

# Enrollment and Empty Seats as of December 2025

## Baseline Enrollment

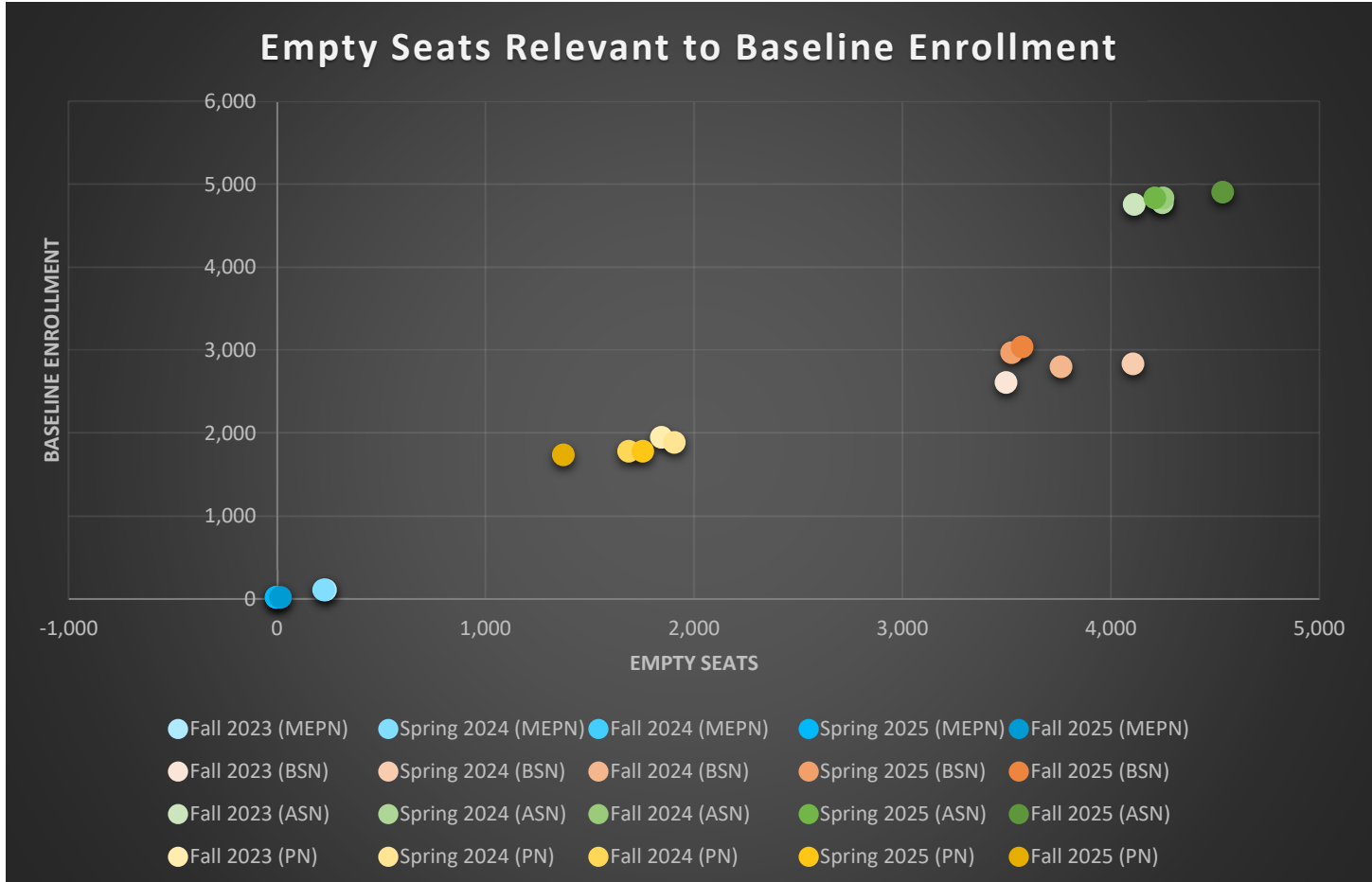
Baseline enrollment is the total number of first-year nursing students that a prelicensure nursing program is able to enroll in one academic year. First-year students include only students starting or restarting the nursing program in the first nursing course of the nursing program curriculum. Pursuant 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

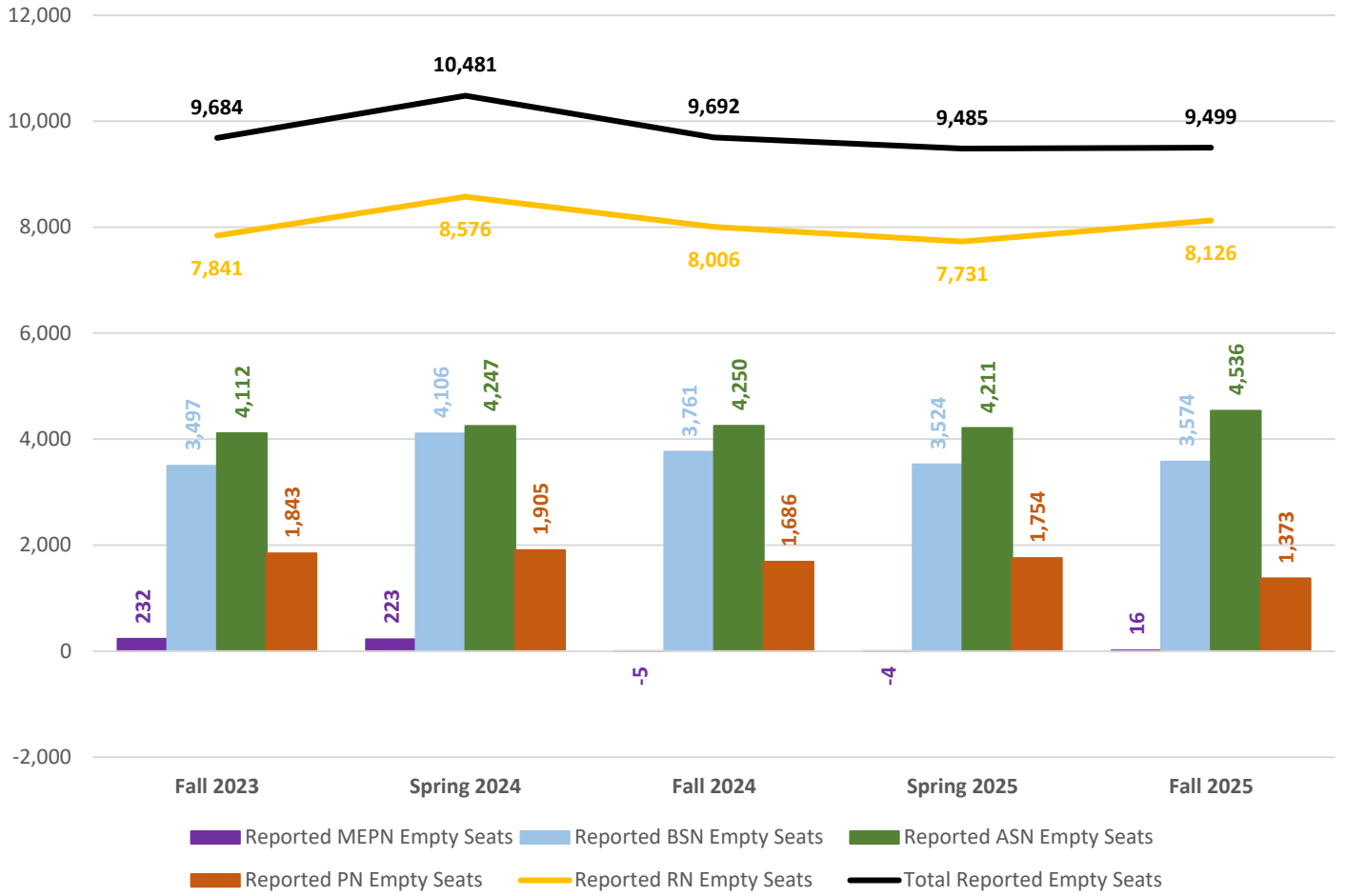
Empty seats are the number of nursing program seats that could have been filled but were not. Empty seats are calculated by subtracting the total number of students enrolled across all levels of the nursing program from the maximum seat capacity, which is calculated by multiplying the baseline enrollment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

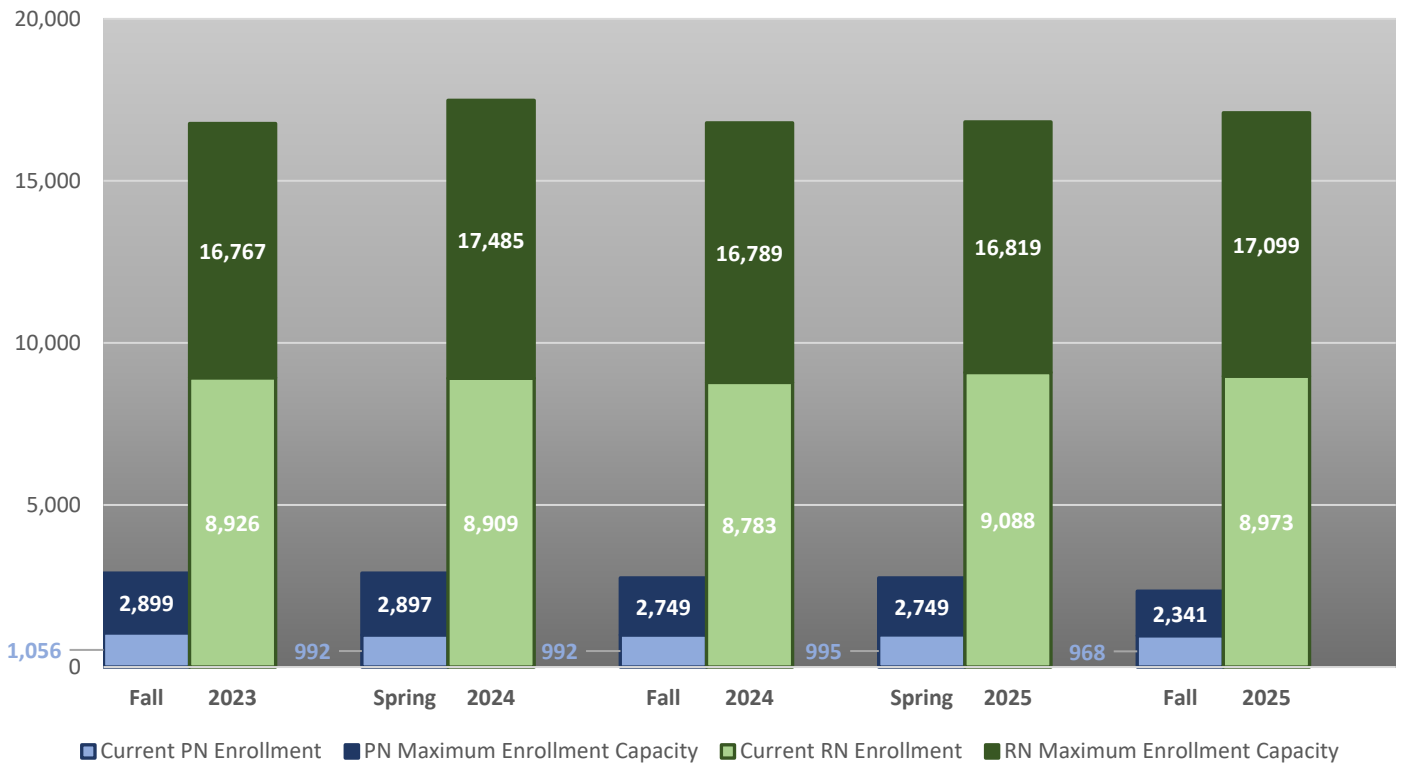
Program Type	Baseline Enrollment	Maximum Seat Capacity	Current Enrollment	Empty Seats
PN Programs	1,740	2,341	968	1,373
ASN Programs	4,910	9,676	5,140	4,536
BSN Programs	3,043	7,383	3,809	3,574
MEPN Programs	20	40	24	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,713</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>9,941</b>	<b>9,499</b>



### Reported Empty Seats by Program Type

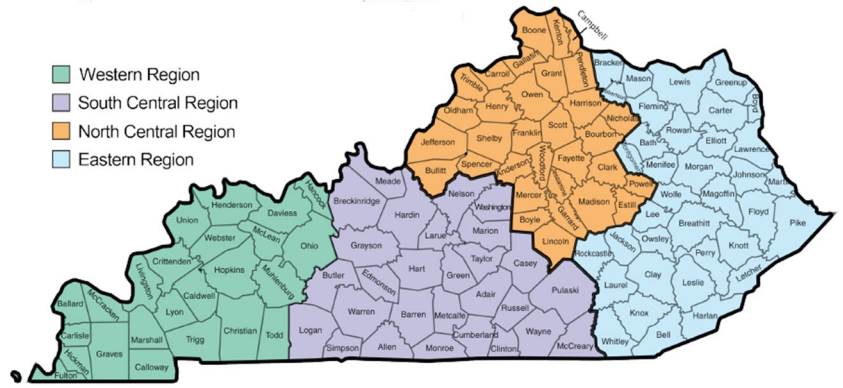


### Current Enrollment vs. Maximum Enrollment Capacity



## Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region

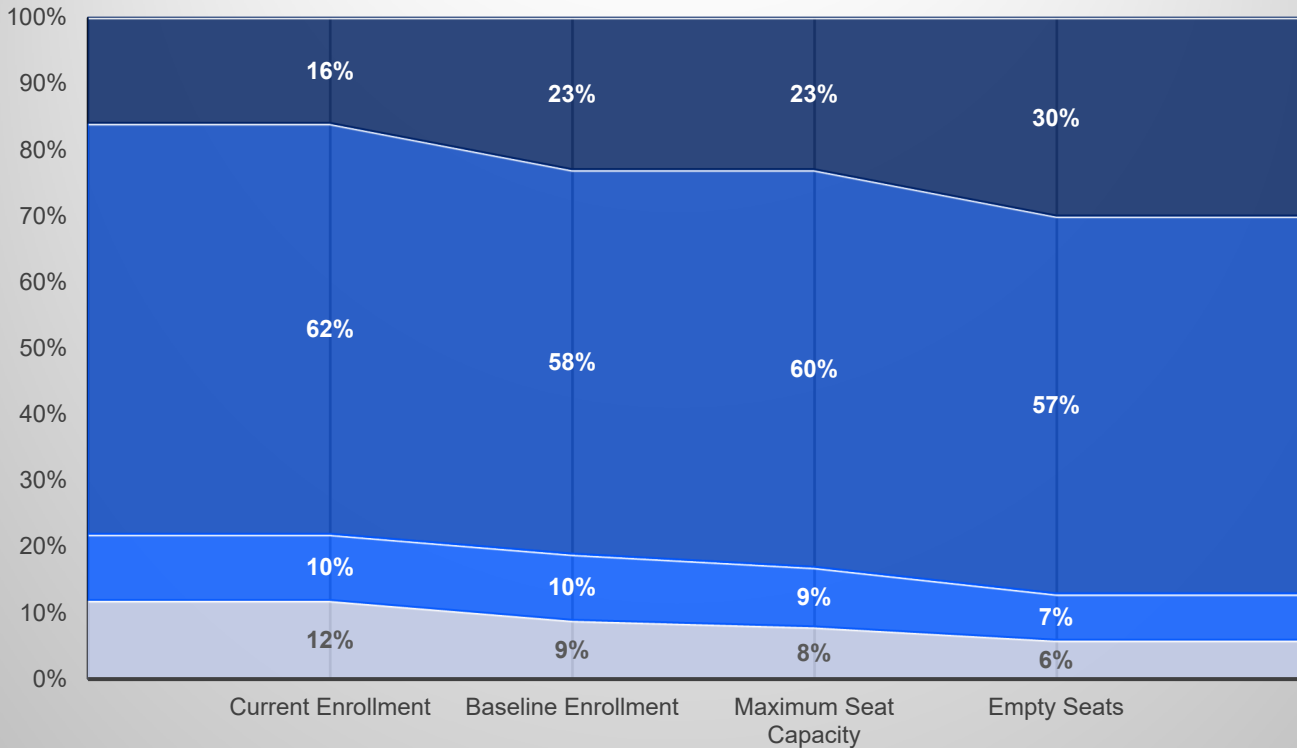
The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and the Kentucky Chamber Foundation's Workforce Center have created a Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) program to build talent supply chains that support career opportunities in Kentucky by recruiting talent into Kentucky hospitals and educational programs and 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	1,566	2,279	4,444	2,878
North Central	6,204	5,594	11,603	5,399
South Central	1,032	985	1,709	677
Western	1,139	855	1,684	545

### Percentage of Nursing Student Data by Talent Pipeline Management Region



Region	PN Programs	ASN Programs	BSN Programs	MEPN Programs	Total
Eastern	9	19	3	0	31
North Central	11	15	14	0	40
South Central	5	7	2	1	15
Western	2	5	2	0	9

## School Closures

In fall 2023, two BSN programs were approved by the Board to operate in the North Central TPM Region. One of these two programs voluntarily closed in September 2025 and the other voluntarily closed in February 2026.