

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

Quick look...

- The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board licenses about 37,000 professionals with a staff of ten full-time employees.
- The Board is governed by 20 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- The Board receives a total recommendation of about \$2.8 million over the upcoming biennium.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4K90 ALI 890609, Operating Expenses					
\$1,196,772	\$1,208,997	\$1,172,020	\$1,417,747	\$1,352,852	\$1,434,859
% change	1.0%	-3.1%	21.0%	-4.6%	6.1%

Agency overview

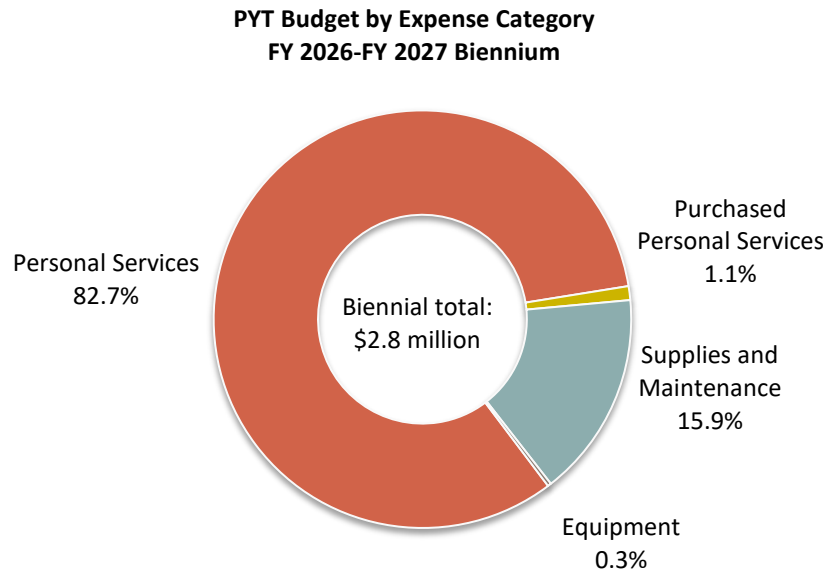
The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board licenses occupational and physical therapists, and athletic trainers. Additionally, since 2018, OTPTAT licenses orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. OTPTAT is responsible for licensing applicants, renewing licenses, investigating complaints, determining appropriate disciplinary actions, and ensuring licensees meet educational standards. OTPTAT's governing authority consists of a joint board composed of 16 members, as well as a Physical Therapy Section, Occupational Therapy Section, and an Athletic Trainers Section. The joint board consists of four physical therapists, four occupational therapists, four athletic trainers, one physical therapy assistant, one occupational therapy assistant, one physician, and one public member. These members also sit on the applicable section. An additional four members sit on the Physical Therapy Section, which brings OTPTAT's total members to 20. There is also an Orthotics, Prosthetists, and Pedorthics (OPP) Advisory Council, which has five members.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board's operations are funded by Dedicated Purpose Fund (Fund 4K90) appropriation item 890609, Operating Expenses. The executive budget proposes funding of about \$1.35 million for FY 2026 and about \$1.43 million for FY 2027. OTPTAT anticipates that current service levels will be maintained with these recommendations.

Executive recommendations by expense category

As a regulatory agency, personnel costs account for the largest share of OTPTAT’s budget. As seen in the chart below, 82.7% of the recommended funding for the biennium is for personal services, 15.9% is for supplies and maintenance, 1.1% is for purchased personal services, and the remaining 0.3% is for equipment.



Operating revenues and expenses

The table below shows the revenue and expenditures for the OTPTAT Board from FY 2019 through FY 2024. OTPTAT’s revenue has exceeded expenses for all six years.

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Revenue	\$1,458,494	\$1,201,224	\$1,583,542	\$1,341,231	\$1,563,596	\$1,313,859
Expenses	\$945,705	\$975,762	\$1,003,606	\$1,196,772	\$1,208,997	\$1,172,020
Net	\$512,789	\$225,462	\$579,936	\$144,459	\$354,599	\$141,839

All of the Board’s revenue comes from fees that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including OTPTAT, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, generating enough revenue to cover its expenses. The fees for the Board’s licenses are included in Table 2. All licenses are renewed biennially.

The Board also offers the Physical Therapist Compact Privilege.¹ This allows licensed physical therapists from other compact states an expedited path to obtaining the authority to practice in Ohio.

License Type	Fee
Initial Application	\$100
Renewal	\$70
Physical Therapist Compact Privilege*	\$50
3-D Printing Authority	\$25

*An additional \$45 is paid to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission.

Licensure

To carry out its regulatory responsibility, the Board establishes standards and licenses qualified practitioners. Table 3 shows the number of active licenses issued by the Board from FY 2022 to FY 2024.

License Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022- FY 2023 % Change	FY 2024	FY 2023- FY 2024 % Change
Occupational Therapist	7,186	7,626	6.1%	7,574	-0.7%
Occupational Therapy Assistant	5,168	4,812	-6.9%	5,050	4.9%
Physical Therapist Compact Privilege	102	250	145.1%	388	55.2%
Physical Therapist Assistant Compact Privilege	10	29	190.0%	49	69.0%
Physical Therapist	10,977	11,659	6.2%	11,542	-1.0%
Physical Therapist Assistant	8,874	8,284	-6.6%	8,555	3.3%
Athletic Trainer	3,285	3,076	-6.4%	3,293	7.1%
Orthotist	82	75	-8.5%	78	4.0%
Prosthetist	67	58	-13.4%	59	1.7%
Pedorthist	72	58	-19.4%	59	1.7%
Orthotist-Prosthetist	155	143	-7.7%	155	8.4%

¹ Ohio joined the Physical Therapy Compact as a result of S.B. 5 of the 134th General Assembly. S.B. 7 of the 134th General Assembly joined Ohio into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact as well. However, the OT Compact is not currently operational.

License Type	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022- FY 2023 % Change	FY 2024	FY 2023- FY 2024 % Change
Temporary OPP Licenses*	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3-D Printing Authority	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total	35,991	36,071	0.2%	36,803	2.0%

*H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly eliminated temporary OPP licenses. H.B. 509 was effective April 6, 2023.

Investigation and enforcement

The Board’s regulatory obligations also include investigating complaints about issues of incompetent, unethical, or impaired practitioners, and to enforce the rules and laws governing the practice of its licensees.

Continuing education

The Board requires licensees to complete continuing education (CE) for license renewal. CE requirements differ depending upon the type of license. Table 4 shows the number of hours required for each type of license.

License Type	Biennial Continuing Education Hours
Occupational Therapist	20
Occupational Therapy Assistant	20
Physical Therapist	24
Physical Therapist Assistant	12
Athletic Trainer	25
Orthotist	25
Prosthetist	25
Pedorthist	18
Orthotist-Prosthetist	35