

# Lets Talk Numbers!

## Where do you see yourself IN 10 YEARS

### 1 Where is the PT profession projected to look like in 10 years

Meeting society's growing needs for physical therapy requires a large and diverse workforce. There are a lot of factors that are used to predict where the PT profession will go. [This research article explains how the data is found and used for projections.](#)



Full-time equivalent= FTE

### 2 Supply and Demand

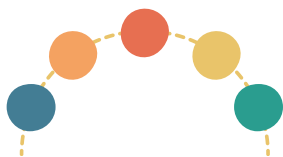
The [supply and demand estimates](#) do not reflect 1:1 direct treatment hours but account for the diverse roles and responsibilities within the PT profession.

[Projected \(2022-2037\):](#)

- [Supply growth: +39,170 FTE's](#)
- [Demand growth: +36,250 FTE's](#)

### 3 Projected Shortfall

The projected shortfall by the year 2037 is [3.3%](#). This is due to the number of the physical therapists entering or re-entering the workforce. The shortage of PT's will continue to worsen unless effective strategies are implemented to improve retention.



### 4 What can you do to advocate for your future

Advocating for ourselves is essential to driving meaningful change in our profession. Advancing DEI efforts helps ensure that we are included in new health initiatives and networking opportunities. Stay connected with the [latest updates from the APTA](#) to remain engaged and informed.

### 5 As Always.. What is most important to you?

Advocacy begins with you. The level of commitment you bring to the profession is your choice, and the impact you can make is limitless!

