

## Board of Pharmacy

Delaware Health Force Team

The primary objective of the Delaware Board of Pharmacy is to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare. To meet this objective, the Board

- maintains a registry of drug outlets that manufacture, produce, sell, and distribute drugs, medications, and other materials used to diagnose and prevent illness and disease and to treat injury,
- monitors the outlets to ensure safe practices,
- develops standards for professional competency,
- promulgates rules and regulations,
- adjudicates complaints against professionals and, when necessary, imposes disciplinary sanctions.

The Board issues licenses to pharmacists and pharmacy interns (see figures 1-5). It also licenses pharmacies (both in Delaware and elsewhere), pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, medical gas dispensers and retail businesses that sell non-controlled prescription drugs for veterinary use. The Board's statutory authority is in [24 Del. C., Chapter 25](#).

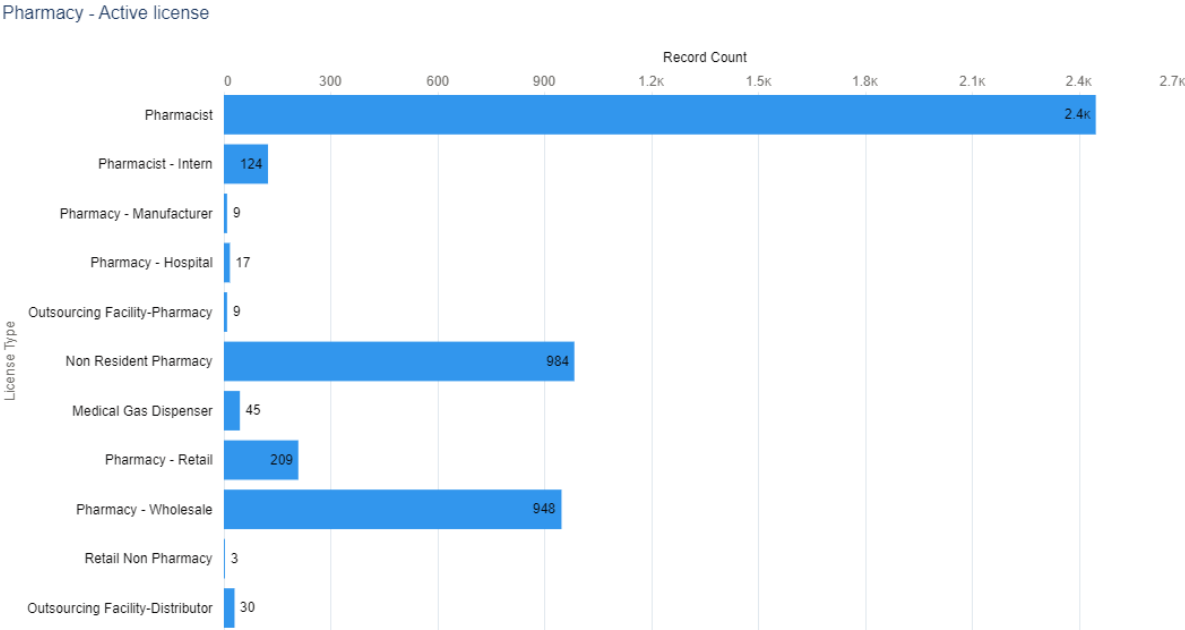
## Pharmacist

Pharmacists dispense prescription medications to patients and offer expertise in the safe use of prescriptions. Pharmacists work in pharmacies, including those in drug, general merchandise, and grocery stores. They also work in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.<sup>1</sup>

## Pharmacy Intern

To be licensed as a Pharmacist in Delaware, a practitioner must provide proof they have completed 1,500 hours of pre-licensure experience. Interns must select a Delaware-licensed pharmacist to be a preceptor.<sup>2</sup>

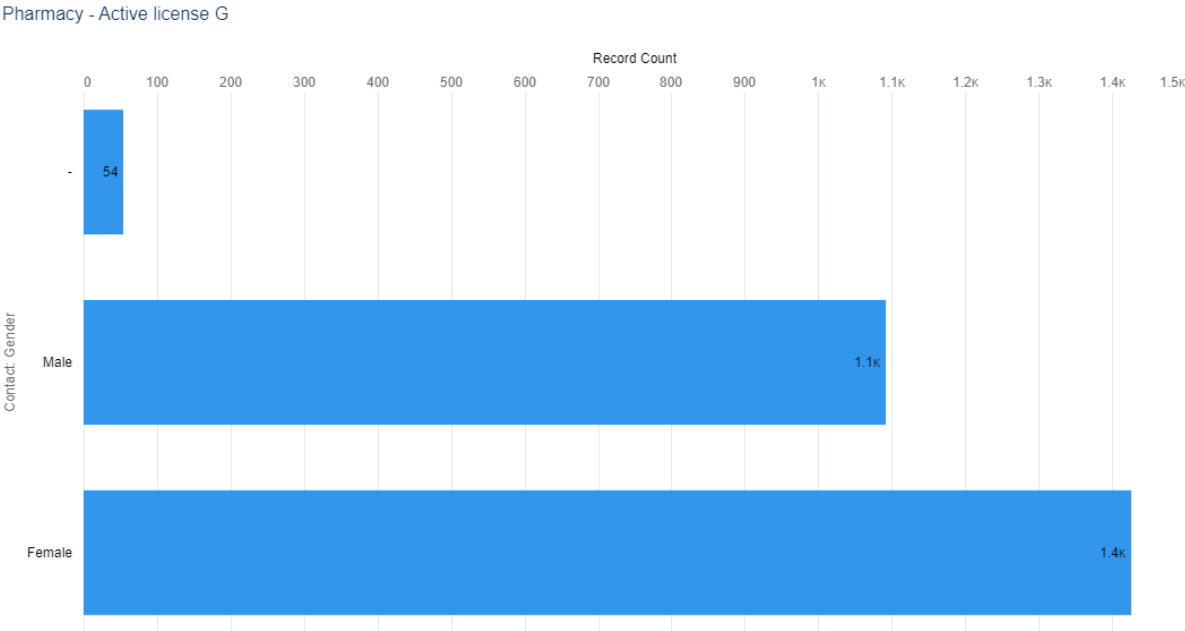
Figure 1. Active Pharmacy Licenses by Type\*, N=4,826



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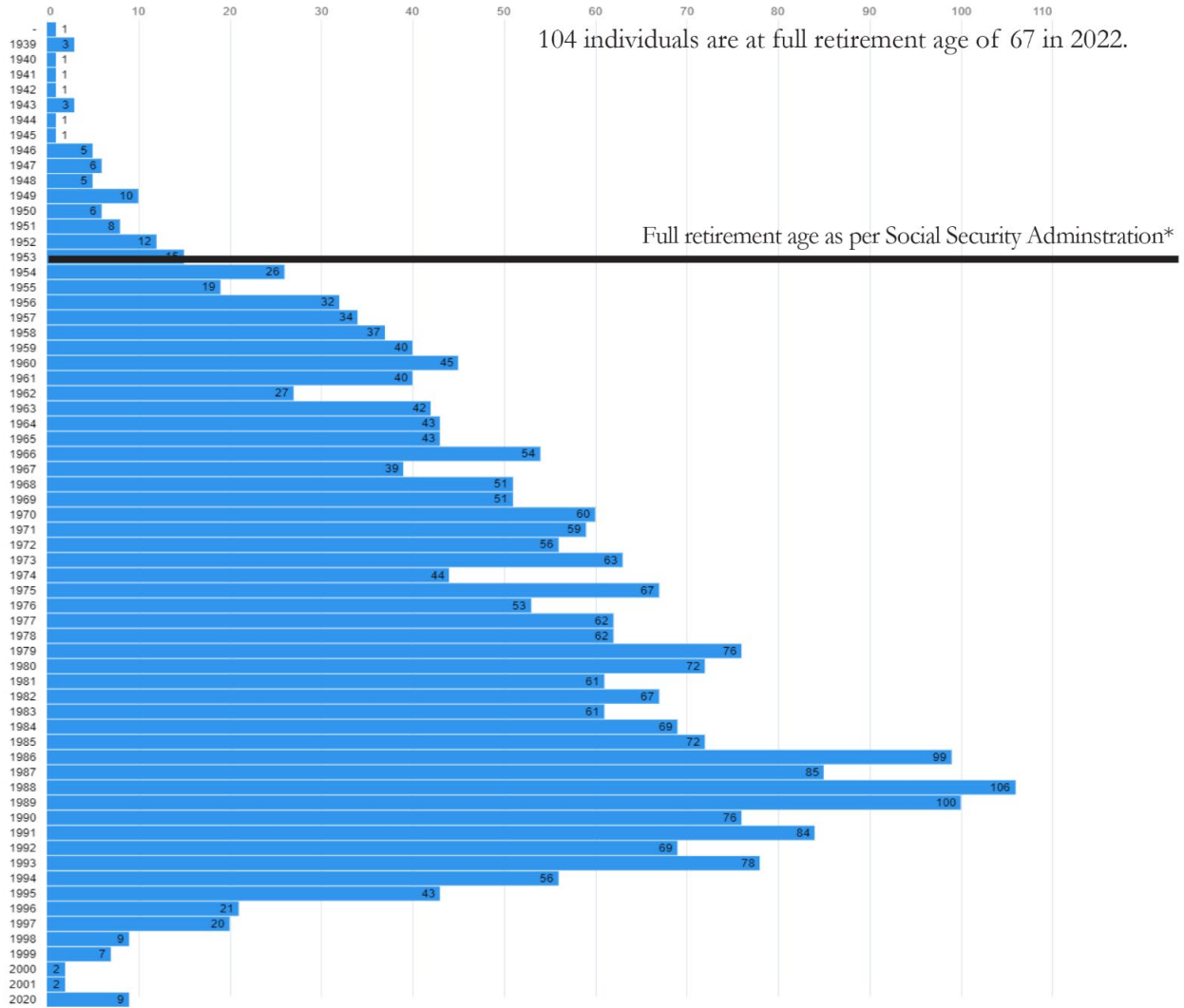
\* an active license does not guarantee an individual is actively seeing patients.

Figure 2. Active Pharmacy Licenses by Gender, select license types (when reported)



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Figure 3. Active Pharmacy Licenses by Birth Year\*



*Note.* One individual did not provide a year of birth. \* According to the Social Security Administration “Full retirement age is the age when you can start receiving your full retirement benefit amount. The full retirement age is 66 if you were born from 1943 to 1954. The full retirement age increases gradually if you were born from 1955 to 1960, until it reaches 67. For anyone born 1960 or later, full retirement benefits are payable at age 67.”

Figure 4. Numerical Distribution of Active Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern Licenses by ZIP code

License by Mapping Zipcode Pharmacists

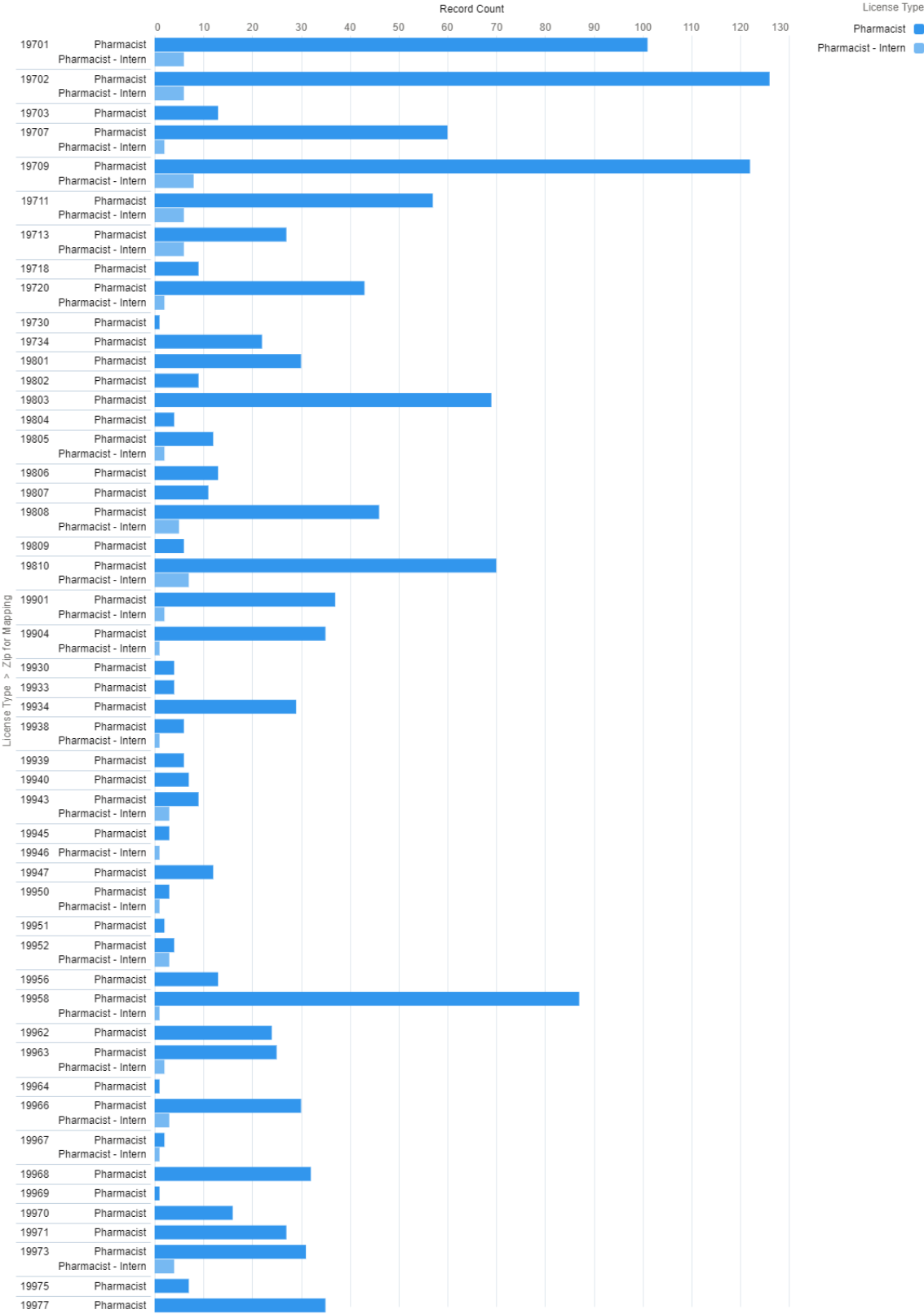
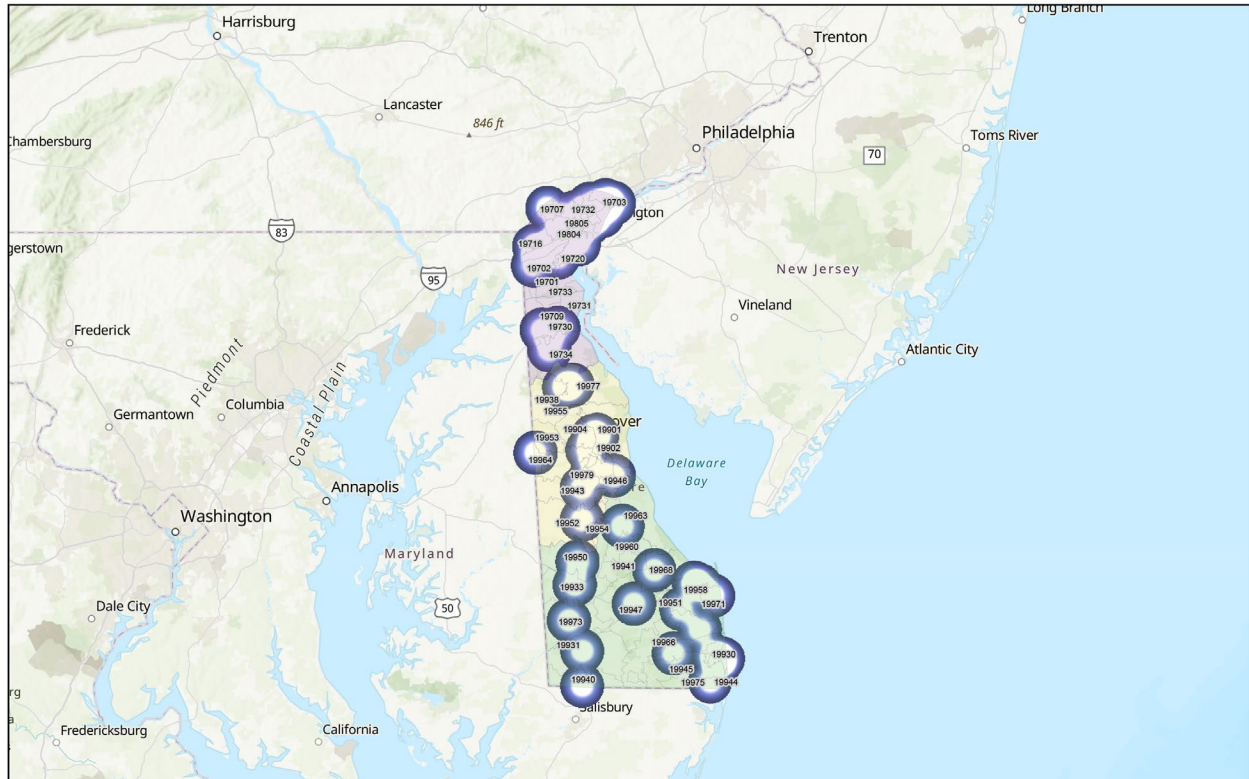


Figure 5 shows most, *but not all*, ZIP codes due to scaling limitations. Hot spots are employed to bring perspective to viewing the overall map and distribution of healthcare professionals and should not be interpreted as valuing value without referring to the numbers listed in the chart above.

Figure 5. Visual Distribution of Active Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern Licenses by ZIP code



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