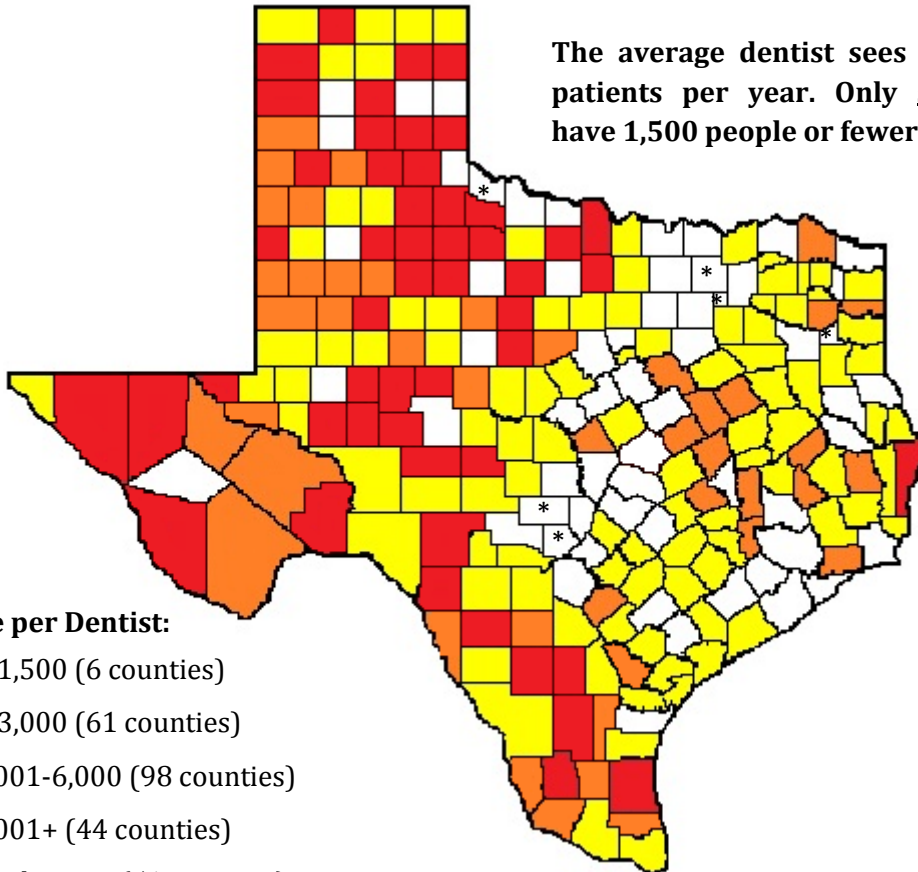


Texas Doesn't Have Enough Dentists to Care for All Its People

The average dentist sees about 1,500 patients per year. Only six counties have 1,500 people or fewer per dentist.



People per Dentist:

- * 1-1,500 (6 counties)
- 1-3,000 (61 counties)
- 3,001-6,000 (98 counties)
- 6,001+ (44 counties)
- No dentists (51 counties)

Notes: Data as of Sept. 2014 (source: Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Health Professions Resource Center. All Dentists, 2014. <http://goo.gl/iX0m2X>). Patient load calculated by dividing the average number of patient visits, including dental hygiene appointments, per dentist per year (source: Amer. Dental Association, Survey Center. 2010 Survey of Dental Practice) by the average number of dental visits per person for persons who visited the dentist (source: Manski and Brown. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dental Use, Expenses, Private Dental Coverage, and Changes, 1996 and 2004. <http://goo.gl/yiqdQD>).

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