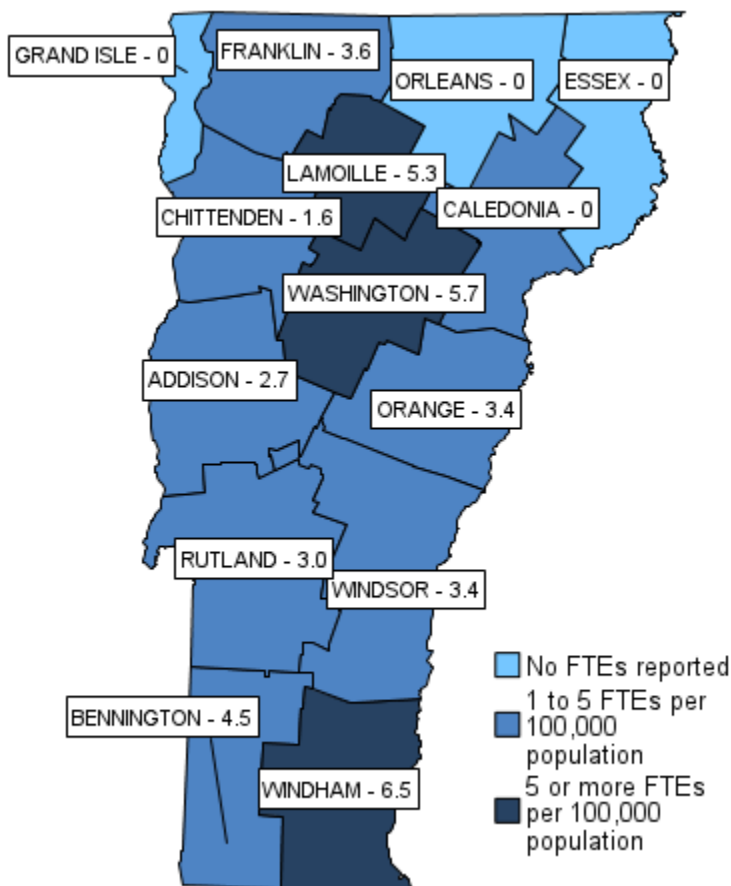


Overview

This Podiatrist census is part of the Vermont Department of Health’s healthcare provider data program, which is used to monitor and measure the supply of health care providers in Vermont over time. Vermont podiatrists are recertified every two years. Data for this report was obtained during the June 2023 recertification period and represents a snapshot of the profession at that time.

Podiatrists treat a wide variety of foot and lower extremity conditions, through nonsurgical and surgical approaches. Podiatrists' roles include dealing with bone and joint disorders such as arthritis, as well as neurological and circulatory diseases and skin and nail disorders.

Podiatrists FTEs per 100,000 population by county



In Brief

Workforce

Survey period: June 2023
 Response Rate: 100%
 Licenses renewed: 33
 Active in VT: 26
 Full-time Equivalents (FTEs): 19.9

Demographics

% Female: 32%
 Median Age: 49
 % 60 or older: 31%

Education and Training

% doctoral level (DPM): 100%
 % Educated in Northeast: 31%

Main Specialties

Primary podiatric medicine and orthopedics: 81%
 Podiatric surgery: 15%

Current Employment

% Accepting new patients: 100%
 % Full-time at main site: 50%
 % Planning to increase hours: 4%
 % Planning to decrease hours: 8%

Geographic Distribution

(FTEs per 100,000 population)
 Highest: 6.5, Windham County.
 Lowest: 0, Caledonia, Essex, Grand Isle, and Orleans Counties

Trends in Statewide FTEs

2015: 17.5
 2017: 19.4
 2019: 19.1
 2021: 17.5
 2023: 19.9

Workforce

- 33 podiatrists renewed their licenses during the surveyed period and 33 of these completed the workforce survey for a response rate of 100%
- Out of the 33 respondents, 26 (79%) indicated they are actively practicing as podiatrists in Vermont.
- Of the seven respondents reporting a non-active status, none indicated they are planning to start working as a podiatrist in Vermont within the next 12 months.
- The remainder of this report is based on the 26 podiatrists who reported actively working in Vermont.

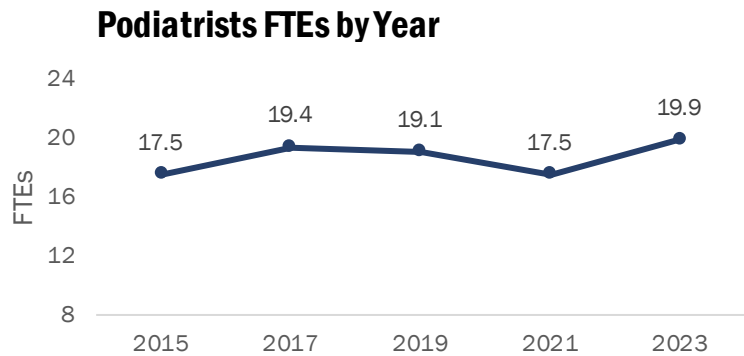
Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)

- 26 podiatrists provide 19.9 total FTEs.
- 4.3 FTEs, or 22% of total FTEs, are provided by eight podiatrists aged 60 or older.
- Half of podiatrists work 40 or more hours per week at their main site.

Average weekly hours - at main site	Number	Percent
Less than 20 hours	5	21%
20-39 hours	7	29%
40 hours or more	12	50%
* Missing data from 2 individuals		

Trends in Statewide FTEs

- Podiatrists FTEs increased from 17.5 in 2015 to 19.9 in 2023.
- From 2021 to 2023, FTEs increased by 2.4.



Demographics

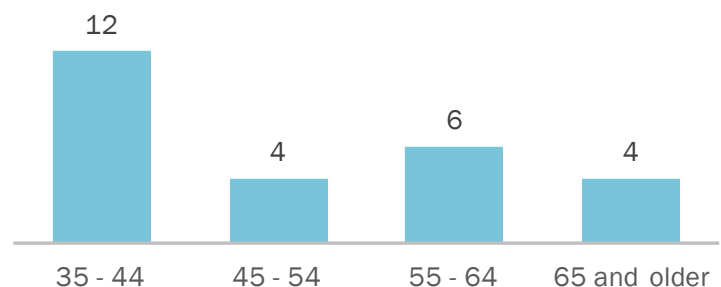
Gender

- 68% of the podiatrists in Vermont (17) are male.
- 32% (8) are female.

Age

- The median age is 49.

Number of VT Podiatrists by Age



Race and Ethnicity

Respondents were asked to select their race and could select multiple responses or choose not to answer, therefore numbers may not equal the total number of podiatrists.

- 89% of podiatrists are white, 4% are Black, 4% are Asian, and none reported being American Indian or Alaskan Native nor Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Two preferred not to answer or were missing data for race.
- 4% of podiatrists are Hispanic, Latino/a, or of Spanish origin, and 96% are not. One was missing data for ethnicity.

Education and Training

There are only a few podiatry schools in the United States. The podiatrists completed their degrees in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and Florida, as seen in the table.

- 100% have a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine (DPM).
- 77% (20) are board certified.

Highest degree awarded in this state	Number
Pennsylvania	8
Iowa	7
Illinois	4
New York	4
Ohio	2
Florida	1

Practice Characteristics

Practice Setting

- 85% (22) of podiatrists work in an outpatient practice.

Number of sites

- 85% of podiatrists practice at a single site.
- 15% work at two sites.

Main Setting	Number	Percent
Ambulatory/Outpatient practice	22	85%
Long term care facility/Nursing home	1	4%
Hospital outpatient	2	8%
Other setting	1	4%

Specialties

- Most podiatrists (81%) report primary podiatric medicine and orthopedics as their specialty.

Specialty	Number	Percent
Primary podiatric medicine and orthopedics	21	81%
Podiatric surgery	4	15%
Other	1	4%

Access to Care

- All are accepting new patients.
- 100% are accepting new Medicaid patients.
- 100% are accepting new Medicare patients.

Current Experience and Future Plans

- Median years licensed as a podiatrist is 12.5 years.
- 42% of podiatrists have been licensed for over 20 years.
- 85% plan to continue working the same number of hours in the next 12 months.
- 4% plan to increase their hours.
- 8% plan to reduce their hours.

Years Licensed	Number	Percent
0 to 5 years	8	31%
6 to 10 years	5	19%
11 to 15 years	0	-
16 to 20 years	2	8%
21 to 25 years	2	8%
Over 25 years	9	35%

Key Takeaways

- There was an increase of 2.4 FTEs provided by podiatrists in Vermont between 2021 and 2023, from 17.5 to 19.9.
- All podiatrists are accepting new patients, including new Medicaid and Medicare patients.
- Due to the small numbers of podiatrists practicing in Vermont, one person leaving or arriving can substantially change access to podiatric care.
- Relative to population, podiatrists are most common in Lamoille, Washington, and Windham counties.

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Appendix

Active Podiatrist

A podiatrist who reported working in Vermont as a podiatrist (regardless of how many hours) is considered active.

Census

The census was taken during the biennial relicensing process which ended on June 30, 2023. The data include all licensed podiatrists except for new licensees enrolled less than three months before the renewal date (April – June 2023), as their license was valid until the next renewal date of June 30, 2025. Copy of census questions available upon request.

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Full time is defined as 40 or more working hours in Vermont per week, 48 weeks or more per year. Reporting more than 40 hours per week is defined as one FTE regardless of the number of hours over 40 per week worked.

Main Practice, Site, Setting, and Specialty

The main practice, site, setting, or specialty refer to the practice in which the podiatrist worked the greatest number of annual hours.

Maps

For county maps, colors define quartiles. The lowest 25% of FTE equivalents to population ratio is displayed in the lightest color, the middle 50% in medium, and highest 25% in the darkest color.

Missing data

Unless otherwise noted, missing data are excluded from tables. Thus, totals may vary from table to table.

Population Estimates

Population estimates are for July 2022 and were provided by the Department of Health.

States

States were grouped into the following regions:

Northeast	Midwest	South		West
Connecticut	Illinois	Alabama	North Carolina	Alaska
Maine	Indiana	Arkansas	Oklahoma	Arizona
Massachusetts	Iowa	Delaware	South Carolina	California
New Hampshire	Kansas	Florida	Tennessee	Colorado
New Jersey	Michigan	Georgia	Texas	Hawaii
New York	Minnesota	Kentucky	Virginia	Idaho
Pennsylvania	Missouri	Louisiana	Washington DC	Montana
Rhode Island	Nebraska	Maryland	West Virginia	Nevada
Vermont	North Dakota	Mississippi		New Mexico
	Ohio			Oregon
	South Dakota			Utah
	Wisconsin			Washington
				Wyoming

Weekly Hours

Average weekly hours are based on hours and weeks reported, adjusted to a full-time 48-week working year (hours * (weeks/48)). Thus, the average weekly hours for an individual working 40 hours a week for half the year (24 weeks) is 20.