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FROM: Reji Varghese, Executive Director

DATE: October 1, 2026

RE: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Medical Board of California

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2313 and Government Code section 9795, I am pleased to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Medical Board of California (Board).

This report contains a summary of the Board's key activities between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, including various statistics related to its budget and the enforcement and licensing programs.

This report discusses various actions related, but not limited to, the following:

- Establishment of a new collaborative enforcement model between the Board, the Health Quality Investigations Unit (HQIU), and the Attorney General's Health Quality Enforcement Unit (HQE).
- Adoption of a precedential decision regarding petitions for reinstatement, an updated Board Strategic Plan, and regulations relating to fees for petitions for penalty relief.
- Enhancements that further streamline the Board's licensing process.
- Changes to Board leadership.

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BOARD ROSTER

The Board is comprised of fifteen members: eight physician members and five public members appointed by the Governor, one public member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one public member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. The Board meets quarterly to discuss Board business and take action to further consumer protection and improve access to quality health care.

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VISION

The leading consumer protection agency and partner in the effort to prevent harm and advance high quality, safe, culturally responsive, and accessible medical care for all Californians.

VALUES

Accountability,
Compassion,
Consumer Protection,
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,
and Accessibility (DEIA),
Empathy, Fairness,
Integrity, and Trust.



MISSION

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect healthcare consumers and prevent harm through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied healthcare professionals and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing, policy, and regulatory functions.

Gavin Newsom
Governor

Reji Varghese
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Medical Board of California Celebrates its 150th Anniversary

2026 marks the 150th anniversary of the Board. Originally signed into law in 1876, the Board has consistently maintained its mission of consumer protection through the proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and other allied health care professionals. The Board began as three separate boards, and over the last 150 years, merged into the 15-member board as it exists today. The Board meets quarterly to discuss changes in the Board's processes and works to create new pathways to licensure in the state of California, all while working to protect its consumers through the complaint and enforcement process.

Precedential Decision Adopted Regarding Petitions for Reinstatement Related to Sexual Misconduct

In May 2026, the Board adopted a new precedential decision: In the Matter of the Petition for Reinstatement of John Edward Massey, Case No. [8002023103888](#). The decision addresses the application of Assembly Bill 1636 (Weber, Chapter 453, Statutes of 2022), which amended Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2307, effective January 1, 2023, to prohibit reinstatement of individuals whose certificates were revoked based on findings of sexual misconduct with a patient under BPC sections 726 or 729.

Artificial Intelligence in Health Care: Board Presentation and Next Steps

At the February 2026 Quarterly Board Meeting, the Board received a presentation on the evolving role of artificial intelligence (AI) in health care. Mr. Frank Meyers, representing the Federation of State Medical Boards, shared insights into regulatory approaches to AI, highlighting both opportunities and challenges posed by the rapid advancement of AI technologies. The Board discussed the implications for patient safety, quality of care, and compliance, and requested further research into effective strategies for regulating AI within California's health care landscape.

Joint Forum on Access to Controlled Substances and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

In December 2025, the Board, in collaboration with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Registered Nursing, the Dental Board of California, and the Physician Assistant Board, hosted a joint forum at California State University, Sacramento.

The event, held both in-person and online, was designed to enhance collaboration and understanding among health care stakeholders on the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances specific to pain management and addiction. The joint forum included presentations from multiple agencies, including the California Department of Justice, a panel discussion, and breakout sessions focused on identifying opportunities for improved collaboration to advance patient care. Information gathered during the breakout sessions is being reviewed to determine potential actions that may further strengthen interprofessional cooperation in the future.

Board Staff Vacancy Rate Decreases

At the close of the 2025-2026, the Board reported a vacancy rate of 7.6 percent (14 positions vacant out of 184.1 permanent full-time positions). This is a substantial reduction from the 14.27 percent vacancy rate at the end of the prior FY.

The Board continues to actively recruit qualified candidates to fill these positions, underscoring its commitment to maintaining a robust workforce and supporting its mission.

Strategic Plan Update: Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

In collaboration with DCA's SOLID Planning Unit, the Board approved an update to its [2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#) during the May 2026 Quarterly Meeting. This update reinforces the Board's commitment to DEIA, and extends the strategic plan by two years to ensure continued progress and alignment with these values.

"Wellbeing First" Champion Recognition

In September 2025, the Board was honored with its third "Wellbeing First" Champion Recognition from The ALL IN: Wellbeing First for Healthcare Coalition. This award acknowledges the Board's sustained efforts to reduce stigma and support healthcare providers seeking mental health treatment, reinforcing its commitment to fostering a culture of wellness and compassion within the medical community.

Board Leadership Transition

After nearly 11 years of dedicated service, Board President Kristina Lawson presided over her final Board Meeting in May 2026, marking the conclusion of her last term on June 1, 2026. The Board elected Felix Yip, M.D, as president, Veling Tsai, M.D, as vice president, and Marina Torres, J.D, as secretary, ushering in a new era of leadership for the Board.

PHYSICIANS' AND SURGEONS' YEAR IN REVIEW



10,864
Applications
Received¹



10,200
Licenses
Issued¹



80,302
Licenses
Renewed



12,101
Complaints
Received

¹ Includes Postgraduate Training Licenses

BUDGET SUMMARY

Physicians' renewal fees are the primary source of revenue for the Board, as illustrated on the revenues and reimbursements chart on page 8. The budget distribution chart reflects the actual expenditures in each of the Board's programs.

FY 2025-2026 marked the fourth complete year during which the Board possessed the authority to order cost recovery for case investigation and prosecution of disciplined physicians' and surgeons' licensees, following the reinstatement of that authority on January 1, 2022. The Board is also reimbursed for probation monitoring costs. Based on FY 2025-2026 expenditures, the Enforcement Program (including legal services and probation monitoring costs) accounts for approximately 76 percent of the Board's overall expenditures. The Licensing Program accounts for approximately 13 percent of the Board's overall expenditures, while Executive and Administrative Services account for five percent, and the Information Systems Branch the remaining six percent.

The Board's financial position remains stable, supported by increased revenues, prudent spending, and no outstanding loans. Reimbursements reflected a minor reduction from the previous year, consistent with expected fluctuations. Further, the Board continues efforts to optimize collection practices to strengthen its financial stability.

The Board was able to complete planned capital purchases aimed at strengthening its operations, such as fleet updates, laptop and monitor replacements, and scanner and copier upgrades, while staying within budget.

The Board continues to invest in its mission, while appropriately controlling its expenditures, monitoring its revenue, and building financial reserves to support its operations, consumers, and licensees.

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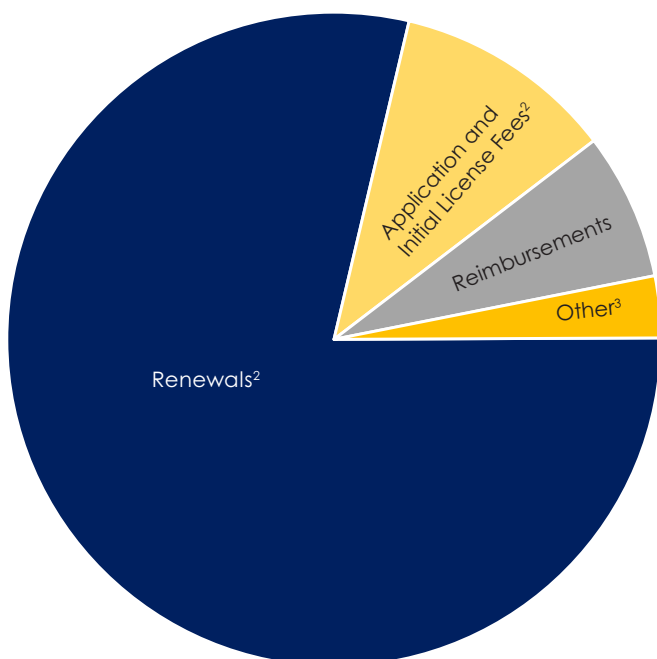


BUDGET CHARTS AND TABLES

The numbers shown in the associated charts and tables below are preliminary and do not reflect all revenues and expenses for FY 2025-2026. For the most recent data see the Executive Management Report included in the Board's [quarterly board meeting documents](#).

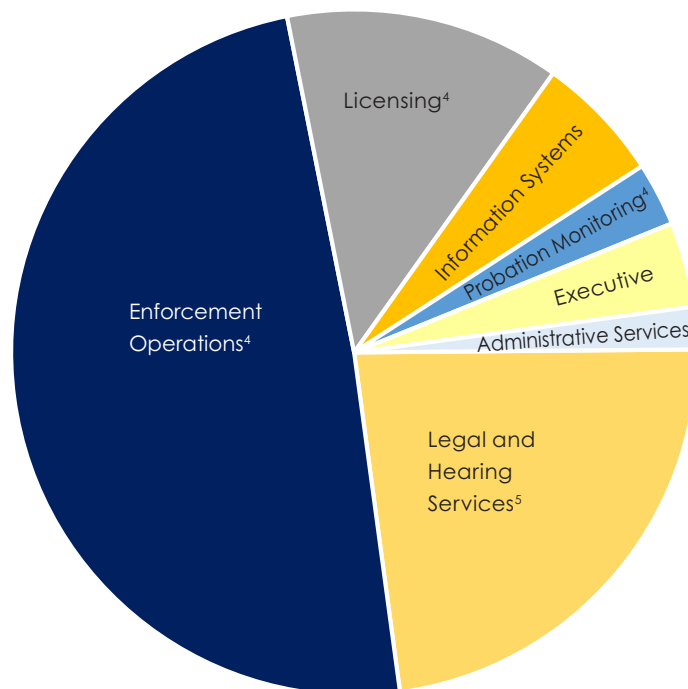
Revenues and Reimbursements

Revenues and Reimbursements ¹	Dollars	Percent
Renewals ²	\$81,437,000	79%
Application and Initial License Fees ²	\$11,292,000	11%
Reimbursements	\$7,516,000	7%
Other ³	\$3,153,000	3%
Total	\$103,398,000	100%



Budget Distribution

Budget Distribution	Dollars	Percent
Enforcement Operations ⁴	\$40,456,000	49%
Legal & Hearing Services ⁵	\$18,806,000	23%
Licensing ⁴	\$10,400,000	13%
Information Systems	\$4,905,000	6%
Probation Monitoring ⁴	\$3,420,000	4%
Executive	\$2,886,000	3%
Administrative Services	\$2,227,000	2%
Total	\$83,100,000	100%



¹ Data through Period 12, which closed on August 12, 2026. Period 13 year-end reconciliation was still in progress as of August 21, 2026; year-end figures remain subject to change.

² Physicians and Surgeons.

³ Regulatory Fees, Delinquency/Penalty/Reinstatement Fees, Interest on Fund, and Miscellaneous.

⁴ Excludes Attorney General Services, Office of Administrative Hearings, and Court Reporter Services.

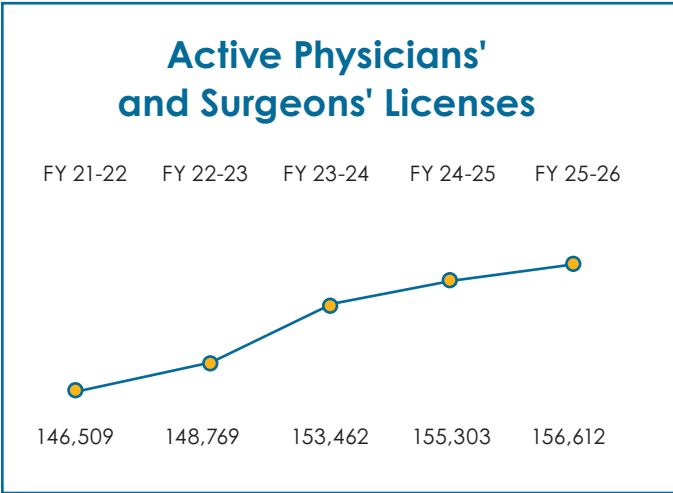
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LICENSING SUMMARY

The Board's Licensing Program protects consumers by setting requirements for licensure consistent with statutory and regulatory law, including education, experience, and demonstrated competence, and issues licenses to individuals meeting those requirements. The Licensing Program also provides license verification services, issues fictitious name permits, and approves accreditation agencies for the accreditation of outpatient surgery settings. In FY 2025-2026, the Program issued 6,915 Physician's and Surgeons' (P&S) Licenses and 3,285 Postgraduate Training Licenses.

Licensing Outreach

The Board's Licensing Program continues to conduct outreach events that support the Board's applicants and licensees, and California postgraduate training programs. These events help applicants and licensees understand the licensing and renewal processes and requirements, and get answers to common questions. This year the Board facilitated 34 (30 in-person and four virtual) outreach events with a wide range of health care partners, including hospitals, clinics, and academic medical centers all over the state. Topics discussed included but were not limited to: New Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates requirement for Canadian medical school graduates, Postgraduate Training License requirements, and first- and second-time renewal requirements.



Licensed Physicians from Mexico Program to Serve More Californians

As required by law, the Board expanded its program allowing licensed physicians educated and trained in Mexico to work in certain federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). This program increases the availability of high-quality medical care among various California communities. The Board began receiving new applications in late 2025 and issued the first licenses in early 2026.

Originally launched as a pilot program, the program first authorized up to 30 physicians from Mexico who specialized in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, or obstetrics and gynecology, to practice in California for up to three years. This program was evaluated each year by the University of California, Davis (UCD), Center for Reducing Health Disparities. Among other details, UCD's final report includes information on benefits of the program and recommendations for the future. Significantly, the evaluation concluded that the physicians from Mexico delivered high-quality, patient-focused care that improved health care access and trust within the Spanish-speaking communities.

Updated and expanded in 2024 by AB 2860, the revised program currently authorizes up to 155 physicians to be licensed to see patients in FQHCs across California. In addition, a limited number of physicians specializing in psychiatry are now eligible for the program.

New Direct Online Certification Submission Enhancements

The Board has made important updates to its Direct Online Certification Submission (DOCS) portal that further streamline the licensing process for institutions and applicants.

Postgraduate training programs must submit the Initial License Renewal Verification of Postgraduate Training Form, the Program Status Update/Change Form, and the Postgraduate Training License Enrollment Form through the DOCS portal. This enhancement allows for faster processing and a more secure method for submitting required renewal documentation for residents.

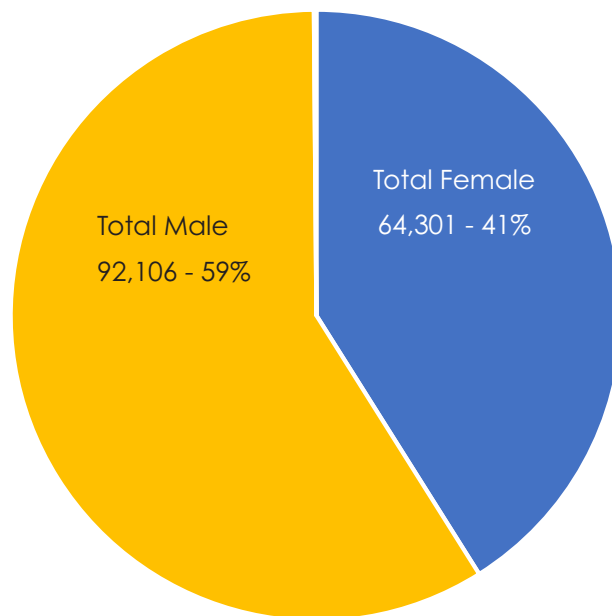
Medical schools registered and verified through DOCS can now submit transcripts without a signature, graduation date, or official school seal. This change reflects the Board's confidence in DOCS-registered institutions and reduces unnecessary administrative burden while maintaining document integrity.

The Board also recently conducted a re-registration process for DOCS users, which now allows the Board to accept all types of electronic signatures. Prior to this change, the Board could only accept some electronic signatures, resulting in documents being rejected.

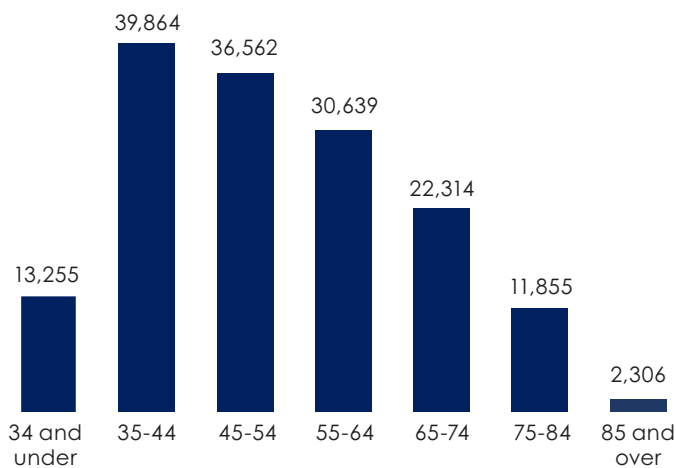
These improvements are part of the Board's ongoing commitment to efficiency, security, and modernization. These enhancements help ensure timely and accurate submission of licensing materials.

Physicians' and Surgeons' Sexes

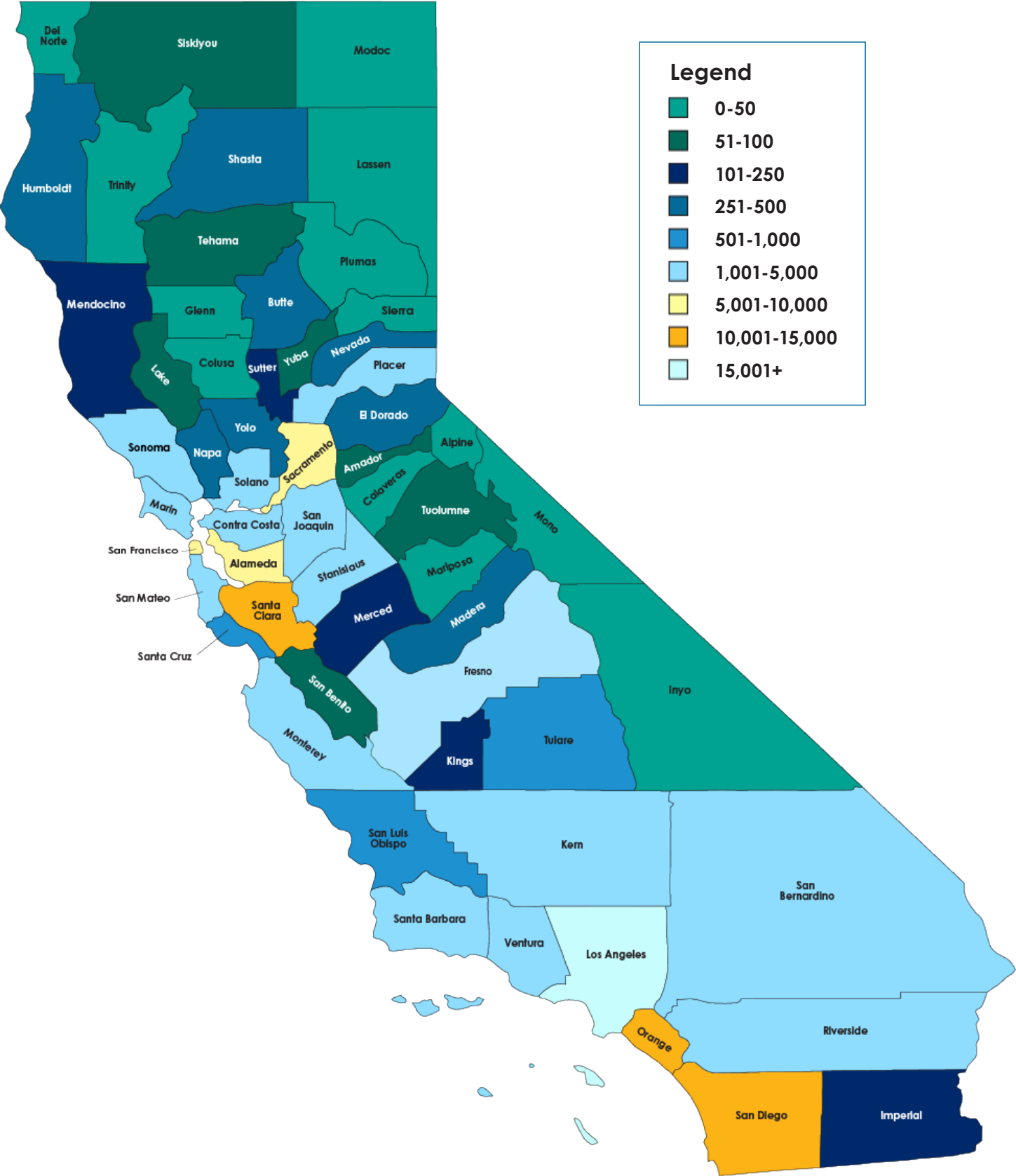
Unreported/Undisclosed
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Physicians' and Surgeons' Ages



PHYSICIANS' AND SURGEONS' LICENSEES BY COUNTY



Physicians and Surgeons by County

County	
Alameda	5,796
Alpine	1
Amador	59
Butte	415
Calaveras	48
Colusa	10
Contra Costa	3,777
Del Norte	28
El Dorado	358
Fresno	2,404
Glenn	8
Humboldt	274
Imperial	130
Inyo	45
Kern	1,232
Kings	125
Lake	73
Lassen	15
Los Angeles	33,778
Madera	284
Marin	1,539
Mariposa	15
Mendocino	158
Merced	214
Modoc	10
Mono	50
Monterey	1,014
Napa	478
Nevada	278
Orange	11,795
Placer	1,673
Plumas	25

County	
Riverside	4,160
Sacramento	6,275
San Benito	51
San Bernardino	4,807
San Diego	12,917
San Francisco	8,213
San Joaquin	1,360
San Luis Obispo	825
San Mateo	3,356
Santa Barbara	1,313
Santa Clara	10,052
Santa Cruz	733
Shasta	374
Sierra	1
Siskiyou	68
Solano	1,009
Sonoma	1,515

County	
Stanislaus	1,054
Sutter	163
Tehama	55
Trinity	7
Tulare	599
Tuolumne	100
Ventura	2,045
Yolo	494
Yuba	59
Total In State Address	127,714
Total Out-of-State Address	28,898
Total	156,612

¹ Data is for physicians with a renewed and current license excluding those in an inactive, retired, or disabled license status. The breakdown of the excluded license statuses is: California - 3,119, Out-of-State - 4,221, Total - 7,340.

DID YOU KNOW?

The initial application and renewal fee includes a mandatory \$25 fee for the [Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) — a statewide scholarship and loan repayment program for a wide range of health-professions, students, and recent graduates.

Visit the [California Department of Healthcare Access and Information](#) website for details.

Licenses

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Physician Applications Received		
Physician Applications Received	6,487	7,414
Physician Licenses Issued		
FLEX/USMLE ¹	4,828	5,063
NBME ¹	196	184
Reciprocity with Other States (BPC §2135)	1,616	1,668
Total	6,640	6,915
Physician Licenses Renewed		
Renewal Licenses Issued - Fee	66,769	74,304
Renewal Licenses Issued - Fee Exempt ²	5,836	5,998
Total	73,605	80,302
Physician Licenses In Effect³		
In-State Address	126,925	127,723
Out-of-State Address	28,378	28,889
Total	155,303	156,612
Postgraduate Training Licenses (PTL)		
PTL Applications Received	3,033	3,450
Issued	2,947	3,285
In Effect	4,905	6,289
Physician License Administrative Activity		
Licenses Issued with Public Letters of Reprimand	14	11
Probationary Licenses Issued	11	19
Licenses Denied (No Hearing Requested)	0	0
Statements of Issues to Deny License Filed	4	2
Statements of Issues Granted (License Denied)	0	2
Statements of Issues Denied (License Granted)	1	0
Statements of Issues Withdrawn	3	0

¹ FLEX: Federation Licensing Exam. USMLE: United States Medical Licensing Exam. NBME: National Board Medical Examiners.

² Includes physicians with disabled, retired, military, or voluntary services license status.

³ Excludes physicians with inactive, retired, or disabled license status.

⁴ Total physician licenses in effect including inactive, retired, or disabled license status - 163,311.

⁵ Total physician licenses in effect including inactive, retired, or disabled license status - 163,952.

Permits and Special Programs

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Fictitious Name Permits		
Issued	2,059	2,309
Renewed	5,352	5,421
In Effect	13,935	14,391
Special Faculty Permits		
Issued	1	7
Renewed	11	10
In Effect	24	29
Special Programs		
Applications Received	60	86
Licenses Issued	57	78
Licenses Renewed	66	83
In Effect	137	154

¹ Includes 43 Fictitious Name Permits issued on behalf of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

² Includes 31 Fictitious Name Permits issued on behalf of the Board of Podiatric Medicine.

Verification and Reporting

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
License Status Verifications		
Telephone Verifications	2,758	1,191
Non-Verification Telephone Calls	36,087 ²	37,626 ¹
Authorized License Verification System (LVS) Internet Users	828	741
Web License Look-Up ³	2,805,682	3,088,431
Certification Letters and Letters of Good Standing Verifications	8,573	7,275
Reporting Activities		
Disciplinary Reports Mailed to Health Facilities Upon Written Request Pursuant to BPC §805.5	1,809	1,429
Adverse Actions Reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)	527 ⁴	679 ⁵
BPC §805 Reports of Health Facility Discipline Received	127	130
BPC §805.01 Reports of Health Facility Discipline Received	16	2

¹ Excludes the 11,500 listed under Consumer Inquiries on page 15.

² Excludes the 10,546 listed under Consumer Inquiries on page 15.

³ Statistics from the Board's [BreEze Online License Verification](#) webpage.

⁴ Includes 518 MD's, 3 Postgraduate Training Licensees, 1 Polysomnographic Technician, 2 Polysomnographic Technologists, and 2 Licensed Midwives.

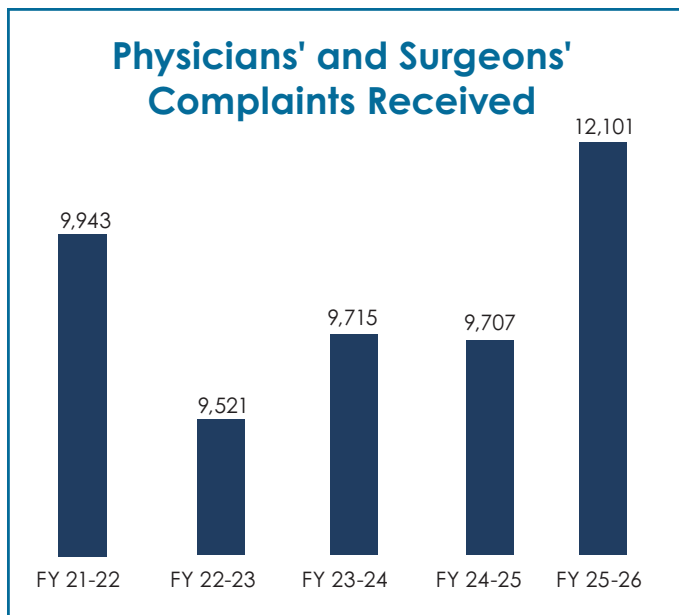
⁵ Includes 666 MD's, 8 Polysomnographic Technologist, 1 Polysomnographic Trainee, and 2 Licensed Midwives.

ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

The Board's Enforcement Program is responsible for reviewing thousands of complaints the Board receives each FY and managing them through the investigatory and disciplinary processes. During FY 2025-2026, the Board received 12,101 complaints, compared to 9,707 complaints received in FY 2024-2025.

New Collaborative Enforcement Model Implemented

In November 2025, the Board, DCA, the HQUI, and the HQE completed development of a new collaborative enforcement model with various goals, including but not limited to: improving complaint processing timelines, reducing the number of cases returned to HQUI for supplemental investigation, reducing the number of cases rejected by HQE, and increasing alignment across investigations on the related topics.



Complainant Liaison Unit Accomplishments

As required by BPC section 2024.5, the Board established the CLU, which began operations in January 2025. Consistent with BPC section 2220.1, CLU provides complainants, patients, and patient representatives the opportunity to participate in interviews for quality-of-care cases, helping ensure the Board obtains any additional information or evidence not previously submitted or identified during the investigation.

During FY 2025-2026, the CLU continued its interviewing efforts, offering 2,051 interviews and completing 1,331. These interviews supported timely engagement and clear communication with complainants throughout the process. Participation in CLU interviews remains strictly voluntary.

In addition to conducting interviews, CLU carried out its required functions under BPC section 2024.5, including supporting public education on the enforcement process, serving as a liaison with investigators when needed, and communicating with complainants after case resolution.

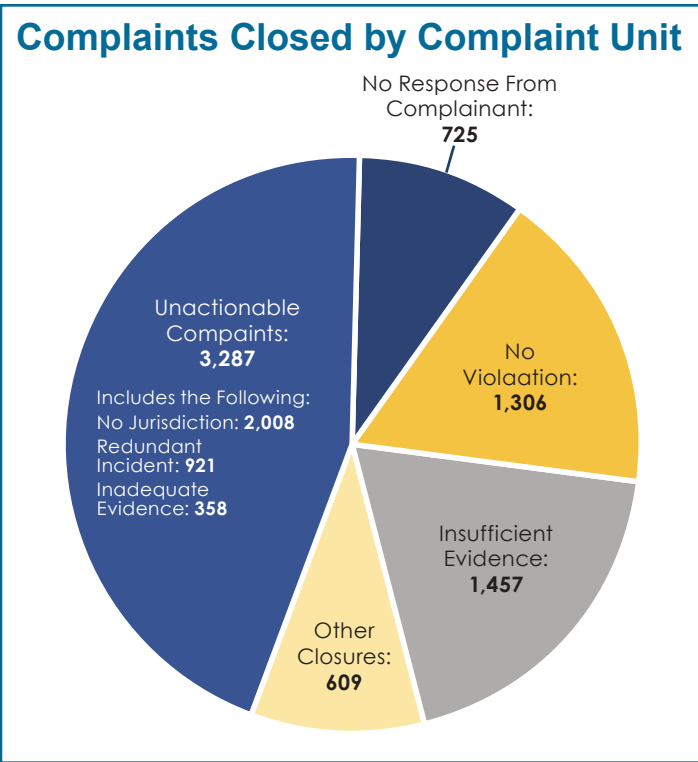
Fees for Petitions for Penalty Relief

The Board adopted Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations section 1352.3 and amended section 1359 (as authorized by BPC section 2307.5) requiring the payment of fees to cover the reasonable costs for the Board to process and adjudicate a petition for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered certificate or a petition to modify or terminate probation early. This regulatory action became effective April 1, 2026.

Physicians' and Surgeons' Enforcement Summary

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Complaints		
Complaints Received	9,707	12,101
Complaints Closed by Complaint Unit	8,789	9,073
Closed ¹	7,584	7,385 ²
Referred To Cite and Fine	193	605
Referred to Investigations	1,012	1,083
Investigations		
Opened	1,013	1,073
CIO	278	244
HQIU	735	829
Closed	1,156	920
CIO	262	293
HQIU	894	627
Investigation Referrals		
Referred to the AG	445	421
MBC	143	194
HQIU	302	225
Cases Referred to Criminal Action	27	15
Probation Violation Reports Referred to the AG	29	36
Consumer Inquiries		
Consumer Telephone Inquiries	11,500	10,546
Consumer Jurisdictional Inquiries	6,325	5,800

¹ FY 25-26 - 2,792 complaints closed were received in a prior FY.
FY 24-25 - 2,755 complaints closed were received in a prior FY.



² Represented as total closures in the "Complaints Closed by Complaint Unit" Chart.



THE BOARD NEEDS YOUR EXPERTISE

Actively practicing physicians from all specialties and licensed midwives are welcome to apply to the Expert Reviewer program.

Physicians must be board certified, have no current complaints, no prior discipline, and must be willing and available to testify in court. Further they must live in and practice full-time in California. The Board prefers they have a minimum of three years' experience practicing in their specialty after obtaining board certification.

Licensed midwives must have an active midwifery practice for the past two years, have no current complaints, no prior discipline, and must be willing and available to testify in court.

For information and how to apply, please visit our [Expert Reviewer webpage](#).

Complaints Received by Complaint Type and Source

	Public	Business and Professions Code ¹	Licensee/ Professional Group ²	Government Agency ³	Miscellaneous/ Anonymous	Total Type Complaints Received
Fraud	91	1	4	21	25	142
Health and Safety ⁴	128	2	7	38	48	223
Non-Jurisdictional ⁵	1,239	16	20	32	337	1,644
Gross Negligence/ Incompetence ⁶	4,105	749	37	252	324	5,477
Personal Conduct ⁷	57	66	25	235	40	423
Unprofessional Conduct ⁸	1,772	80	38	1,375	319	3,584
Unlicensed/Unregistered	220	0	13	104	271	608
Total Source Complaints Received	7,622	914	144	2,057	1,364	12,101

¹ Includes complaints received pursuant to BPC §§800 and 2240(a), and includes complaints initiated based upon reports submitted to the Board by hospitals, insurance companies and others, as required by law, regarding instances of health facility discipline, malpractice judgments/settlements, or other reportable activities.

² Includes the following complaint sources: other Licensee, Professional Society or Association.

³ Includes the following complaint sources: Internal, Law Enforcement Agency, other California State Agency, other State Agency, other boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, and Federal or other Government Agency.

⁴ Includes excessive prescribing, sale of dangerous drugs, etc.

⁵ Includes complaints not under the authority of the Board and are referred to other agencies such as the Department of Health Care Services, Department of Managed Health Care, etc.

⁶ Includes complaints related to the quality of care provided by licensees.

⁷ Includes licensee self-abuse of drugs/alcohol, conviction of a crime, etc.

⁸ Includes sexual misconduct with patients, failure to release medical records, violation of BPC §805 reporting, etc.

Administrative Actions

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Administrative Actions		
Accusation	239	262
Petition to Revoke Probation/Accusation and Petition to Revoke	24	34
Amended Accusation/Petition to Revoke	43	26
Completed Investigations Referred to the AG and Awaiting the Filing of Accusation as of June 30, 2021	141	138
Cases Over 6 Months Old that Resulted in the Filing of Accusation	236	262
Administrative Outcomes		
License Revoked	24	28
License Surrendered (in Lieu of Accusation or with Accusation Pending)	60	69
License Placed on Probation with Suspension	5	3
License Placed on Probation	111	112
Probationary License Issued	11	19
Public Reprimand	97	118
Other Actions (e.g., Exam Required, Educational Course, etc.)	1	6
Accusation Withdrawn	6	7
Accusation Dismissed	10	5
Probation Violation Outcomes		
License Revoked	14	13
License Surrendered	28	21
Additional Suspension and Probation	1	0
Additional Probation	11	4
Public Reprimand	1	0
Other Actions (e.g., Exam Required, Educational Course, etc.)	0	0
Petition Withdrawn	0	2
Petition Dismissed	0	0
Referral and Compliance Actions		
Citation and Administrative Fines Issued	180	609

Petition Activity

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Petitions for Reinstatement of License		
Filed	11	9
Granted	4	4
Denied	1	4
Petitions for Penalty Relief¹		
Granted	10	17
Denied	10	12
Petitions to Compel Exam		
Filed	40	64
Granted	36	62
Denied	0	0

¹Penalty Relief includes: Petitions for Modification of Penalty and Petitions for Termination of Probation.

License Restrictions/Suspensions and Temporary Restraining Orders

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Imposed while Administrative Action Pending		
Interim Suspension Order (ISO)	30	27 ¹
Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)	0	0
Other Suspension Orders	26	47 ²

¹ Pursuant to BPC §2220.05(c), ISOs and TROs were granted in the following priority categories: 0 - gross negligence/incompetence resulting in death or serious bodily injury; 0 - drug or alcohol abuse involving death or serious bodily injury; 0 - excessive prescribing; 0 - excessive recommending of medical cannabis; 0 - sexual misconduct with a patient; 2 - practicing under the influence of drugs/alcohol; and 0 - excessive prescribing to a minor.

² Includes 2 - Automatic Suspension Orders per BPC §2236; 7 - license restrictions per Penal Code §23; 3 - license restrictions pursuant to court order; 14 - out-of-state suspension orders per BPC §2310; 0 stipulated agreements to suspend or restrict the practice of medicine; and 21 - cease practice orders issued for violation of probation condition or violation of interim suspension order.

	Sought	Granted ¹
Sought and Granted by Case Type		
	FY 25-26	
Gross Negligence/Incompetence	7	5
Inappropriate Prescribing	1	1
Unlicensed Activity	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	2	1
Mental/Physical Illness	14	11
Self-Abuse of Drugs/Alcohol	18	12
Fraud	2	2
Criminal Charges/Conviction	19	9
Unprofessional Conduct	28	33
Total	91	74

¹ Some orders granted were sought in prior FY.

Malpractice Settlement Reports Received per BPC §801.01 by Specialty Practice

	Reports ¹	Physicians ²
Specialty/Subspecialty		
Anesthesiology	26	8,661
Cardiology	14	4,691
Colon and Rectal	4	284
Critical Care	1	2,545
Dermatology	9	2,572
Diagnostic Radiology	13	4,736
Emergency Medicine	58	6,603
Endocrinology	1	1,251
Gastroenterology	13	2,258
General/Family Practice	59	13,264
Gynecologic Oncology	3	176
Gynecology	14	7,013
Hematology	6	1,653
Infectious Disease	2	1,260
Internal Medicine	50	27,782
Interventional Radiology	1	440
Medical Oncology	2	1,855
Neonatal/Perinatal	1	912
Nephrology	4	1,539
Neurological Surgery	12	777
Neurology	12	3,349
Obstetrics	72	7,013
Ophthalmology	14	3,269
Orthopedic Surgery	45	3,857
Otolaryngology	11	2,002
Pain Medicine	5	994
Pathology	7	5,168
Pediatrics	15	14,037
Plastic Surgery	26	1,433
Psychiatry	9	10,901
Pulmonary Disease	5	2,069
Radiation Oncology	1	666
Radiology	66	1,523
Sports Medicine	2	892
Surgery	65	5,066
Thoracic Surgery	4	667
Urology	15	1,468
Vascular Surgery	7	422

¹ The procedure was performed in the practice specialty/subspecialty; however, the physician may or may not have been certified in the specialty/subspecialty area.

² California physicians certified in specialty according to the 2024-2025 American Board of Medical Specialties Certification Statistics Report.

Reports Received per BPC §805 and 805.01 and Report Outcomes

	805	805.01
Total Reports Received		
Total Reports Received	130	2
Peer Review Body Type		
Health Care Facility/Clinic	100	1
Surgical Center	1	0
Health Care Services Plan	19	1
Professional Society	0	0
Medical Group/Employer	10	0
Outcomes of Reports Received		
Pending Disposition	109	1
Cases Closed	21	1

Reports Received Based Upon Legal Requirements for Physicians and Surgeons

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Medical Malpractice		
Insurers ¹	276	461
Attorneys/Self-Reported/Employers ¹	170	195
Courts ²	0	0
Total	446	656
Other Required Reporting		
Coroners' Reports ³	2	2
Criminal Charges and Convictions ⁴	45	52
Health Facility Discipline Reports Medical Cause or Reason ⁵	127	130
Health Facility Reports ⁶	16	2
Health Facility Report Sexual Abuse/Misconduct Allegation ⁷	62	52
Outpatient Surgery Settings Reports Patient Death ⁸	12	9
Total	264	247
Stem Cell Therapy Complaints and Action Taken⁹		
Complaints Received	1	0
Disciplinary Actions Taken	0	0
Administrative Actions Taken	0	0

¹ Per BPC §801.01.

² Per BPC §803.

³ Per BPC §802.5.

⁴ Per BPC §§802.1 and 803.5.

⁵ Per BPC §805.

⁶ Per BPC §805.01.

⁷ Per BPC §805.8.

⁸ Per BPC 2240(a)

Administrative and Probation Violation Outcomes by Case Type

	Revocation	Surrender	Probation with Suspension	Probation	Probationary License Issued	Public Reprimand	Other	Total Actions
Gross Negligence/Incompetence	4	27	1	42	-	32	2	108
Inappropriate Prescribing	1	11	-	13	-	5	-	30
Unlicensed Activity	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Sexual Misconduct	7	6	1	8	-	3	-	25
Mental/Physical Illness	4	10	-	6	-	2	-	22
Self-Abuse of Drugs/Alcohol	4	10	-	26	-	6	-	46
Fraud	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	5
Conviction of a Crime	4	8	-	10	-	2	1	25
Unprofessional Conduct	16	16	1	6	19	68	3	129
Total Administrative Actions	41	90	3	116	19	118	6	393

¹ Pursuant to BPC §2220.05(c), disciplinary actions were taken in the following priority categories: 23 - gross negligence/incompetence resulting in death or serious bodily injury; 0 - practicing under the influence resulting in death or serious bodily injury; 4 - excessive prescribing; 0 - excessive recommending of medical cannabis; 7 - sexual misconduct with a patient; 1 - practicing under the influence of drugs/alcohol; and 0 - excessive prescribing to a minor.

Enforcement Program Caseload

	Statewide	Per Investigator Inspector
Health Quality Investigation Unit (Department of Consumer Affairs)¹		
Active Investigations	1,259	15 ²
AG Cases Assigned ³	280	3
Probation Unit⁴		
Monitoring Cases ⁵	494	31

¹ Includes physicians and surgeons, licensed midwives, and polysomnographic program.

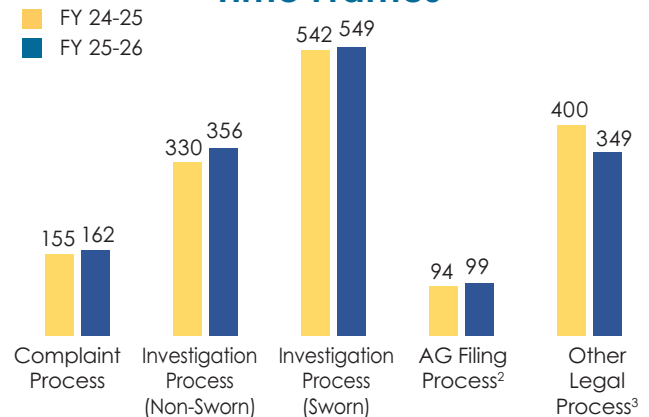
² Average is determined by using the total number of authorized positions, including vacant positions.

³ Cases are at various stages of AG processing and may require supplemental investigative work, such as subpoena services, interviewing new victims or witnesses, testifying at hearings, etc.

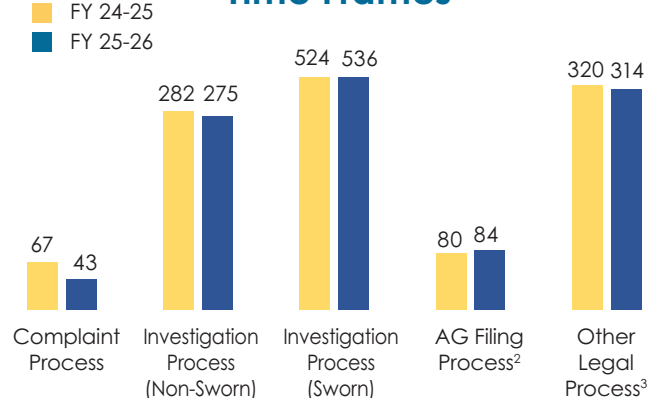
⁴ Includes physicians and surgeons, licensed midwives, and polysomnographic technologist probationers.

⁵ 46 additional monitoring cases were inactive because the probationer was out of state as of June 30, 2026.

Average Enforcement Processing Time Frames¹



Median Enforcement Processing Time Frames¹



¹ Average and median time (calendar days) in processing complaints during the FY, for all cases, from date of original receipt of the complaint, for each stage of discipline, through completion of judicial review.

² Days from case transmittal to initial pleading filed.

³ Days from filing to final case disposition.

Substance-Abusing Licensees

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Probationers				
Probationers Whose Conduct was Related to a Substance-Abuse Problem	131		140	
Substances Involved¹				
Alcohol	94		95	
Ambien	1		0	
Amphetamine	2		2	
Benzodiazepine	1		2	
Cannabis	4		4	
Cocaine	1		2	
Demerol	1		0	
Fentanyl	2		2	
Fiorcet	1		1	
Hydrocodone	1		1	
Methamphetamines	3		4	
Opiates	1		1	
Propofol	1		2	
Psilocybin	1		1	
Multiple Controlled Substances	40		44	
Probation Completion				
Probation Successfully Completed² (Y)	19		22	
Failed to Complete Probation (N)	5		2	
Substances Involved¹	Y	N	Y	N
Alcohol	16	4	17	5
Ambien	1	0	0	0
Amphetamine	0	0	1	0
Benzodiazepine	0	0	1	0
Cannabis	0	0	1	0
Cocaine	0	0	0	0
Demerol	1	0	0	0
Fentanyl	0	0	1	0
Methamphetamines	0	1	0	1
Opiates	0	0	1	0
Propofol	0	0	1	0
Multiple Controlled Substances	2	1	5	1
Relapses				
Probationers who Relapsed	5		5	
Substances Involved¹				
Alcohol	2		3	
Cocaine	0		1	
Methamphetamines	1		1	
Phenobarbital	1		0	
Tramadol	1		0	

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Cease Practice Orders		
Probationers Issued a Cease Practice Order	6	7
Substances Involved/Reason for Order ¹		
Alcohol	1	3
Cocaine	0	1
Fentanyl	1	0
Methamphetamines	1	1
Phenobarbital	1	0
Tramadol	1	0
Failed to Appear for a Biological Fluid Test (BFT)	1	0
Failed to Cooperate with BFT	0	2
Failed to Successfully Complete a Clinical Competence Assessment Program	0	0
Suspensions		
Probationers Issued a Suspension	0	0
Substance Involved		
N/A	-	-
Petitions to Revoke		
Petitions to Revoke	6	9
Substances Involved/Reason for Action ¹		
Alcohol	0	1
Cocaine	0	1
Methamphetamines	1	1
Tramadol	1	0
Failed to Appear for a BFT	0	2
Failed to Obey Rules Governing the Practice of Medicine	1	0
Multiple Probation Violations	3	4
Non-Practice Over 2 Years	1	0

- ¹ Some probationers had more than one substance involved.
² Those who successfully completed probation or a petition for termination of probation was granted.

Substance-Abusing Licensees Major Violations by Substance

	Alcohol		Cannabis		Cocaine		Methamphetamine		Phenobarbital		Psilocybin		Tramadol		Multiple Controlled Substances		Total Major Violations	
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Failed to Undergo a Required Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Committed Multiple Minor Violations of Probation Conditions and Terms	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	2
Treated a Patient(s) while Under the Influence of a Prohibited Substance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Engaged in Any Drug or Alcohol Related Act that is a Violation of State or Federal Law or Regulation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Failed to Undergo Biological Fluid Testing (BFT) when Ordered	5	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	6	14
Used, Consumed, Ingested, or Administered to Himself or Herself a Prohibited Substance ²	3	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	4
Knowingly Used, Made, Altered, or Possessed any Object or Product in Such a Way as to Defraud or Attempt to Defraud a BFT Designed to Detect the Presence of a Prohibited Substance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Failed to Comply with any Term or Condition of Probation that Impairs Public Safety ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Substances Involved	8	11	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	13	20

¹ Per 16 CCR §1361.52(a)(1-8).

² The categorized substance is the substance the individual used, consumed, ingested, or administered to themselves, not the substance involved in the original discipline.

ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Allied healthcare professionals under the Board's authority include licensed midwives (LM), and the polysomnographic program, consisting of polysomnographic trainees, technicians, and technologists. Polysomnographic registrants work under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon and engage in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with sleep and wake disorders. In addition, the Board approves accreditation agencies for the accreditation of outpatient surgery settings.

	Issued	Current
Licenses and Registrations		
Licensed Midwives	21	488
Polysomnographic Trainee	40	152
Polysomnographic Technician	33	175
Polysomnographic Technologist	60	647
Accreditation Agencies for Outpatient Surgery Settings	0	4
	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Complaints		
Complaints Received	43	47
Complaints Closed by Complaint Unit	40	39
Investigations		
Cases Opened	14	7
Cases Closed	11	14
Cases Referred to the Attorney General (AG)	4	12
Cases Referred for Criminal Action	1	0
Probation Violation Reports Referred to the AG	1	0
Reports Received Based Upon Legal Requirements		
Midwife Hospital Transfer Forms ¹	208	180
Outpatient Adverse Event Reports ²	17	0
Referral and Compliance Actions		
Citation and Administrative Fines Issued	0	1
License Restrictions/Suspensions Imposed while Administrative Action Pending		
Interim Suspension Order	0	0
Other Suspension Orders	1	0

¹ Per BPC §2510.

² Per BPC §2216.3.

	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Administrative Actions		
Accusation	3	7
Petition to Revoke Probation	0	0
Amended Accusation/Petition to Revoke	0	0
Statement of Issues to Deny Application	1	1
Completed Investigations Referred to the AG and Awaiting the Filing of Accusation as of June 30, 2026	0	2
Administrative Outcomes		
License Revoked	2	1
License Surrendered (in Lieu of Accusation or with Accusation Pending)	1	1
License Placed on Probation with Suspension	0	0
License Placed on Probation	0	1
Probationary License Issued	0	0
Public Reprimand	0	0
Other Actions (e.g., Exam Required, Educational Course, etc.)	0	0
Statements of Issues Denied (License Granted)	1	0
Statements of Issues Granted (License Denied)	0	1
Accusation/Statements of Issues Withdrawn	0	0
Accusation Dismissed	0	0
Probation Violation Outcomes		
License Revoked or License Surrendered	1	0
Additional Suspension or Probation	0	0
Petition Withdrawn or Dismissed	0	0
Petitions for Reinstatement of License		
Filed	1	0
Granted/ Denied	0/0	0/0
Petitions for Penalty Relief¹		
Granted/Denied	0/0	0/1
Petitions to Compel Exam		
Filed	2	0
Granted/Denied	2/0	0/0

¹ Penalty Relief includes Petitions for Modification of Penalty and Petitions for Termination of Probation.

Licensed Midwives Report

LMs are licensed by the Board to practice midwifery and attend cases of normal pregnancy and childbirth. LMs may provide prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care, including family-planning care, for the mother, and immediate care (first six weeks) for the newborn.

	2024	2025
Licensed Midwife Annual Report Summary¹		
Clients Served as Primary Caregiver at the Onset of Care	6,504	6,404
Planned Out-of-Hospital Births at the Onset of Labor	4,423	4,230
Planned Out-of-Hospital Births Completed in an Out-of-Hospital Setting ²	3,744	3,538
Sets of Twin Births	6	4
Sets of Multiple Births (Other Than Twin Births)	0	0
Breech Births	34	96
Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section	185	186
Complications		
Resulting in the Mortality of the Mother Prior to Transfer	0	0
Resulting in the Mortality of the Mother After Transfer	0	0
Resulting in the Mortality of the Infant Prior to Transfer	0	0
Resulting in the Mortality of the Infant After Transfer	2	2
Resulting in Fetal Demise Prior to the Mother Being Transferred	13	7
Resulting in Fetal Demise After the Mother was Transferred	10	13

	2024	2025
Antepartum Transfers		
Primary Care Transferred to Another Health Care Practitioner (Elective)	268	332
Urgent or Emergency Transport of Expectant Mother	120	110
Intrapartum Transfers		
Elective Hospital Transfer	574	577
Urgent or Emergency Transfer of an Infant or Mother	110	119
Postpartum Transfers		
Elective Hospital Transfer of Mother	15	19
Elective Hospital Transfer of Infant	21	11
Urgent or Emergency Transfer of Mother	39	43
Urgent or Emergency Transfer of Infant	49	37

¹ Conclusions should not be drawn from this summary as data does not specify whether the death is intrapartum or neonatal; whether the affected perinate had congenital anomalies incompatible with life; or whether the perinate was born in or out of a hospital. Births are attended by the licensed midwife as the primary caregiver.

² Clients delivering multiples is counted as one birth.

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