

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.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 7,293 certified geriatricians in 2016^{2,3}, this would conservatively require training approximately 1,600 geriatricians per year over the next 14 years to meet the targeted need for 30,000 geriatricians by 2030.

State	Projected Population 65+ in 2030 ⁴	30% is Most Vulnerable	Projected # of Geriatricians Needed in 2030 ⁵	Certified Geriatricians (2016) ²	# of Geriatricians we Need to Train Between Now and 2030
Alabama	1,039,160	311,748	445	62	383
Alaska	127,202	38,161	55	11	44
Arizona	2,371,354	711,406	1,016	117	899
Arkansas	656,406	196,922	281	60	221
California	8,288,241	2,486,472	3,552	721	2,831
Colorado	956,278	286,883	410	98	312
Connecticut	794,405	238,322	340	138	202
Delaware	237,823	71,347	102	19	83
DC	58,238	17,471	25	20	5
Florida	7,769,452	2,330,836	3,330	408	2,922
Georgia	1,907,837	572,351	818	141	677
Hawaii	326,957	98,087	140	75	65
Idaho	361,033	108,310	155	11	144
Illinois	2,412,177	723,653	1034	300	734
Indiana	1,231,873	369,562	528	78	450
Iowa	663,186	198,956	284	45	239
Kansas	593,091	177,927	254	48	206
Kentucky	903,450	271,035	387	56	331
Louisiana	944,212	283,264	405	48	357
Maine	374,017	112,205	160	44	116
Maryland	1,235,695	370,709	530	217	313
Massachusetts	1,463,110	438,933	627	268	359
Michigan	2,080,725	624,218	892	212	680
Minnesota	1,193,124	357,937	511	144	367
Mississippi	634,067	190,220	272	28	244
Missouri	1,301,714	390,514	558	126	432
Montana	269,558	80,867	116	8	108

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Nebraska	375,811	112,743	161	23	138
Nevada	797,179	239,154	342	42	300
New Hampshire	352,786	105,836	151	42	109
New Jersey	1,959,545	587,864	840	269	571
New Mexico	555,184	166,555	238	47	191
New York	3,916,891	1,175,067	1,679	727	952
North Carolina	2,173,173	651,952	931	227	704
North Dakota	152,358	45,707	65	21	44
Ohio	2,357,022	707,107	1,010	220	790
Oklahoma	757,553	227,266	325	36	289
Oregon	881,957	264,587	378	90	288
Pennsylvania	2,890,068	867,020	1,239	466	773
Rhode Island	246,507	73,952	106	35	71
South Carolina	1,134,459	340,338	486	87	399
South Dakota	185,064	55,519	79	14	65
Tennessee	1,417,708	425,312	608	73	535
Texas	5,186,185	1,555,856	2,223	390	1,833
Utah	460,553	138,166	197	27	170
Vermont	173,940	52,182	75	16	59
Virginia	1,843,988	553,196	790	187	603
Washington	1,563,901	469,170	670	153	517
West Virginia	426,443	127,933	183	33	150
Wisconsin	1,312,225	393,668	562	139	423
Wyoming	138,586	41,576	59	7	52
Total	71,453,471	21,436,041	30,623	6,874*	23,750

¹ 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

² 2013-2014 ABMS Board Certification Report. (2014). Geographic Distribution of ABMS Member Board Diplomates by Subspecialty Certificate. Available at <https://shopping.abms.org/>

³ 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.

⁴ 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

⁵ Based on 30% of 65 plus patient population will need geriatricians' care and each geriatrician can care for a patient panel of 700 adults.

*Please note that this number (6,874 total geriatricians based on the state-by-state data) does not include 2 certified geriatricians in the military, 52 geriatricians in U.S. external areas, or the 365 osteopathic certified geriatricians.

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