Profile: Oregon’s Physician Workforce – 2012

Quick Facts
The total number of active licensed physicians decreased by 2,285 between 2010 and 2012 while the number of active physicians reporting an Oregon practice address dropped by 313.

Two-thirds of Oregon’s 36 counties experienced a reduction in the number of practicing physicians.

Between 2010 and 2012, there was a 7.8% drop (or -320) in the number of primary care physicians identifying a practice address in Oregon.

The average age of Oregon’s physicians is 51 years. In 2010, 36% of the physician workforce was 55 years of age or older and in 2012, 39% were 55 years or older.

The percentage of females in Oregon’s physician workforce increased from 31% in 2010 to 34% in 2012.

In 2012, 6% of Oregon’s physicians reported plans to reduce practice hours, move out-of-state, or retire within in the next two years, compared to 5% who reported similar plans in 2010.

Count of Oregon’s Physicians
- Number of Active Licensed Physicians in Oregon
- Number of Active Licensed Physicians Working in Oregon

Employment Status
- Employed in the field 96.6%
- Retired, still practicing 0.5%
- Student/Faculty 0.1%
- Other 1.1%
- Volunteer 1.1%
- Seeking employment in the field 0.5%

Form of Employment
- For-profit organization 21%
- Not-for-profit organization 23%
- Self-employed 26%
- Contract employee 18%
- Other 9%
- State government 2%
- County government 1%

Work Setting
- Hospital 32%
- Clinic 39%
- Private Practice 23%
- Other 6%

Primary Care Compared to Non-Primary Care Specialties
- Primary care specialty 36.1%
- Non-primary care specialty 63.8%
- Missing 0.1%

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

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Future Practice Plans in the Next Two Years

- Maintain practice as is: 87%
- Increase practice hours: 3%
- Reduce practice hours: 4%
- Move to another practice location in Oregon: 1%
- Retire: 1%
- Move to practice out of state: 1%
- Other: 3%

Medical School

- Non-Oregon Medical School: 85%
- University of Oregon: 4%
- OHSU: 11%

Residency Location

- Non-Oregon Residency: 72%
- Oregon Residency: 25%
- Missing: 3%

Gender of Oregon’s Physicians

- Male: 66%
- Female: 34%

Race of Oregon’s Physicians

- White: 70.6%
- Asian: 9.0%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.2%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 0.1%
- Black or African American: 0.9%
- Declined to answer: 4.4%
- Missing: 12.0%
- Other: 2.8%

Age Range of Oregon’s Physicians

- 25-34: 5.5%
- 35-44: 28.4%
- 45-54: 27.4%
- 55-64: 25.3%
- 65+: 13.4%

Data Sources:

- Oregon Medical Board Physician Licensing Database, February 27, 2012.

Additional information on Oregon’s physician workforce is available from the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute at www.oregonhwi.org