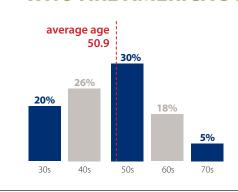
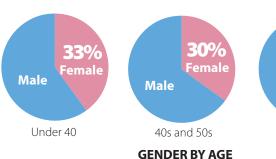
## THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE

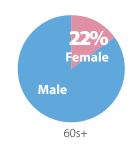
A large workforce of doctors treats patients across the country using radiation therapies. The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) workforce study took a closer look at these physicians, as well as trends in clinical practice and technology use. The 2017 study, which was published in the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology* • *Biology* • *Physics*, drew responses from 1,174 radiation oncologists representing 726 practices.

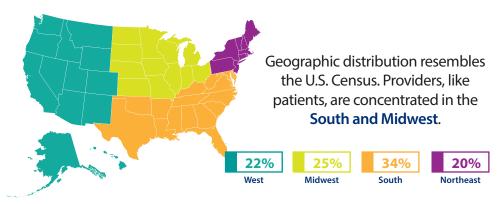
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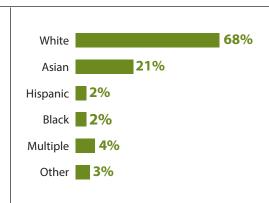






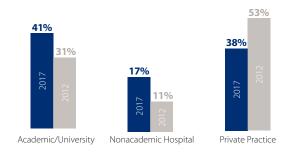




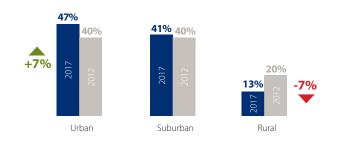


## HOW IS THE RADIATION ONCOLOGY WORKFORCE CHANGING?

Radiation oncologists are **shifting from private practice** to academic centers and hospitals.



Nearly 9 in 10 radiation oncologists work in urban or suburban communities. Urban practices have grown over time, while **rural access may be under threat.** 



**Twice as many** radiation oncologists in rural communities plan to retire or reduce hours in the next five years, compared to urban/suburban physicians.



