

THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

PROJECTED FUTURE NEED FOR GERIATRICIANS

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The American Geriatrics Society's Geriatrics Workforce Policy Studies Center (GWPS) has compiled the following data on our nation's projected geriatrician shortfall. It's projected that approximately 30% of the 65 plus patient population will need to be cared for by a geriatrician and that each geriatrician can care for a patient panel of 700 older adults.¹ Based on these numbers, approximately:

30,000 geriatricians will be needed by 2030 to care for about 21 million older Americans.

Given that there were 7,029 certified geriatricians in 2010², this would conservatively, require training approximately 1,200 geriatricians per year over the next 20 years to meet the targeted need for 30,000 geriatricians by 2030.

State	Projected Population 65+ in 2030 ³	30% is Most Vulnerable ⁴	Projected # of Geriatricians Needed in 2030 ⁴	Certified Geriatricians (2010) ¹	# of Geriatricians we Need to Train Between Now and 2030
Alabama	1,039,160	311,748	445	64	381
Alaska	127,202	38,161	55	10	45
Arizona	2,371,354	711,406	1,016	128	888
Arkansas	656,406	196,922	281	58	223
California	8,288,241	2,486,472	3,552	741	2,811
Colorado	956,278	286,883	410	87	323
Connecticut	794,405	238,322	340	134	206
Delaware	237,823	71,347	102	17	85
DC	58,238	17,471	25	21	4
Florida	7,769,452	2,330,836	3,330	434	2,896
Georgia	1,907,837	572,351	818	122	696
Hawaii	326,957	98,087	140	66	74
Idaho	361,033	108,310	155	9	146
Illinois	2,412,177	723,653	1,034	343	691
Indiana	1,231,873	369,562	528	97	431
Iowa	663,186	198,956	284	60	224
Kansas	593,091	177,927	254	49	205
Kentucky	903,450	271,035	387	54	333
Louisiana	944,212	283,264	405	61	344
Maine	374,017	112,205	160	49	111
Maryland	1,235,695	370,709	530	217	313
Massachusetts	1,463,110	438,933	627	232	395
Michigan	2,080,725	624,218	892	227	665
Minnesota	1,193,124	357,937	511	160	351
Mississippi	634,067	190,220	272	23	249
Missouri	1,301,714	390,514	558	139	419

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Montana	269,558	80,867	116	9	107
Nebraska	375,811	112,743	161	32	129
Nevada	797,179	239,154	342	40	302
New Hampshire	352,786	105,836	151	47	104
New Jersey	1,959,545	587,864	840	294	546
New Mexico	555,184	166,555	238	53	185
New York	3,916,891	1,175,067	1,679	727	952
North Carolina	2,173,173	651,952	931	188	743
North Dakota	152,358	45,707	65	21	44
Ohio	2,357,022	707,107	1,010	241	769
Oklahoma	757,553	227,266	325	40	285
Oregon	881,957	264,587	378	84	294
Pennsylvania	2,890,068	867,020	1,239	533	706
Rhode Island	246,507	73,952	106	38	68
South Carolina	1,134,459	340,338	486	83	403
South Dakota	185,064	55,519	79	11	68
Tennessee	1,417,708	425,312	608	78	530
Texas	5,186,185	1,555,856	2,223	347	1,876
Utah	460,553	138,166	197	22	175
Vermont	173,940	52,182	75	18	57
Virginia	1,843,988	553,196	790	164	626
Washington	1,563,901	469,170	670	161	509
West Virginia	426,443	127,933	183	43	140
Wisconsin	1,312,225	393,668	562	147	415
Wyoming	138,586	41,576	59	6	53
Total	71,453,471	21,436,041	30,623	7,029	23,594

¹ Fried, L. P. & Hall, W. J. (2008). Leading on Behalf of an Aging Society. *The Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 56, 1791-1795.

² Geographic Distribution of Diplomates by States from ABMS. Dated July 2010. Available at ABMS.org/Statistics.asp.

³ Interim State Projections of Population for Five-Year Age Groups and Selected Age Groups by Sex: July 1, 2004 to 2030. U.S. Census Bureau. Table compiled by the US Administration on Aging.

⁴ Based on 30% of 65 plus patient population will need geriatricians' care and each geriatrician can care for a patient panel of 700 adults.