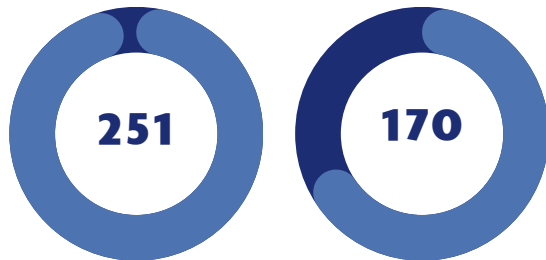


# The Case for RxP

## NUMBER OF TEXAS COUNTIES IN MENTAL HEALTH PRESCRIBER SHORTAGE



251 of 254 Texas counties are mental health prescriber shortage areas (the other three counties have partial designations).\*

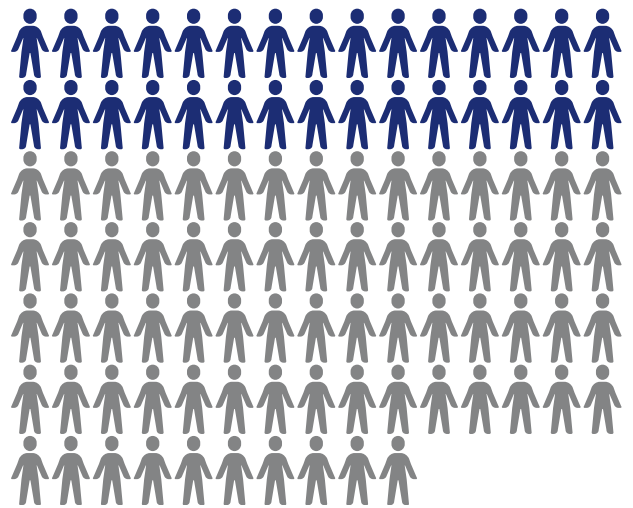
170 counties do not have a general psychiatrist.\*\*

## 3.3. Million Texans Lack Access to a Psychiatrist

## BY THE NUMBERS

Allowing psychologists to prescribe could increase the number of prescribing mental health providers by roughly

# 30%



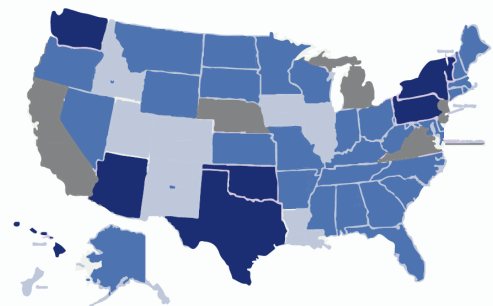
## WHAT ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY?

The RxP bill is based on a nationally based curriculum and requires:

- Completion of a post-doctoral master's degree in psychopharmacology
- Passing a national exam (PEP)
- 2,000 hours of supervised practice
- Informing the patient's primary care physician of prescribed medications
- Maintaining professional liability insurance
- Completion of annual continuing education in pharmacology and psychopharmacology

## STATES WITH RXP AUTHORITY

Psychologists already safely prescribe in all branches of the military, the Indian Health Service, the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and seven states.\*\*\*



- States and territories that grant prescribing licenses.
- States with bills pending.
- States with significant activity towards gaining RxPs.



\*Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Dashboard, updated 8/25/2023.

\*\*Health Professional Resource Center: [www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hprc/](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/hprc/) \*\*\*APA Monitor on Psychology, June 2023

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