

## **Board of Podiatry**

Delaware Health Force Team

The primary objective of the Delaware Board of Podiatry is to protect the public from unsafe practices and practices which tend to reduce competition or fix prices for services. The Board must also maintain standards of professional competence and service delivery. To meet these objectives, the Board

- develops standards for professional competency,
- promulgates rules and regulations,
- adjudicates complaints against professionals and, when necessary, imposes disciplinary sanctions.

The Board issues licenses to podiatrists, including temporary licenses, and podiatrists-in-training. The Board's statutory authority is in [24 Del. C., Chapter 5](#).

## **Podiatrist**

Podiatrists provide medical and surgical care for people with foot, ankle, and lower leg problems. They diagnose illnesses, treat injuries, and perform surgery involving the lower extremities (see figures 1-5).<sup>1</sup>

Most podiatrists work in offices of podiatry, either on their own or with other podiatrists. Some work in group practices with other physicians or specialists. Others work in private and public hospitals, in outpatient care centers, or for the government.

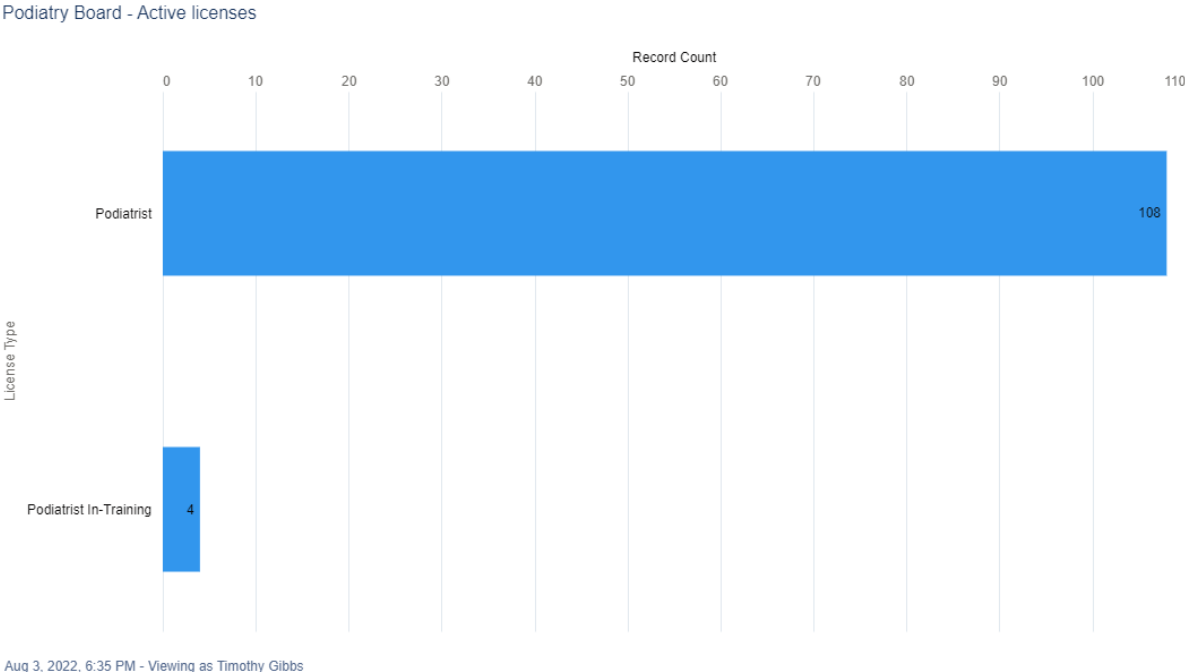
## **Podiatrist in Training**

Podiatrist In-Training licensees are limited to the practice of medicine in the hospital where they are employed except for any outside medical duties that may be assigned as part of their residency program. They must perform outside duties under the supervision of a fully licensed podiatric physician.

## **Temporary Podiatrist**

A Temporary Podiatrist license may be issued to an out-of-state Podiatrist when he or she will be taking charge of the practice of a Delaware-licensed Podiatrist during the Delaware licensee's temporary illness or absence from Delaware.

Figure 1. Active Podiatry Licenses by Type\*, N=112



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

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

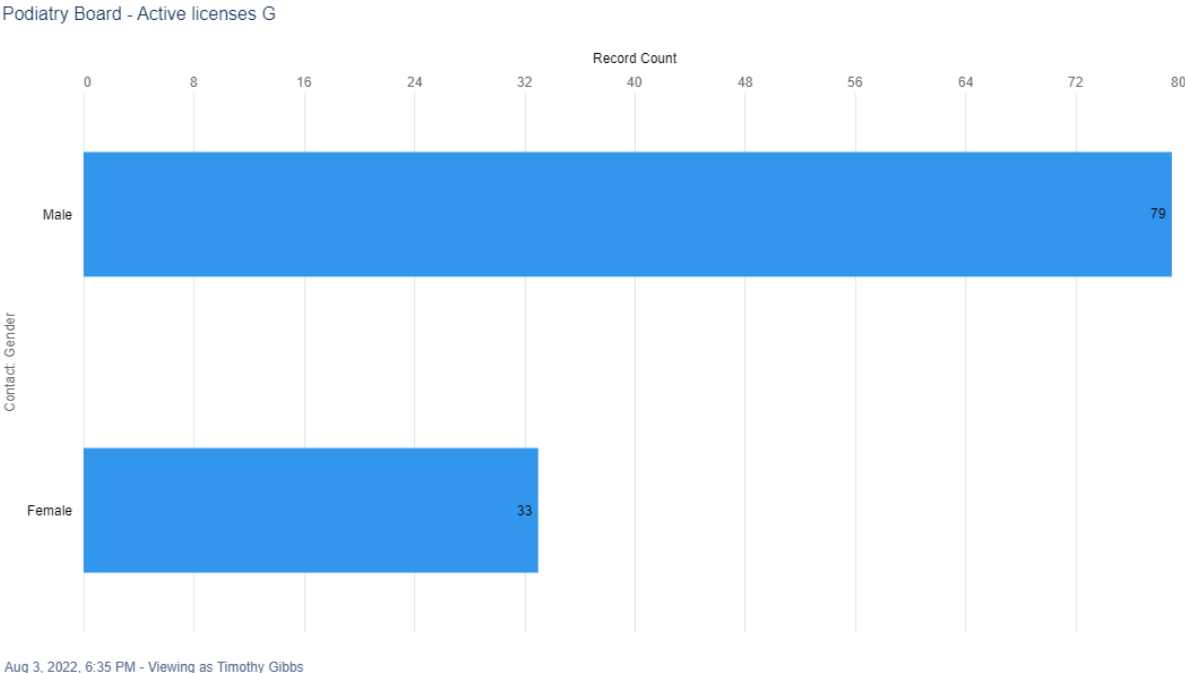
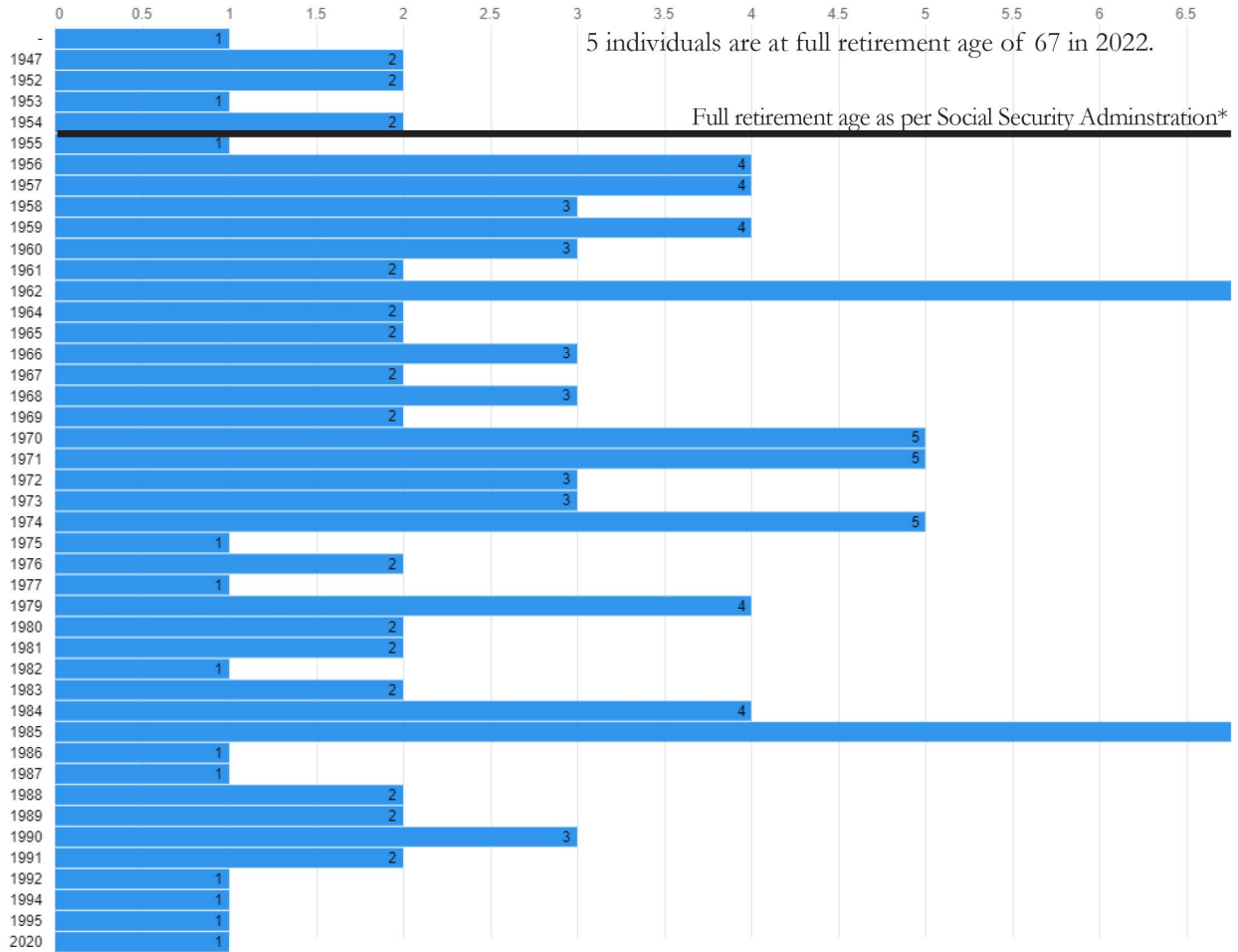


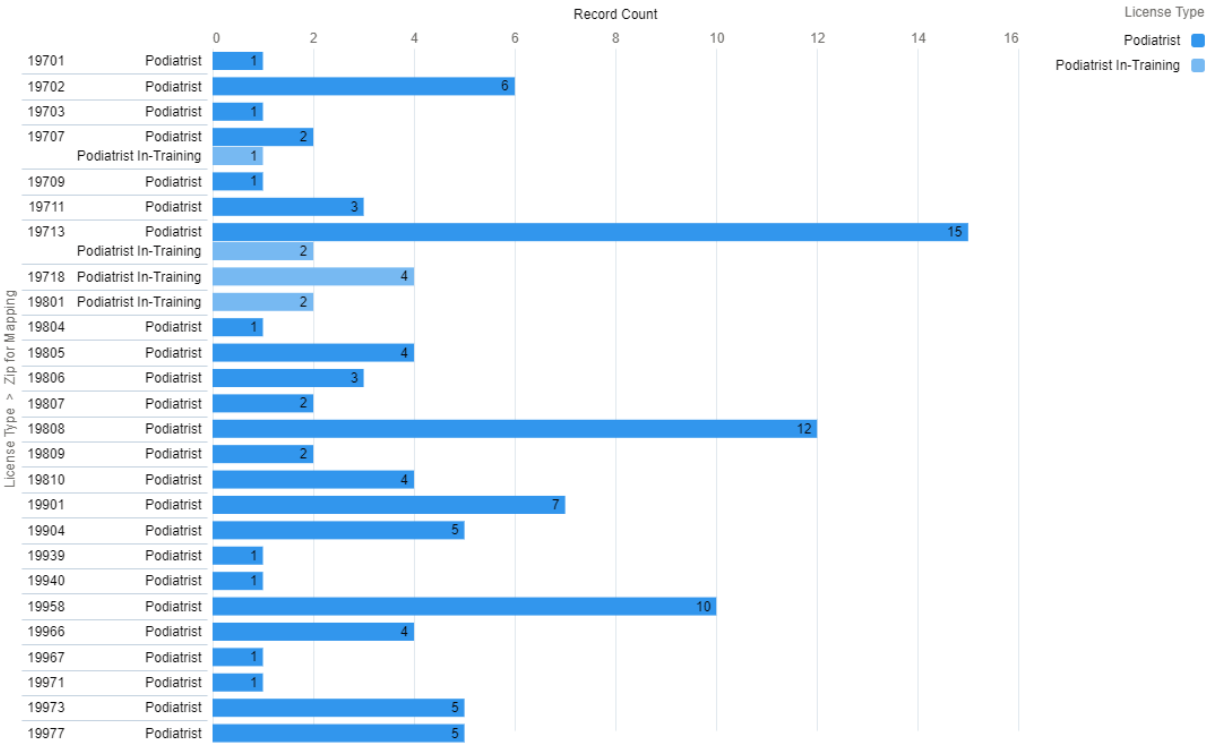
Figure 3. Active Podiatry Licenses by Birth Year



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.”

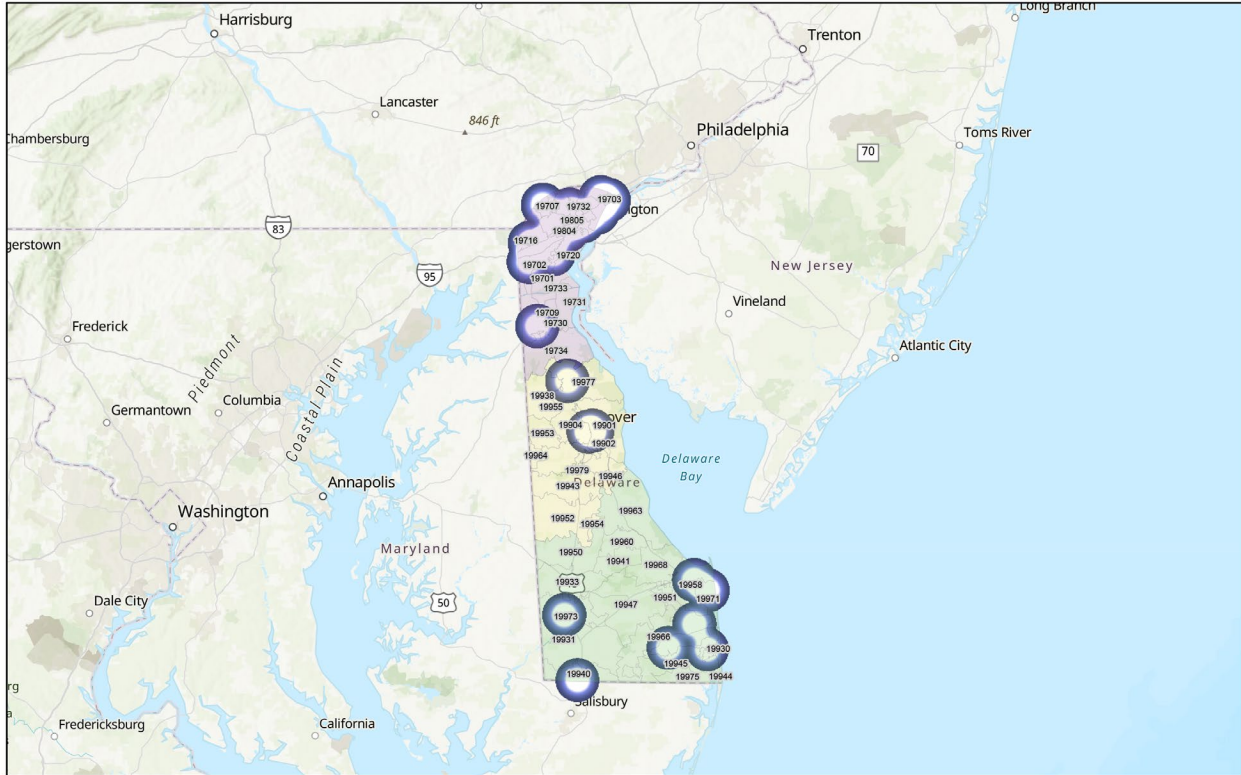
Figure 4. Numerical Distribution of Active Podiatrist and Podiatrist in Training License by ZIP code

License by Mapping Zipcode Podiatry



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Figure 5. Visual Distribution of Active Podiatrist and Podiatrist in Training License by ZIP code



## References

1. US Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2022, Aug). What do podiatrists do? Occupational Outlook Handbook. Retrieved from: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/podiatrists.htm#tab2>

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