

# STATE OF THE GERIATRICIAN WORKFORCE

Geriatricians are physician experts in pioneering advanced illness care for older people, with a focus on championing interprofessional teams, eliciting personal care goals, and treating older people as whole persons.

As we live longer, access to a geriatrics-trained workforce will be key to ensuring we can contribute to our communities for as long as possible. **According to the Health Resources & Services Administration, which tracks data on the workforce we need as we age, the supply of geriatricians is projected to increase modestly between 2013 and 2025 but demand will grow more steeply.**

Research shows that 30% of people 65-years-old and older need care from a geriatrician, and that each geriatrician can care for up to 700 patients. This translates to a larger demand for geriatricians—both nationally and region by region across the U.S.

## FAST FACTS

Older Adult Population (2018)

**49.2M**

Certified Geriatricians ▲

**6,952**

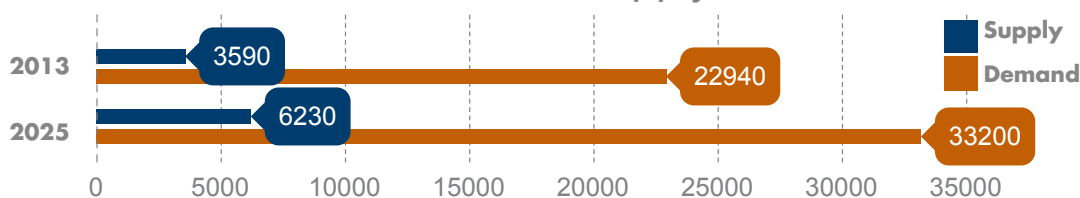
Full-Time Practicing Geriatricians ★

**3,590**

**45%**

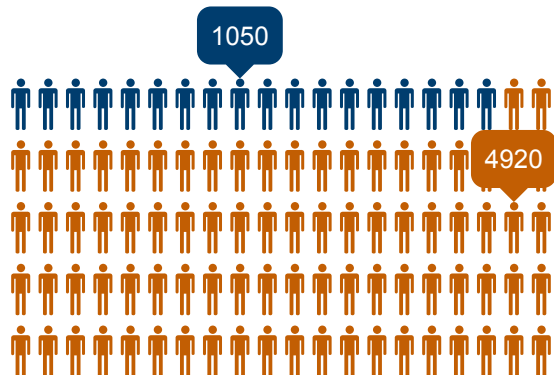
INCREASE  
in demand for  
geriatricians,  
2013-2025★

## Geriatrics Workforce Supply & Demand★

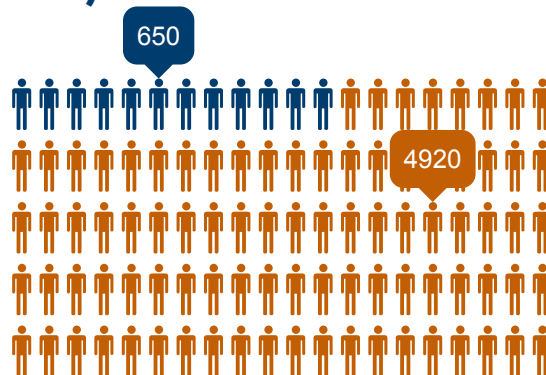


Full-Time Geriatricians in Clinical Practice

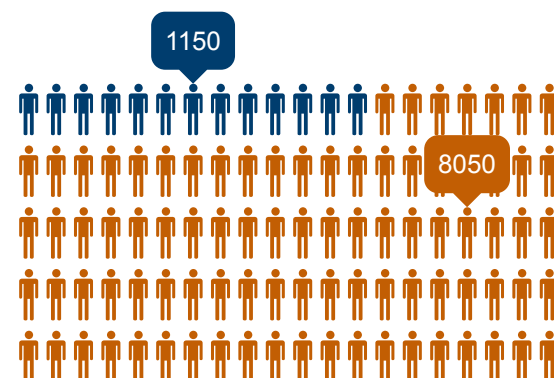
## REGIONAL SUPPLY & DEMAND (2013)★



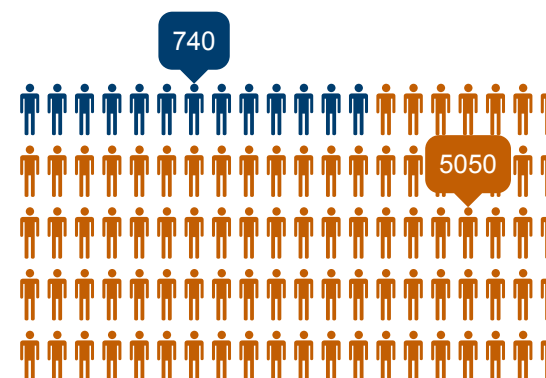
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Midwest



South



West

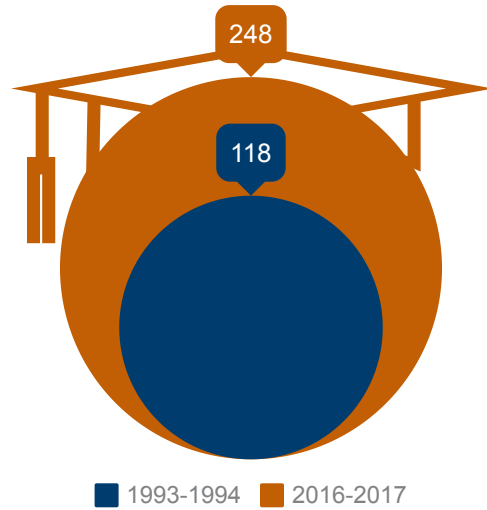
Baseline demand above is constructed from the current need for, and not the utilization of, geriatricians nationwide. Much of the data above are based on projections from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) Health Workforce Simulation Model (HWSM) presented in HRSA's "National and Regional Projections of Supply and Demand for Geriatricians: 2013-2017" report.

# GERIATRICS TRAINING



The number of fellows entering and completing geriatrics programs has increased since the 1990s, **but we still need more expert geriatricians to enter the workforce (and more geriatrics training for all health professionals).**

## Fellows Completing Geriatrics Programs



## WHAT WE NEED



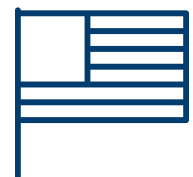
**More Geriatrics Experts**



**More Geriatrics Training for the Whole of Our Health Workforce**



**More Public Education to Empower Older Adults & Caregivers**



**Health Policy That Can Support Us All as We Age**



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