



# Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards

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## **FSMTB RELEASES JOB ANALYSIS SURVEY RESULTS**

### **The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Finds Unified Professional Practice**

**Overland Park, KS** – The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) is creating a national licensure examination to serve the needs of the regulatory community. To ensure the examination reflects current practice, a Job Task Analysis (JTA) Survey was developed with contributions by over 50 content experts under the guidance of 15 testing and psychometric experts.

The Survey was deployed online from October 13, 2006 until February 1, 2007. Responses were received from 7,646 massage, bodywork and somatic professionals representing every state and U.S. territory except American Samoa. Patty Glenn, FSMTB President said, “We are thrilled to receive such a high number of responses and so much support from the professional community. It gives us unassailable data with which to serve the regulatory boards, the profession and ultimately the consumers.”

Most respondents are female (80%) and Caucasian (89%) and graduated from a certificate program (87%). Seventy five percent of the respondents consider themselves primarily massage therapists, 16% bodywork practitioners, 2% somatic practitioners and 7% “other”. The field is extremely consistent in its view of the importance and frequency of the various tasks. It did not matter whether the therapists were entry level or experienced; or considered themselves to be a massage therapist, bodyworker, or somatic practitioner; the assigned importance and frequency of the task maintained its order. Notes lead psychometrician, Dr. Donna Surges Tatum, CEO of Meaningful Measurement, Inc, “This means that the profession is unified, and is not fractured into subgroups who have wildly different perspectives.”

The FSMTB will publish detailed results from the JTA on its Web site at [www.fsmtb.org](http://www.fsmtb.org) as data becomes available.

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*The mission of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards is to support its Member Boards in their work to ensure that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner.*