

# THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

## PROJECTED FUTURE NEED FOR GERIATRICIANS

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 7,428 certified geriatricians in 2014<sup>2</sup>, this would conservatively, require training approximately 1,500 geriatricians per year over the next 15 years to meet the targeted need for 30,000 geriatricians by 2030.**

State	Projected Population 65+ in 2030 <sup>3</sup>	30% is Most Vulnerable	Projected # of Geriatricians Needed in 2030 <sup>4</sup>	Certified Geriatricians (2014) <sup>5</sup>	# of Geriatricians we Need to Train Between Now and 2030
Alabama	1,039,160	311,748	445	60	385
Alaska	127,202	38,161	55	12	43
Arizona	2,371,354	711,406	1016	124	892
Arkansas	656,406	196,922	281	54	227
California	8,288,241	2,486,472	3552	755	2,797
Colorado	956,278	286,883	410	93	317
Connecticut	794,405	238,322	340	134	206
Delaware	237,823	71,347	102	18	84
DC	58,238	17,471	25	21	4
Florida	7,769,452	2,330,836	3330	423	2,907
Georgia	1,907,837	572,351	818	135	683
Hawaii	326,957	98,087	140	72	68
Idaho	361,033	108,310	155	10	145
Illinois	2,412,177	723,653	1034	312	722
Indiana	1,231,873	369,562	528	91	437
Iowa	663,186	198,956	284	49	235
Kansas	593,091	177,927	254	46	208
Kentucky	903,450	271,035	387	55	332
Louisiana	944,212	283,264	405	56	349
Maine	374,017	112,205	160	48	112
Maryland	1,235,695	370,709	530	216	314
Massachusetts	1,463,110	438,933	627	260	367
Michigan	2,080,725	624,218	892	222	670
Minnesota	1,193,124	357,937	511	145	366
Mississippi	634,067	190,220	272	26	246
Missouri	1,301,714	390,514	558	131	427
Montana	269,558	80,867	116	9	107

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Nebraska	375,811	112,743	161	29	132
Nevada	797,179	239,154	342	42	300
New Hampshire	352,786	105,836	151	46	105
New Jersey	1,959,545	587,864	840	283	557
New Mexico	555,184	166,555	238	50	188
New York	3,916,891	1,175,067	1679	736	943
North Carolina	2,173,173	651,952	931	216	715
North Dakota	152,358	45,707	65	24	41
Ohio	2,357,022	707,107	1010	227	783
Oklahoma	757,553	227,266	325	33	292
Oregon	881,957	264,587	378	86	292
Pennsylvania	2,890,068	867,020	1239	494	745
Rhode Island	246,507	73,952	106	35	71
South Carolina	1,134,459	340,338	486	90	396
South Dakota	185,064	55,519	79	18	61
Tennessee	1,417,708	425,312	608	78	530
Texas	5,186,185	1,555,856	2223	373	1,850
Utah	460,553	138,166	197	23	174
Vermont	173,940	52,182	75	19	56
Virginia	1,843,988	553,196	790	185	605
Washington	1,563,901	469,170	670	150	520
West Virginia	426,443	127,933	183	36	147
Wisconsin	1,312,225	393,668	562	148	414
Wyoming	138,586	41,576	59	8	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,453,471</b>	<b>21,436,041</b>	<b>30,623</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>23,617</b>

<sup>1</sup> Fried, L. P. & Hall, W. J. (2008). Leading on Behalf of an Aging Society. *The Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 56(10), 1791-1795. doi: 10.1111/j.1532-5415.2008.01939.x

<sup>2</sup> Scheinthal, S., Kramer, J. & Morales-Egizi, L. (2016). Appendix 2: American Osteopathic Association Specialty Board Certification. *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*, 116 (4), 263-266.

<sup>3</sup> Administration on Aging. (2005). State Projections of Population Aged 65 and Over: July 1, 2005 to 2030. Retrieved from: [http://www.aoa.gov/Aging\\_Statistics/future\\_growth/future\\_growth.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/Aging_Statistics/future_growth/future_growth.aspx)

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

<sup>5</sup> 2013-2014 ABMS Board Certification Report. (2014). Geographic Distribution of ABMS Member Board Diplomates by Subspecialty Certificate. Available at <https://shopping.abms.org/>

\*Please note that this number (7,006 total geriatricians based on the state-by-state data) does not include 3 certified geriatricians in the military, 54 geriatricians in U.S. external areas, or the 365 osteopathic certified geriatricians.

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