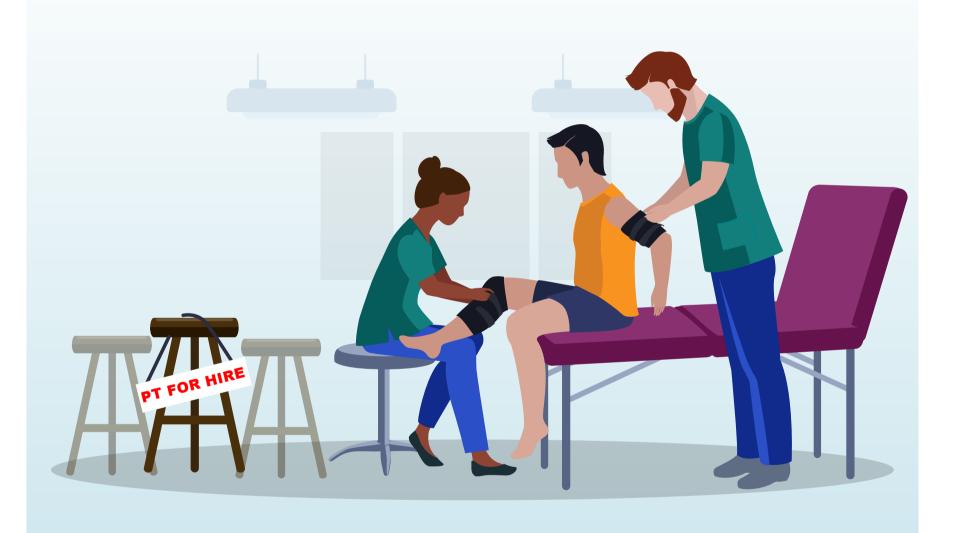
# How Adequate Is the **Current and Projected** Size of the Physical **Therapist Workforce?**

Supply and demand projections offer insights into workforce trends, and can identify interventions to mitigate shortages and improve patient care



**Understanding current and future workforce** trends is essential for policymaking and career planning

#### State-of-the-Art Workforce Forecast for the U.S.

APTA Survey Data (N=1,759)















**Health & Demographic Data** 

Demographics

Workload

Retirement intentions

Practice characteristics

Hours worked

Health care use

**Population** trends



Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) PTs



Therapy visits



Projected supply vs. demand

#### 2022 supply, demand and shortfall



Supply:

233,890 FTEs



Demand:





Shortfall: **245,960 FTEs 12,070 FTEs (5.2%)** 

### **Projected supply and demand growth**





Supply growth (2022-2037): +39,170 FTEs

Demand growth (2022-2037): +36,250 FTEs

## 2037 projected supply, demand and shortfall



Projected supply: 273,070 FTEs Projected demand: 282,210 FTEs



Projected shortfall: 9,140 FTEs (3.3%)

Without more entrants or better retention policies, or both, the national shortfall in physical therapy is expected to persist.



