

# DC BOARD OF MEDICINE LICENSED SURGICAL ASSISTANTS

The District of Columbia’s Board of Medicine (DC BOM), supported by DC Health's Health Systems and Preparedness Administration (HSPA), licenses all surgical assistants. To collect standard information across all licensing boards (e.g., demographics, workforce capacity, access to care, special topics), HSPA and the Community Health Administration (CHA) partnered to enhance the existing workforce licensure survey, which is now administered to all renewal applicants during the Board’s biennial licensure renewal process.

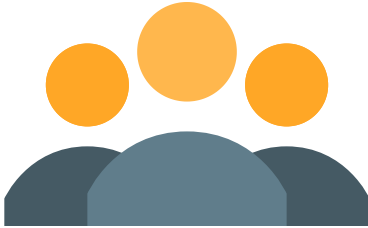

The DC Primary Care Office (PCO) developed this fact sheet based on its analysis of 2022 DC BOM Licensure Survey data. Within, information regarding total licensed providers reflects all board-licensed providers with an active license status as of August 15, 2024. Information regarding licensees providing clinical care in DC reflects a subset of Board-licensed providers who 1. applied for license renewal during the 2022 cycle (i.e., were administered the survey); 2. reported a practice location in DC; and 3. reported providing clinical medical care to patients.

## Key Findings

- Approximately 21 percent of DC licensed surgical assistants reported providing care in the District.
- Surgical assistants providing care in DC are predominantly male (81%) and trend older, with 65 percent over 50 years of age.
- Most DC licensed surgical assistants reported experiencing no symptoms of burnout (60%) or some stress but not feeling burned out (10%).

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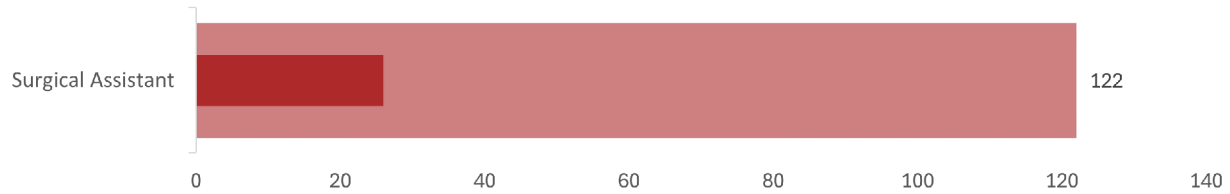
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Surgical Assistants



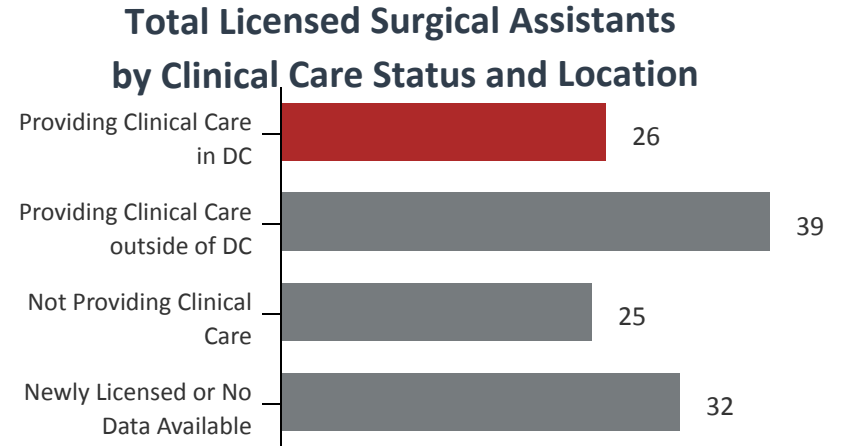
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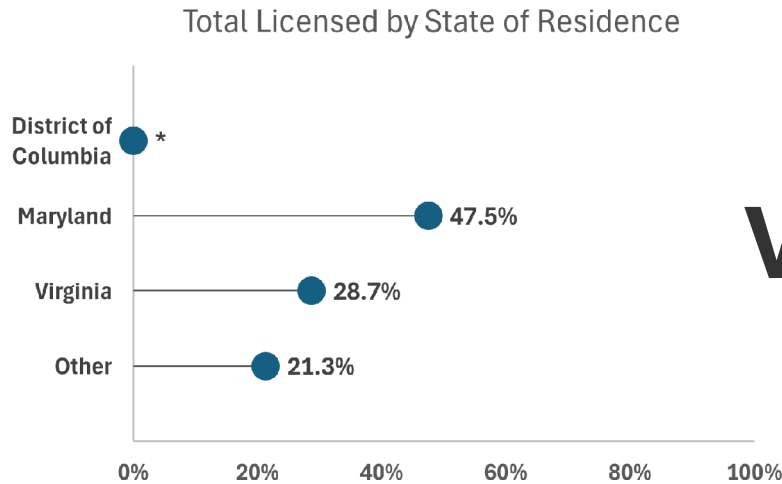


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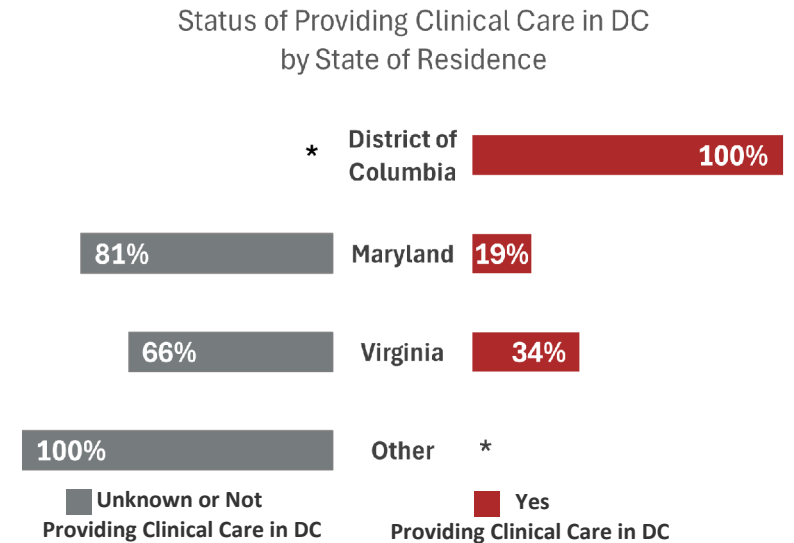
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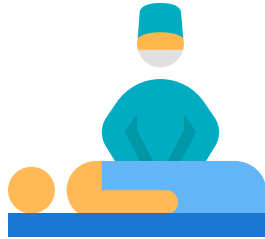
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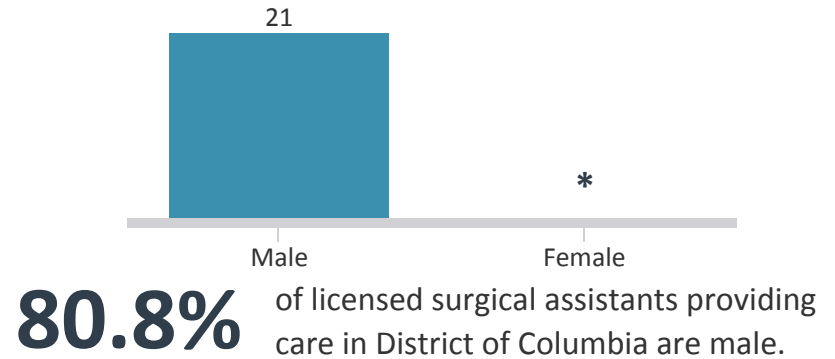
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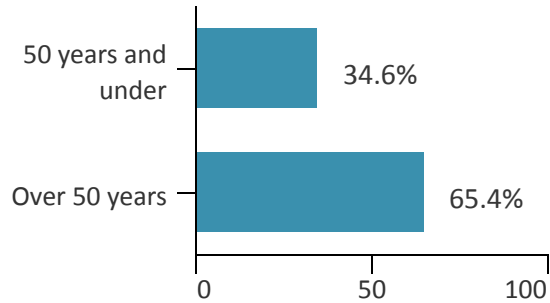
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Licensed Surgical Assistants Providing Clinical Care in the District of Columbia

## Gender



## Age Distribution



two out of three licensed surgical assistants providing care in District of Columbia are over 50 years of age.

## Race and Ethnicity\*

Reported race/ethnicity among licensed surgical assistants providing care in DC was less than 10 for all reported categories. As a result, race and ethnicity is being suppressed. The reported race and ethnicity categories included:

- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- White or Caucasian

## Practice Locations



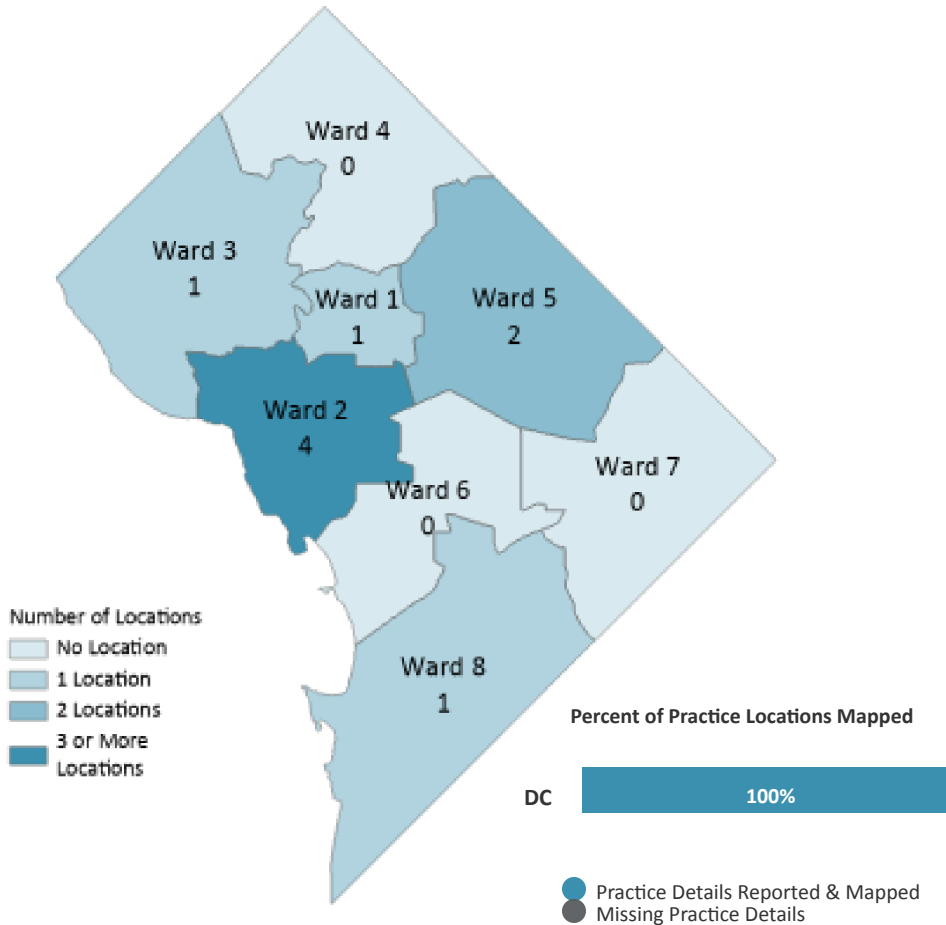
1 Location  
**88.5%**

**8 out of 10** of acupuncturists practicing in DC reported providing care at a single practice location

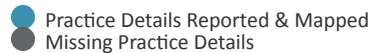
# LICENSED SURGICAL ASSISTANTS PRACTICING IN DC

## Overview of Clinical Care Practice Locations

Number of Clinical Care Practice Locations by Ward



Percent of Practice Locations Mapped



**Data Limitations**

- Practice Locations are mapped with 80% fidelity
- Missing details of the address could not be mapped

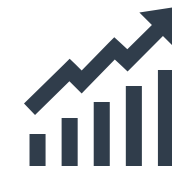
Clinical Care Practice Findings



Locations

44%

of practice locations providing clinical care, that were reported and mapped, are located in Ward 2.



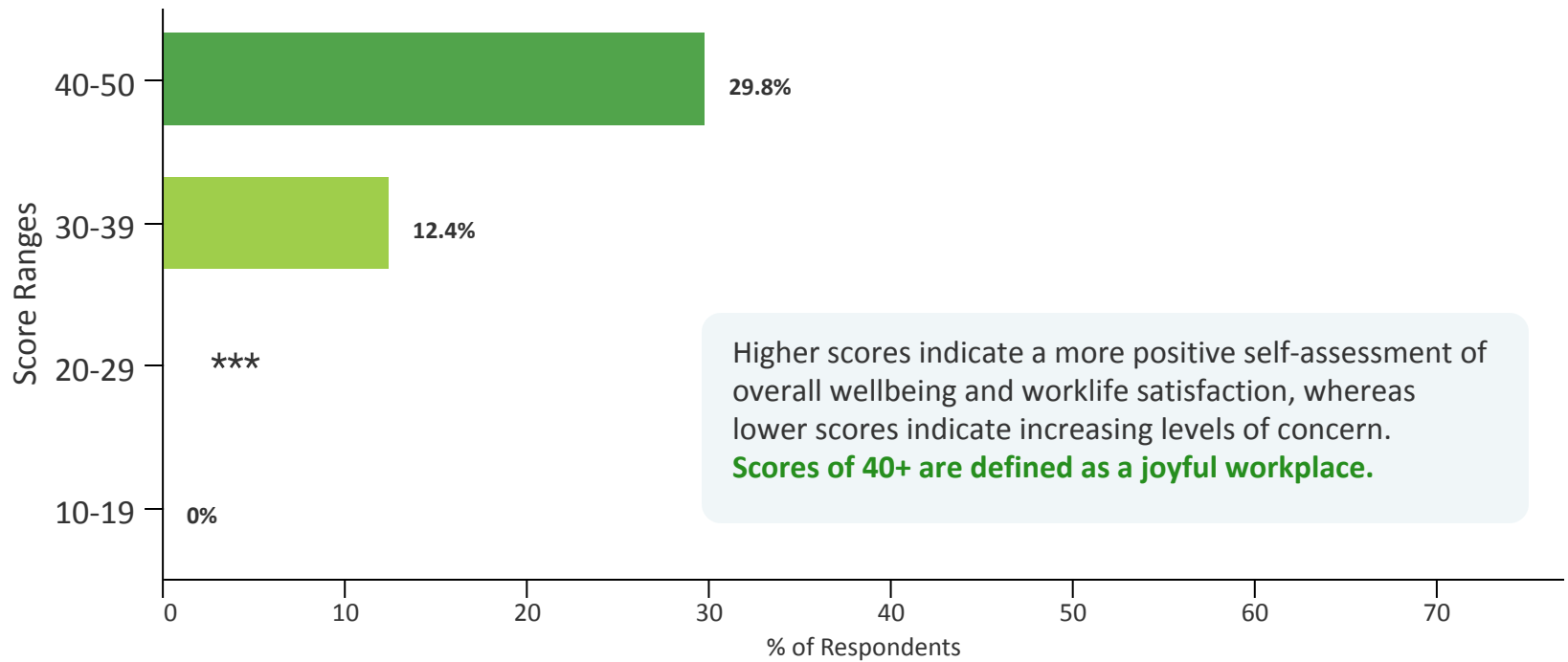
Projected Growth

10%

of providers reported increasing their practice hours or adding a practice location over the next two years.

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Self-Assessment of Worklife and Wellness\* among All DC Licensed Surgical Assistants\*\*  
(Mini Z 2.0 Survey - Full Scale Scores)

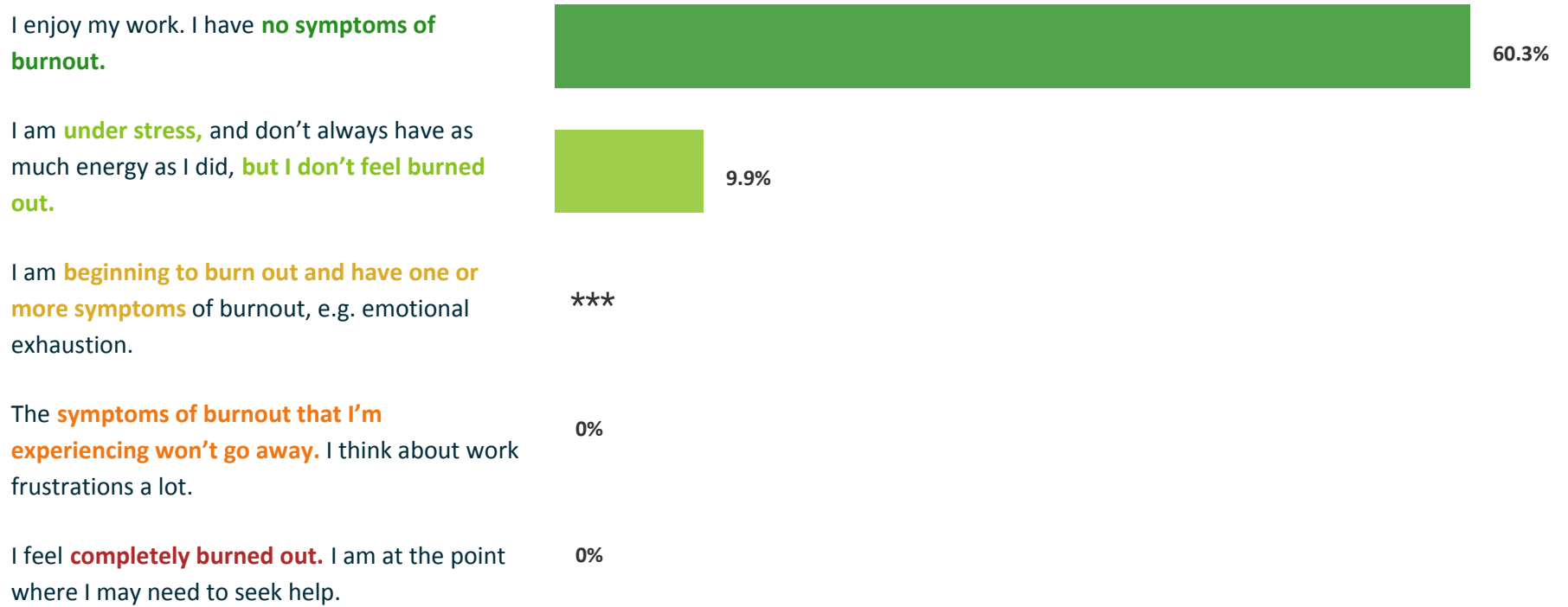


**29.8%** of all DC licensed surgical assistants reported Mini Z 2.0 full scale scores of 40+, indicating a **joyful workplace**.

\*The licensure survey includes the Mini Z 2.0, a 10-question tool assessing work satisfaction, stress, burnout, and 7 potential drivers of burnout in practicing clinicians; the Mini Z 2.0 is a psychometrically sound measure of worklife and wellness in practicing clinicians, validated externally against the Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI).  
 \*\*Answering each question was optional; full scale scores are reported only for respondents who completed all Mini Z 2.0 questions; approximately 43.8 percent (53/121) of all DC licensed surgical assistants completed all questions on the Mini Z 2.0 survey.  
 \*\*\*Data suppressed for confidentiality when the total reported category is less than 10.

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## Self-Assessment of Burnout\* among All DC Licensed Surgical Assistants\*\* (Mini Z 2.0 Survey - Question 2 Responses)



**70.2%** of DC licensed surgical assistants reported experiencing **no symptoms of burnout (90.3%)** or **some stress but not feeling burned out (9.9%).**

\*Assessment based on the Mini Z 2.0 burnout question; concurrent validity of the burnout question was assessed with the Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI) emotional exhaustion (EE) subscale and determined to be a valid single-item measure of burnout.

\*\*Approximately 72.7 percent (88/121) of all DC licensed surgical assistants responded to the question.

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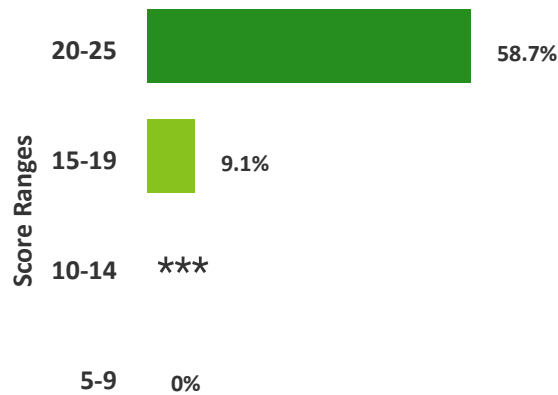


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## Self-Assessment of Worklife and Wellness among All DC Licensed Surgical Assistants (Mini Z 2.0 Survey - Subscale Scores)

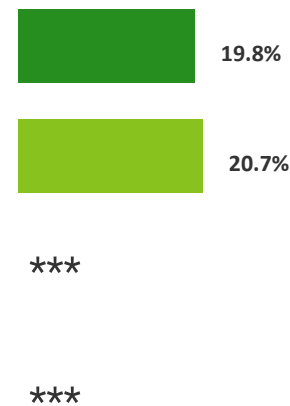
### Subscale 1: Supportive Work Environment\*

Includes questions on satisfaction, burnout, values alignment, teamwork, and work control.



### Subscale 2: Work Pace and EMR Stress\*\*

Includes questions on stress, chaos, home EMR use, documentation time pressure, and EMR frustration.



**58.7%**

of DC licensed surgical assistants reported Subscale 1 scores of 20+, indicating a **supportive work environment.**

**43.4%**

of DC licensed surgical assistants reported Subscale 2 scores of 20+, indicating **reasonable pace and manageable EMR stress.**

\*Approximately 68.6 percent (83/121) of all DC licensed surgical assistants completed all questions in subscale 1.

\*\*Approximately 44.6 percent (54/121) of all DC licensed surgical assistants completed all questions in subscale 2.

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