

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 decrease modestly between 2018 and 2030 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 (2020)

52.4M

Certified Geriatricians ▲

7,123

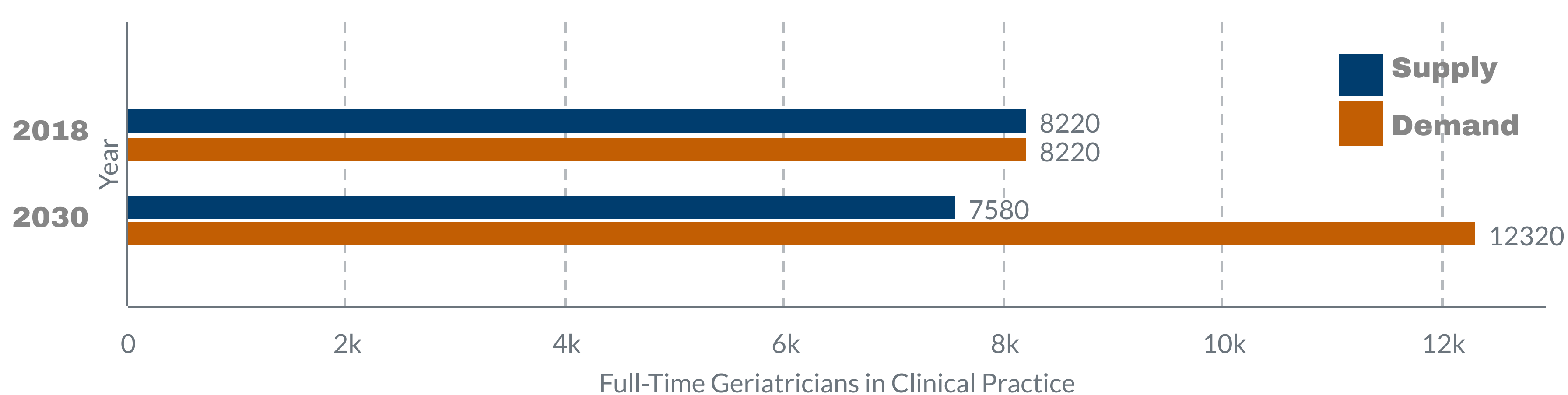
Full-Time Practicing Geriatricians ★

8,220

50%

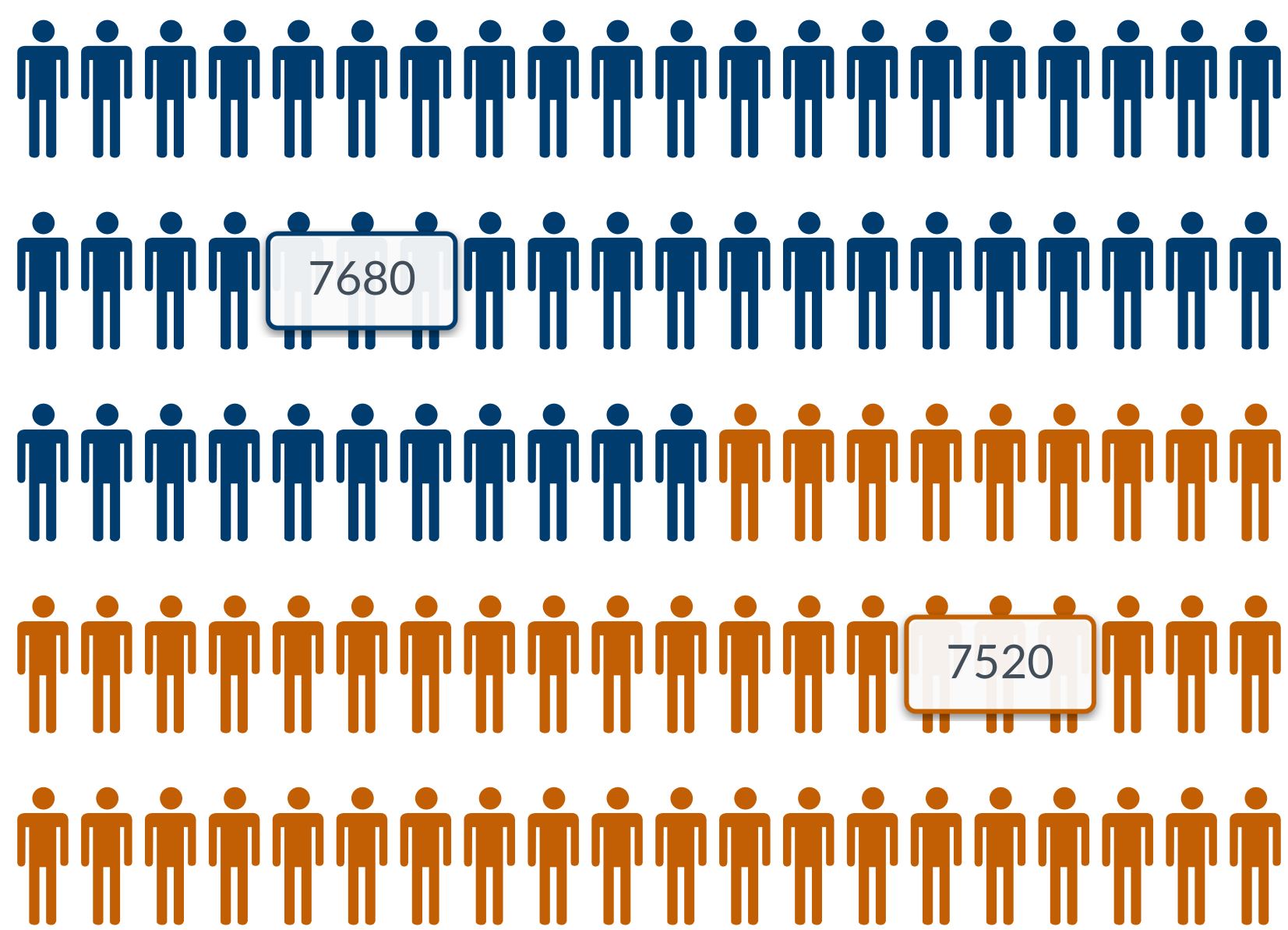
INCREASE in demand for geriatricians, 2018-2030 ★

Geriatrics Workforce Supply & Demand

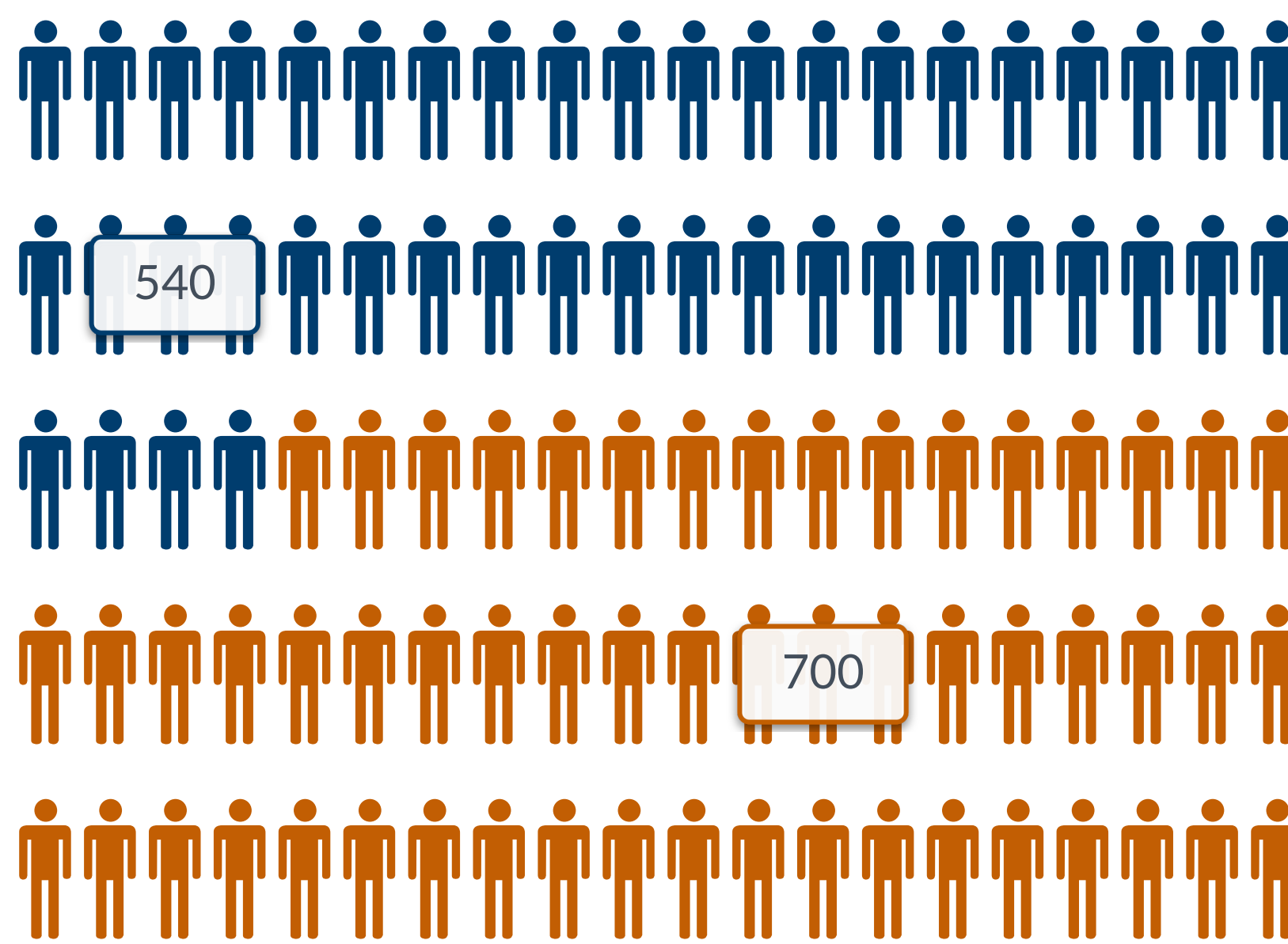


RURALITY SUPPLY & DEMAND

2018

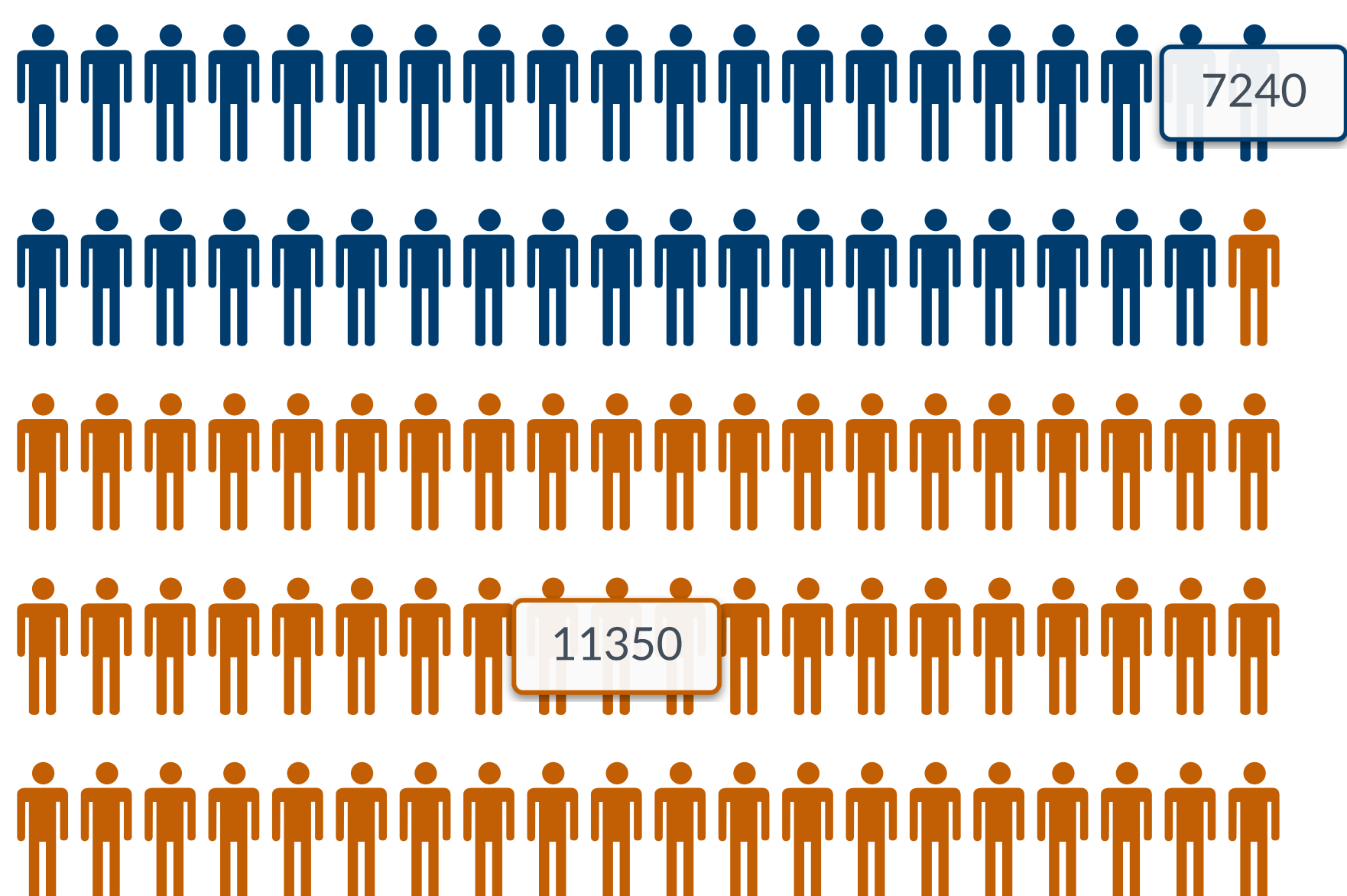


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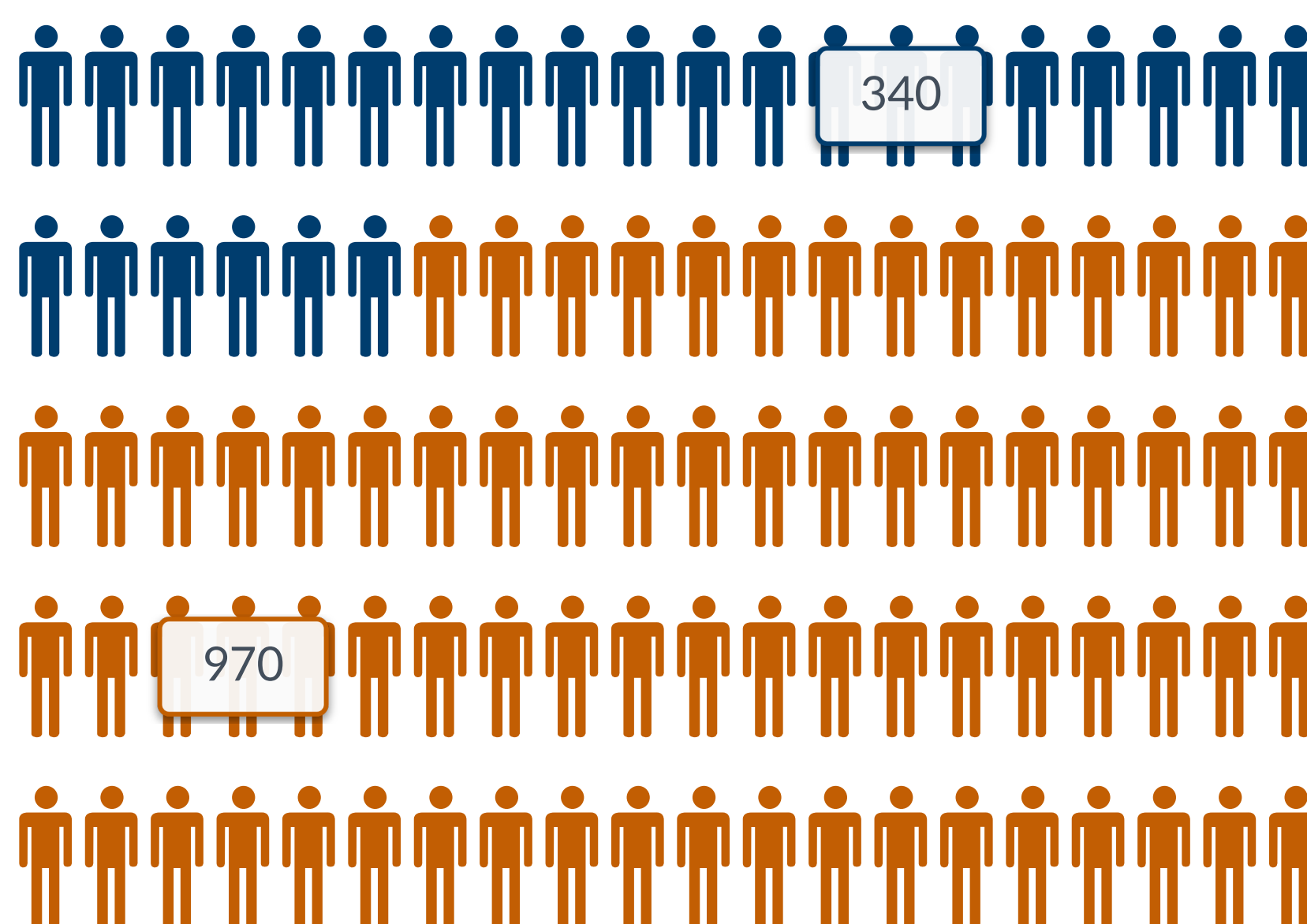


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2030



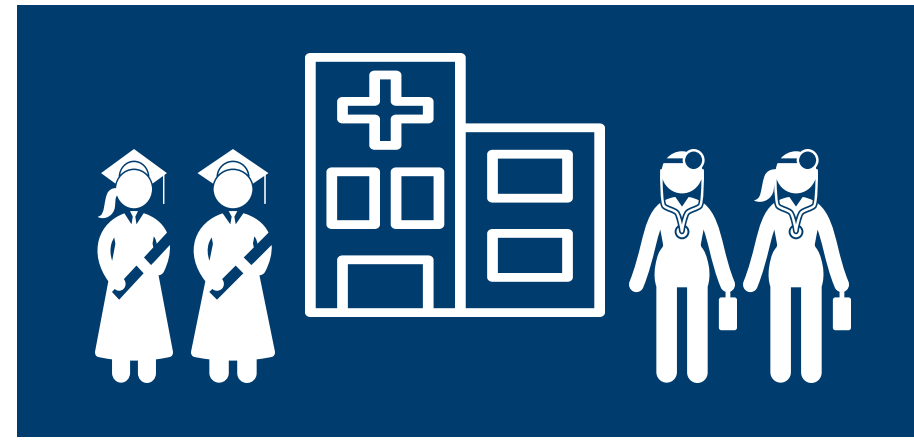
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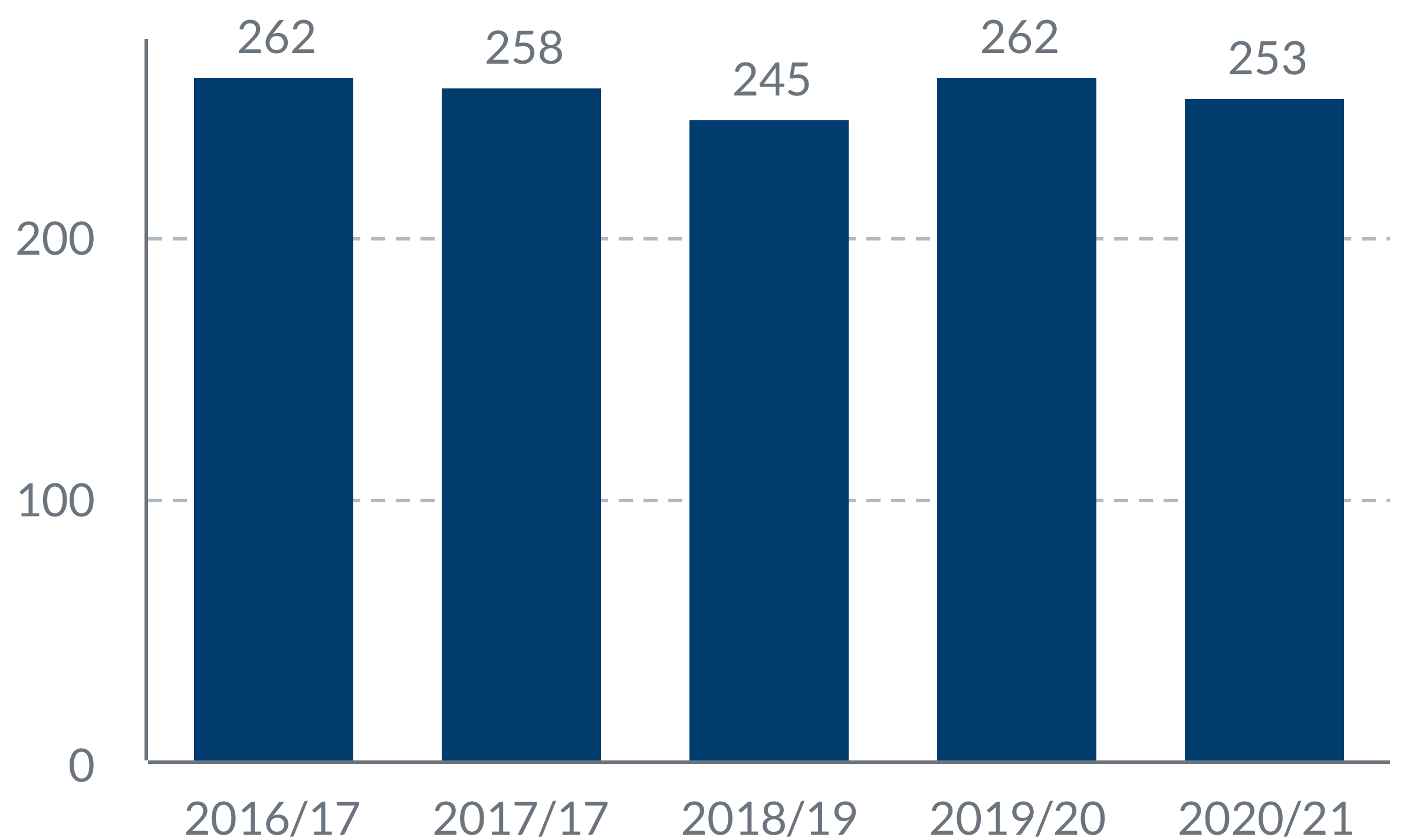
Baseline demand above is constructed from the current need for, and not the utilization of, geriatricians nationwide. Much of the data above are based on projections from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA) interactive Workforce Projections Dashboard.

GERIATRICS TRAINING



The number of fellows recruited into geriatrics programs has remained relatively consistent, but is not sufficient to fulfill the current and projected demand and **we need more expert geriatricians to enter the workforce (and more geriatrics training for all health professionals).**

Family and Internal Medicine Residents Entering Geriatrics Fellowship



WHAT WE NEED



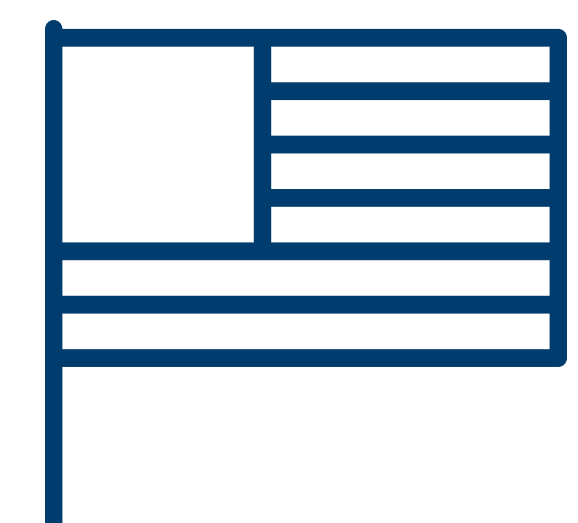
More Geriatrics Experts



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



Looking for a geriatrician in your area? Visit [HealthinAging.org](https://www.healthinaging.org) for a directory.



Want more info on geriatrics expertise and the workforce we need as we age?

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