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California's Health Diagnostic and Treatment Therapists

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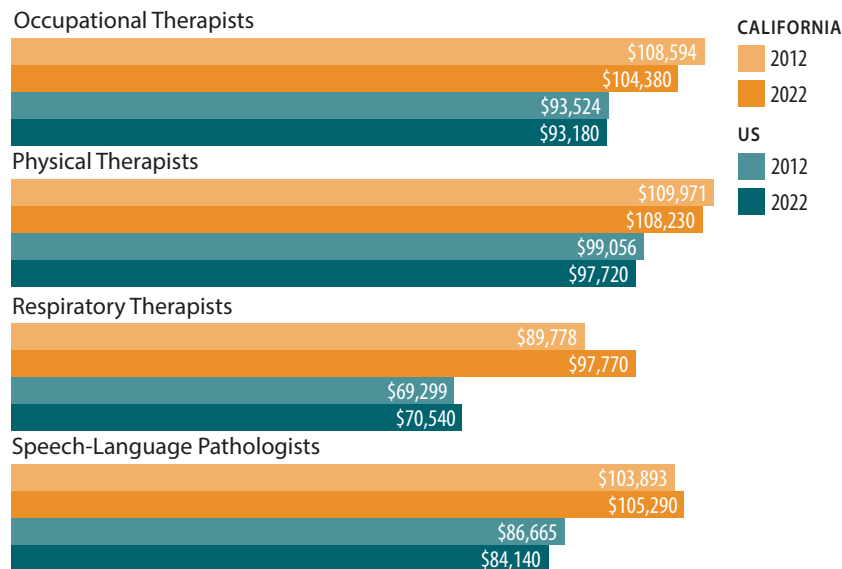
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Employment, 2012 and 2022

| CALIFORNIA | | | | PER 100K POPULATION | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------------------|------|
| | 2012 | 2022 | CHANGE | 2012 | 2022 |
| Occupational Therapists | 9,250 | 13,230 | +43.0% | 24.4 | 33.9 |
| Physical Therapists | 16,150 | 24,100 | +49.2% | 42.6 | 61.7 |
| Respiratory Therapists | 14,800 | 15,730 | +6.3% | 39.0 | 40.3 |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | 11,100 | 17,100 | +54.1% | 29.2 | 43.8 |
| UNITED STATES | 2012 | 2022 | CHANGE | 2012 | 2022 |
| Occupational Therapists | 105,540 | 134,980 | +27.9% | 33.6 | 40.5 |
| Physical Therapists | 191,460 | 229,740 | +20.0% | 61.0 | 68.9 |
| Respiratory Therapists | 116,960 | 129,910 | +11.1% | 37.3 | 39.0 |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | 121,690 | 162,760 | +33.7% | 38.8 | 48.8 |

Sources: [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics](#) (2012 and 2022), US Bureau of Labor Statistics; [Annual Estimates of the Resident Population Estimates by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for the United States: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 \(NC-EST2022-SR11H\)](#), US Census Bureau; [Annual Estimates of the Resident Population Estimates by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for California: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 \(SC-EST2022-SR11H-06\)](#), US Census Bureau; and [Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2015 \(NST-EST2015-01\)](#), US Census Bureau.

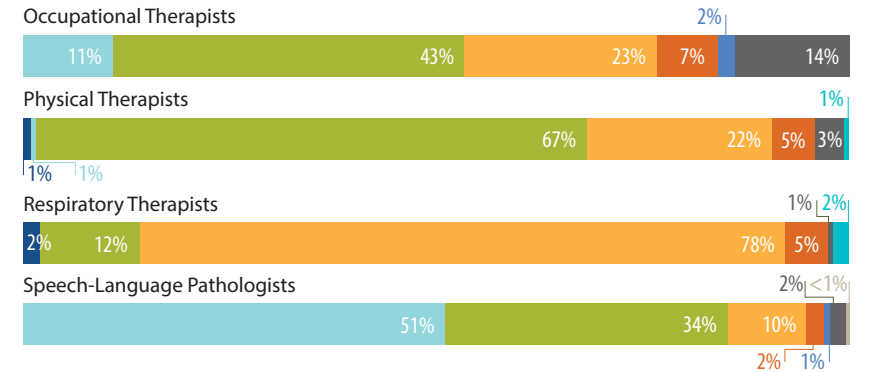
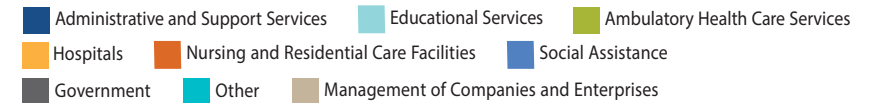
Real Median Wages, 2012 and 2022



Note: 2012 values have been adjusted for inflation and are expressed as 2022 dollars.

Sources: [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics](#) (May 2012 and May 2022), US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); and [Consumer Price Index Inflation Calculator](#), BLS.

Work Setting, 2022



Notes: *Other* for physical therapists includes health care and social assistance (detailed setting is unknown). *Other* for respiratory therapists includes retail trade, real estate, and rental and leasing services. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Source: "[Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics: OEWS Research Estimates by State and Industry](#)" (May 2022), US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

New Licenses Issued, 2015 and 2022

| | 2015 | 2022 | CHANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Occupational Therapists | 961 | 1,309 | 36.2% |
| Physical Therapists | 1,226 | 1,915 | 56.2% |
| Respiratory Therapists | 1,180 | 1,240 | 5.1% |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | 1,143 | 1,782 | 55.9% |

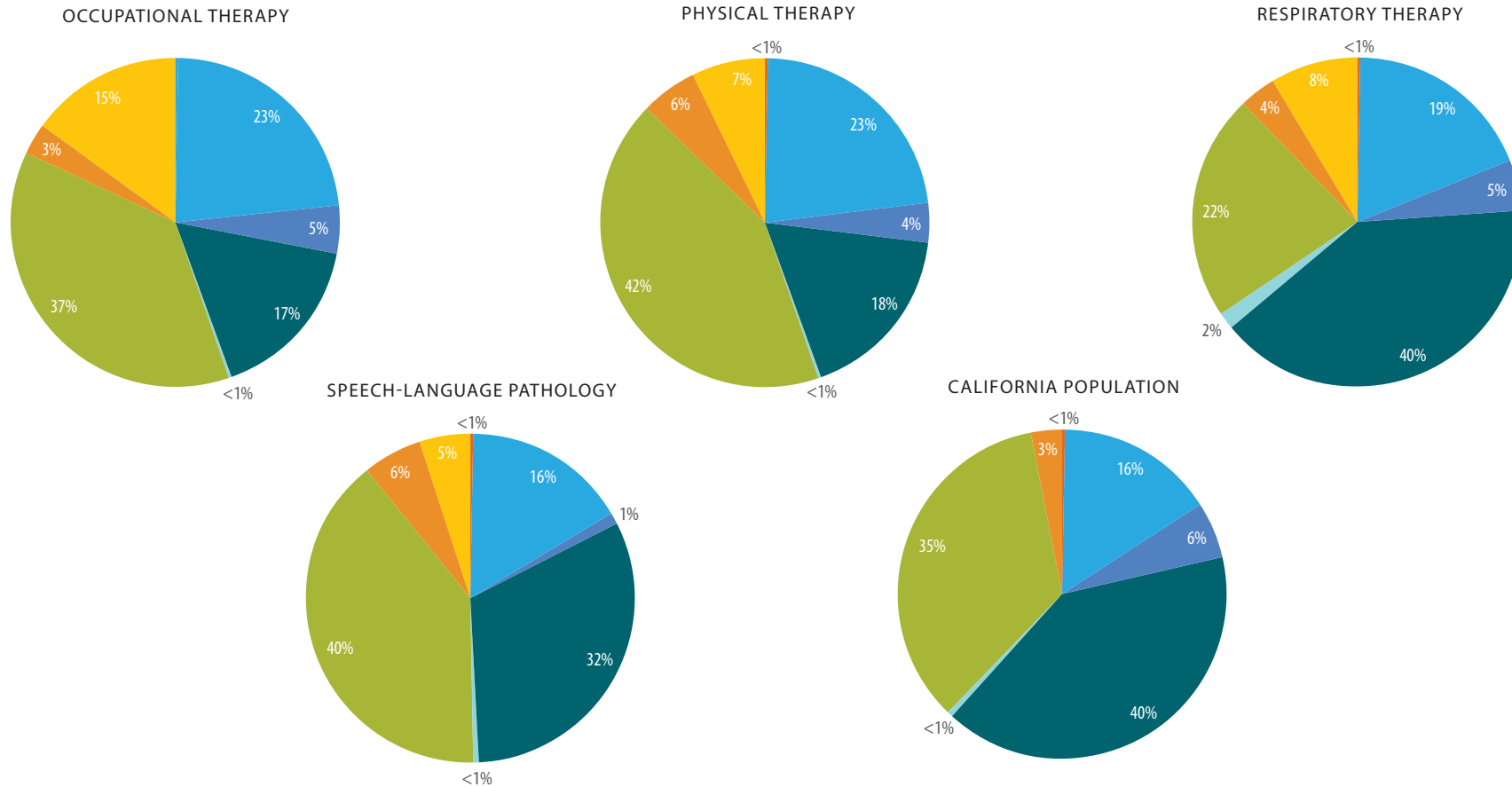
Note: Data are FY 2014–15 and FY 2021–22, respectively.

Source: "[DCA Annual Licensing Statistics](#)," California Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

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Program Graduates by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

American Indian and Alaska Native Asian Black Latino/x Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander White Multiracial Unknown



Notes: *Unknown* includes unknown and US nonresident. Sources use *Black* or *African American*, and *Two or more races*. IPEDS uses *Hispanic* or *Latino*. US Census Bureau uses *Hispanic*. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Program Graduates by Gender, 2022

| GENDER | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | | PHYSICAL THERAPY | | RESPIRATORY THERAPY | | SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY | | CALIFORNIA POPULATION | |
|--------|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE |
| Male | 181 | 13.5% | 748 | 44.3% | 496 | 41.2% | 27 | 4.8% | 19,535,016 | 50.1% |
| Female | 1,161 | 86.5% | 940 | 55.7% | 709 | 58.8% | 540 | 95.2% | 19,494,326 | 49.9% |

Sources: [IPEDS Completions Survey](#) (2022), US Dept. of Education; and [Annual Estimates of the Resident Population Estimates by Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for California: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022 \(SC-EST2022-SR11H-06\)](#), US Census Bureau.



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