

12-Years Post-Liability Reform, Texas Hits Another Record in New Physicians

New Licenses for 2015 Up 7.5 Percent Over Previous Year's Record

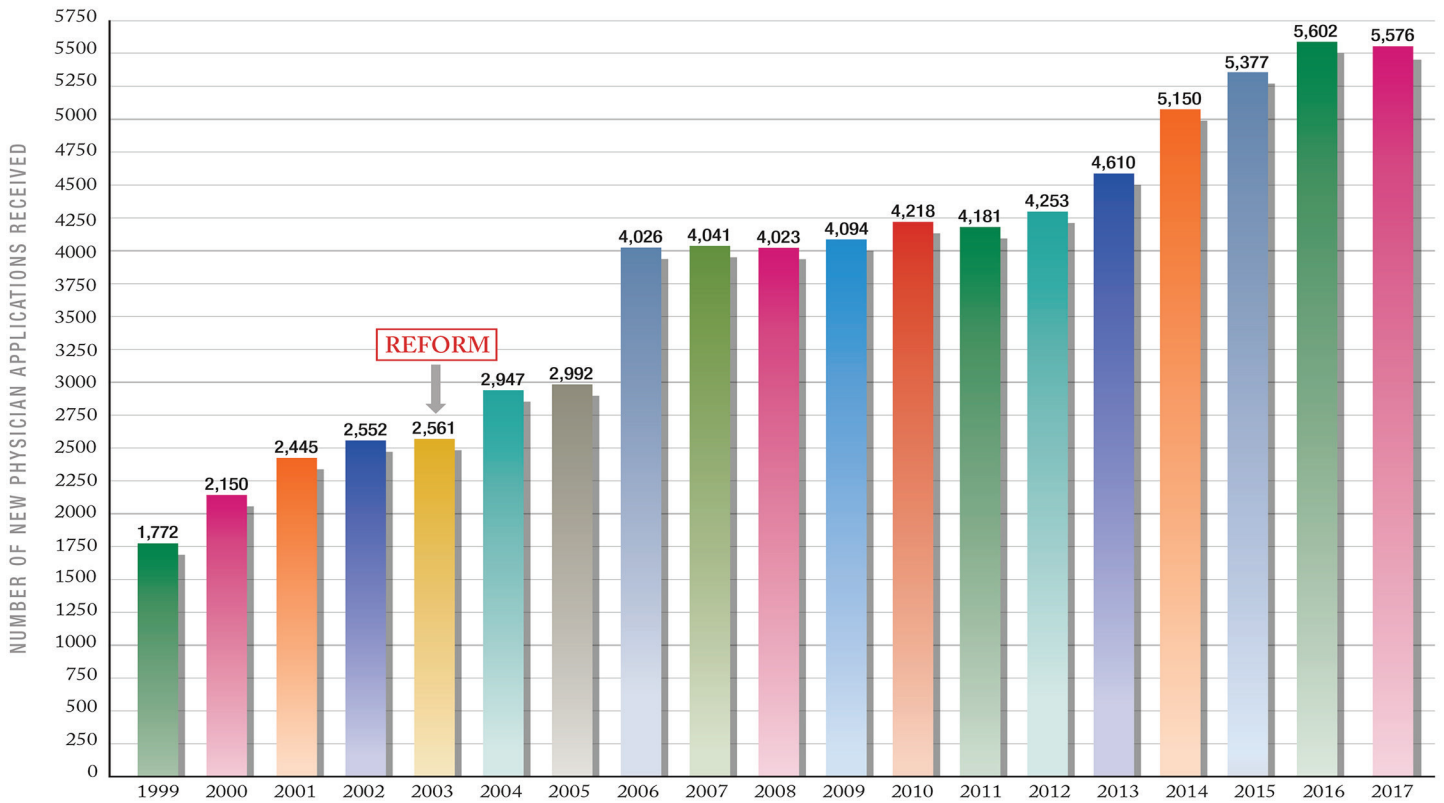
Austin TX--As it has for four of the past seven years, the Texas Medical Board licensed a record number of new physicians for the fiscal year that ended last month, surging past the 4,000 mark for the first time in history.

The board licensed a record 4,295 new Texas doctors last year, up 301 (7.5 percent) from the previous year's record of 3,994. The number of license applications received (5,377) also broke the record of 5,150 set in 2014.

"Twelve years since the passage of our historic 2003 medical liability reforms, we continue to attract new physicians to Texas in record numbers," said Austin internist Howard Marcus, M.D, chairman of Texas Alliance For Patient Access. "I don't at all find that to be a coincidence." Texas has licensed an average of 3,432 new physicians each year since the passage of lawsuit reforms 12 years ago.

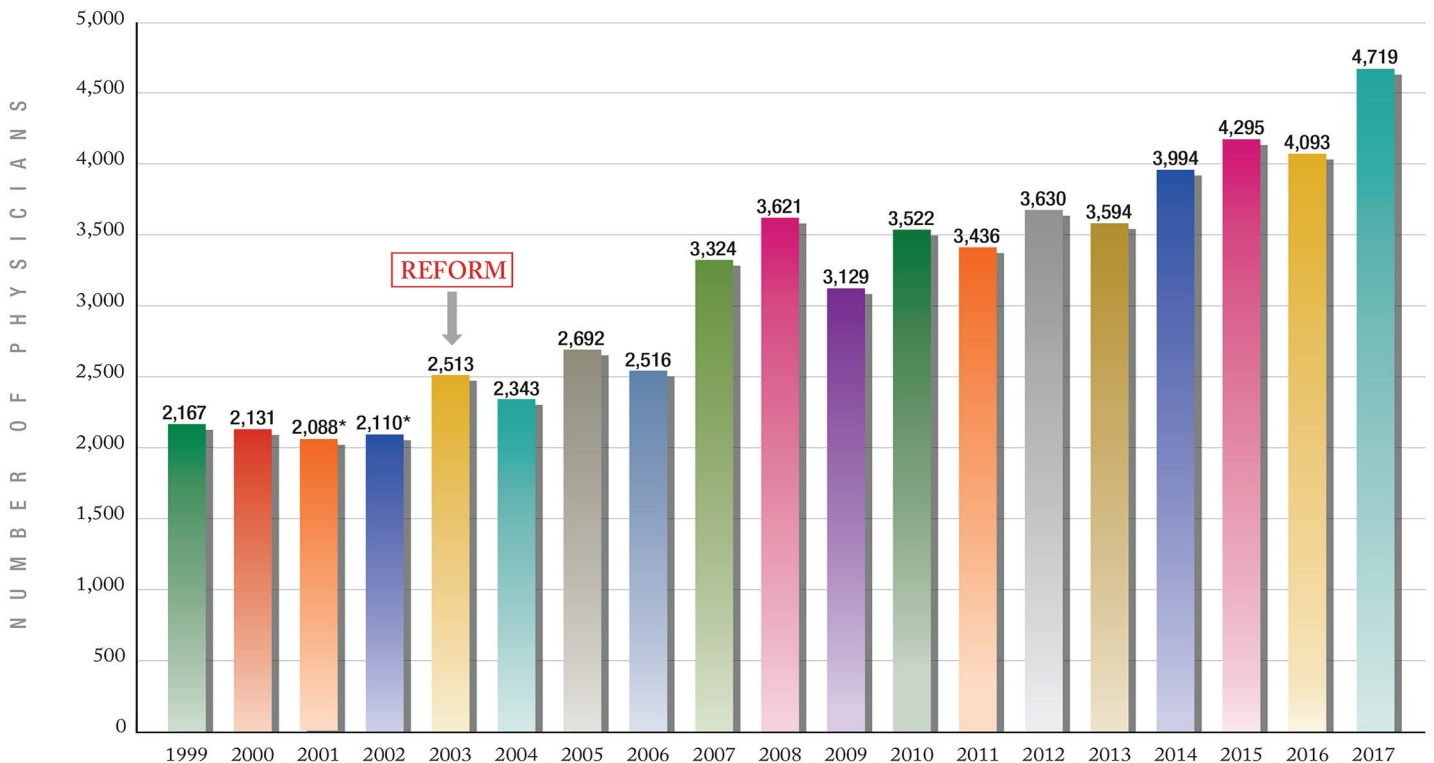
"As we promised during the campaign for liability reform, passage of House Bill 4 and Proposition 12 have reversed the epidemic of lawsuit abuse and, in turn, provided sick and injured Texans with better access to lifesaving care," Dr. Marcus said.

NEW PHYSICIAN APPLICATIONS RECEIVED (1999-2017)



Source: Texas Medical Board – Fiscal Year-End Reports

NEWLY-LICENSED TEXAS PHYSICIANS (1999 - 2017)



Source: Texas Medical Board
Medical Education Department, Texas Medical Association

* In FY 2001, the Texas Medical Board meeting scheduled for late August was postponed until September 2, 2001, moving it to FY 2002. At that meeting, 701 initial licenses were issued and 17 licenses were reissued. The statistics have been adjusted based on the assumption that the group licensed in September (FY 02) would have been licensed in August (FY 01).