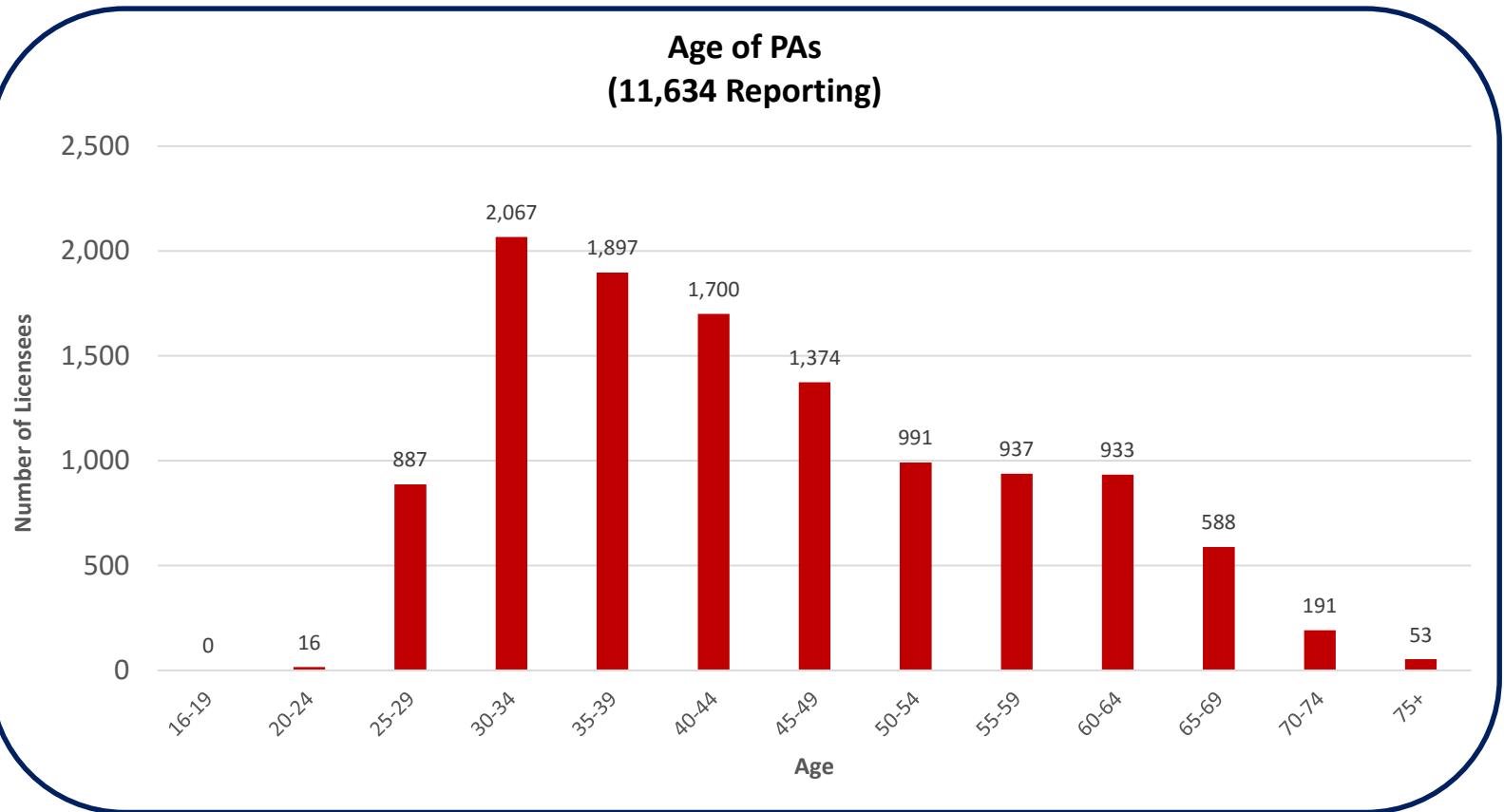




PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (PA)

As of August 2017, California's Physician Assistant Board reported 11,634 Physician Assistants (PA). The average age of PAs was 44 years old.

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California Counties with the Most PAs

Counties	# of PAs	Total Population
Los Angeles	2,397	10,241,278
Orange	1,032	3,194,024
San Diego	1,024	3,316,192
San Bernardino	608	2,160,256
Riverside	594	2,384,783
Total	5,655	21,296,533



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Physician Assistants (PA) practice medicine under the supervision of physicians. They are formally trained to provide diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventive health care services. Specific duties of PAs are determined by their supervising physicians and by state law. Working as members of a health care team, they take medical histories, examine and treat patients, order and interpret laboratory tests and X rays, and make diagnoses. The PAs record patients' progress, instruct and counsel patients, and order or carry out therapy.

Estimated Average Annual Job Openings for PAs in California

Over Period of 2014-2024		
Jobs from Growth	Jobs Due to Net Replacements	Total Annual Job Openings
340	220	560
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation		

2017 Annual Wages of PAs in California

Low (25 th percentile)	Median (50 th percentile)	High (75 th percentile)
\$89,598	\$114,286	\$132,463
Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 Wages do not reflect self-employment.		

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth of PAs in California

Employment				Net replacements from 2014-2024
Estimated 2014	Projected 2024	Growth (2014-2024)	Percent growth	
9,900	13,300	3,400	34.3	2,200
Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation				