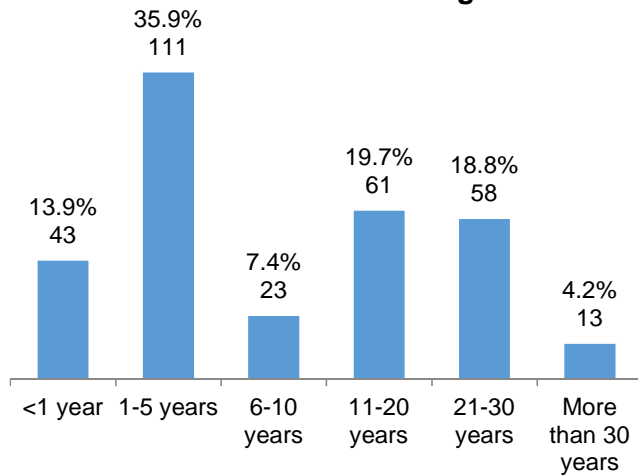
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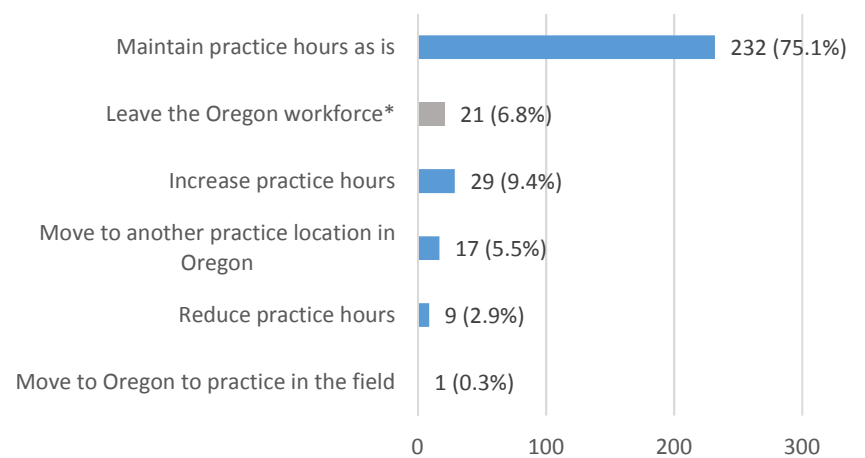
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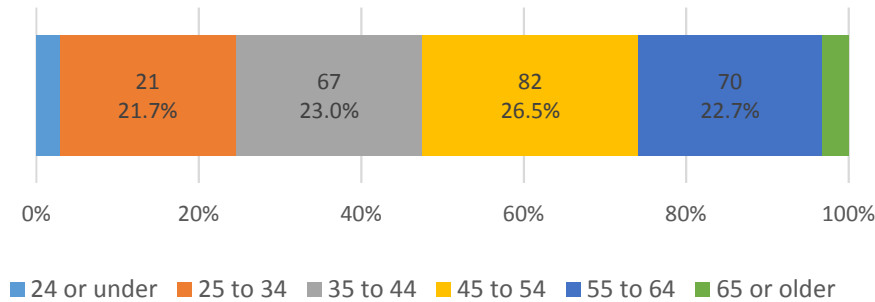
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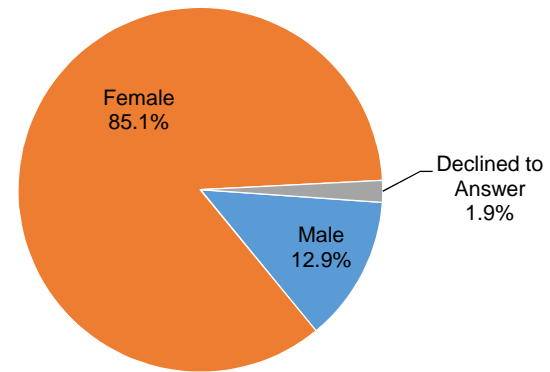
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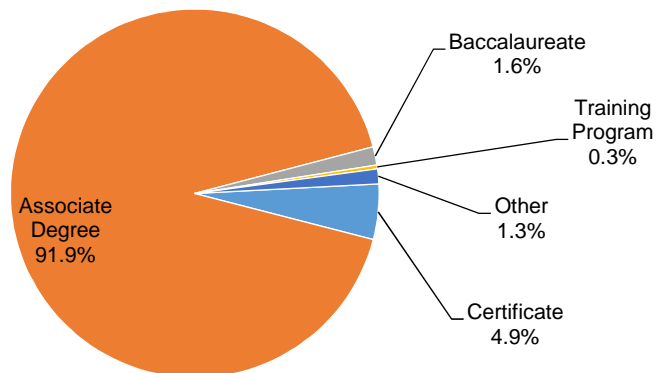
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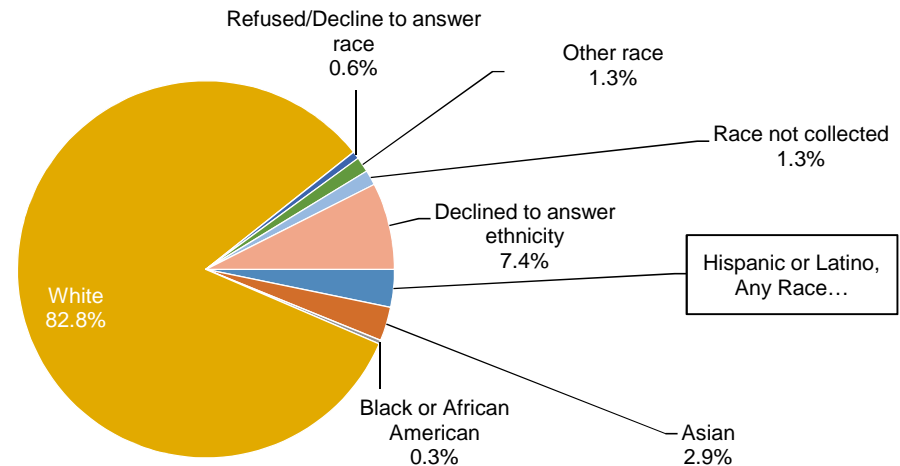
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