



Nurse Supply and Education Southeast Region



Community Demographic Information

According to 2019 U.S. Census estimates, 2,188,158 people reside in the Southeast region, including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties – representing 10.2% of the Florida population.

9.7% of Florida’s nursing workforce are in the Southeast region. There are an estimated 146 LPNs, 652 RNs, and 60 APNs providing *direct care* per 100,000 people.

Nursing Education Programs (AY 2018-2019)

| | LPN | ADN | BSN | Grad | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|--------------|
| # of Education Programs | 17 | 23 | 13 | - | 53 |
| # of Programs with Students Enrolled | 16 | 23 | 13 | 4 | 56 |
| # Full-Time Faculty | 50 | 161 | 99 | - | 310 |
| # Part-Time Faculty | 84 | 309 | 77 | - | 470 |
| # Full-Time Faculty Vacancies | 5 | 33 | 21 | - | 59 |
| # Part-Time Faculty Vacancies | 3 | 27 | 8 | - | 38 |
| # Full-Time Faculty Needed, Not Budgeted | 7 | 36 | 21 | - | 64 |
| # New Students Enrolled (Sept. 2019) | 391 | 1,839 | 706 | 204 | 3,140 |
| Total # Students Enrolled (Sept. 2019) | 468 | 2,538 | 1,407 | 560 | 4,973 |
| # of Graduates | 272 | 1,300 | 375 | 186 | 2,133 |
| 2019 Total NCLEX Pass Rate | 54.0% | 44.5% | 86.9% | - | 48.9% |

Note: Program counts represent number of schools offering one or more curriculum for each education level. Total number of graduate programs unavailable as there is no comprehensive list of nursing graduate programs in the state available. Counts of students and faculty reflect survey respondents only and may not represent 100% of active programs during AY 2018-19.

Nurse Workforce Supply (2018-2019)

| | LPN | RN | APN | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total # Licensed Nurses | 5,459 | 25,502 | 2,895 | 33,856 |
| Potential Workforce (Clear + Active Licenses) | 5,439 | 25,327 | 2,885 | 33,651 |
| Estimated # Working by County (Clear + Active) | | | | |
| Indian River | 409 | 1,517 | 152 | 2,078 |
| Martin | 342 | 1,610 | 244 | 2,196 |
| Okeechobee | 99 | 278 | 28 | 405 |
| Palm Beach | 2,832 | 14,502 | 1,840 | 19,174 |
| Saint Lucie | 744 | 3,058 | 316 | 4,118 |
| Total Est. Working - Southeast Region | 4,426 | 20,965 | 2,580 | 27,971 |

Characteristics of Working Nurses...¹

| | LPN | RN | APN | TOTAL |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| % Male | 8.9% | 11.0% | 12.9% | 10.8% |
| Average age | 47.5 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 47.3 |
| Age Group | | | | |
| 40 or younger | 32.8% | 34.8% | 33.5% | 34.4% |
| 41 – 60 | 47.8% | 45.3% | 50.3% | 46.2% |
| 61 or older | 19.3% | 19.9% | 16.2% | 19.4% |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | |
| Asian | 1.8% | 6.1% | 4.8% | 5.3% |
| Black | 49.5% | 22.6% | 20.2% | 26.6% |
| Hispanic | 7.5% | 9.2% | 9.1% | 8.9% |
| White | 38.0% | 58.9% | 63.4% | 56.0% |
| Other | 2.8% | 2.6% | 2.1% | 2.6% |
| Highest Nursing Education | | | | |
| LPN Certificate | 70.4% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 11.4% |
| RN Associate/Diploma | 27.4% | 54.9% | 2.5% | 45.4% |
| Bachelor's in Nursing | 1.1% | 38.1% | 10.7% | 29.5% |
| Nursing Master's | 0.1% | 5.3% | 76.0% | 11.4% |
| Nursing Doctorate | 0.1% | 0.8% | 9.7% | 1.6% |
| Workplace Settings | | | | |
| Academic | 0.3% | 1.7% | 3.6% | 1.7% |
| Correctional Facility | 2.9% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.9% |
| Inpatient | 5.8% | 59.1% | 40.7% | 48.8% |
| Long-term Care | 42.7% | 9.0% | 3.7% | 13.9% |
| Outpatient/Office/Home | 36.9% | 20.8% | 42.9% | 25.5% |
| Telehealth | 0.3% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| Other/Missing | 11.0% | 8.3% | 8.4% | 8.8% |
| Occupational Positions | | | | |
| Direct Care Providers | 72.2% | 68.0% | 51.0% | 67.0% |
| Educators | 3.2% | 3.3% | 3.2% | 3.3% |
| Indirect Care/Quality Management/Discharge | 3.8% | 7.0% | 1.0% | 5.9% |
| Management | 7.6% | 13.6% | 2.1% | 11.5% |
| Other/Missing | 13.2% | 8.0% | 42.7% | 12.3% |
| Reported Plans in the Next 5 Years | | | | |
| ... Decrease Hours | 8.3% | 11.2% | 10.2% | 10.6% |
| ... Leave Florida | 4.9% | 4.6% | 4.2% | 4.6% |
| ... Retire | 4.2% | 6.3% | 2.6% | 5.6% |
| ... Advance Education/Nursing Credentials | 44.2% | 16.9% | 12.6% | 20.9% |

Estimated counts of working nurses are based on survey responses, reported addresses, and statistical imputation and should be interpreted with caution. Education, settings, positions, and five-year plans based on survey responses only and may not reflect entire proportion of working nurses.

¹ Estimated working among clear and active nurses