



**Texas Medical Board**  
**TMB and TXPHP**

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# Mission Statements

## **TXPHP**

The mission of the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) is to protect the health of Texans and to promote medical excellence by serving participants affected by substance use disorders, physical illness and impairment, and/or psychiatric conditions. The TXPHP fulfills this mission by providing education, recognition, and assistance in diagnosis and treatment through a recovery program adapted and monitored according to participants' specific needs.

## **TMB**

Our mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline and education.



# TMB Demographics

	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY 17	FY18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	<b>FY 24</b>
Licensed Physicians	82,230	84,792	85,987	89,007	92,036	96,168	100,014	103,749	105,510	110,333	<b>115,198</b>
Acupuncturists	1,188	1,214	1,241	1,260	1,275	1312	1,318	1,309	1,302	1,304	<b>1,392</b>
Medical Physicists			671	649	653	655	608	626	729	785	<b>840</b>
Medical Radiologic Technologists			26,868	27,168	28,108	28,046	27,974	29,164	29,502	30,468	<b>31,444</b>
Non-certified Technicians			4,764	4,008	3,738	3790	4,306	4,362	4,073	4,488	<b>4,861</b>
Perfusionists			397	400	399	420	431	461	493	535	<b>571</b>
Physician Assistants	7,278	7,662	8,058	8,556	9,089	9791	10,482	11,209	11,676	12,465	<b>13,289</b>
Respiratory Therapists			15,540	15,649	15,494	15,330	15,869	16,807	16,288	16,828	<b>17,509</b>
Surgical Assistants	376	418	452	469	520	604	662	682	669	674	<b>684</b>

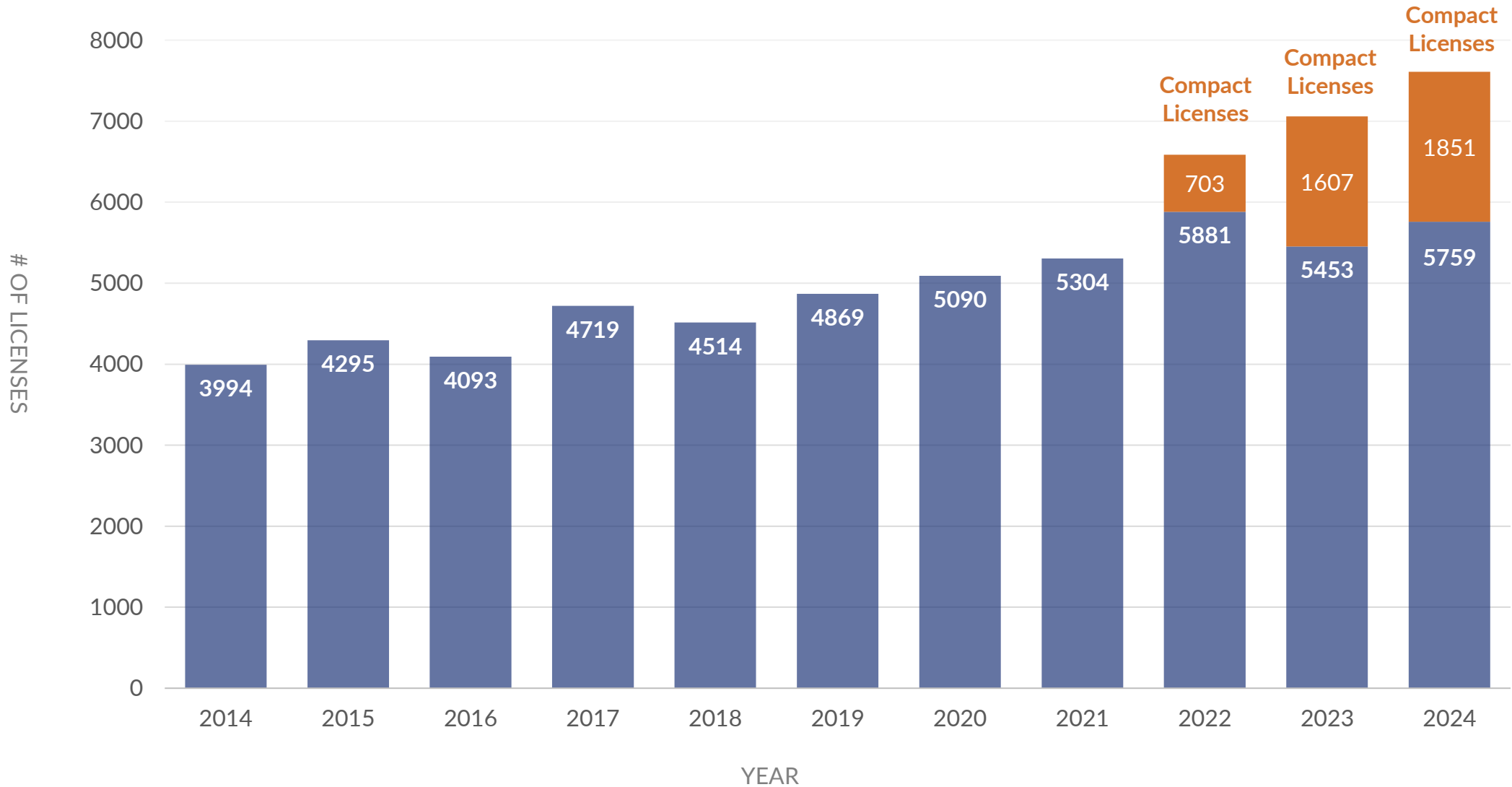


# TXPHP Licensee Demographics

	<b>FY24 Q3</b>	<b>FY24 Q4</b>
Licensed Physicians	200	196
Physicians in Training	27	27
Physician Assistants	12	11
Medical Radiologic Technologists	24	19
Respiratory Therapists	22	16
Perfusionists	0	1
Other	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>272</b>



# Physician Licenses Issued Annually





# Confidentiality of TMB Investigations

- TMB investigations are confidential.
- **Narrow Exception:** a credentialing inquiry by a health care entity
- TMB can share whether an investigation proceeded to litigation
- Cannot share any other information
- See Tex. Occ. Code 154.054 for more details
- **Exception: Public Disciplinary Action**
- Viewable on the TMB Public Physician Profile page
- Non-patient care remedial plans removed after 5 years.






# Licensee Reporting Requirements

- Is there a continuing threat to the public welfare through the practice of medicine?
  - If so, you must report this.
  - Failure to report this may be a violation of Board rules.
- Actions or impairment that rises to a level that threatens patient safety
  - Ex. Practicing medicine while intoxicated
- 160.003 - A peer review committee, physician, PA, medical student, or acupuncturist must report to the Board a physician who poses a continuing threat to the public welfare through the practice of medicine.



# Referrals between TMB and TXPHP

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- Confidential referrals
  - As condition of licensure
  - Compliant involving impairment - self-refer in lieu of investigation (limited circumstances, Tex Occ. Code § 167.008)
  - After informal hearing - in lieu of disciplinary order
- Public Referrals
  - As condition of licensure
  - After disciplinary order, requiring participation in TXPHP, noncompliance may garner further disciplinary action or suspension (Tex Occ. Code § 167.009)





# Referrals between TMB and TXPHP

## TXPHP TMB

- Referral is always confidential.
- Discretionary report of impairment:
  - TXPHP Board votes to refer participant to TMB (Tex Occ. Code §167.010(b))
  - TMB Board Committee votes to accept the referral from TXPHP and refer the licensee for investigation of impairment.
- Emergent report of impairment:
  - Required report: TXPHP shall report any participant who poses a continuing threat to the public welfare (Tex Occ. Code §167.010(c))
  - Referral is made directly upon determination of TXPHP Medical Director
  - Ex. Treating patients while impaired, fails fitness for duty exam, refuses inpatient/outpatient treatment



# Prescribing to Friends & Family



Rule 190.8(1)(M) inappropriate prescription of dangerous drugs or controlled substances to oneself, family members, or others in which there is a close personal relationship that would include the following:

- (i) prescribing or administering dangerous drugs or controlled substances without taking an adequate history, performing a proper physical examination, and creating and maintaining adequate records; and
- (ii) prescribing controlled substances in the absence of immediate need. "Immediate need" shall be considered no more than 72 hours.



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