



KENTUCKY
BOARD OF
NURSING

2024-2025

Annual Report

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The Kentucky Board of Nursing protects the public by development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nurses, dialysis technicians, and licensed certified professional midwives.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues, Licensees, and Stakeholders,

As we begin 2026, the Kentucky Board of Nursing reaffirms its commitment to protecting the public and advancing the nursing profession across the Commonwealth. The past year was marked by meaningful progress—strengthened communication, improved processes, and deeper collaboration with partners statewide.

Advancing Communication & Transparency

We enhanced our communication channels to ensure timely, consistent, and accessible information for licensees, educators, employers, and the public. Our goal remains clear: transparency that builds trust and supports informed decision-making.

Strengthening Public Protection

KBN refined its regulatory and disciplinary processes to promote fairness, timeliness, and accountability—always with patient safety at the forefront. These improvements reinforce public confidence and support the integrity of the nursing profession.

Modernizing Technology

We continued investing in technological upgrades, expanding data accessibility, and enhancing the Nursing Portal to better serve licensees. These improvements streamline workflows, reduce administrative burden, and increase regulatory efficiency.

Supporting the Workforce

Recognizing the urgent needs of Kentucky's healthcare workforce, KBN expanded efforts to streamline licensure processes, provide guidance to new faculty and program administrators, and champion initiatives that strengthen the nursing pipeline.

Investing in Our Team

We prioritized staff development through targeted training, mentorship, and engagement initiatives—ensuring our team is equipped to support the growing needs of the nursing community and uphold the Board's mission.

Looking Forward

In 2026, our focus is on innovation, partnership, and continued workforce support. We remain dedicated to regulatory excellence, strengthening nursing programs, enhancing the licensure journey, and fostering pride in the profession.



Audria Denker
KBN Board President
 2018-2026



Anne Veno
KBN Vice President
 2021-2029



Ashley Adkins
Citizen at Large
 2021-2027



Jana Bailey
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2024-2028



Monnica Kennison
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2024-2028



SUSAN ELLIS
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2022-2026



Miriam Haas
LPN BOARD MEMBER
 2023-2027



Jennifer Harpe-Bates
CRNA BOARD MEMBER
 2023-2027



Arthur Ryan
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2025-2029



Darlena Jones
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2023-2027



Hope Jones
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2021-2029



Ruth Martin
RN BOARD MEMBER
 2022-2026



Amber Powell
ADMIN BOARD MEMBER
 2023-2027



Karen Sherfey
LPN BOARD MEMBER
 2023-2027



Jane Smith
Citizen-at-Large
 2021-2029



Sara Ferguson
APRN BOARD MEMBER
 2024-2028



Alisha Clemons
APRN BOARD MEMBER
 2024-2026

VISION AND MISSION

VISION

We aspire to:

- Deliver benchmark-quality services in healthcare regulation.
- Meet the challenges of a dynamic and ever-changing healthcare environment.
- Have an organizational environment that fosters creativity, innovation, and outstanding leadership.
- Have a committed and appropriately compensated Board/staff who have exceptional knowledge and skills.
- Achieve integration of regulatory efforts affecting the health of the public.
- Have effective and efficient Board functions.

GOALS

Goal I: Sound, defensible regulatory practice that protects the public

- Increase public awareness and understanding of the role and purpose of the KBN
- Continue enhancements for the disciplinary action and compliance monitoring processes
- Continue to evaluate pre-licensure nursing education program requirements
- Continue to evaluate issues related to the legal scope of licensed practical, registered and advanced registered nursing practice

Goal II: Efficient delivery of services that meets the needs of consumers and regulated entities in a fiscally responsible manner

- Continue technological enhancements for licensure and credentialing processes
- Use available technology to evaluate agency services
- Ensure responsible fiscal management in order to fulfill agency mission

Goal III: Optimal use of technology that support agency services

- Improve utilization of technology to support Board activities and services

Goal IV: Support an organizational culture consistent with Board mission, vision and values

- Optimize ongoing orientation and development of Board members and staff to their role and the agency mission, structure, and services
- Ensure compliance with state government requirements for KBN organizational structure

FISCAL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Regulatory Update – Expungement of Disciplinary Records

During the fiscal year, KBN advanced amendments to an administrative regulation governing the expungement of disciplinary records. The proposed changes clarify eligibility and definitions for expungement, align regulatory language with statute, permit destruction of expunged physical records, and shorten the timeframe for requesting expungement once all terms have been satisfied. The amendments also prohibit expungement when an investigation is pending, require the most recent order to be eligible before older orders may be considered, and allow the Board to expunge eligible orders without a formal request. The regulation remains in the promulgation process.

Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC)

During the fiscal year, KBN staff demonstrated a continued commitment to public service through support of the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC). Through a charitable Golf Scramble, the agency raised more than \$6,000 to support KECC initiatives focused on basic needs, family stability, education, and health—helping improve lives and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth.

Professional Practice Branch Enhancements

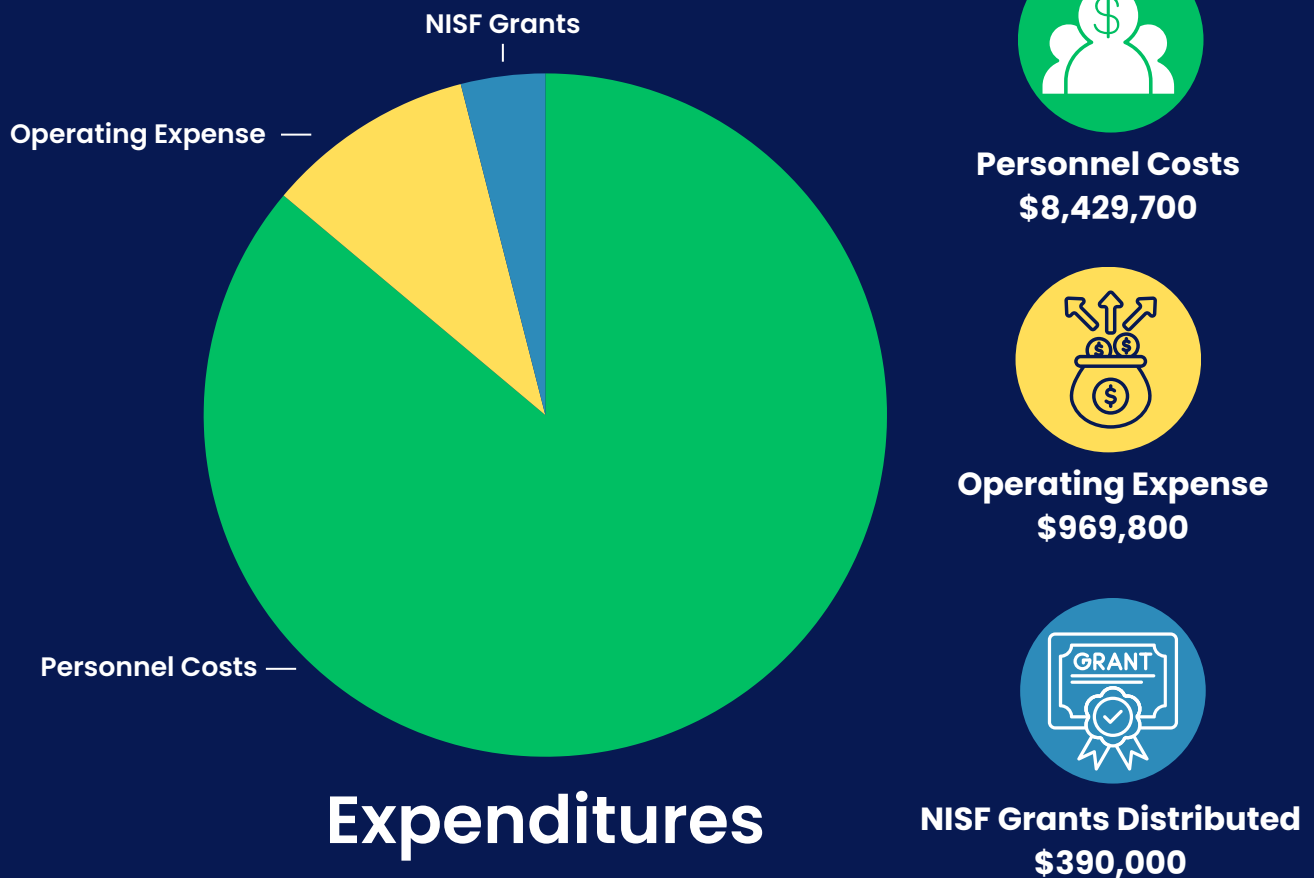
The Professional Practice Branch expanded digital resources to better support Kentucky nurses by launching a comprehensive FAQ page addressing commonly asked practice questions. Nurses can easily search by licensure type (RN, LPN, APRN) or keywords, with each response linking directly to relevant Kentucky laws, advisory opinion statements, and federal and state regulatory resources.

In addition, the branch introduced a new electronic continuing education (CE) document repository within the KBN Nurse Portal, allowing nurses to securely store CE records at no cost. KBN also piloted the Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) for the annual CE Audit, enabling nurses selected for audit to conveniently upload documentation through the Nurse Portal, while allowing all nurses to submit CE records as they are completed.



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FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE USE OF FUNDS



Fiscally Responsible Use of Funds

The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is a 100% fee-supported agency and operates without the use of General Fund dollars. The majority of KBN's revenue is generated through annual licensing fees.

For Fiscal Year 2025, KBN collected **\$8,829,700** in receipts and recorded **\$9,789,500** in expenditures (rounded). The agency did not experience any significant fiscal changes during this period. To responsibly manage operations and maintain service continuity, KBN utilized reserve funds accumulated from prior years to cover the **\$959,800** difference between revenues and expenditures.

The accompanying chart provides a visual representation of this financial activity.

FEES FOR LICENSURE APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES

(ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)/ REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Endorsement | \$165 |
| Examination | \$125 |
| Reinstatement | \$135 |
| Renewal * | \$65 |
| Retired Licensure Status | \$25 |
| Name Change | \$25 |

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN (DT):

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| DT Initial Credential | \$70 |
| DT Credential Renewal | \$35 |
| DT Credential Reinstatement | \$100 |
| DT Initial Training Program Approval | \$2,000 |
| DT Continued Training Program Approval | \$1,000 |
| DT Continued Training Program Approval Filed After Deadline | \$300 |
| DT Reinstatement Training Program Approval | \$1,000 |
| Name Change | \$25 |

CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDE (CMA)

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| Initial/Reciprocity Application | \$25 |
| CMA Reinstatement | \$25 |
| CMA Renewal | \$25 |
| CMA I Program Initial/Subsequent Review | \$200 |
| CMA II Program Initial/Subsequent Review | \$300 |

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN):

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| APRN Initial/Endorsement Licensure | \$165 |
| APRN Reinstatement | \$135 |
| APRN Renewal (Per Designation) | \$55 |
| Application for Authorization to Provide Written Certifications for the Use of Medicinal Cannabis | \$100 |
| APRN - Exemption from the CAPA-CS Requirement (After Four Years) | \$50 |
| Name Change | \$25 |

LICENSED CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFE (LCPM):

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| Initial LCPM Licensure | \$165 |
| LCPM Reinstatement | \$165 |
| LCPM Renewal | \$165 |
| Name Change | \$25 |

Application to Establish a Program of Nursing

\$2,000

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

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| Initial Provider Approval/Program Approval | \$400 |
| Reinstatement of Provider Approval | \$400 |
| Renewal of Provider Approval | \$100 |
| Offering Approval via Staff Review | \$10 |

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE):

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| SANE Registration | \$120 |
| SANE Reinstatement | \$120 |
| SANE Renewal | \$50 |
| Name Change | \$25 |



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* \$5 of fee to NISF; \$5 of fee to KARE

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC THROUGH EDUCATION

Kentucky Programs of Nursing as of October 20, 2025

Overview: The number of all nursing programs in Kentucky that have received full, developmental, or initial approval status from the Board.

Developmental: Proposal for new program of nursing approved by the Board

Initial: Admission of the first class of a program of nursing

Approved: Permission to operate a program of nursing from the Board

| Program Type | Developmental | Initial | Approved | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| DNP/APRN | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| MSN/APRN | 0 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| MEPN | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| BSN | 1 | 1 | 19 | 21 |
| ASN | 0 | 5 | 41 | 46 |
| PN | 0 | 3 | 26 | 29 |
| Total | 1 | 10 | 108 | 119 |



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Post-Licensure Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Programs

Post-licensure APRN programs are regulated by 201 KAR 20:062

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

| | |
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| Bellarmino University | Approved |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Approved |
| Frontier Nursing University | Approved |
| Kentucky State University | Approved |
| Murray State University | Approved |
| Northern Kentucky University | Approved |
| Spalding University | Approved |
| University of Kentucky | Approved |
| University of Louisville | Approved |
| Western Kentucky University | Approved |

Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN)

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| Bellarmino University | Approved |
| Campbellsville University | Approved |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Approved |
| Frontier Nursing University | Approved |
| Kentucky Christian University | Approved |
| Morehead State University | Approved |
| Northern Kentucky University | Approved |
| Spalding University | Initial |
| University of Louisville | Approved |
| University of the Cumberlands | Approved |
| Western Kentucky University | Approved |

Prelicensure Registered Nurse (RN) and Practical Nurse (PN) Programs

Prelicensure RN and PN programs are regulated by 201 KAR 20:260–360

Master's Entry into Professional Nursing (MEPN)

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| University of Louisville* | Approved |
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| Western Kentucky University | Approved |
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Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (BSN)

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| Asbury University | Developmental |
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| Beckfield College | Approved |
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| Bellarmino University | Approved |
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| Berea College | Approved |
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| Eastern Kentucky University | Approved |
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| Galen College | Approved |
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| Kentucky Christian University | Approved |
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| Kentucky State University | Approved |
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| Lincoln Memorial University | Initial |
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| Lindsey Wilson College | Approved |
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| Midway University | Approved |
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| Morehead State University | Approved |
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| Murray State University | Approved |
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| Northern Kentucky University – Highland Heights | Approved |
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| Spalding University | Approved |
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| Thomas More University | Approved |
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| Union Commonwealth University | Approved |
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| University of Kentucky | Approved |
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| University of Louisville – Louisville | Approved |
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| University of Louisville – Owensboro | Approved |
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| Western Kentucky University | Approved |
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Associate Degree in Nursing (ASN)

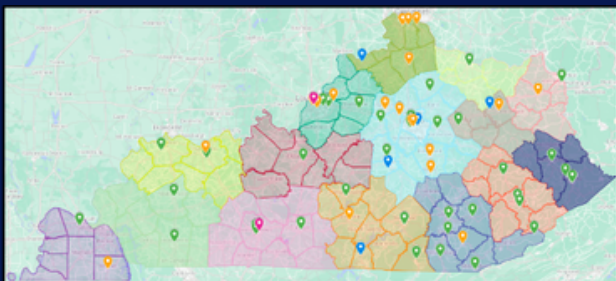
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| American National University | Approved |
| Ashland Community & Technical College | Approved |
| ATA College | Initial |
| Beckfield College | Approved |
| Big Sandy Community & Technical College – Pikeville | Initial |
| Big Sandy Community & Technical College – Prestonsburg | Approved |
| Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Lawrenceburg | Approved |
| Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Lexington | Approved |
| Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Winchester | Initial |
| Campbellsville University – Campbellsville | Approved |
| Eastern Kentucky University | Approved |
| Elizabethtown Community & Technical College | Approved |
| Galen College – Hazard | Approved |
| Galen College – Louisville | Approved |
| Galen College – Pikeville | Approved |
| Gateway Community & Technical College | Approved |
| Hazard Community & Technical College – Hazard | Approved |
| Hazard Community & Technical College – Jackson | Approved |
| Henderson Community College | Approved |
| Hopkinsville Community College | Approved |
| Jefferson Community & Technical College – Louisville | Approved |
| Jefferson Community & Technical College – Shelbyville* | Initial |
| Kentucky State University | Approved |
| Lincoln Memorial University | Approved |
| Madisonville Community College | Approved |
| Maysville Community & Technical College – Cynthiana | Approved |
| Maysville Community & Technical College – Maysville | Approved |

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| Maysville Community & Technical College – Mt. Sterling | Approved |
| Midway University | Approved |
| Morehead State University – Morehead | Approved |
| Morehead State University – Mt. Sterling | Approved |
| Owensboro Community & Technical College | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – London | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – Manchester | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – Somerset | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – Whitley City | Approved |
| Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College – Bowling Green | Approved |
| Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College – Glasgow | Approved |
| Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College – Cumberland | Approved |
| Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College – Middlesboro | Approved |
| Sullivan University – Lexington | Approved |
| Sullivan University – Louisville | Approved |
| University of Pikeville | Approved |
| University of the Cumberlands | Initial |
| West Kentucky Community & Technical College | Approved |
| Western Kentucky University | Approved |

| Practical Nursing (PN) Diploma | |
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| Ashland Community & Technical College | Approved |
| ATA College | Approved |
| Beckfield College | Approved |
| Big Sandy Community and Technical College | Initial |
| Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Danville | Approved |
| Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Lexington | Approved |

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| Campbellsville University – Campbellsville* | Approved |
| Elizabethtown Community and Technical College | Initial |
| Galen College - Louisville | Approved |
| Galen College – Pikeville | Approved |
| Hazard Community & Technical College – Hazard | Approved |
| Hopkinsville Community College | Approved |
| Jefferson Community & Technical College – Carrollton | Approved |
| Jefferson Community & Technical College – Louisville | Approved |
| Madisonville Community College | Approved |
| Maysville Community & Technical College – Maysville | Approved |
| Maysville Community & Technical College – Morehead | Approved |
| Maysville Community & Technical College – Mt. Sterling* | Approved |
| Medical Career and Technical College | Initial |
| MedQuest College – Lexington | Approved |
| MedQuest College – Louisville | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – Albany | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – London | Approved |
| Somerset Community College – Somerset | Approved |
| Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College – Bowling Green | Approved |
| Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College – Glasgow | Approved |
| Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College | Approved |
| Sullivan University | Approved |
| West Kentucky Community & Technical College | Approved |

* Voluntarily Suspended Enrollment



An interactive map of Kentucky
Prelicensure Programs of Nursing can
be found at:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1xqTXDTo64bbGEfqtzwLSV_4oNXGwNkC&usp=sharing

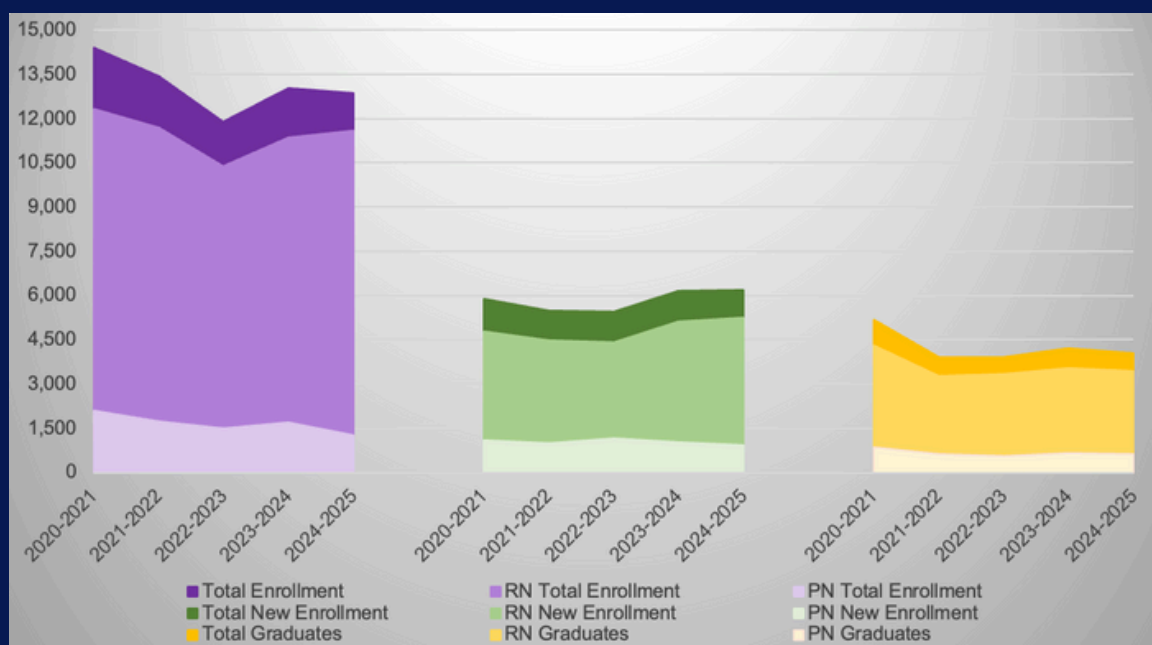
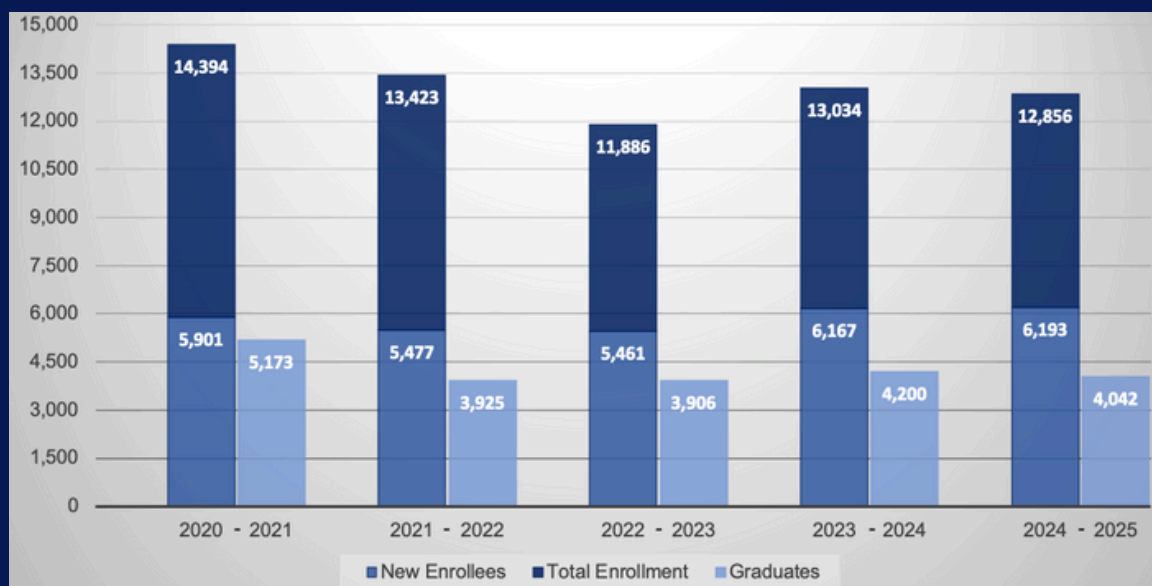
2024-2025 Academic Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Prelicensure Programs of Nursing Annual Report Data

The following figures utilize annual report data submitted by prelicensure programs of nursing for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Some figures also present data from prior years for comparison.

Post-licensure APRN programs are not required to submit an annual report to the Board.

Enrollment and Graduation Snapshot

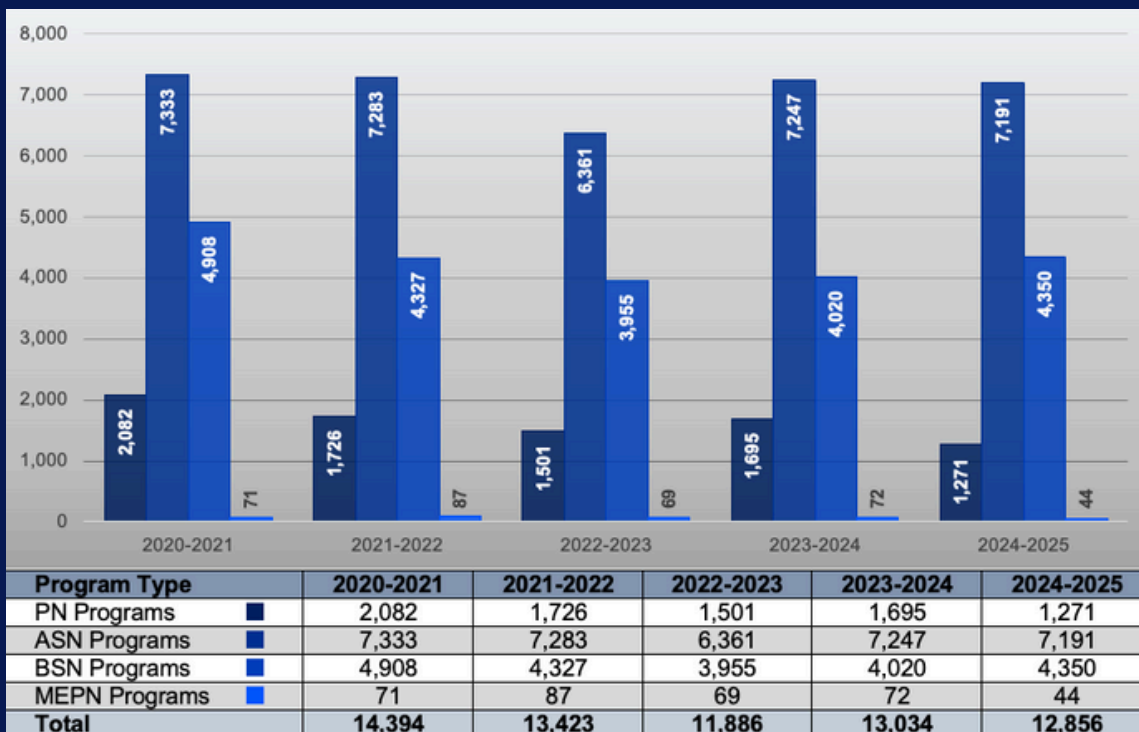


Total Nursing Student Enrollment

Total student enrollment is the number of students officially admitted to the nursing program that were enrolled during the reporting period, including new enrollees, continuing enrollees, transfers, and readmitted students.



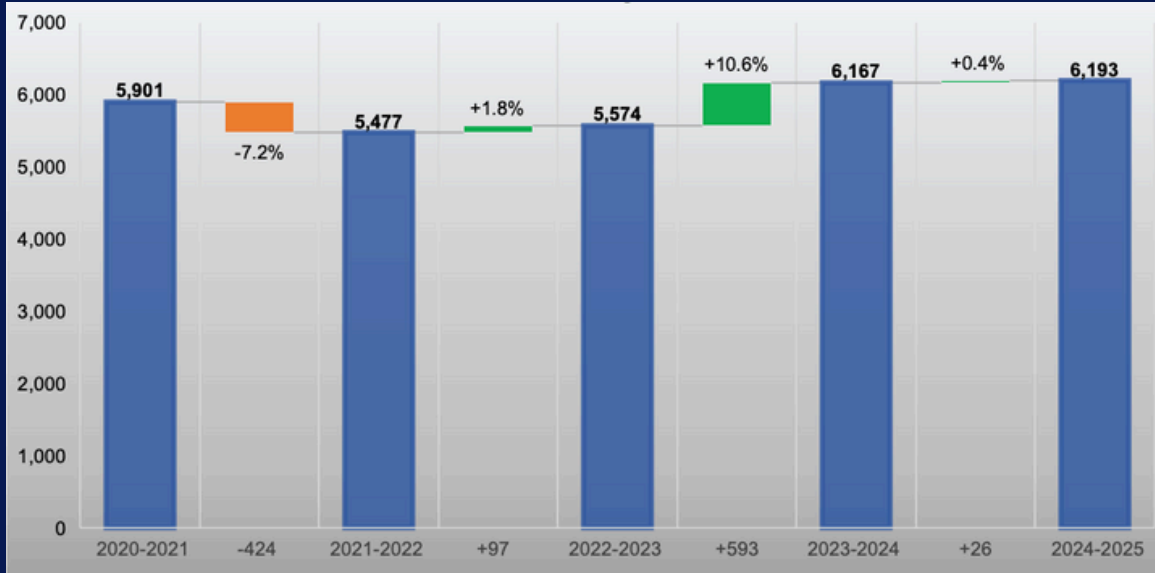
Total Enrollment by Program Type by Fiscal Year



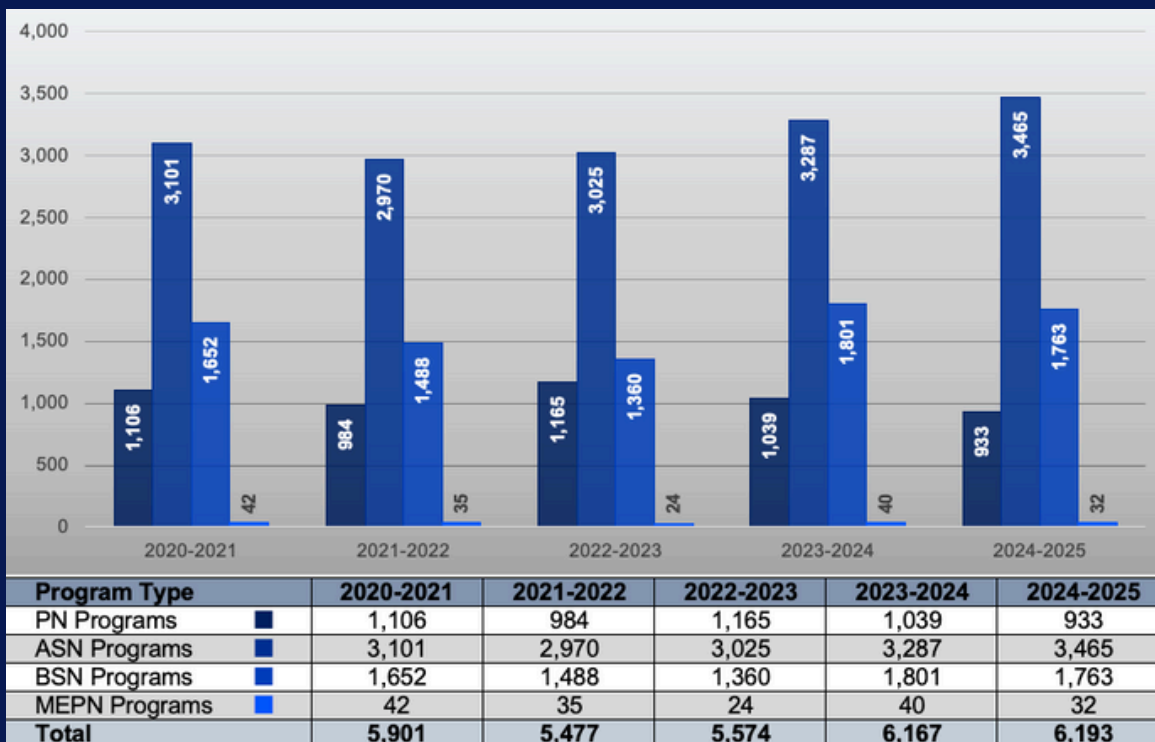
Nursing Student New Enrollee Admissions

New enrollees are students officially admitted to the nursing program that enrolled for the first time in the first nursing course of the nursing program curriculum.

New Enrollment by Fiscal Year



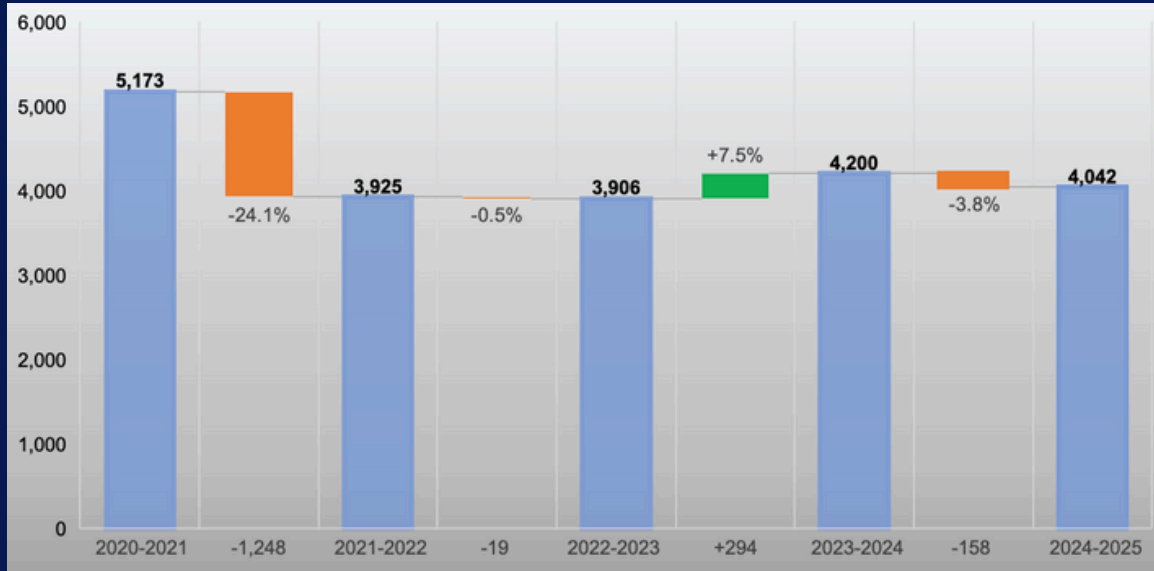
New Enrollment by Program Type by Fiscal Year



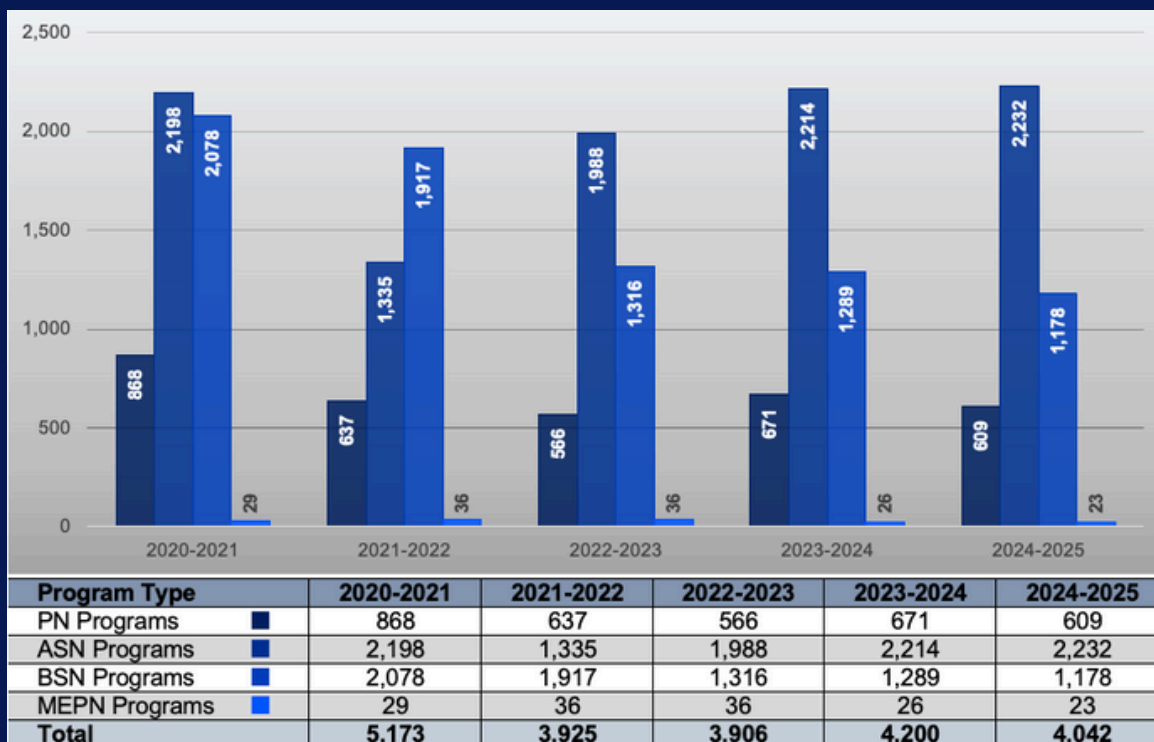
Nursing Student Graduates

Graduates are the students who successfully completed the program requirements and were formally awarded a degree or diploma during the reporting period.

New Enrollment by Fiscal Year



Graduation by Program Type by Fiscal Year



Baseline Enrollment as of May 2025

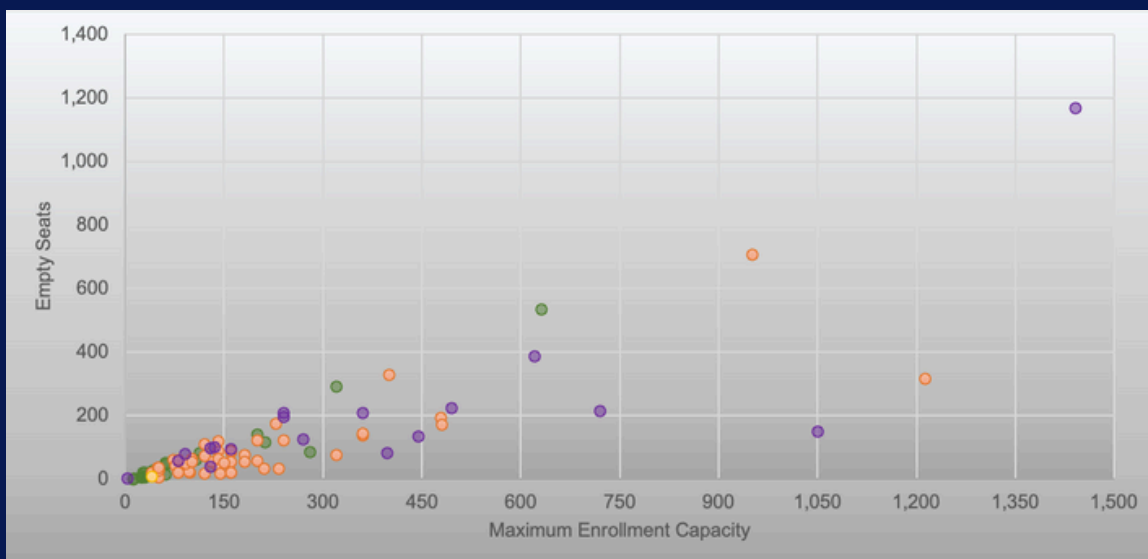
Baseline enrollment is the total number of first-year nursing students that a prelicensure nursing program is able to enroll in one academic year. First-year students include only students starting or restarting the nursing program in the first nursing course of the nursing program curriculum. Pursuant to 201 KAR 20:260 Section 3(3)(a), if a prelicensure nursing program is meeting the requirements of KRS 314.111(5) and all benchmarks set out in 201 KAR 20:360, the program of nursing may increase its baseline enrollment without limitation from the Board.

| Program Type | Baseline Enrollment | Maximum Seat Capacity | Empty Seats |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| PN Programs | 1,746 | 2,576 | 1,597 |
| ASN Programs | 4,930 | 9,536 | 4,211 |
| BSN Programs | 3,023 | 7,249 | 3,530 |
| MEPN Programs | 20 | 40 | -4 |
| Total | 9,719 | 19,401 | 9,334 |

Empty Seats

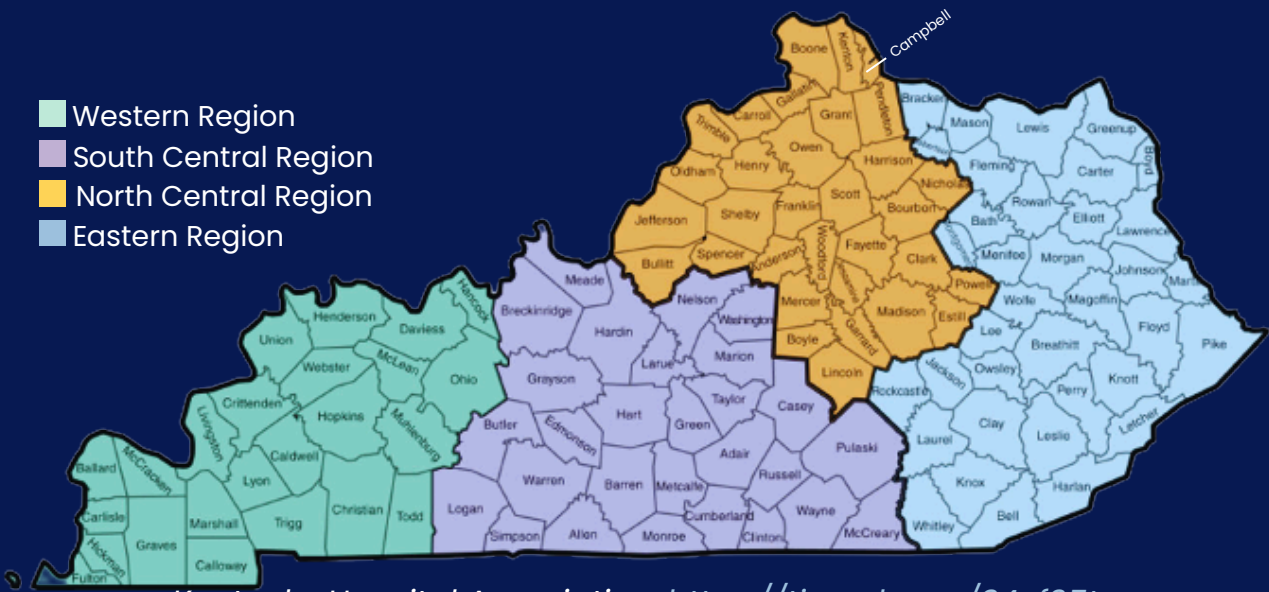
Empty seats are the number of nursing program seats that could have been filled but were not. Empty seats are calculated by subtracting the total number of students enrolled across all levels of the nursing program from the maximum seat capacity, which is calculated by multiplying the baseline enrollment by the number of years required to complete the nursing program on-time, rounded up.

Baseline enrollment and empty seats are reported in May and December each year.



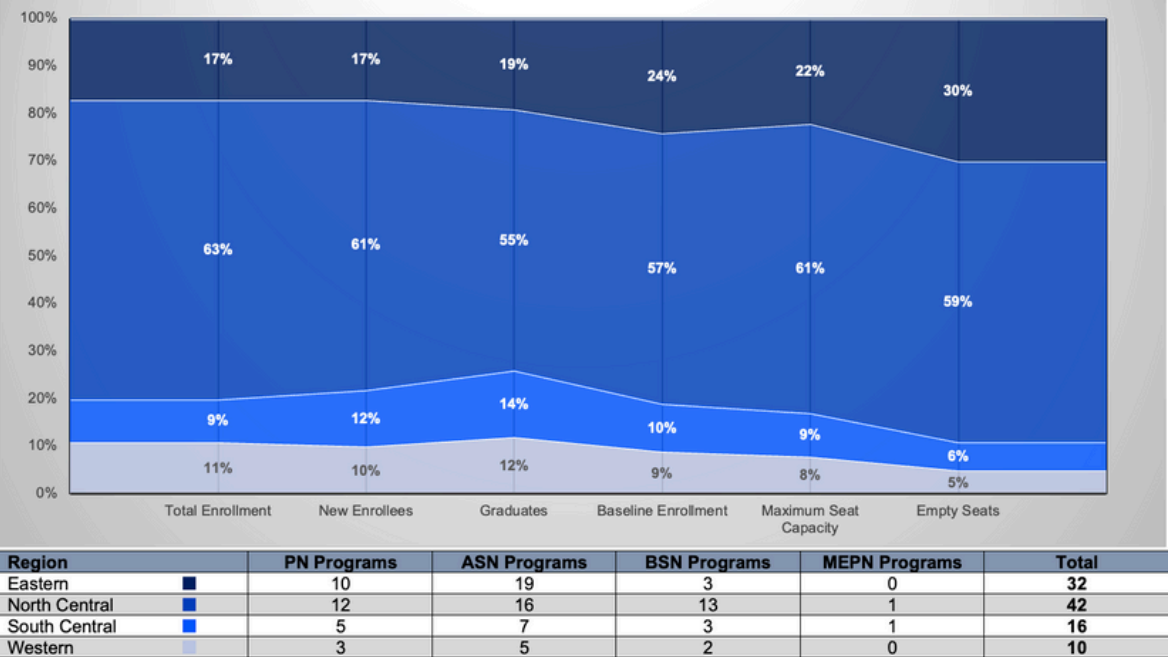
Nursing Student Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region

The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and the Kentucky Chamber Foundation's Workforce Center have created a Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) program to build talent supply chains that support career opportunities in Kentucky by recruiting talent into Kentucky hospitals and educational programs and identifying and sharing regional best practices to support critical jobs needed for various healthcare settings. The following figures break down the 2024-2025 prelicensure annual report data across the Commonwealth by TPM Region.



| Region | Total Enrollment | New Enrollees | Graduates | Baseline Enrollment | Maximum Seat Capacity | Empty Seats |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Eastern | 2,137 | 1,072 | 781 | 2,295 | 4,386 | 2,825 |
| North Central | 8,127 | 3,796 | 2,212 | 5,594 | 11,824 | 5,509 |
| South Central | 1,241 | 728 | 569 | 975 | 1,674 | 593 |
| Western | 1,351 | 597 | 480 | 855 | 1,517 | 407 |

Percentage of Nursing Student Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region



2024-2025 Academic Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Prelicensure Programs of Nursing Benchmark Data

Prelicensure nursing program benchmarks are used to evaluate a prelicensure program of nursing to determine if the standards of 201 KAR 20:260 through 201 KAR 20:360 are being met. With the exception of NCLEX Pass Rates, which are calculated per calendar year (January 1st – December 31st), all benchmarks are calculated per fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th). Benchmark standards are specified in 201 KAR 20:360 Section 5(2)(f). Individual nursing program benchmarks can be found on the Kentucky Board of Nursing website at:

https://kbn.ky.gov/education/Pages/kentucky-program-of-nursing_benchmarks.aspx

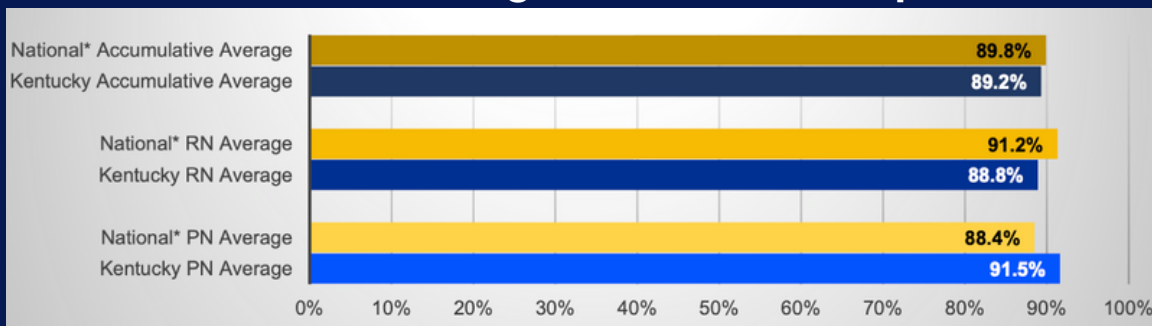
The following figures utilize benchmark data for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Some figures also present data from prior years for comparison.

NCLEX Pass Rates

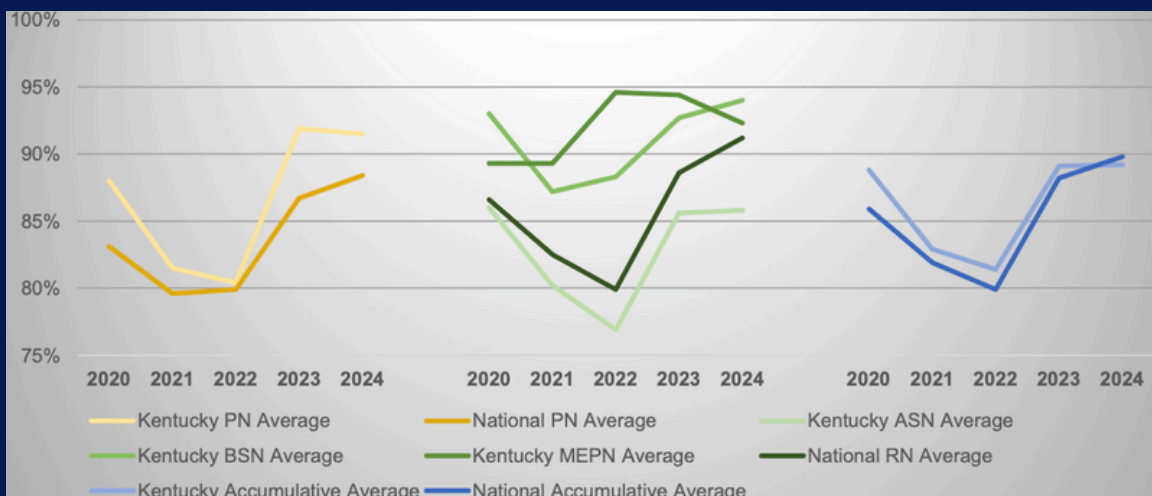
The NCLEX pass rate is the percentage of a prelicensure nursing program's graduates who passed the NCLEX on their first attempt within 12 months of program completion. Because NCLEX pass rates are calculated on a calendar year basis, 2025 NCLEX pass rates have not been calculated.

Benchmark: An average of greater than or equal to 80% for three consecutive years and does not vary above and below 80% from year to year over the previous 5 consecutive years.

2024 NCLEX Average Pass Rate Comparison



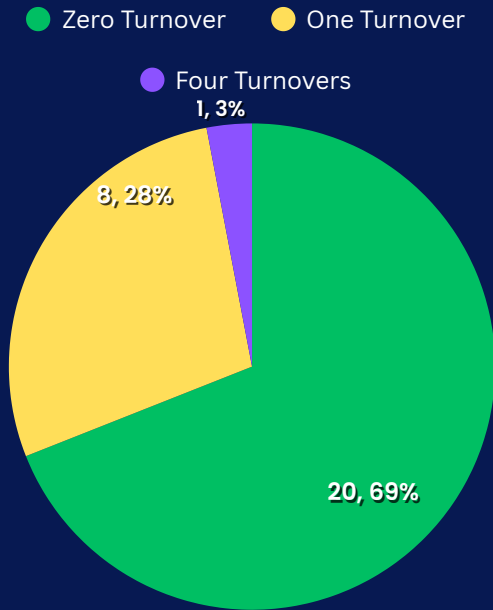
* National average of first-time, US Educated test takers, regardless of graduation date, as published by NCSBN.



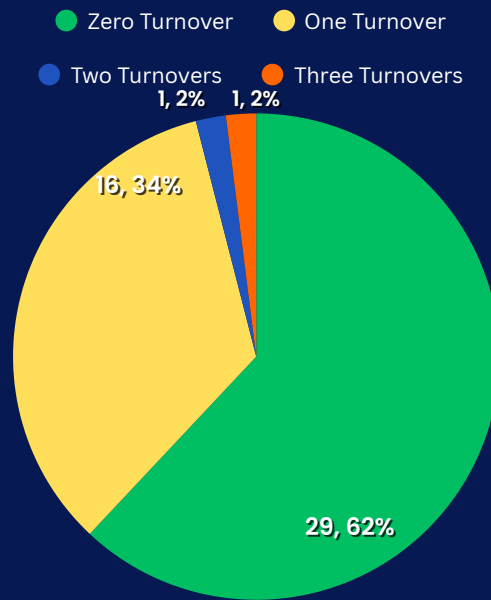
Program Administrator Turnover

Program Administrator turnover is the number of Program Administrators, including interim administrators, whose employment as Program Administrator ended during the reporting period for any reason, including promotion, retirement, termination, or resignation.

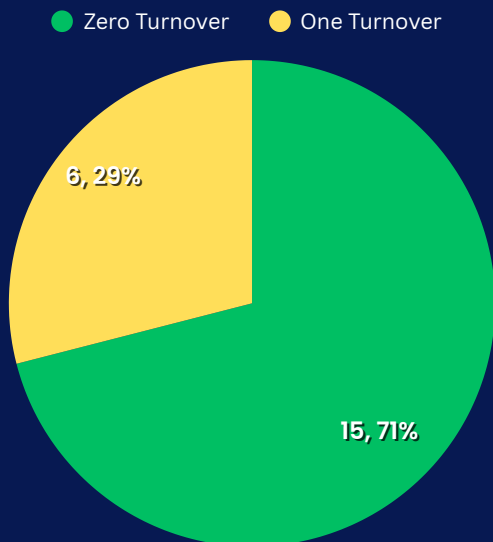
Benchmark: Fewer than four Program Administrator changes within five years.



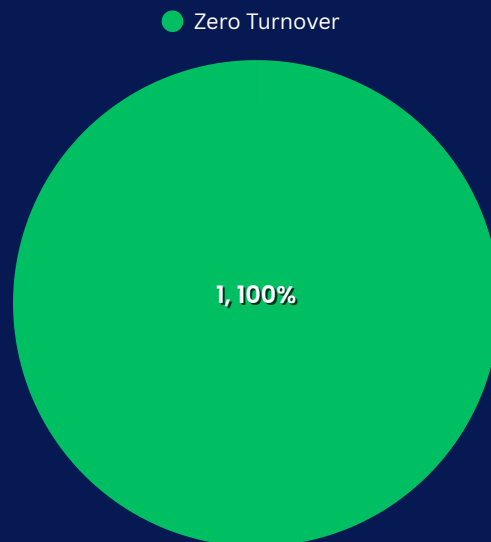
2024-2025 PN Program Administrator Turnover



2024-2025 ASN Program Administrator Turnover



2024-2025 BSN Program Administrator Turnover

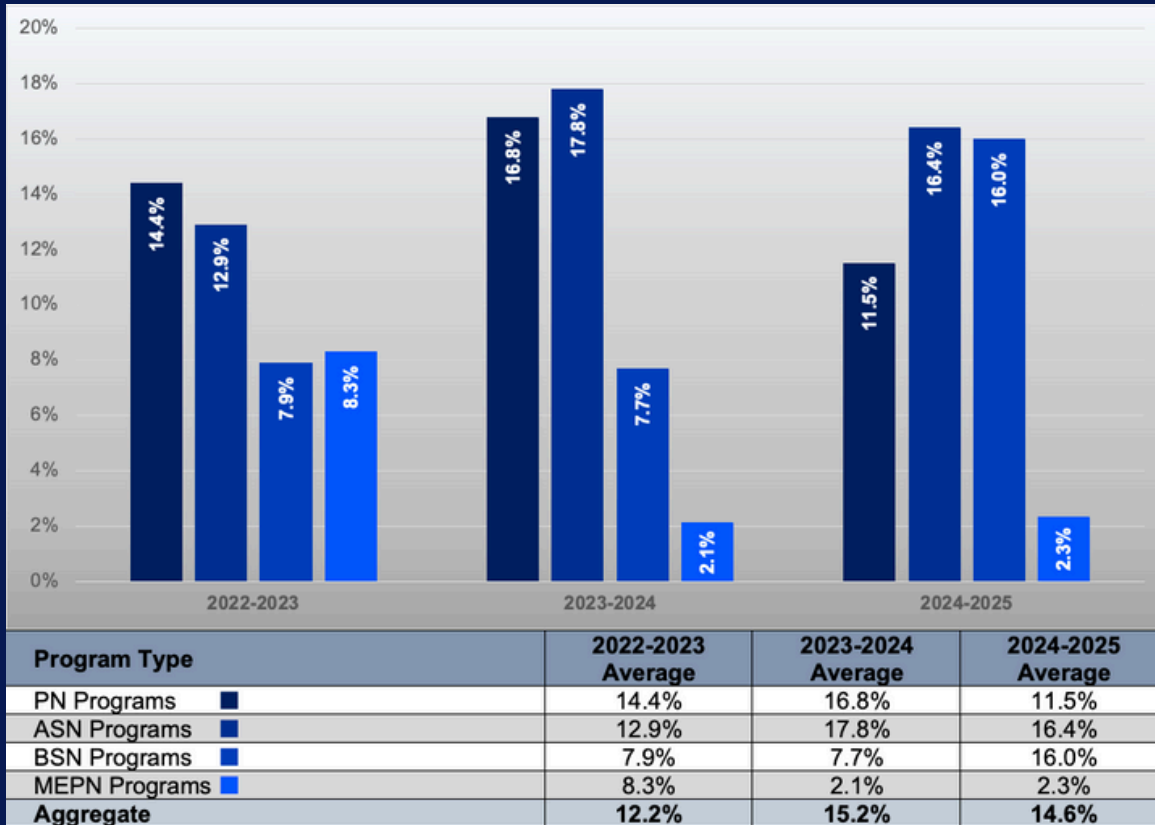


2024-2025 MEPN Program Administrator Turnover

Nursing Faculty Turnover

Nursing faculty turnover is the percentage of full and part-time didactic prelicensure nursing faculty whose employment with the nursing program ended during the reporting period for any reason, including promotion, retirement, termination, or resignation.

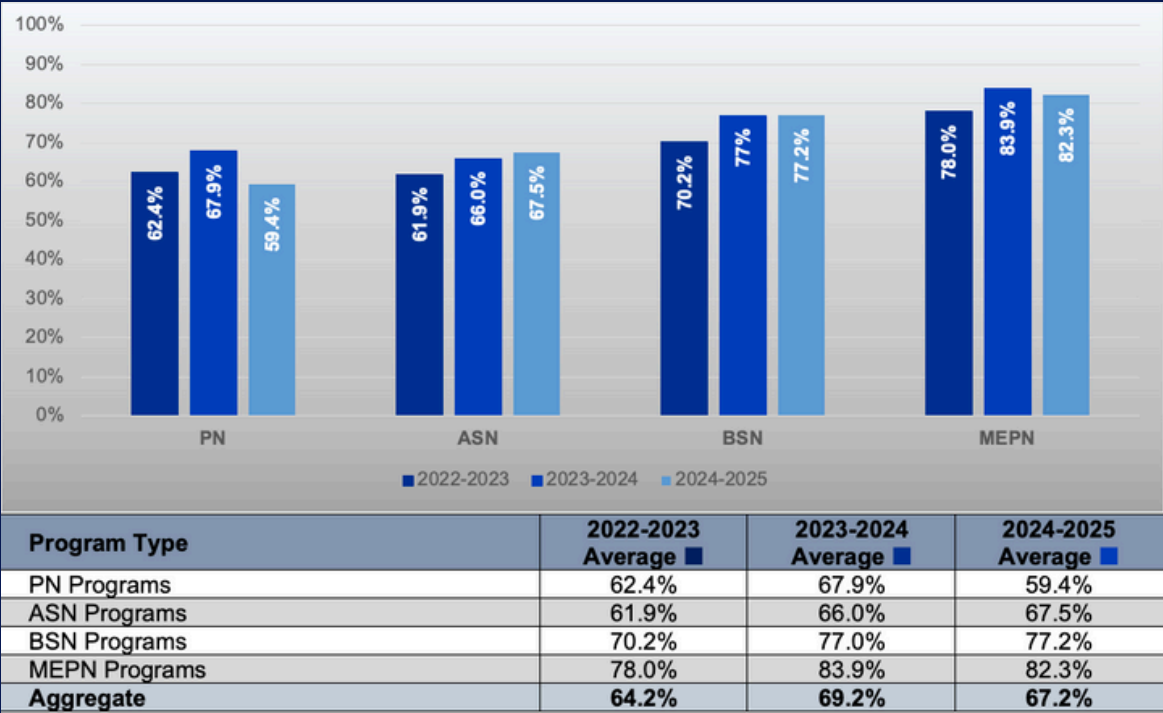
Benchmark: Less than or equal to 30% turnover for the previous two consecutive years.



Graduation Rate

Graduation rate is the percentage of prelicensure nursing students who were newly enrolled in an original admitted cohort that graduated during the reporting period within the standard length of the program of nursing. The graduation rate calculation excludes students who left the nursing program due to documented approved extenuating circumstances. Approved extenuating circumstances include: hospitalization, long-term illness, family obligations, relocation, financial barriers, change of major, and transfer to another institution.

Benchmark: Greater than or equal to 60% of the original admitted cohort of newly enrolled students that graduated within the standard length of the nursing program.



Substantiated Nursing Faculty Grievances and Appeals

Substantiated nursing faculty grievances and appeals is the percentage of grievances and appeals filed by nursing program faculty that were substantiated within the reporting period by nursing program or governing institution administration or a higher authority. The substantiated nursing faculty grievances and appeals calculation includes substantiated grievances and appeals filed by all full-time, part-time, and adjunct didactic and clinical instructors.

Benchmark: Substantiation of fewer than 25% of the total number of nursing faculty grievances and appeals filed within the reporting period.

Substantiated Nursing Student Grievances and Appeals

| Program Type | 2024-2025 Average |
|---------------|-------------------|
| PN Programs | 0% |
| ASN Programs | 0% |
| BSN Programs | 0% |
| MEPN Programs | 0% |
| Aggregate | 0% |

Substantiated nursing student grievances and appeals is the percentage of grievances and appeals filed by nursing students that were substantiated within the reporting period by nursing program or governing institution administration or higher authority compared to the total number of nursing students enrolled across all levels of the nursing program.

Benchmark: Substantiation of nursing student grievances and appeals within the reporting period equal to 10% or fewer of the total nursing student population.

| Program Type | 2024-2025 Average |
|---------------|-------------------|
| PN Programs | 0% |
| ASN Programs | 0.2% |
| BSN Programs | 0% |
| MEPN Programs | 0% |
| Aggregate | 0.1% |

EDUCATION BRANCH 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR WORKSHOPS

| Workshop | Date | Attendance | Delivery |
|--|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| New Faculty Workshop | August 5, 2024 | 46 | In-Person |
| Annual Report Review | September 4, 2024 | Unkown | Virtually |
| Prelicensure Faculty Essentials | October 18, 2024 | 12 | Virtually |
| Annual Report Review | November 15, 2024 | Unkown | Virtually |
| SPE Workshop | December 9, 2024 | 9 | Virtually |
| Prelicensure Faculty Essentials | January 9, 2025 | 1 | Virtually |
| New Faculty Workshop | February 28, 2025 | 7 | In person |
| New Faculty Workshop | April 4, 2025 | 14 | In person |
| NCLEX Test Taking Strategies Workshop | May 13, 2025 | Unkown | Virtually |
| Prelicensure Faculty Essentials | May 14, 2025 | 24 | Virtually |
| PN NCLEX Test Taking Strategies Workshop | May 20, 2025 | Unkown | Virtually |
| RN NCLEX Test Taking Strategies Workshop | May 20, 2025 | Unkown | Virtually |
| PN NCLEX Test Taking Strategies Workshop | May 27, 2025 | Unkown | Virtually |
| RN NCLEX Test Taking Strategies Workshop | May 27, 2025 | Unkown | Virtually |
| Program Administrator Workshop | May 30, 2025 | 25 | In person |

CONTINUING EDUCATION

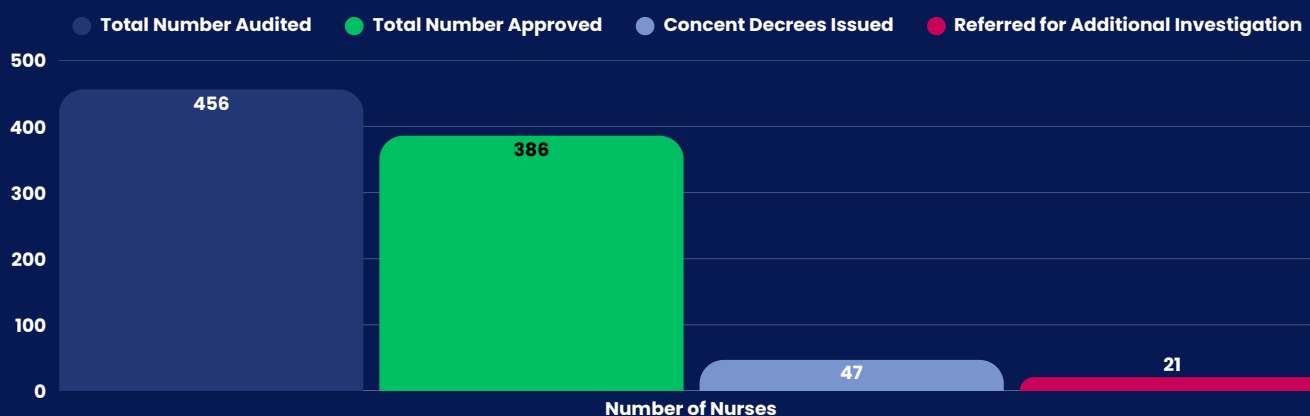
2024 Continuing Competency CE Audit Report

Nurses who obtained their license before May 1, 2024, and were renewed through October 31, 2025, were subject to the 2024 CE Audit. During the renewal process, nurses were required to attest that they had completed or would complete their continuing education on or before October 31st.

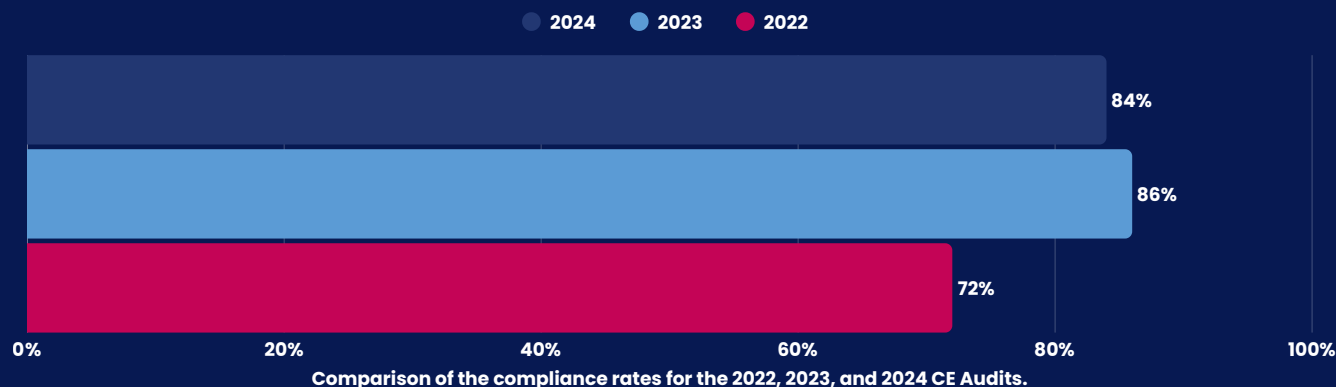
The selection of licensees for an audit is completed through a random sampling process. On November 8, 2024, the KBN randomly selected half of one percent (.5%) of all Kentucky Nurses to participate in the 2024 annual CE Audit. The selection was made for a total of 456 nurses, comprising 336 Registered Nurses (RNs), 56 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and 64 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

The 2024 CE Audit required submission of CE documents to verify compliance with continuing education requirements for the earning period November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024. A compliance rate of 84% was achieved for the total number of nurses audited.

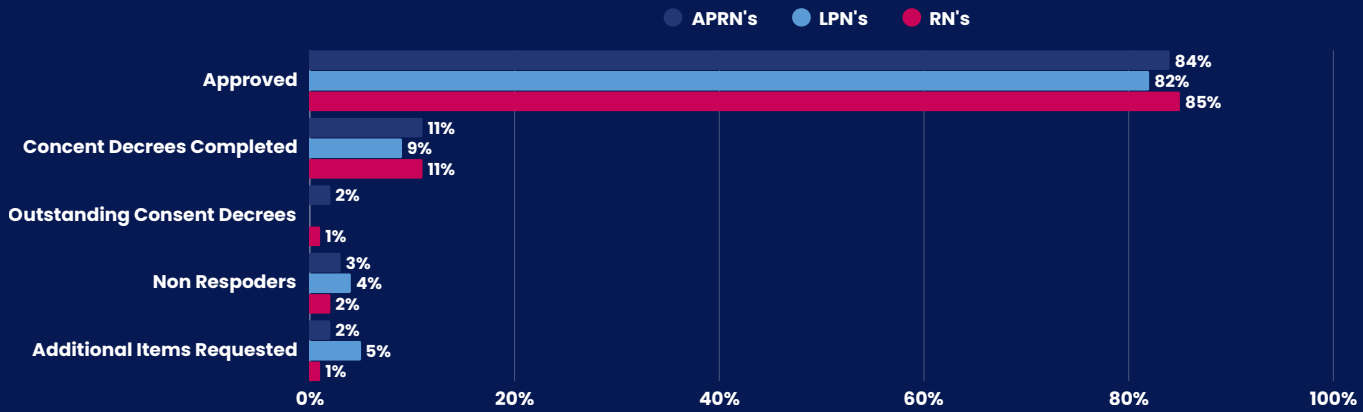
CE Audit 2024



Compliance Comparison 2022, 2023, 2024



2024 Continuing Education Audit



KBN Approved CE Providers

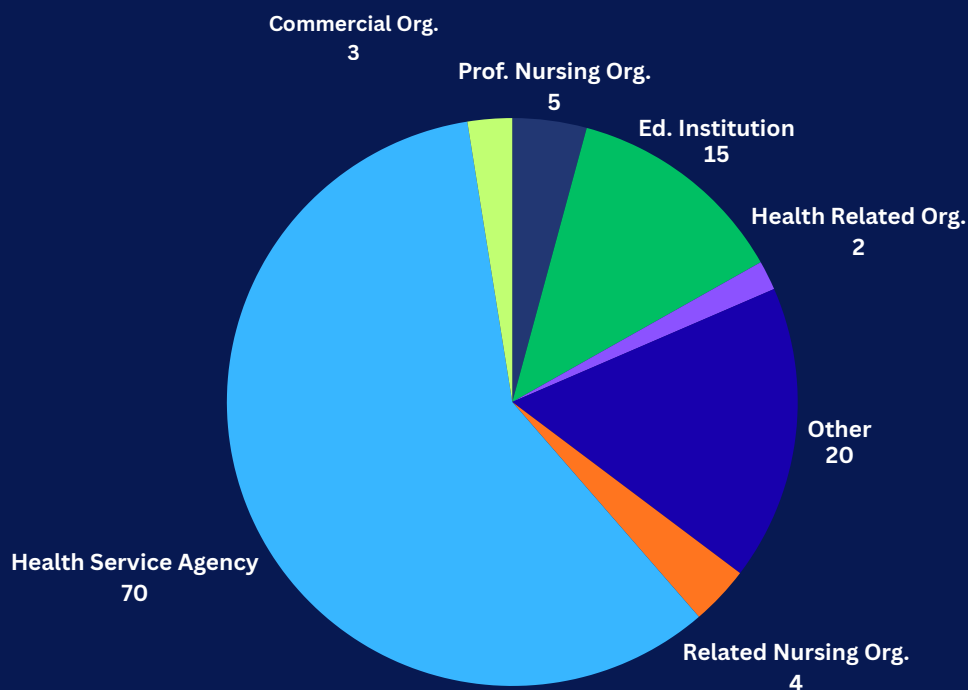
CE Providers are renewed every 2 years based on their category.

Renewal 2025 – 64

Approved in 2024-2025 FY initial or reinstatement applications – 7

Total CE Providers as of June 30, 2025 – 138

KBN Approved CE Providers by Category



2024 - 2025 Continuing Education Offerings and Presentations

KBN Assisting with CE Distribution for Singular Events Courses

| Offering | Awarded CE |
|---|------------|
| CAPTASA | 24 |
| Toxicology 101 & 102 | 17 |
| Interdisciplinary Healthcare Educators Seminar | 5 |
| Strengthening Community Partnerships and Growing Connections in Perinatal | 5 |
| Kentucky Opioid Symposium | 9 |
| Total | 60 |

Live KBN Presentations

| | |
|--|------------|
| October 2024 Alzheimer's Disease and Other Forms of Dementia | 14 |
| May 2025 School Nurse Essentials | 104 |
| Total | 118 |

Pre-Recorded KBN Free CE

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of Dementia | 24 |
| NLP – KBN Substance Use Disorder (SUD) & Compliance Monitoring | 17 |
| CE about annual CE requirements | 5 |
| NLP KBN Disciplinary Process from Complaint to Appeal & All Points in between | 5 |
| NLP – KBN An Overview of Kentucky Laws and Advisory Opinion Statements | 9 |
| NLP – KBN Investigation & Disciplinary Process | 9 |
| CE for KBN Approved CE Provider Nurse Administrators | 9 |
| Total | 60 |



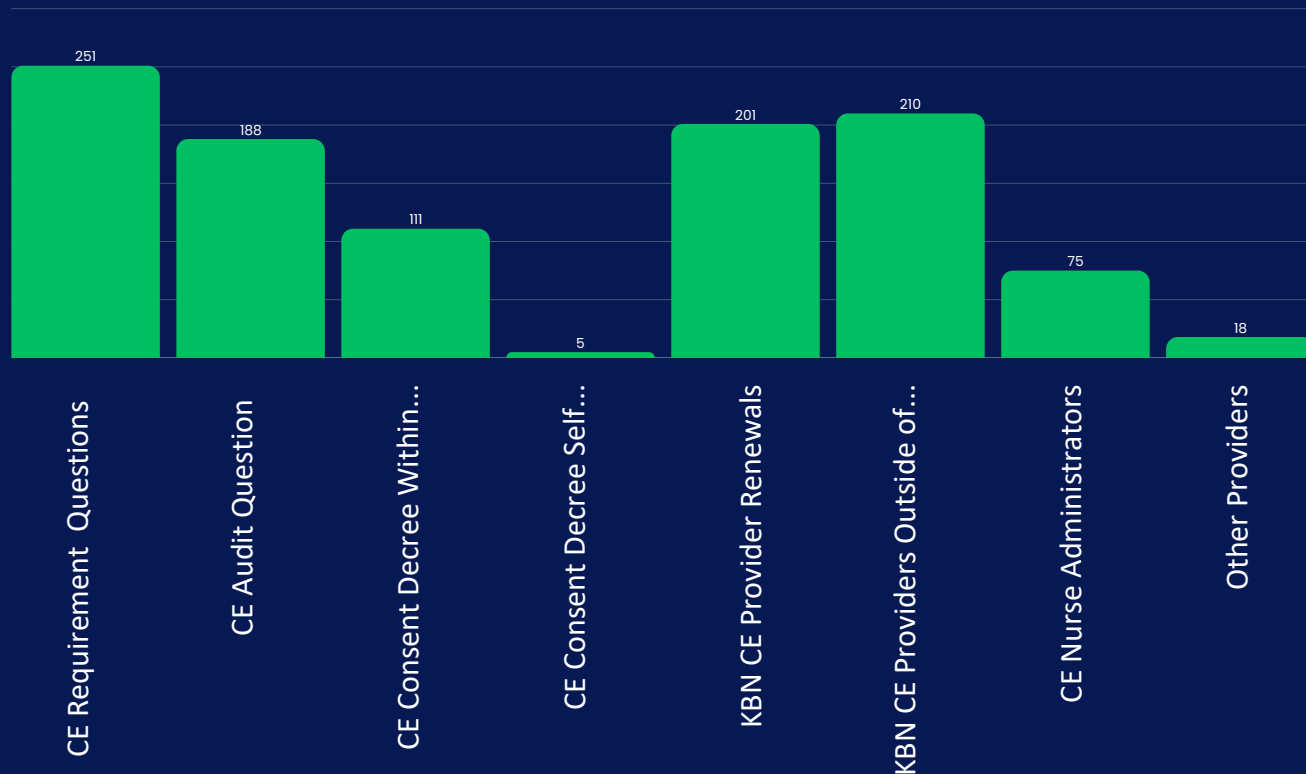
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Continuing Education Inquiries

A total of 860 emails were responded to concerning continuing education.

Figure below provides a breakdown of continuing education emails by topic area.

CE Email Responses July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



A total of 544 calls were responded to related to continuing education topics during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Figure below provides a breakdown of continuing education calls responded to in 2024-2025 by topic.

CE Responses via Phone Calls July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025



NURSING PRACTICE: ADVISORY OPINION STATEMENTS

2024–2025 Professional Support or Professional Practice Branch

Practice Committee

Advisory Opinions Issued

- Replacing Dislodged Continuous Glucose Monitor Sensor in the School Setting
- RNs/APRNs who also hold surgical assistant credentials but are not RNFAs/APRN FAs.

AOS Reviewed and Revised

- AOS #3 Recommended Course Content Infusion Therapy for RNs and LPNS
- AOS #8 Role of Nurses in the Perioperative Setting
- AOS #11 Role of Nurses in the Performance of Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Procedures
- AOS #15 Role of Nurses in the Supervision and Delegation of Nursing Tasks to Unlicensed Personnel
- AOS #18 Employment of Nursing Students as Nursing Personnel Using Either an Academic or a “Nurse Extern” Service Model
- AOS #19 Responsibility and Accountability for Patient Care Assignments and Nursing Care Delivery
- AOS #20 Roles of Nurses in Cardiovascular Nursing Practice
- AOS #23 Roles of Nurses in Orthopedic Nursing Practice
- AOS #30 Roles of Nurses in School Nursing Practice
- AOS #36 Resuscitation Orders, Pronouncement of Death, and Death Certificates
- AOS #37 APRN Medications to Self and Family
- AOS #39 Scope of Registered Nursing Practice in the Deactivation of Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs) and Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs)
- AOS #41 RN/LPN Scope of Practice Determination Guidelines
- AOS #42 Telehealth and Nursing

Regulations reviewed by the Practice Committee

- 201 KAR 20:057 Scope and standards of practice of advanced practice registered nurses
- 201 KAR 20:215 Continuing competency requirements
- 201 KAR 20:600 Standard for training programs for licensed certified professional midwives

Statutory changes made to practice-related statutes during this fiscal year include:

- KRS 314.042 – Licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse – application – renewal – reinstatement – use of “APRN” – prescriptive authority under CAPA-NS and CAPA-CS – Exemption from CAPA-NS and CAPA-CS requirement
- KRS 314.073 – Continuing competency requirements; and
- The repeal of KRS 314.193 to disband the APRN Council

Workgroup

Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) and Surgical Assistant Workgroup

Jurisprudence (JP) Exam

Drafted and revised JP Exams for APRNs, RNs, and LPNs in collaboration with Credentials, Executive, Investigation, and Compliance branches.

Kentucky Board of Nursing Presentations

New Board Member and Staff Orientations
Board Retreat Strategic Planning Presentation

Nurse Leadership Program Presentations

Nurse Leadership Programs are offered 4 times a year. Two for RN and LPN Students and 2 for APRN Students

Presentations for Other Organizations

NAPNAP
University of Kentucky APRN Laws
National Forum State Nurse Workforce Conference
School Nurse Essentials



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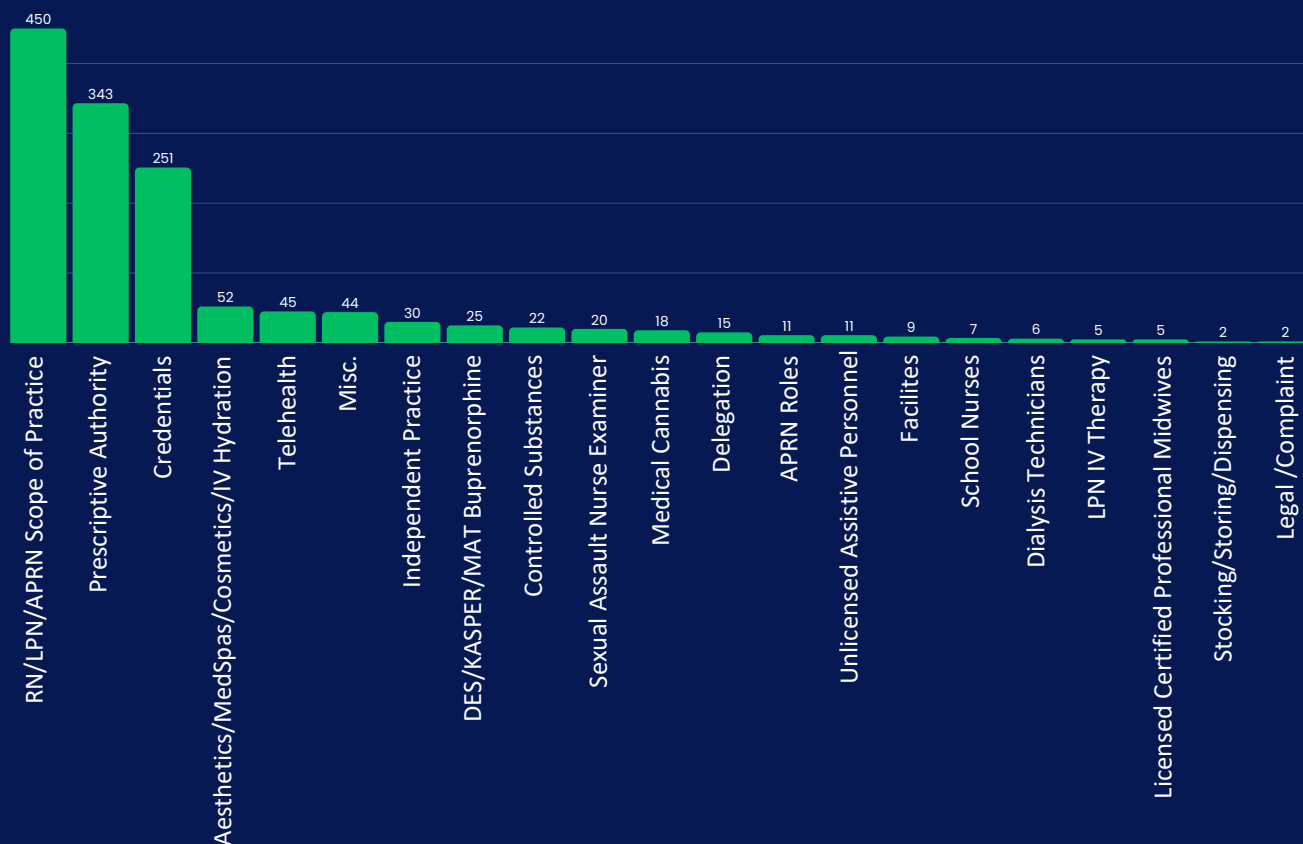
FY 2024-2025

PRACTICE INQUIRIES

Email Responses

A total of 1,373 emails were responded to by practice consultants for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Figure below provides a breakdown of the topics addressed in emails for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

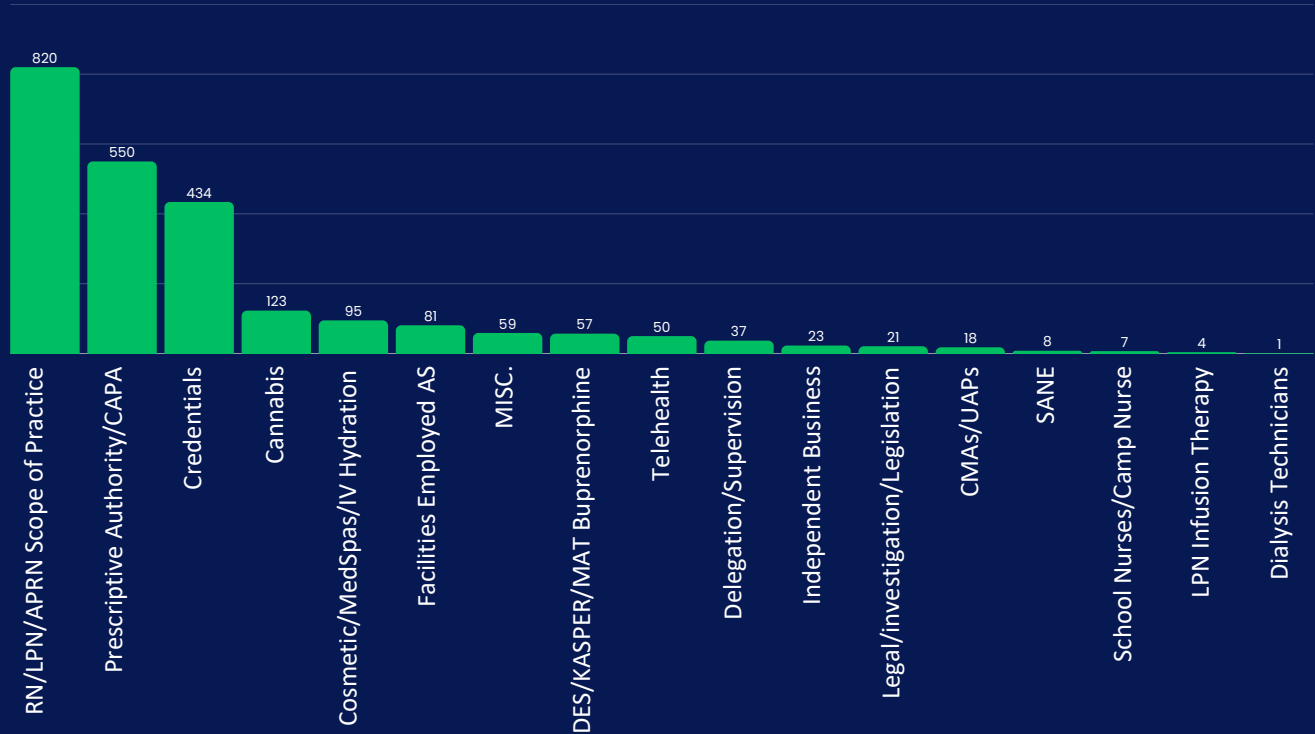


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Phone Calls

A total of 2,833 phone calls were responded to by practice consultants during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Figure below provides a breakdown of the topics addressed in emails for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.



AMENDED KBN REGULATIONS FOR FY24-25

No new regulations were promulgated during the last fiscal year. However, the Board promulgated 15 Kentucky Administrative Regulations, amending them. One of those regulations, 201 KAR 20:215, went through promulgation twice.

Included in other amendments, the Board amended regulations to comply with new legislation, updated material incorporated by reference, eliminated obsolete fees due to going paperless, and reduced fees for its Licensed Professional Certified Midwives. The Board is currently promulgating regulations to update its disciplinary processes.

201 KAR 20:056

This administrative regulation governs Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensure and certification requirements. During the 2024 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 459, which amended KRS 314.042 to provide for provisional licensure for APRNs who have not passed their national certification exams.

The amendments provide that an APRN applicant who meets the regulatory requirements may request to be issued a 6-month provisional license. The applicant may use the title "advanced practice registered nurse applicant" and the abbreviation "APRNA". The applicant may function as an APRN under the mentorship of another APRN or physician, except for prescribing medications. The APRNA shall take and pass the national certification exam, but if the APRNA fails to take and pass the national certification exam after two attempts, the provisional license is terminated.

201 KAR 20:057

This administrative regulation pertains to the scope and practice of APRNs.

The amendments updated material incorporated by reference; and cleared up language regarding documenting queries of the electronic prescription drug monitoring program system.

201 KAR 20:161

This administrative regulation concerns Investigation and dispositions of complaints.

The regulation is still in the promulgation process. However, the amendments incorporate regulatory references to credential holders such as Dialysis Technicians and Licensed Certified Professional Midwives; provides that Board members may be present for the ratification of a formal finding after the matter has been...

presented at hearing or resolved by agreement; adds the term “PDMP”; and updates guidance regarding violations that may be resolved with a consent decree.

201 KAR 20:162

This administrative regulation concerns disciplinary proceedings.

The regulation is still in the promulgation process. However, the amendments provide: for circumstances when a hearing may be held by the hearing officer without a panel; that a board member with prior knowledge may be present with the full board to ratify a case after it has been presented at hearing; the hearing officer may issue a recommended order due to the respondent’s failure to participate in the proceedings; the Board, not the hearing officer, may reconsider a late filing once the recommended order has been submitted to it for adoption; and the failure of board staff to reach a charging decision within 120 days shall not constitute a defense to wrongdoing by the licensee.

201 KAR 20:215

This administrative regulation regards continuing competency requirements.

During the 2024 Regular Session the General Assembly passed HB 459, which amended KRS 314.073 to include a one-time continuing education (CE) requirement on the topics of dementia and Alzheimer’s.

The amendments included a one-time CE requirement on the topics of dementia and Alzheimer’s; and cleared up timing requirements for other one-time CEs. On November 18, 2024, the regulation was considered and passed by the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services. However, 201 KAR 20:215 was promulgated again to remove references to CE Broker.

201 KAR 20:230

This administrative regulation regards the renewal of licenses.

The amendments removed language regarding the mailing of paper renewal applications; and clarified the deadline for renewal applications that are to be submitted online.

201 KAR 20:240

This administrative regulation concerns fees for applications and services.

The amendments updated statutory citations and removed references to obsolete fines that are no longer necessary due to the board moving to paperless processes.

201 KAR 20:320

This administrative regulation regards standards for curriculum of prelicensure registered nurse and practical nurse programs.

The amendments clarified that external examinations may be weighted no more than the lowest weighted individual examination included within the course grade average; require on-campus physical facilities pursuant for students to practice clinical skills and be observed and provided feedback prior to testing; and removed implicit bias as a required curriculum subject for programs of prelicensure RN and LPN education.

201 KAR 20:360

This regulation regards the continuing approval and periodic evaluation of prelicensure registered nursing and licensed practical nursing programs.

The amendments bring the annual reporting requirements into alignment with other compact states and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN); and make the report form generic to account for yearly reporting without having to update the specific years subject to reporting.

201 KAR 20:370

This administrative regulation regards applications for licensure.

The Amendment requires a multistate licensee who changes primary state of residence to Kentucky shall apply for a multistate license in Kentucky within sixty (60) days, in accordance with Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) rules.

201 KAR 20:390

This administrative regulation regards the Nurse Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF).

The amendments eliminated the collection of transcripts of award recipients, but requires proof of continued enrollment and graduation, and all award recipients will receive the same sum, conditioned upon proof of enrollment during the academic year; allow for part-time enrollment, if permitted by the program of nursing; eliminated the requirement for "full time" credit hours triggers the removal of the one-year cap on NISF eligibility for students in LPN prelicensure programs; clarified the priority of past recipients during the selection process, and that upon graduation, no deferral exists for recipients who enroll in another more advanced nursing program; however, recognize part-time employment will satisfy work requirements. The amendments further clarified recordkeeping and monitoring processes.

201 KAR 20:410

This administrative regulation concerns the expungement of disciplinary records.

This regulation is still in promulgation. However, the amendments add definitions to clarify what documents may be expunged; provide physical records that have been expunged may be destroyed; tracks statutory expungement language; shortens the period before and expungement may be requested, but the period does not start until the terms have been met; provide an expungement may not be obtained if the individual has a pending investigation; and the most recent order must be eligible for expungement before older orders may be considered. The Board may expunge eligible orders without a specific request from the licensee.

201 KAR 20:506

This administrative regulation regards the nurse licensure compact (NLC). The Amendments update the NLC Material Incorporated by Reference (MIR) to the latest versions.

201 KAR 20:600

This administrative regulation concerns standards for training programs for licensed certified professional midwives (LCPM).

The amendments remove reference to the Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA); standardize curriculum requirements with those determined by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), and update MIR.

201 KAR 20:620

This administrative regulation concerns Licensing requirements for licensed certified professional midwives. The amendments updates fees for LCPMs, reducing them.



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DISCIPLINE AGAINST KENTUCKY LICENSES

Investigation Branch

| Type of Disciplinary Action | RN | PN |
|--|----|----|
| Licenses Permanently Revoked | 1 | 0 |
| Licenses Revoked | 0 | 0 |
| Licenses Immediately Temporarily Suspended | 26 | 9 |
| Licenses Suspended (Including Continued on Suspension; Licenses Suspended for Failure to Comply with Order; or Licenses Suspended/Stayed Followed by Limitation/Probation) | 40 | 14 |
| Licenses Placed/Issued/Reinstated on Limited/Probated | 27 | 6 |
| Licenses Voluntarily Surrendered | 19 | 5 |
| Admitted to NCLEX or Endorsement Granted/Reprimand | 1 | 1 |
| Admitted/Reinstated to KARE Program via Decision | 0 | 0 |
| Licenses Denied Reinstatement/Denied (Including Licenses Suspended for Failure to Comply with Order) | 41 | 22 |
| Licenses Reprimanded | 58 | 16 |

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|--|----|
| Privilege to Practice Immediate Temporary Suspension | 2 |
| Privilege to Practice Reprimanded | 8 |
| Privilege to Practice Suspended | 12 |
| Privilege to Practice Revoked | 0 |

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|--|-----|
| Consent Decrees/Employment | 15 |
| Consent Decrees/Practice | 121 |
| Consent Decrees/Continuing Education | 53 |
| Consent Decrees/Positive Urine Drug Screen | 10 |
| Consent Decrees/Failed to Report Conviction/Discipline | 78 |

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|--|----|
| Dialysis Technicians - Consent Decrees | 4 |
| Dialysis Technician Credential Disciplined | 5 |
| Cease & Desist Issued | 13 |

Complaints/Convictions/Information Unsubstantiated- No Formal Action Deemed Necessary Reviewed By:

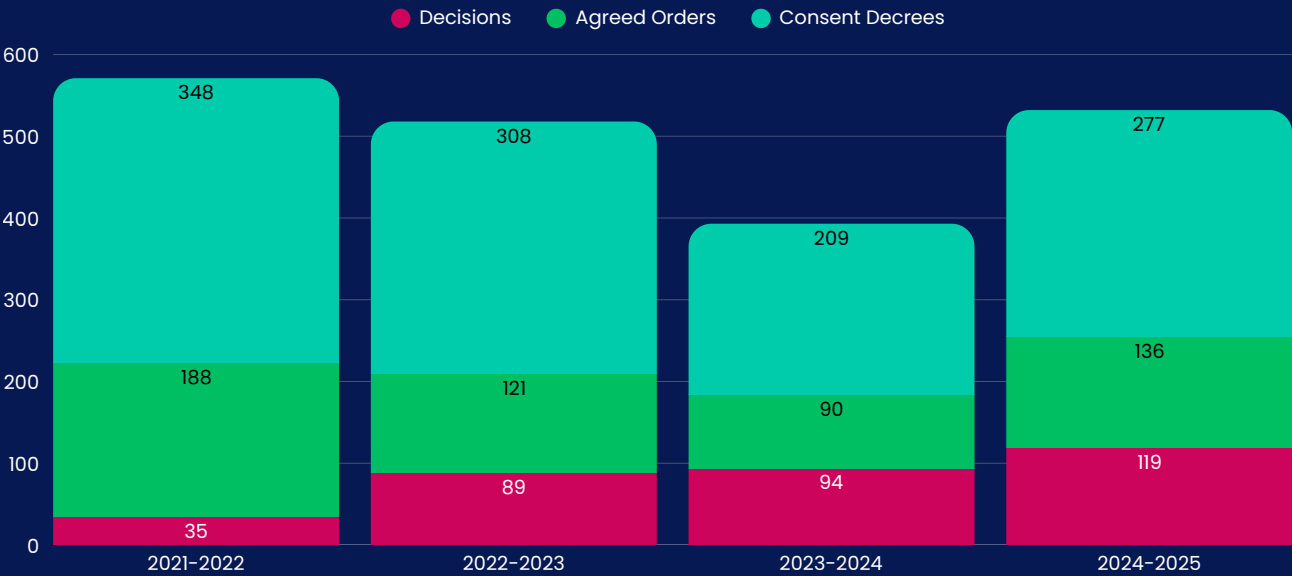
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| Credentials Review Panel | 51 |
| Board Member Review (Medical Malpractice Reports 18) | 67 |
| Consent Decrees/Continuing Education | 53 |
| Assigned Cases as of August 7, 2025 | 258 |
| Assigned Complaints as of August 7, 2025 | 76 |

Complaints Received/Complaints Resolved



| Total Complaints | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Complaints Received | 1,723 | 1,671 | 1,413 | 1,596 |
| Complaints Resolved | 2,238 | 1,409 | 1,855 | 2,340 |

Complaints Received/Complaints Resolved



| | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Decisions | 35 | 89 | 94 | 119 |
| Agreed Orders | 188 | 121 | 90 | 136 |
| Concent Decrees | 348 | 308 | 209 | 277 |



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PROTECTING THE PUBLIC THROUGH COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

Compliance Branch

The Kentucky Board of Nursing's (KBN) Compliance Branch monitors nurses participating in the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE for Nurses Program) and those with discipline on their license/credential. This monitoring safeguards the public and helps to ensure that these individuals are skilled and safe to return to nursing practice. Compliance Branch staff also assists individuals who are seeking to reinstate their license following a period of disciplinary action resulting from suspension, voluntary surrender, or denied reinstatement.

Types of Monitoring:

1. KARE for Nurses Program – Alternative to Discipline

Current number of KARE participants – 85

The KARE for Nurses Program was established over 20 years ago to identify nurses whose abilities to provide nursing care may be compromised by a Substance Use Disorder (SUD). The purpose of the program is to assist nurses in their recovery so that they can return to competent and safe practice. The KARE for Nurses Program believes that a nurse should not lose a job or license due to SUD and offers an opportunity for treatment and monitoring. It is an alternative to discipline program and monitors individuals for a period of at least five years.

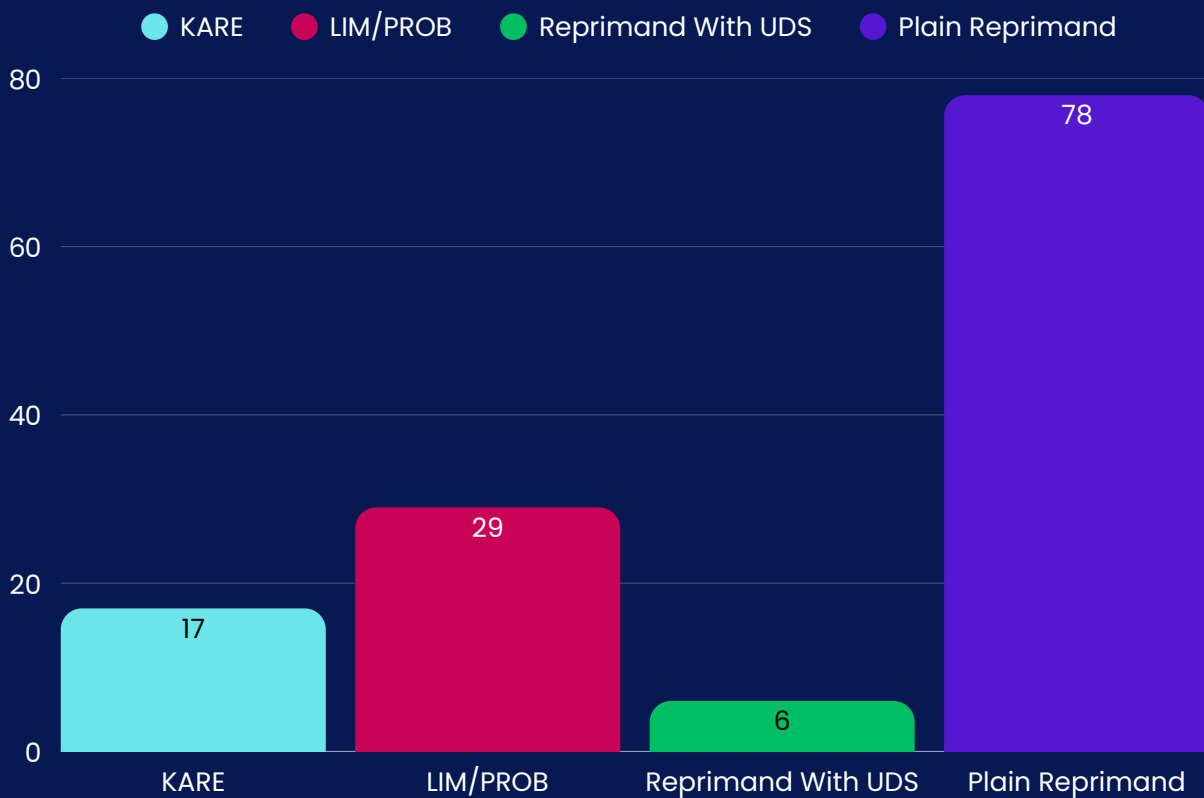
2. Disciplinary Monitoring

Current number of disciplinary monitoring cases – 145

Disciplinary monitoring is when KBN has taken disciplinary action by placing the licensee/credential holder on a monitoring status for a period specified in an Agreed Order or Board Decision. Monitoring requirements may include random drug screening, reports provided by the licensee/credential holder and/or other professionals, civil penalty and continuing education requirements.

Compliance staff conducts face-to-face, virtual, and phone meetings/interviews with licensees/credential holders and applicants, as well as interacts with employers, health care providers, probation officers, and counselors on a regular basis to validate compliance with Agreed Orders/Decisions.

New Monitoring Cases – FY 2025

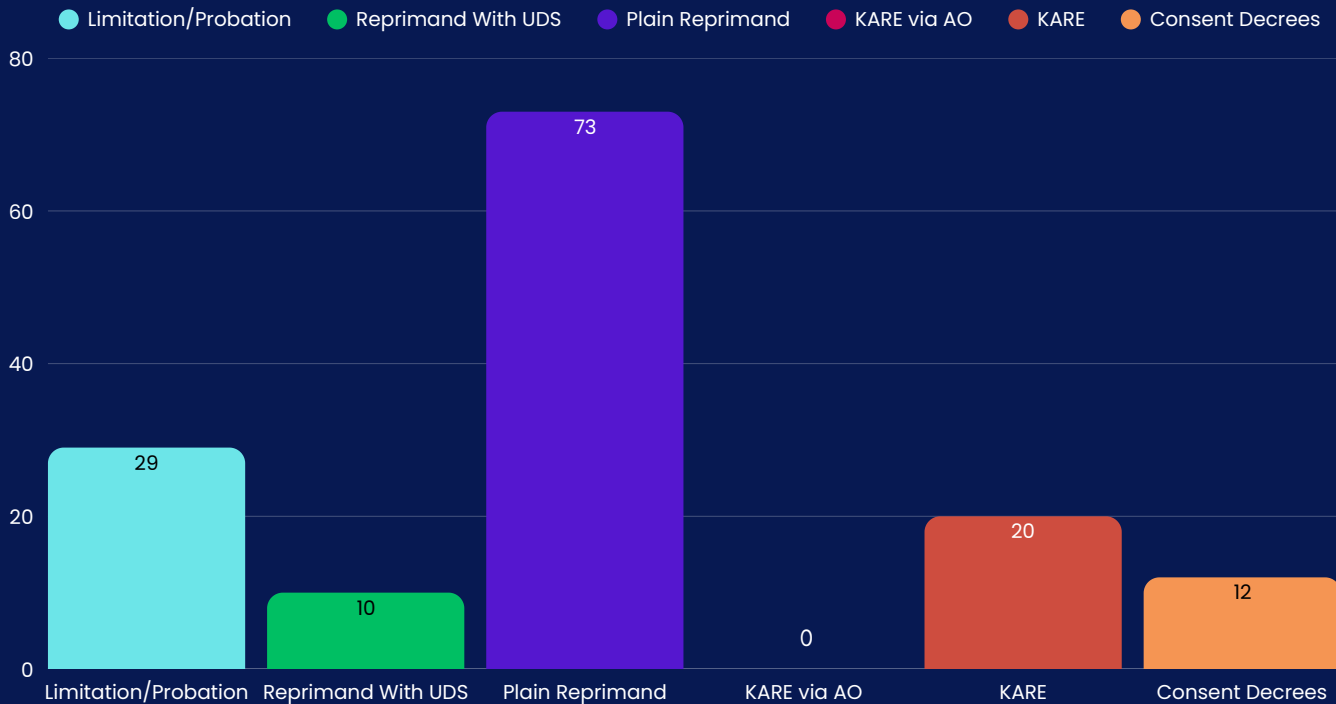


Successful completion of monitoring (KARE and discipline):

The Compliance Branch conducts a survey to request anonymous feedback from individuals who successfully completed their monitoring. Here are a few responses noting their experiences while being monitored by Compliance Branch staff.

- I will never take my nursing license for granted again!! I want to express my sincere desire to contribute positively to the nursing profession and provide quality patient care.*
- My Case Manager was the most helpful during my monitoring. She was just so very personable and kind. I cannot express enough how great she was and how she made me feel like a person not a case*
- My case worker was a huge help whenever I had questions during my probation period! Being encouraging, compassionate & understanding, she made the entire process a positive experience for me.*
- The structure! I appreciate the accountability, the routine, and structure that the program instills in the participants. There is no gray area. You check in every day, you know what's required, and it truly holds you accountable. While the program is very costly, in terms of drug testing, it's exactly what I needed to learn how to live life being sober. The stakes are high and so are the demands. It's clear that the KBN has found what works in order to change the lives of those struggling with addiction. If someone is serious about changing their life and getting and staying sober, then they'll find that this program is not only doable but helpful...*

Cleared from Monitoring Requirements – FY 2025



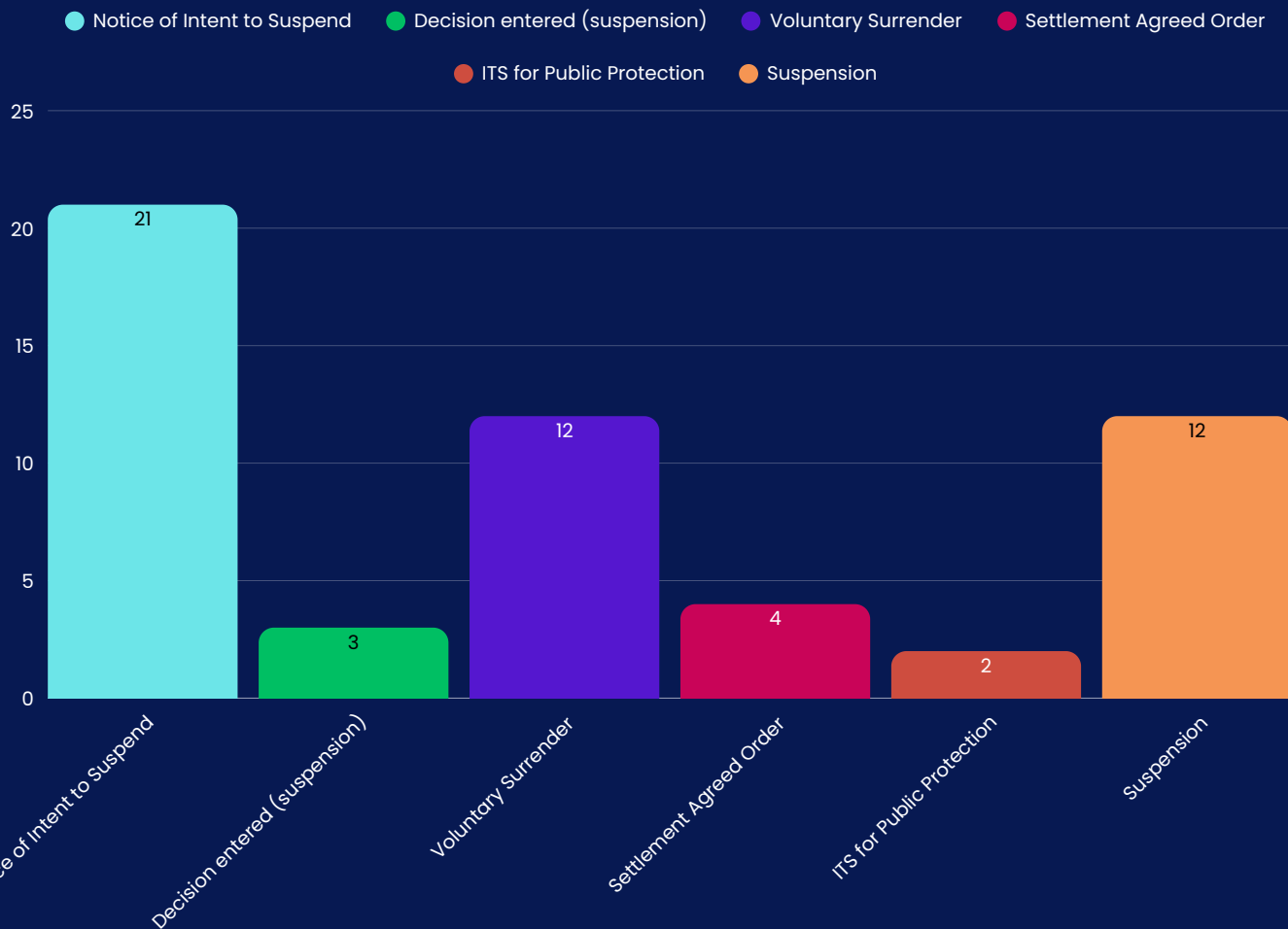
Violation of KARE Program Agreement/Agreed Order/Decision

Failure to remain compliant with terms of monitoring, or resolve issues of non-compliance, may result in possible suspension or denied reinstatement of licensure. A suspension, voluntary surrender, or denied reinstatement of licensure is disciplinary action that is reported to the National Council State Boards of Nursing disciplinary database (NURSUS), online validation, and other state, federal and certifying bodies, as applicable. Board staff will make the determination regarding violations of the Program Agreement/Agreed Order/Decision, subject to applicable laws and regulations.



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Noncompliance with Monitoring Requirements Resulting in Adverse Action – FY 2025

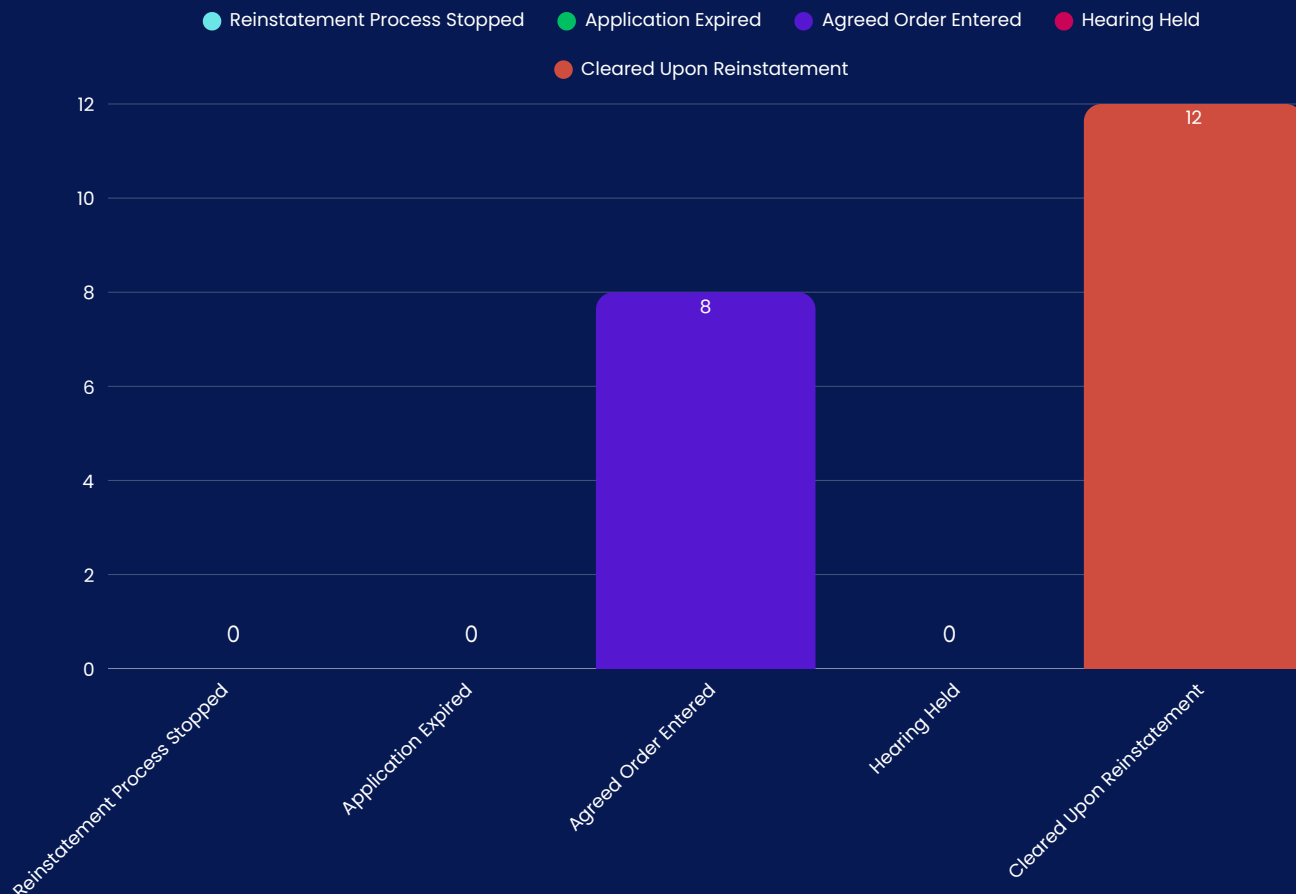


Reinstatement Following Disciplinary Action

Current number of pending reinstatement cases – 42

When there has been disciplinary action taken against a nursing license, the KBN always provides a path to reinstatement for licensure. The individual seeking reinstatement for licensure carries the burden of proof and must submit evidence to Compliance Branch staff verifying that they are safe to return to nursing practice. The Kentucky Board of Nursing will only consider reinstating a license/credential/privilege to practice once all required documentation and a full and complete application has been submitted. Once all requirements have been submitted as required, Compliance Branch staff will meet with the individual. Following that meeting, an Agreed Order setting forth the terms and conditions for reinstatement of the nursing license/credential/privilege to practice may be entered or a hearing may be held.

Reinstatement Following Discipline – FY 2025



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KARE outreach initiatives:

- KBN Connection new feature – “KARE Korner”
- Updated KARE brochure
- Participate in conferences related to substance use as an exhibitor to connect directly with attendees and showcase the KARE Program.

KARE Korner

Write a New Story with KARE

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Compliance Nurse Investigator/Case Manager
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Once upon a time... what a good beginning to a fairy tale. The expectation when hearing this introduction is to be entertained, uplifted, and to escape from the hardships of everyday life. For those individuals who have abused substances and who are in recovery, the phrase may often bring pain and an awareness of how fragile life is for everyone.

For many in the field of nursing, the once-upon-a-time began early in their career. A new nurse introduced to the chaotic reality of floor nursing, or the adrenaline rush of the Emergency Department, may find themselves feeling insecure and wanting to be accepted. This nurse worked hard to get their nursing license. Perhaps, for the first time in their lives, they feel proud of something they have done. Possibly, they lifted themselves out of a dysfunctional family, escaped an abusive relationship, or overcame personal demons to earn their nursing degree.

Now, they face more experienced peers who are not always welcoming to new nurses and who express their disdain for their inexperience in passive-aggressive ways. Other peers are openly hostile and demeaning. The new nurse finds patients aren't always appreciative of their care and often leans heavily on the nurse to help them through their health challenges. Despite the seemingly insurmountable obstacles presented in their work environment, they persevere because they feel called to be a nurse.



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LICENSE AND CREDENTIALS

INITIAL LICENSE/CREDENTIAL/CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

APPROVED 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

APPLICATION NAME

Apps Approved

| | |
|--|-------|
| Address Change - CMA / Dialysis Tech / LCPM / SRNA Application | 951 |
| ALL LICENSE TYPES (EXCEPT CMA/SRNA) - Request Name Change | 2,235 |
| ALL LICENSE TYPES (EXCEPT CMA/SRNA) - Verification of Licensure to another entity other than a board of nursing in the United States | 28 |
| ALL LICENSE TYPES (EXCEPT CMA/SRNA) - Wall Certificate Request | 102 |
| APRN - Exemption from the CAPA-CS Requirement (After Four Years) | 451 |
| APRN - Notification to Discontinue the CAPA-NS After Four Years | 635 |
| APRN – Prescriptive Authority / CAPA changes | 1,446 |
| APRN – Prescriptive Authority CAPA NS/CS | 1,171 |
| APRN- Application for Authorization to Provide Written Certifications for the Use of Medicinal Cannabis | 158 |
| APRN- Application for Authorization to Provide Written Certifications for the Use of Medicinal Cannabis Reinstatement | 16 |
| APRN Endorsement | 1,289 |
| APRN Initial | 714 |
| APRN Reinstatement | 693 |
| APRN – Prescriptive Authority / CAPA changes | 1,660 |
| Certified Medication Aide I - Initial/Reciprocity | 1,126 |
| Certified Medication Aide I - Reinstatement | 127 |
| Certified Medication Aide II - Initial/Reciprocity | 129 |
| Dialysis Technician Credential - Initial | 71 |
| Dialysis Technician Credential - Reinstatement | 20 |
| License Certified Professional Midwife Reinstatement | 6 |
| Licensed Certified Professional Midwife - Initial | 10 |
| LPN / RN - Endorsement – a.) Educated in the United States | 1,353 |
| LPN / RN - Endorsement – b.) Foreign Educated | 153 |
| LPN / RN - Endorsement – c.) Educated in Puerto Rico | 29 |
| LPN / RN Reinstatement | 934 |
| LPN, RN, or APRN - Individual CE Review | 9 |
| LPN, RN, or APRN - Transcript Request from KBN to another Board/Entity | 1 |
| LPN/RN - Retire a License Request | 390 |
| LPN/RN Application – Examination – a.) Educated in the United States | 3,789 |
| LPN/RN Application – Examination – b.) Foreign Educated | 30 |
| LPN/RN Application – Examination – c.) Educated in Puerto Rico | 76 |
| LPN/RN Application - Examination RETEST | 208 |
| Population Focus | 115 |
| SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Credential | 102 |
| SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) Credential for RN Reinstatement | 5 |
| SRNA / CMA - Request Name Change | 1,021 |
| SRNA Reinstatement application | 5,024 |
| State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) Reciprocity Application | 3,395 |
| Voluntary Relinquishment | 167 |

TOTAL

28,179

2025 Renewals

| Application Type | Number of Approved Renewal Applications |
|--------------------|---|
| APRN-CNM | 155 |
| APRN-CNP | 11,993 |
| APRN-CNS | 108 |
| APRN-CRNA | 1,645 |
| CMA I | 916 |
| CMA II | 10 |
| DT Credential | 366 |
| LCPM | 24 |
| LPN | 11,484 |
| Medicinal Cannabis | 270 |
| RN | 73,128 |
| SANE Credential AA | 428 |
| SANE Credential PA | 60 |
| SRNA Certification | 11,132 |
| TOTAL | 104,665 |



NURSING WORKFORCE PROJECTION MODEL

Licensures by Occupation



Licensures by Gender

| | CNM | CNP | CNS | CRNA | LPN | RN |
|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Female | 100.0% | 90.8% | 95.0% | 56.4% | 94.0% | 90.5% |
| Male | | 9.2% | 3.7% | 43.5% | 6.0% | 9.5% |
| Non-binary | | 0.0% | 1.2% | 0.0% | | 0.0% |

Access comprehensive data on licensures demographics, employment metrics, enrollment, graduates, job trends, and prelicensure nursing programs across Kentucky.

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| | CNM | CNP | CNS | CRNA | LPN | RN |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| American Indian | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.6% | 0.4% |
| Asian | 2.6% | 2.1% | | 2.5% | 1.0% | 2.8% |
| Black/African American | 5.1% | 7.7% | 3.6% | 4.6% | 15.5% | 6.2% |
| Native Hawaiian | | 0.1% | | 0.4% | 0.1% | 2.8% |
| White/Caucasian | 90.9% | 88.5% | 95.2% | 89.5% | 82.1% | 89.6% |
| Choose not to answer | 1.1% | 1.1% | 0.6% | 2.5% | 0.7% | 0.9% |
| Other Race | | | | | | |

Licensures by Planning to Retire (In Years)

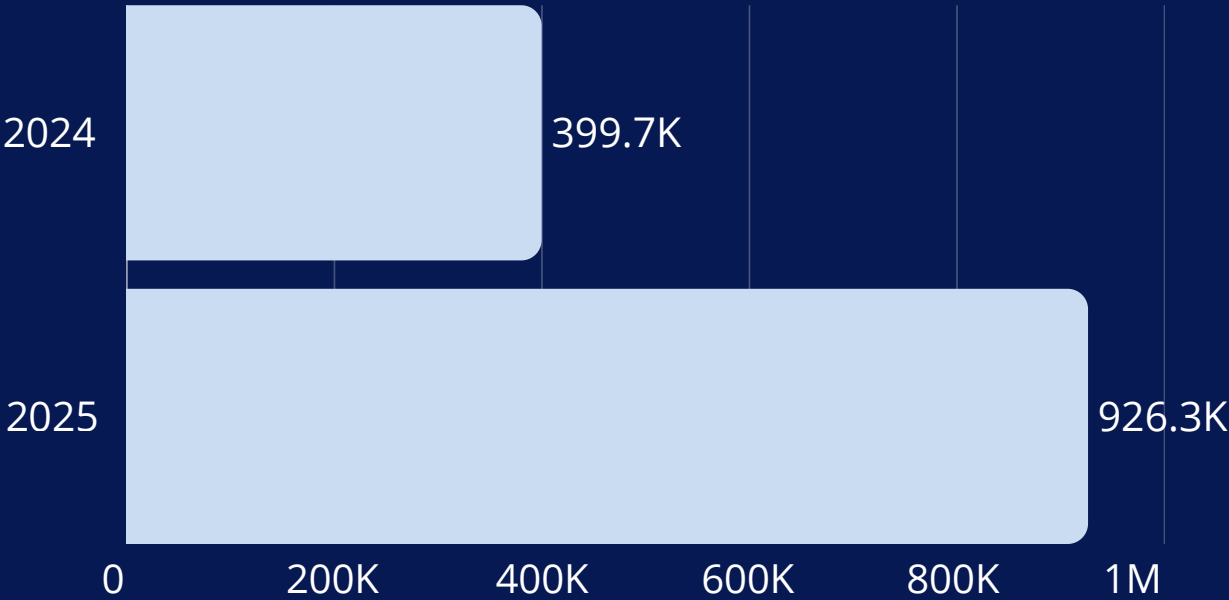
| | CNM | CNP | CNS | CRNA | LPN | RN |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Less than 3 years | 5.47% (n=14) | 1.70% (n=338) | 10.76% (n=17) | 4.16% (n=104) | 3.72% (n=618) | 3.87% (n=3,363) |
| 3-5 years | 2.73% (n=7) | 3.50% (n=695) | 14.56% (n=23) | 6.44% (n=161) | 5.73% (n=952) | 5.33% (n=4,632) |
| 5-10 years | 9.77% (n=25) | 9.80% (n=1,949) | 21.52% (n=34) | 12.92% (n=323) | 10.91% (n=1,812) | 10.06% (n=8,735) |
| 10-15 years | 15.23% (n=39) | 16.45% (n=3,270) | 17.72% (n=28) | 20.64% (n=516) | 14.10% (n=2,342) | 12.58% (n=10,930) |
| 15-20 years | 21.88% (n=56) | 22.56% (n=4,486) | 18.35% (n=29) | 22.44% (n=561) | 18.35% (n=3,047) | 17.52% (n=15,222) |
| Greater than 20 years | 44.53% (n=114) | 45.06% (n=8,958) | 15.19% (n=24) | 33.24% (n=831) | 43.34% (n=7,196) | 45.18% (n=39,249) |
| Already Retired | 0.39% (n=1) | 0.93% (n=185) | 1.90% (n=3) | 0.16% (n=4) | 3.84% (n=638) | 5.45% (n=4,732) |



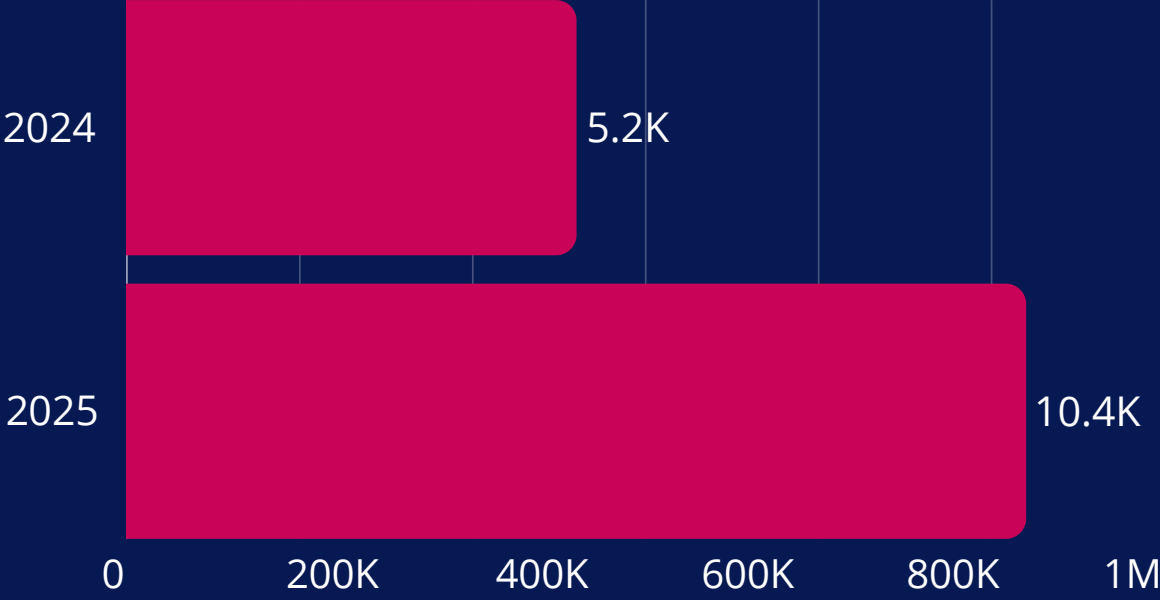
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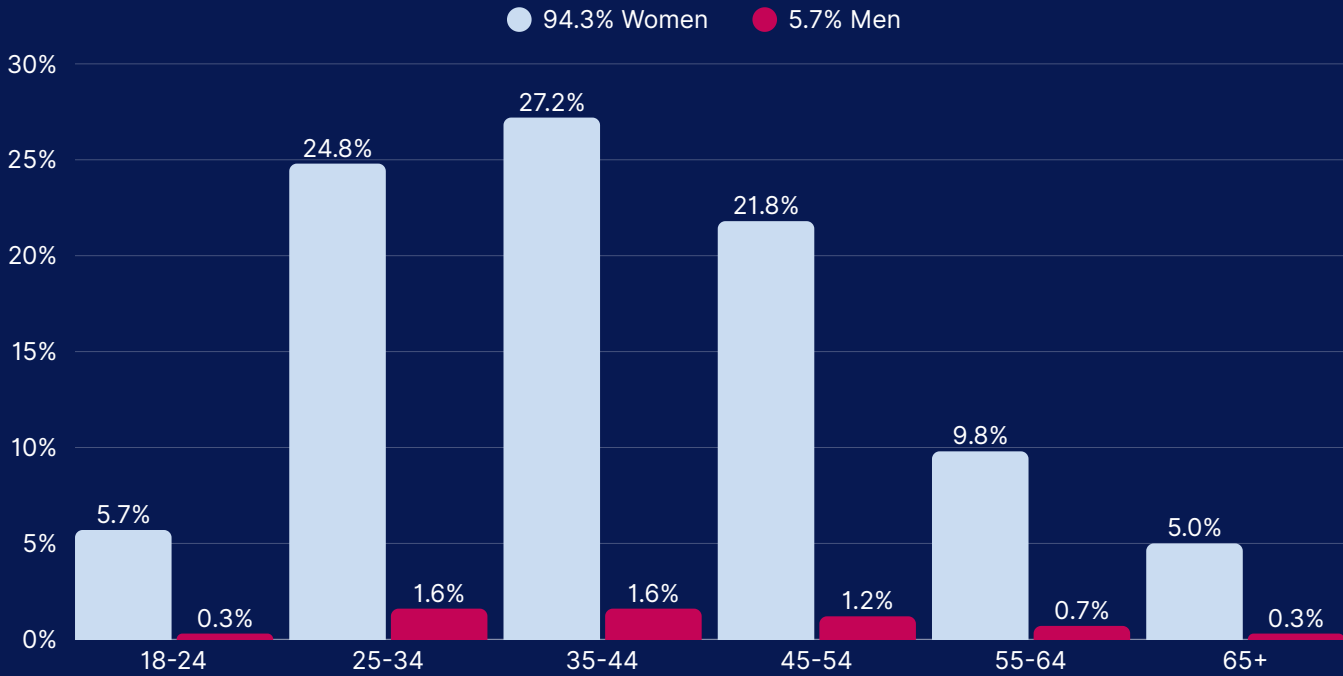
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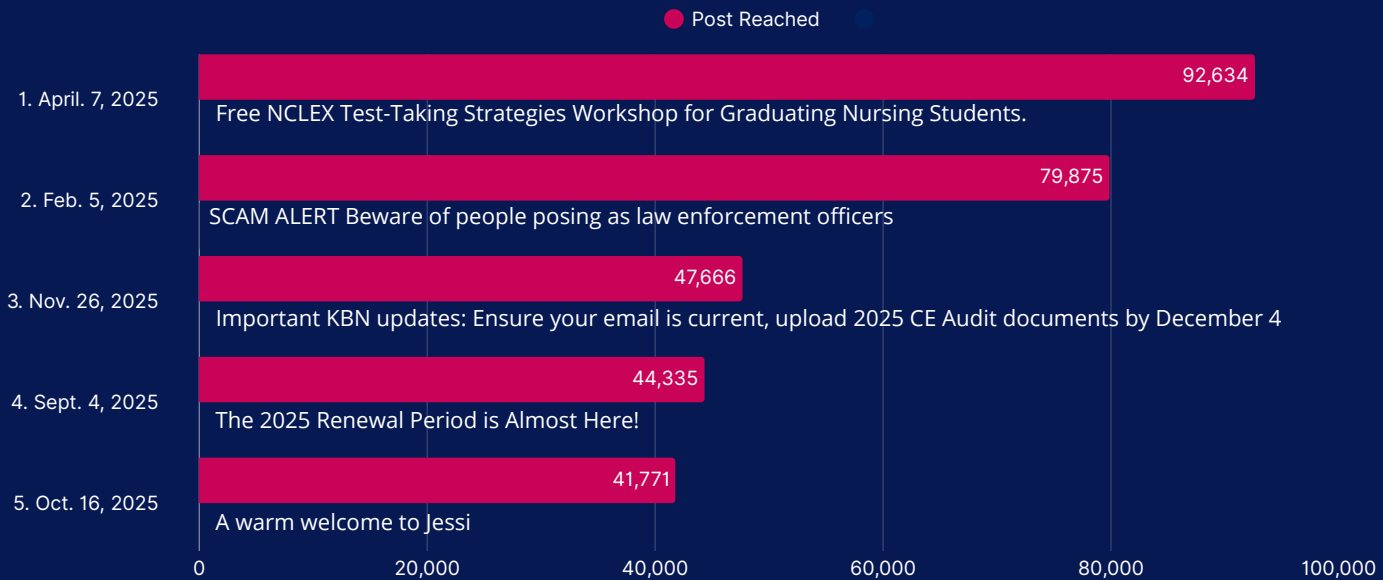
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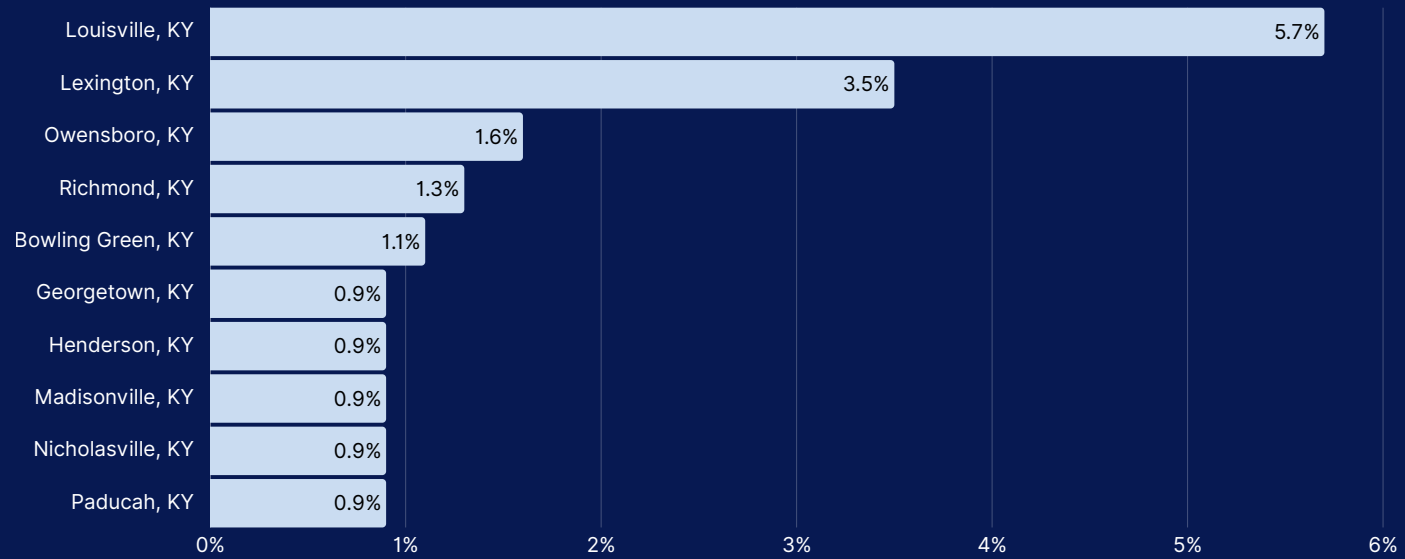


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