

Enrollment and Empty Seats – Spring 2026

Baseline Enrollment

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.

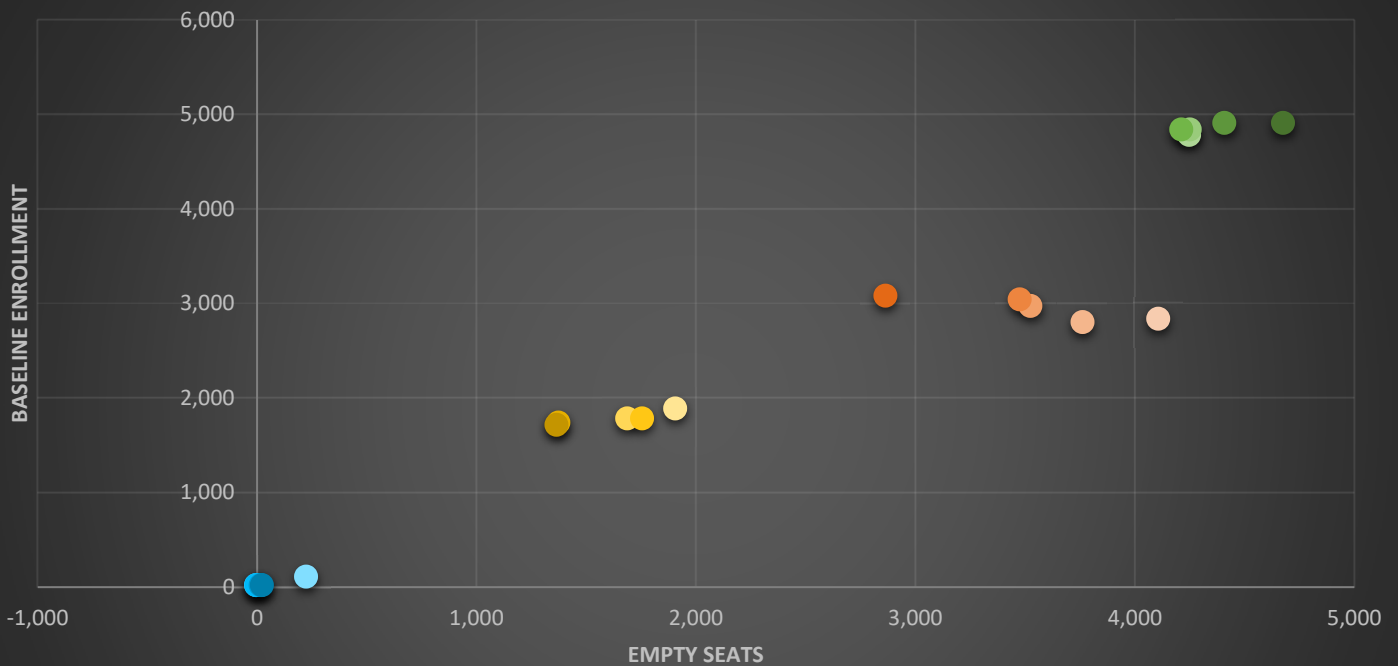
Empty Seats

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.

Empty seats are reported in May and December each year.

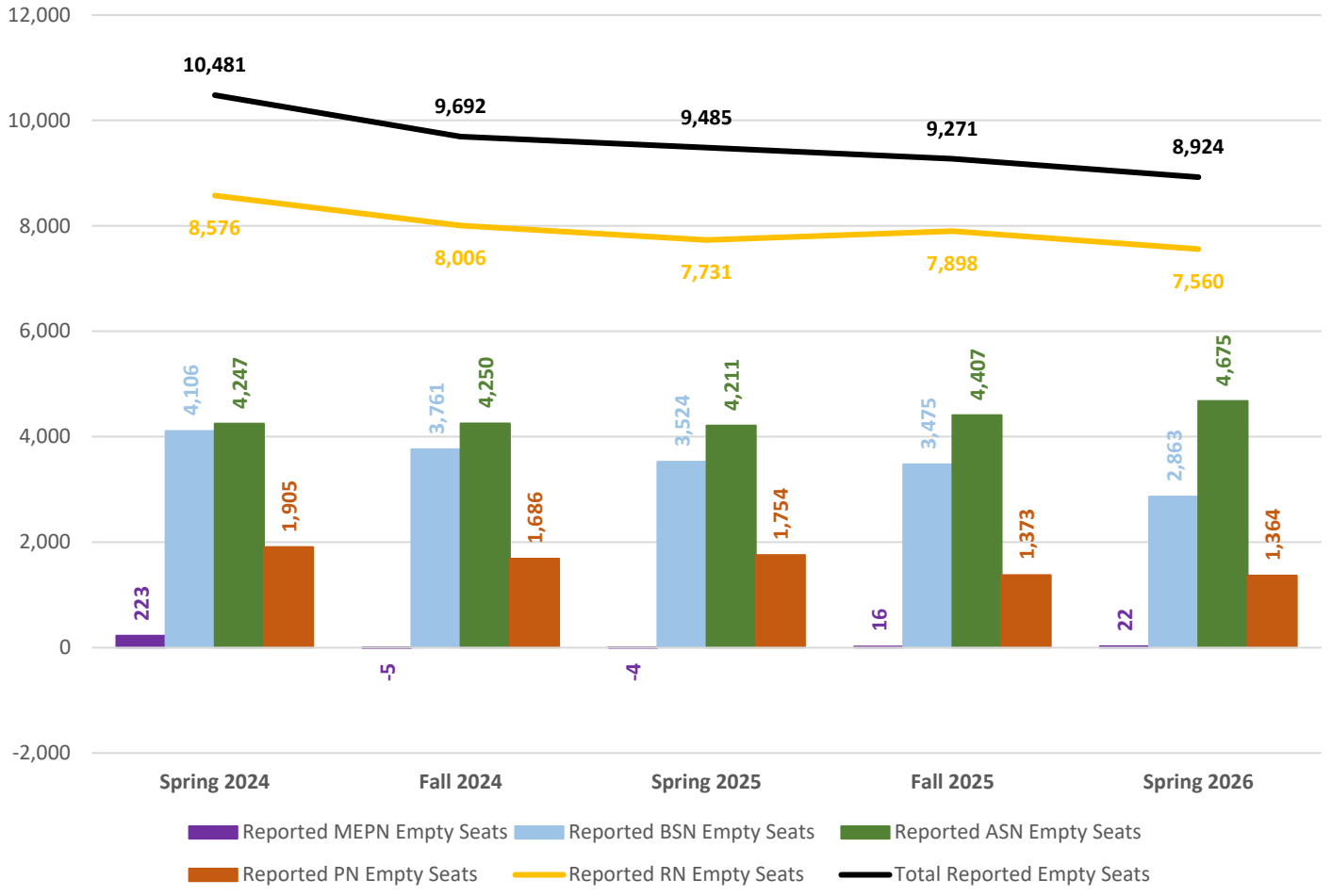
Program Type	Baseline Enrollment	Maximum Seat Capacity	Current Enrollment	Empty Seats
PN Programs	1,716	2,353	989	1,364
ASN Programs	4,910	9,476	4,801	4,675
BSN Programs	3,081	6,822	3,959	2,863
MEPN Programs	20	40	18	22
Total	9,727	18,691	9,767	8,924

Empty Seats Relevant to Baseline Enrollment

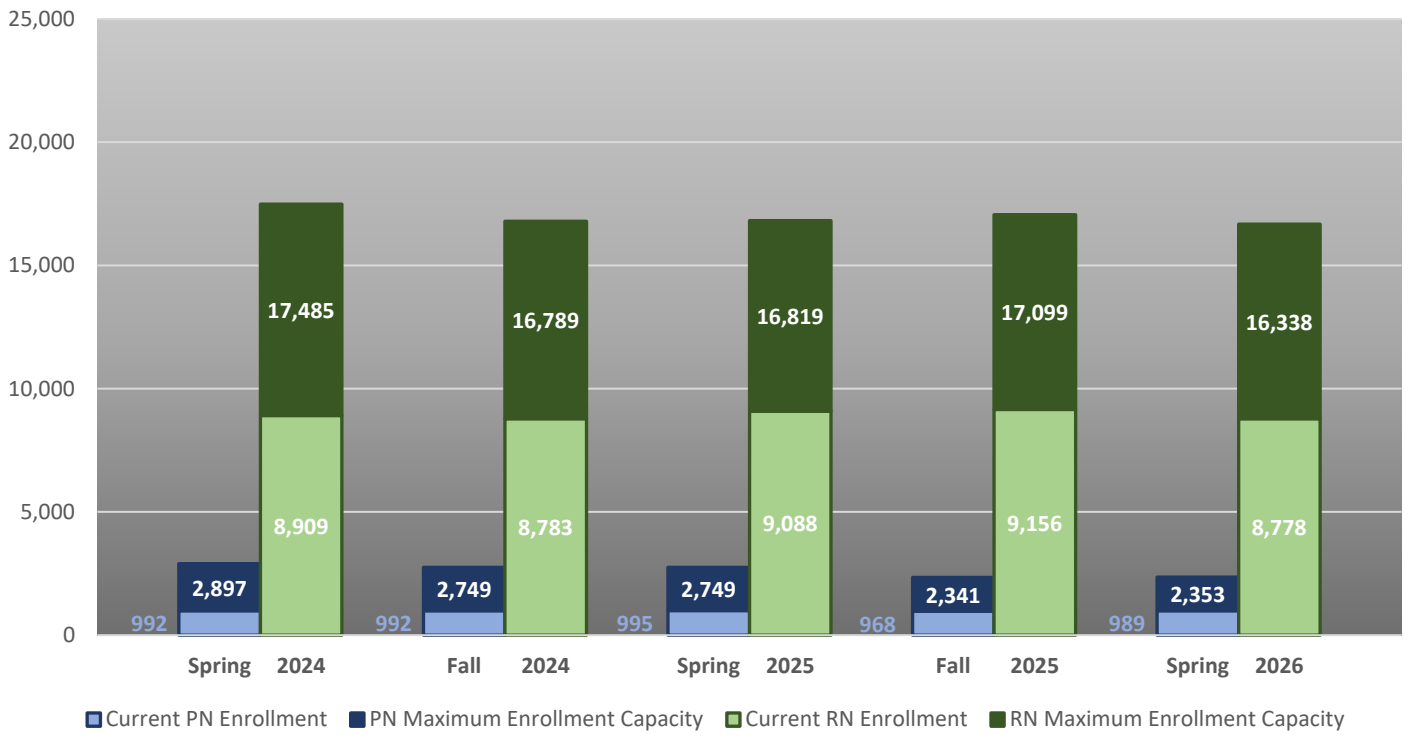


- Spring 2024 (MEPN) ● Fall 2024 (MEPN) ● Spring 2025 (MEPN) ● Fall 2025 (MEPN) ● Spring 2026 (MEPN)
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Reported Empty Seats by Program Type

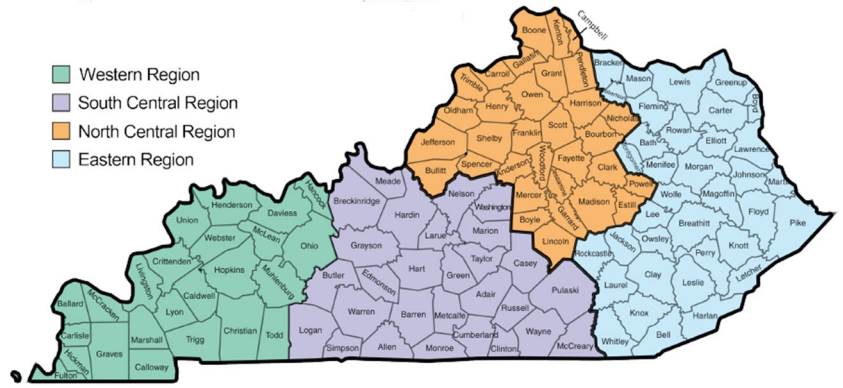


Current Enrollment vs. Maximum Enrollment Capacity



Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region

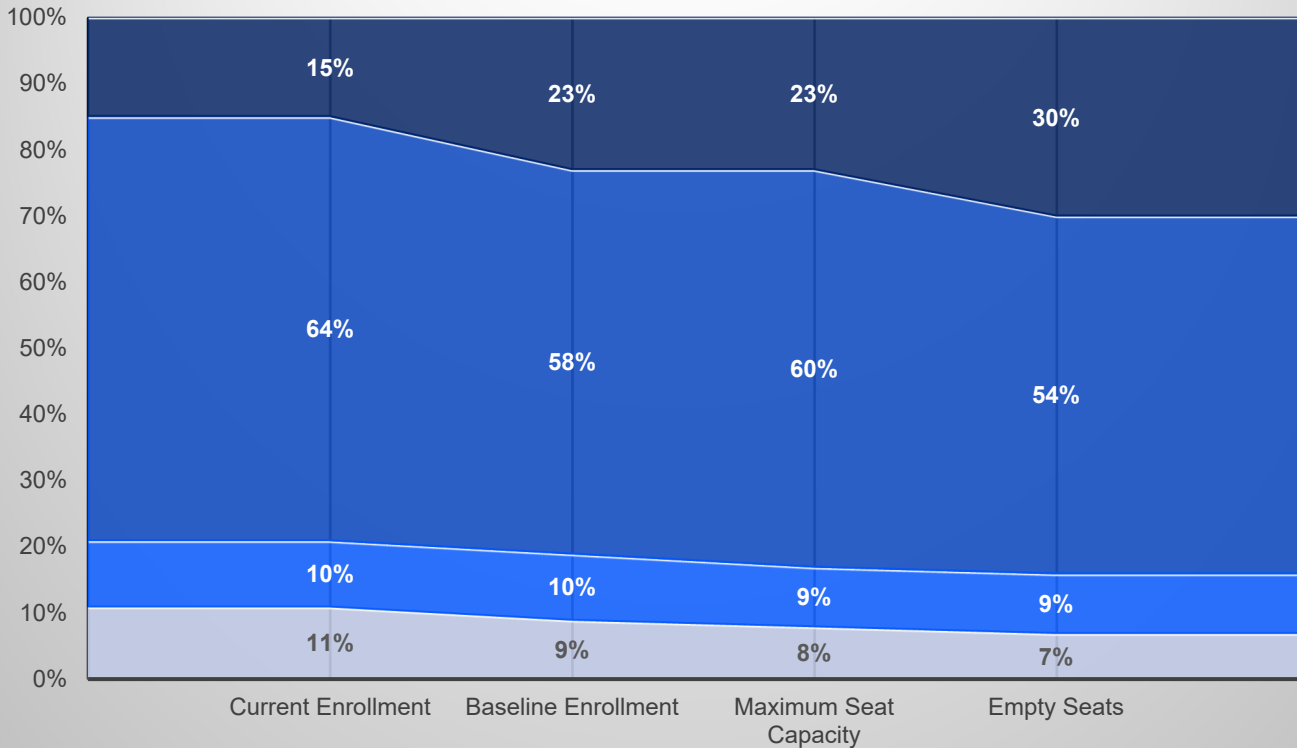
The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and the Kentucky Chamber Foundation's Workforce Center have created a Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) program to build talent supply chains that support career opportunities in Kentucky by recruiting talent into Kentucky hospitals and educational programs and 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.



Kentucky Hospital Association, <https://tinyurl.com/34vf95ts>

Region	Current Enrollment	Baseline Enrollment	Maximum Seat Capacity	Empty Seats
Eastern	1,495	2,255	4,196	2,701
North Central	6,227	5,632	11,042	4,815
South Central	953	985	1,769	816
Western	1,092	855	1,684	592

Percentage of Nursing Student Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region



Region	PN Programs	ASN Programs	BSN Programs	MEPN Programs	Total
Eastern	8	19	3	0	30
North Central	11	15	13	0	39
South Central	5	7	2	1	15
Western	2	5	2	0	9