



### Healthcare practitioners and technical workers

This occupational group includes chiropractors, dentists, pharmacists, physicians, surgeons, health diagnosing and treating practitioners, therapists, veterinarians, registered nurses, health technologists and technicians, and occupational health and safety specialists.

### Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2023, more than basic people skills were required for 92.1 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers, and basic people skills were required for 7.9 percent.

**Table 1. Percentage of healthcare practitioners and technical workers with cognitive and mental requirements, 2023**

Requirement	Yes	No
<b>Pace: Pause control</b>	40.9	59.1
<b>Interaction with general public</b>	96.7	3.3
<b>Working around crowds</b>	1.0	99.0
<b>Telework</b>	1.9	98.1
<b>Work review: Supervising others</b>	21.5	78.5
<b>Work review: Presence of supervisor</b>	62.7	37.3

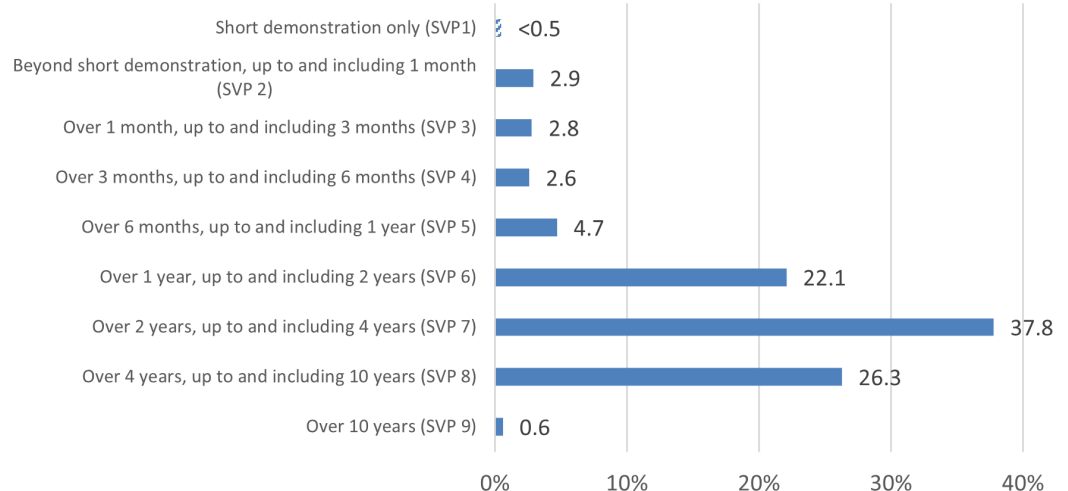
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

### Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2023, credentials were required for 91.4 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers. Prior work experience was required for 39.1 percent and on-the-job training was required for 72.3 percent.

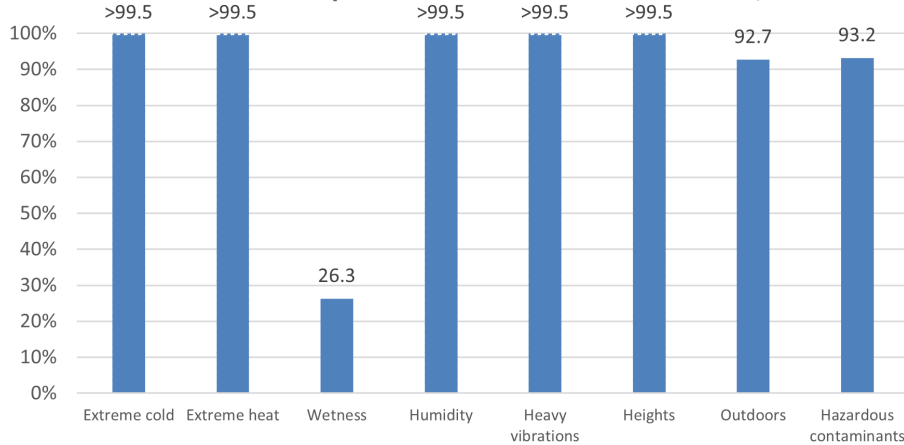
**Chart 1. Percentage of healthcare practitioners and technical workers by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2023**



Note: Striped bars represent range estimates where precise value is unpublished.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

**Chart 2. Percentage of healthcare practitioners and technical workers without exposure to environmental conditions, 2023**



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### Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2023, greater than 99.5 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers were not exposed to extreme cold, and greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Wetness was not present for 26.3 percent, greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to heavy vibrations, and 92.7 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

### Physical demands

Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

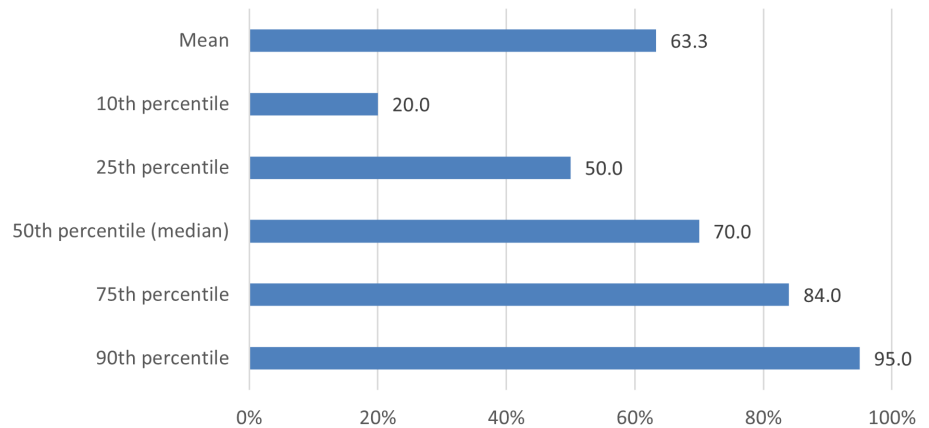
In 2023, keyboarding was required for 96.5 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers and was not required for 3.5 percent.

Performing work in low postures was required for 73.3 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers and was not required for 26.7 percent.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 30.8 percent of healthcare practitioners and technical workers.

On average, workers spent 36.7 percent of the workday sitting and 63.3 percent of the workday standing.

**Chart 3. Healthcare practitioners and technical workers by percent of workday standing, 2023**



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

**Table 2. Percentage of healthcare practitioners and technical workers with physical demands, 2023**

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	30.8	69.2
Driving	11.1	88.9
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	13.9	86.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey