

# What does the healthcare delivery workforce look like?

**15.8 million people**

in the 2017 US healthcare delivery workforce

Clinicians

**3.4M**

including physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and registered nurses

Clinical support staff

**5.9M**

including pharmacists, respiratory therapists, nursing and medical assistants

Nonclinical support staff

**6.4M**

individuals that do not perform clinical activities (mostly administrative functions)

**How does the healthcare delivery workforce break down?**



For each practicing physician in the US, there are almost



**5**

non-physician clinicians and



**10**

other clinical support staff

**How is the healthcare delivery workforce organized**

US has **fewer practicing physicians per 1,000 people**

than most other wealthy countries

**How does healthcare delivery labor productivity compare with other US services industries and other wealthy countries**

**US services industries**

Healthcare delivery is not the only industry to rely disproportionately on new jobs for growth—the same is true of education and professional, scientific, and technical services



**Wealthy countries**

US is not unique in relying on workforce increases rather than labor productivity improvements for growth

