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AT A GLANCE

Active Licenses as of July 28, 2026:

- 4,984 occupational therapists
- 1,167 occupational therapy assistants
- 16 temporary occupational therapists
- 7 temporary occupational therapy assistants
- 13 Compact Privilege Holders

Complaint Services- July 1, 2024- June 30, 2026

- 42 complaints open/received
- 35 complaints closed

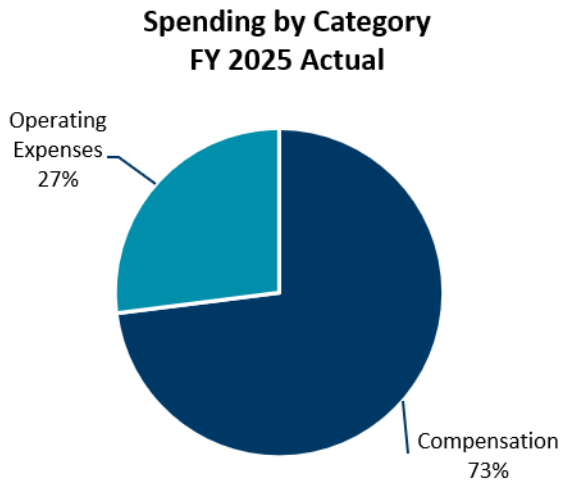
Staff

- 3.0 full-time equivalent employees

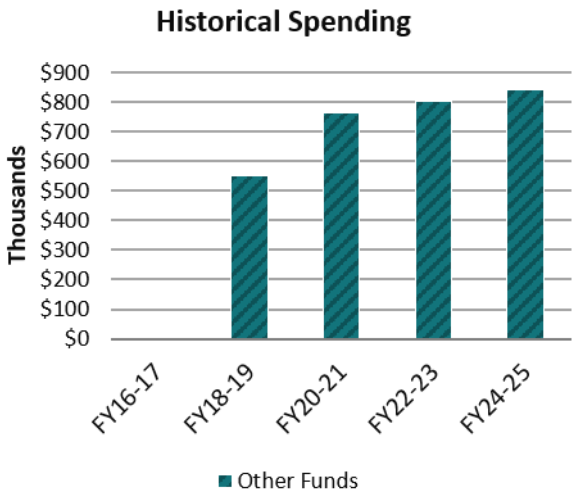
PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice exists to protect the public. The Board carries out its mission by authorizing qualified applicants to practice in Minnesota and enforcing compliance with state statute governing occupational therapy practice. The Board investigates complaints related to whether licensed individuals meet their statutory and professional obligations to provide competent, safe, and ethical care. The Board also provides responsive constituent service to applicants, licensees, and the public.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in an amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support the health regulatory boards collaborative. These include: The Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Small Agency Resource Team (SmART), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board of Occupational Therapy Practice accomplishes its public protection mission by:

- Issuing and renewing licenses in alignment with all statutory requirements to ensure only qualified practitioners are authorized to practice.
- Investigating and resolving complaints.
- Promoting compliance through accurate and timely responses to inquiries from applicants, licensees, other states' licensing boards, the public, and others.
- Providing comprehensive information about Minnesota occupational therapy licensure through its website.
- Supporting informed decision making by the Board through effective onboarding, ongoing education, and well-planned Board and committee meetings.
- Incorporating regulatory body best practices into operational practices and governance decision making.
- Participating in the Occupational Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact.
- Collaborating with other state and national entities on matters related to occupational licensing.

RESULTS

Part A: Performance Data

The information included below was generated using the Board's licensure and regulatory database. The total number of licensees continues to increase annually.

Measure	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data FY25-26
New OT licenses issued	Quantity	Automated Licensure Management System	649	661
New OTA Licenses Issued	Quantity	Automated Licensure Management System	163	154
Time to issue new licenses once applicant completed requirements	Quality	Automated Licensure Management System	1-4 Business days	1-4 Business days
Number of Licenses renewing	Quantity	Automated Licensure Management System	6,912*	6,286
On-time license renewal applications completed online	Quality	Automated Licensure Management System	100%	100%
Email inquiries responded to within one business day	Quality	Random one week sample of board inbox	N/A	93%

The Board is in process of converting to birth month renewals. Renewal numbers are increased given licensees may have renewed more than once (with prorated fees) between FY23 and FY24.

Part B: Evidence of Effectiveness

The Board delivers services that have not yet been evaluated using randomized controlled trials or quasi-experimental methods. While the public protection functions of professional licensing boards are not typically subject to randomized controlled trials, substantial evidence supports the underlying theory that regulatory oversight reduces the risk of harm by establishing minimum qualifications, requiring continuing education, investigating complaints, and imposing corrective action when practitioners fail to meet professional standards.

The Board's activities are primarily governed by Minnesota Statutes sections 148.6401 to 148.6449 https:/www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148 and Minnesota Statutes chapter 214 https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/214