



Nurse Supply Report 2020

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The 2020 Nurse Supply Addendum Report

The 2020 Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) Licensure Renewal season marked the sixth year of renewals using the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) online licensure renewal system. This is the third year that LSBN will have licensure data on all licensed registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) available through ORBS. The LSBN IT Department, Center for Nursing, and the ORBS Team have worked diligently over the last six years to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data that will be used by our stakeholders to inform policy makers related to Louisiana's RN and APRN workforce.

This report is based on a snapshot of every RN and APRN that had an active license to practice in Louisiana on December 31st, 2020. This will be the second year that LCN will have the ability to continue the process of trending data since LSBN's transition to ORBS.

Major Findings - Registered Nurses in Louisiana (2020)

- On December 31st, 2020, 66,076 RNs held an active license to practice in Louisiana. Ninety percent of those RNs lived in Louisiana and 10% resided outside of Louisiana.
- In 2020, approximately 47% of the licensed RNs that lived outside of Louisiana lived in a compact state.
- Approximately 36% of the 6,574 RNs that lived outside of Louisiana in 2020 came from the border states of Mississippi and Texas, both of which are compact states.
- Twenty-six percent (15,739) of the licensed RNs in Louisiana were between 30 and 39 years of age in 2020 and 23% (13,704) were between 40 and 49 years of age.
- In 2020, 38% (22,427) of licensed RNs residing in Louisiana were 50 years and older with 18% (10,557) being 60 years and older.
- From 2018 to 2020, males represented 12% of the RN workforce and females represented 88%. There was a 6% increase in the number of male RNs in 2020 compared to 2018. At the national level, males represent 9.6% of the RN workforce (Health Resources and Administration Services [HRSA], 2019).
- The RN workforce in Louisiana is 3% Hispanic/Latino.
- In the U.S. and Louisiana, minorities comprise approximately 41% of the population, whereas minorities comprise 20% of Louisiana's RN workforce.
- Sixty-two percent (36,951) of all licensed RNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 reported having a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing which is one percentage point higher than what was reported in 2019.
- Approximately 2% (1,153) of the RNs residing in Louisiana reported having a doctorate. Fifty-eight percent have a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), an increase of 30% in the number. Only 11% reported having a PhD in nursing and six percent reported having another form of doctorate in nursing.
- In 2020, 4,978 licensed RNs residing in Louisiana indicated that they were enrolled in school which is equivalent to approximately 8% of the RN workforce: 2,186 (44%) were enrolled in a Master's in Nursing program; 1,569 (32%) indicated they were enrolled in a baccalaureate in nursing program; and 660 (13%) were enrolled in a DNP program.

- Between 2016 and 2020, there has been a 12% decrease in the number of students accepted for admission into Louisiana's RN to BSN programs.
- There was a 5% increase in the number of students enrolled and a 2% increase in the number of graduates from Louisiana's RN to BSN programs over the last year.
- Seventy-four percent (45,628) of the licensed RNs residing in Louisiana reported working full-time, 7% (4,525) part-time, and 7% (4,019) per diem.
- Nurses that were not employed indicated that they were either unemployed and seeking a nursing position (1,480; 2%) or unemployed not seeking work as a nurse (2,497; 4%) which is equivalent to approximately 7% (3,977) of the licensed RNs residing in Louisiana.
- Hospitals employed 61% (32,062) of the RNs residing in Louisiana which is in line with the 60% reported by HRSA in the 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (2019).
- Sixty-four percent (33,825) of RNs residing in Louisiana reported working as staff nurses in 2020. Eleven percent (5,633) indicated they were APRNs, which is in line with the 11.5% reported at the national level (HRSA, 2019). Eight percent were nurse managers and 6% were case managers.
- Twelve percent (6,139) of the RNs residing and working in Louisiana reported their primary practice specialty area as acute care/critical care, followed by 11% (6,002) reporting medical-surgical as their specialty practice area, a 1% decrease in number.
- There was a 15% increase in the number of nurses reporting public health as their primary practice specialty over the last three years.
- Eighty-one percent of the RNs (48,331) working in Louisiana in 2020 reported that they provided direct patient care in their practice.
- Between 2018 and 2020, there was an 8% increase in the number of RNs holding three or more positions, yet the vast majority of RNs (89%) working and residing in Louisiana reported employment in only one nursing position in 2020.
- In 2020, 17% (9,331) of the RNs working and residing in Louisiana indicated that they were planning to leave their current nursing position which is a slight decrease in number when compared to 2019 (9,640).
- Of the 9,331 RNs planning to leave their current nursing positions, 2,690 (29%) indicated that they would be retiring and 1,727 (19%) cited salary/pay as the reason for leaving their current position, which represents a 2% increase in number over the previous year.
- In 2020, approximately 45% (20,330) of the RNs that worked full-time reported annual salaries between \$60,000 and \$99,999. Three percent (1,546) of the full-time employed RNs reported annual salaries of less than \$40,000.

Major Findings - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Louisiana (2020)

- Of the 66,076 RNs holding an active license to practice in Louisiana in 2020, 12% (7,630) also held an active APRN license.
- Eighty-seven percent (6,649) of the APRNs holding an active Louisiana license also reported Louisiana as their state of residence which represents a 6% increase in number from 2019.
- In 2020, approximately 76% (4,748) of all APRNs licensed and residing in Louisiana indicated that they were CNPs, 22% (1,370) were CRNAs, 2% (107) were CNSs, and 1% (47) were CNMs.
- Thirty-five percent (2,320) of the APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 were between 30 and 39 years of age and 31% (2,041) were between 40 and 49 years old.
- Nineteen percent (1,256) of Louisiana's APRNs were between 50 and 59 years of age and 12% (809) were 60 years and older.
- Seventy-nine percent (5,277) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana are females and 21% (1,372) are males.
- In 2020, 2% (147) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana indicated that they were of Hispanic or Latino origin which reflects a 5% increase in number.
- Minorities represent approximately 18% of the APRN workforce in Louisiana: Black/African Americans represent 15% of the APRN workforce, followed by 1% Asian, and less than 1% of each of the following racial groups: American Indian (0.3%), Native Hawaiian (0.03%), two or more races (0.9%) and other (0.4%).
- Eighty-six percent (5,705) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 reported the Masters' degree as their highest degree in nursing and 10% indicated that they held a doctorate degree in nursing which represents a 17% increase in number when compared to 2019.
- Eighty-four percent (5,800) of the licensed APRNs residing in LA in 2020 were employed full-time, 7% (502) reported part-time employment, and 5% (333) indicated employment on a per diem basis.
- Thirty-nine percent (56) of the APRNs that reported being unemployed identified home and family obligations as the reason they were not employed and 18% (26) indicated that they were having difficulty finding a position as an APRN.
- Hospitals employed 38% (2,460) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana, followed by 30% (1,900) that reported working in ambulatory care, 6% in community health (374), and 3% (184) in schools of nursing.
- In 2020, 92% (5,900) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana reported working as an APRN, 4% (225) indicated that they were staff nurses, and 2% (144) were nurse faculty/educators.
- Thirty-one percent (1,986) of the licensed APRNs that resided in Louisiana in 2020 reported their primary specialty practice areas as adult health/adult family health, 21% (1,359) indicated anesthesia as their primary specialty practice area, 5% (334) reported pediatrics as their primary specialty, 5% (292) psych-mental health nursing, 4% (255) emergency room/trauma and 4% (242) acute care/critical care.
- Sixteen percent (993) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana reported that they were employed in two positions and 4% (237) reported having three or more positions.

- Forty percent (2,295) of the APRNs working full-time reported pre-tax annual earnings from all nursing positions worked, including overtime and bonuses between \$80,000 and \$124,999 in 2020 and 32% (1,835) reported annual earnings between \$125,000 and \$150,000 or more.
- Sixty-nine percent (4,539) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 had prescriptive authority which reflects a 7% increase in number.

Licensed Registered Nurses Residing in Louisiana

On December 31st, 2020, 66,076 RNs held an active license to practice in Louisiana. Ninety percent of those RNs lived in Louisiana and 10% resided outside of Louisiana (Table 1).

Table 1. Licensed RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	# of Nurses holding an RN License in LA (Residing in LA)		# of Nurses holding an RN License in LA (Not Residing in LA)		# of Nurses not designating a parish		Total # of Nurses Holding a LA RN License
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	59,463	90%	6,574	10%	39	0.1%	66,076
2019	59,233	85%	10,361	15%	53	0.1%	69,647
2018	57,344	85%	10,022	15%	62	0.1%	67,428
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑0.4% / ↑4%		↓37% / ↓34%		↓26% / ↓37%		↓5% / ↓2%

In 2020, approximately 47% of the licensed RNs that lived outside of Louisiana lived in a compact state (Table 2). Approximately 36% (44% in 2019) of the 6,574 RNs (10,361 RNs in 2019) that lived outside of Louisiana in 2020 came from the border states of Mississippi and Texas, both of which are compact states.

Table 2. Top 10 States of Residence for RNs Not Residing in Louisiana 2020

Rank	State	Compact Status	Number of RNs 2018	Number of RNs 2019	Number of RNs 2020
1	Mississippi	Compact	2,373	2,319	1,252
2	Texas	Compact	1,948	1,899	1,095
3	Ohio	Legis. Pending		336	411
4	New York	Not Compact	308	346	360
5	Florida	Compact	594	620	340
6	Illinois	Legis. Pending		301	330
7	Pennsylvania	Legis. Pending			239
8	California	Legis. Pending			238
9	Alabama	Compact	329	383	236
10	Georgia	Compact	384	398	199
					4,700 = 71%

NOTE: Historically, the majority of the analysis presented on the RN and APRN workforce in Louisiana is based on those nurses that reside in Louisiana, therefore, it is not anticipated that the NLC will have a significant impact on these numbers from year to year. From this point forward in the current report, data will be provided on the 59,463 RNs that reported Louisiana as their state of residence in 2020 which reflects Louisiana’s available nursing workforce.

Age Distribution for Registered Nurses in Louisiana

Twenty-six percent (15,739) of the licensed RNs in Louisiana were between 30 and 39 years of age in 2020 and 23% (13,704) were between 40 and 49 years of age (Table 3). In 2020, over a third (38%) of licensed RNs residing in Louisiana were 50 years and older with 18% being 60 years and older. The mean age for RNs in LA was 45 years, with a median age of 44 years compared to a national average of 50 years and a median of 48 years according to findings from

the 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (U.S Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS] Health Resources and Services Administration [HRSA], 2019).

Table 3. Age Distribution of Licensed RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	<30		30-39		40-49		50-59		60 and >	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	7,593	13%	15,739	26%	13,704	23%	11,870	20%	10,557	18%
2019	7,653	13%	15,701	27%	13,738	23%	11,783	20%	10,358	17%
2018	7,508	13%	15,084	26%	13,507	24%	11,572	20%	9,673	17%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓1% / ↑1%		↑0.2% / ↑4%		↓0.2% / ↑1%		↑1% / ↑3%		↑2% / ↑9%	

Number of respondents 2020 = 59,463; Mean age = 45.25 years; Median age = 44 years

Gender of Registered Nurses in Louisiana

The gender distribution for the U.S. population is 49% male and 51% female, which is equivalent to that of Louisiana’s population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019). The gender distribution for RNs in Louisiana is not reflective of the state or national percentages. Since 2018, males represented 12% of the RN workforce and females represented 88% (Table 4). Over the last three years there was a 6% increase in the number of male RNs. At the national level, males represent 9.6% of the RN workforce (HRSA, 2019).

Table 4. Gender Distribution of Licensed RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%
2020	7,063	12%	52,400	88%
2019	7,021	12%	52,212	88%
2018	6,653	12%	50,691	88%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑0.6% / ↑6%		↑0.4% / ↑3%	

Number of respondents = 59,463

Ethnicity and Race of Licensed Registered Nurses in Louisiana

According to the U.S. Census Bureau (2019), 18.3% of the U.S. population is Hispanic/Latino, whereas 5% of Louisiana’s population is Hispanic/Latino. Hispanics/Latinos represent 10.2% of the RN workforce at the national level (HRSA, 2019). The RN workforce in Louisiana remained at 3% Hispanic/Latino in 2020, although the number of Hispanic/Latino RNs has increased by 9% over the last three years (Table 5).

Table 5. Ethnicity (Hispanic Origin)

Report Year	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
2020	1,676	3%	57,787	97%
2019	1,624	3%	57,609	97%
2018	1,540	3%	55,774	97%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑3% / ↑9%		↑0.3% / ↑4%	

Number of respondents = 59,463

In the U.S. and Louisiana, minorities comprise approximately 41% of the population, whereas minorities comprise 21% of Louisiana’s RN workforce (Table 6). At the national level, minorities comprise 26.7% of the RN workforce: Hispanic/Latino (10.2%); Black (7.8%); Asian (5.2%); American Indian/Alaskan Native (0.3%); Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.6%); and two or more races (1.7%) (HRSA, 2019).

Table 6. Racial Distribution of RNs Residing in Louisiana

Report Year	White		Black/ African American		Asian		American Indian / Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		Two or More Races		Other	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	47,104	79%	10,006	17%	916	2%	243	0.4%	52	0.1%	615	1%	520	1%
2019	47,115	80%	9,835	17%	914	2%	245	0.4%	57	0.1%	533	1%	514	1%
2018	45,761	80%	9,317	16%	842	1%	237	0.4%	58	0.1%	422	0.7%	417	0.7%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓0.02% / ↑3%		↑2% / ↑7%		↑0.2% / ↑9%		↓1% / ↑3%		↓9% / ↓10%		↑15% / ↑46%		↑1% / ↑25%	

Number of respondents = 59,456

Educational Preparation of Registered Nurses in Louisiana

Over the last three years there has been no change in the proportion of licensed RNs in Louisiana with the initial nursing degree/credential that qualified them for their first U.S. nursing license: 4% vocational/practical; 6% diploma; 40% associate degree; 50% (49% in 2018 and 2019) baccalaureate; and less than 1% Masters or higher (Table 7). There was a 6% increase in the number of licensed RNs reporting that a Masters or higher was their entry level degree into nursing followed by a 4% increase for those indicating that the baccalaureate degree and the vocational/practical certificate, respectively, was their initial nursing education preparation.

Table 7. Basic Educational Preparation of RNs Residing in Louisiana

Report Year	Vocational/ Practical		Diploma Nurse		Associate Degree		BSN		Masters or Higher	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	2,272	4%	3,414	6%	23,661	40%	29,664	50%	386	0.6%
2019	2,252	4%	3,588	6%	23,603	40%	29,012	49%	377	0.6%
2018	2,173	4%	3,662	6%	22,879	40%	27,966	49%	357	0.6%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑4% / ↑5%		↓2% / ↓7%		↑3% / ↑3%		↑4% / ↑6%		↑6% / ↑8%	

Number of respondents = 59,397

Highest Degree Held by Registered Nurses in Louisiana

Sixty-two percent (36,951) of all licensed RNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 reported having a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing (Table 8). In addition, 61% (31,904) of licensed RNs that are working as a RN reported having a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing which exceeds the 59% reported nationwide according to the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action Dashboard (2021).

Table 8. Highest Degree in Nursing held by RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Diploma in Nursing		Associate Degree in Nursing		Bachelors' in Nursing		Master's in Nursing		Doctorate in Nursing	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	2,415	4%	20,031	34%	28,206	47%	7,869	13%	876	1%
2019	2,596	4%	20,488	35%	27,717	47%	7,305	12%	726	1%
2018	2,660	5%	19,935	35%	26,768	47%	7,034	12%	640	1%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓7% / ↓9%		↓2% / ↑0.5%		↑2% / ↑5%		↑8% / ↑12%		↑21% / ↑37%	

Number of respondents = 59,397; RNs working as a RN = 52,511.

In 2020, over 18,000 RNs reported having non-nursing degrees (Table 9). Over half (54%) of these nurses had a bachelors' degree in a field outside of nursing and 33% had an associate degree in a non-nursing discipline.

Table 9. Highest Non-Nursing Degree held by RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Non-Nursing Associate Degree		Non-Nursing Bachelors' Degree		Non-Nursing Master's Degree		Non-Nursing Doctorate	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	6,031	33%	9,907	54%	2,087	11%	277	2%
2019	5,854	33%	9,750	54%	2,022	11%	280	2%
2018	5,530	32%	9,387	55%	1,943	11%	277	2%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑3% / ↑9%		↑2% / ↑6%		↑3% / ↑7%		↓1% / 0%	

Number of respondents = 18,302

Approximately 2% (1,153) of the RNs residing in Louisiana reported having a doctorate. Fifty-eight percent of the doctoral prepared RNs have a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), an increase of 30% in the number of DNPs since 2019 and an increase of 57% in the number of DNPs since 2018, and 24% have a doctorate in a field other than nursing (Table 10). Only 11% reported having a PhD in nursing and 6% reported having another form of doctorate in nursing.

Table 10. Types of Doctorates held by Licensed RNs Residing in Louisiana

Report Year	PhD in Nursing		DNP		Other Doctorates in Nursing (e.g., DNS)		Doctorate in Other Field	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	132	11%	670	58%	74	6%	277	24%
2019	128	13%	515	51%	83	8%	280	28%
2018	127	14%	426	46%	87	9%	277	30%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑3% / ↑4%		↑30% / ↑57%		↓11% / ↓15%		↓1% / 0%	

Total number of RNs with doctorates = 1,153

Registered Nurses Advancing Their Education

According to the Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, it is essential for nurses not to be stagnant in terms of their education (2010). Nurses must advance their education if they are to provide high quality, technologically advanced patient centered, cost effective, healthcare to patients with complex, and in many incidences, multiple health conditions (2010). In 2020, 4,978 licensed RNs residing in Louisiana

indicated that they were enrolled in school which is equivalent to approximately 8% of the RN workforce (Table 11). Of those that were enrolled in school, 2,186 (44%) were enrolled in a Master’s in Nursing program, 1,569 (32%) indicated they were enrolled in a baccalaureate in nursing program, and 660 (13%) were enrolled in a DNP program. Seven percent (367) of the RNs reported being enrolled in non-nursing post education programs.

Table 11. Licensed RNs Enrolled in Post-RN Programs In and Out of Louisiana

Report Year	ADN		BSN		MSN		PhD		DNP		Doctorate Nursing Other (e.g., DNS/DNSc)		Doctorate/Non-Nursing		*Non-Nursing Post RN Education		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	24	0.5%	1,569	32%	2,186	44%	70	1%	660	13%	36	0.7%	66	1%	367	7%	4,978
2019	40	1%	1,582	34%	1,910	41%	66	1%	614	13%	24	0.5%	80	2%	324	7%	4,640
2018	47	1%	1,412	32%	1,863	43%	62	1%	585	13%	21	0.5%	87	2%	299	7%	4,376
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓40% / ↓49%		↓1% / ↑11%		↑14% / ↑17%		↑6% / ↑13%		↑7% / ↑13%		↑50% / ↑71%		↓18% / ↓24%		↑13% / ↑23%		↑7% / ↑14%

Note: Non-Nursing Programs: AD Non-Nursing (18), BS Non-Nursing (70), MS Non-Nursing (279) were included in the total

RN to BSN Progression

Increasing the number of RNs with a BSN in Nursing to 80% by 2020 was another hallmark recommendation from the Institute of Medicine Report (2010). Between 2016 and 2020, there has been a 12% decrease in the number of students accepted for admission into Louisiana’s RN to BSN programs (Table 12). There has been an increase in the number of students enrolled (5% increase) and the number graduating (2% increase) from Louisiana’s RN to BSN programs over the last year.

Table 12. Post RN Student Enrollment and Graduates from Louisiana Nursing Programs

Report Year	RN to BSN Admitted	RN to BSN Enrolled	RN to BSN Graduates
2020	1,131	1,342	622
2019	1,171	1,283	609
2018	1,184	1,325	646
2017	1,348	1,361	682
2016	1,278	1,295	714
1 & 5 Year Variance	↓3% / ↓12%	↑5% / ↑4%	↑2% / ↓13%

Source of data: 2019-2020 School of Nursing Annual Reports

Employment Distribution of Registered Nurses

Seventy-four percent (45,628) of the licensed RNs residing in Louisiana reported working full-time, 7% (4,525) part-time, and 7% (4,019) per diem (Table 13). At the national level, findings from the 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses revealed that 79% of licensed RNs reported full-time employment as a nurse (HRSA, 2019). Nurses that were not employed indicated that they were either unemployed and seeking a nursing position (1,480; 2%) or

unemployed not seeking work as a nurse (2,497; 4%) which is equivalent to approximately 7% (3,977) of the licensed RNs residing in Louisiana.

Table 13. Employment Distribution of RNs Residing in LA

Employment Status	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Full-time in nursing	45,628	74%	45,279	74%	43,711	75%	↑1% / ↑4%
Part-time in nursing	4,525	7%	4,610	8%	4,486	8%	↓2% / ↑1%
Per diem in nursing	4,019	7%	3,990	7%	3,743	6%	↑1% / ↑7%
Full-time non-nursing	965	2%	944	2%	892	2%	↑2% / ↑8%
Part-time non-nursing	361	1%	328	0.5%	294	0.5%	↑10% / ↑23%
Per diem non-nursing	163	0.3%	150	0.2%	133	0.2%	↑9% / ↑23%
Nursing volunteer	319	0.5%	340	0.5%	309	0.5%	↓6% / ↑3%
Unemployed seeking work as a nurse	1,480	2%	1,420	2%	1,246	2%	↑4% / ↑19%
Unemployed not seeking work as a nurse	2,497	4%	2,549	4%	2,472	4%	↓2% / ↑1%
Retired	1,518	2%	1,553	3%	1,354	2%	↓2% / ↑12%

Note: Respondents were instructed to select all that apply.

Sixty-one percent (2,443) of the RNs that were unemployed identified caring for home and family as the reason for not working which represents a 2% decrease in number between 2019 and 2020 and a 14% decrease over the past three years (Table 14). There was also a 3% decrease in 2019-2020 and a 12% decrease over the last three years in the number of RNs reporting that they were having difficulty finding a nursing position.

Table 14. Reasons for Unemployment of RNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Home/Family Care		Difficulty Finding a Nursing Position		Currently in School		Disabled		Inadequate Salary		Other	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	2,443	61%	190	5%	412	10%	201	5%	33	0.8%	698	18%
2019	2,482	63%	196	5%	364	9%	217	5%	28	0.7%	682	17%
2018	2,832	68%	216	5%	308	7%	182	4%	25	0.6%	605	15%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓2% / ↓14%		↓3% / ↓12%		↑13% / ↑34%		↓7% / ↑10%		↑18% / ↑32%		↑2% / ↑15%	

Note: Respondents were instructed to select all that apply.

Number of Years Licensed Registered Nurses in Louisiana Plan to Work

In 2020, 7,775 (14%) of the RNs residing in Louisiana reported that they plan to work an additional 1-5 years and 15% plan to work an additional 6-10 years, which is equivalent to approximately 29% of the RN workforce in Louisiana that plan to stop working in ten years. (Table 15). When compared to 2019, there was a 1% decrease in the number of RNs that plan to work between 11 and 20 years and a 4% increase in the number that plan to work over 20 years.

Table 15. Number of Years Licensed RNs in Louisiana Plan to Work

Report Year	1-5 years		6-10 years		11-20 years		Over 20 years		Total Respondents
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	7,775	14%	8,657	15%	15,038	27%	24,953	44%	56,423
2019	7,613	14%	9,153	16%	15,231	27%	23,918	43%	55,915
2018	7,619	14%	9,202	17%	15,029	28%	22,255	41%	54,105
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑2% / ↑2%		↓5% / ↓6%		↓1% / ↑0.06%		↑4% / ↑12%		↑1% / ↑4%

Employment Settings for Registered Nurses

According to Table 16, in 2020, hospitals employed 61% (32,062) of the RNs residing in Louisiana which is in line with the 60% reported in the 2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (2019). Ten percent of the RNs in Louisiana were employed in ambulatory care settings compared to 16% at the national level (HRSA, 2019). Settings such as care management/care management/care coordinator, clinics, behavioral health clinics/centers/hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, insurance companies and cardiology were included in the other category.

Table 16. Primary Employment Settings for RNs Residing in Louisiana

Employment Setting	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Ambulatory Care	5,214	10%	5,203	10%	4,982	10%	↑0.2% / ↑5%
Assisted Living Facility	115	0.2%	113	0.2%	112	0.2%	↑2% / ↑3%
Community Health	981	2%	961	2%	901	2%	↑2% / ↑9%
Correctional Facility	401	0.8%	383	0.7%	345	0.7%	↑5% / ↑16%
Dialysis Center	915	2%	919	2%	917	2%	↓0.4% / ↓0.2%
Home Health	2,097	4%	2,140	4%	2,225	4%	↓2% / ↓6%
Hospice	1,035	2%	1,024	2%	991	2%	↑1% / ↑4%
Hospital	32,062	61%	31,930	61%	30,936	61%	↑0.4% / ↑4%
Insurance Claims/Benefits	1,093	2%	1,086	2%	1,028	2%	↑0.6% / ↑6%
Nursing Home/Extended Care	1,593	3%	1,626	3%	1,530	3%	↓2% / ↑4%
Occupational Health	280	0.5%	282	0.5%	269	0.5%	↓0.7% / ↑4%
Other	4,056	8%	4,028	8%	3,885	8%	↑0.7% / ↑4%
Policy/Planning/Regulatory Licensing Agency	202	0.4%	210	0.4%	208	0.4%	↓4% / ↓3%
Public Health	506	1%	489	0.9%	468	0.9%	↑3% / ↑8%
School Health Service	981	2%	971	2%	941	2%	↑1% / ↑4%
School of Nursing	979	2%	982	2%	934	2%	↓0.3% / ↑5%
Total	52,510		52,347		50,672		↑0.3% / ↑4%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Positions Held by Licensed Registered Nurses in Louisiana

Sixty-four percent (33,825) of RNs residing in Louisiana reported working as staff nurses in 2020 (Table 17) compared to 60% of RNs at the national level (Smiley, et.al., 2021). Eleven percent (5,633) indicated they were APRNs, which is in line with the 11.5% reported at the national level (HRSA, 2019). Eight percent were nurse managers and 6% were case managers which is also in line with national findings (Smiley, et.al., 2021). Other health related positions

included administrator, assistant director, charge nurse, case manager/care management, clinical documentation specialists, clinical informaticists, directors of various departments/agencies, medical certification specialist and health management.

Table 17. Types of Positions Held by Licensed RNs Residing in Louisiana

Positions	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Advanced Practice Nurse	5,633	11%	5,619	11%	5,227	10%	↑0.2% / ↑8%
Case Manager	2,983	6%	2,989	6%	3,015	6%	↓0.2% / ↓1%
Consultant	521	1%	539	1%	544	1%	↓3% / ↓4%
Nurse Executive	1,110	2%	1,136	2%	1,127	2%	↓2% / ↓2%
Nurse Faculty / Educator	1,347	3%	1,350	3%	1,264	2%	↓0.2% / ↑7%
Nurse Manager	4,221	8%	4,307	8%	4,279	8%	↓2% / ↓1%
Nurse Researcher	161	0.3%	154	0.3%	137	0.3%	↑5% / ↑18%
Other – Health Related	2,563	5%	2,502	5%	2,315	5%	↑2% / ↑11%
Other – Not Health Related	146	0.3%	144	0.3%	138	0.3%	↑1% / ↑6%
Staff Nurse	33,825	64%	33,607	64%	32,626	64%	↑0.6% / ↑4%
Total	52,510		52,347		50,672		↑0.3% / ↑4%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Primary Practice Specialty Areas Reported by Registered Nurses Residing in Louisiana

In 2020, 12% (6,139) of the RNs residing and working in Louisiana reported their primary practice specialty area as acute care/critical care, a 2% increase in number, followed by 11% (6,002) reporting medical/surgical as their specialty practice area, a 1% decrease in number (Table 18). Three of the remaining top five primary practice specialty areas, outside of ‘other clinical specialties’, were: adult health/adult family health (8%; 3,981), emergency room trauma (7%; 3,889), and operating room/post anesthesia care unit/perioperative specialty areas (7%; 3,575).

Other clinical specialty areas included telemedicine/tele-triage, case management/care coordination, informatics, endoscopy, gastroenterology, health management and wound/ostomy care to name a few.

Table 18. Primary Specialty Practice Areas Reported by RNs Residing in Louisiana

Clinical, Teaching or Practice Area	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Acute Care / Critical Care	6,139	12%	6,015	11%	5,797	11%	↑2% / ↑6%
Anesthesia	1,433	3%	1,455	3%	1,419	3%	↓2% / ↑1%
Community Health	535	1%	524	1%	478	0.9%	↑2% / ↑12%
Dialysis / Nephrology	1,023	2%	1,019	2%	1,014	2%	↑0.4% / ↑1%
Emergency Room / Trauma	3,889	7%	3,904	7%	3,804	8%	↓0.4% / ↑2%
Adult Health / Adult Family Health	3,981	8%	3,923	7%	3,683	7%	↑1% / ↑8%
Geriatrics / Gerontology	1,837	3%	1,908	4%	1,892	4%	↓4% / ↓3%
Home Health	1,900	4%	1,939	4%	1,994	4%	↓2% / ↓5%
Maternal Child Health /Obstetrics	2,293	4%	2,257	4%	2,249	4%	↑2% / ↑2%
Medical-Surgical	6,002	11%	6,083	12%	6,015	12%	↓1% / ↓0.2%
Neonatal	1,614	3%	1,635	3%	1,640	3%	↓1% / ↓2%
Pediatrics	2,129	4%	2,134	4%	2,109	4%	↓0.2% / ↑1%
Occupational Health	357	0.7%	340	0.6%	323	0.6%	↑5% / ↑11%
Oncology	1,144	2%	1,134	2%	1,105	2%	↑1% / ↑4%
OR/PACU/Perioperative	3,575	7%	3,530	7%	3,392	7%	↑1% / ↑5%
Palliative Care	782	1%	763	1%	716	1%	↑2% / ↑9%
Psych-Mental Health/Substance Abuse	2,181	4%	2,187	4%	2,085	4%	↓0.3% / ↑5%
Public Health	437	0.8%	412	0.8%	380	0.7%	↑6% / ↑15%
Rehab	791	2%	804	2%	776	2%	↓2% / ↑2%
School Health	738	1%	714	1%	699	1%	↑3% / ↑6%
Cardiology	1,982	4%	2,043	4%	2,042	4%	↓3% / ↓3%
Orthopedic	494	1%	520	1%	534	1%	↓5% / ↓7%
Women’s Health	885	2%	902	2%	884	2%	↓2% / ↑0.1%
Other - Clinical Specialties	4,919	9%	4,779	9%	4,353	9%	↑3% / ↑13%
Other – Non-clinical Specialties	1,450	3%	1,423	3%	1,289	3%	↑2% / ↑12%
Total	52,510		52,347		50,672		↑0.3% / ↑4%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Registered Nurses Providing Direct Patient Care

Nurses are the single largest component of the health care workforce, spend the most time with patients, and provide the majority of direct care to patients (Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing, 2011; National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, 2008). This is true not only for the nation, but also in Louisiana. Eighty-one percent of the RNs (48,331) working in Louisiana in 2020 reported that they provided direct patient care in their practice, compared to 83% at the national level (Table 19).

Table 19. RNs Providing Direct Patient Care

RNs Residing in Louisiana	No. of RNs Providing Direct Patient Care		No. of RNs That Do Not Provide Direct Patient Care		N/A		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	48,331	81%	6,373	11%	4,693	8%	59,397
2019	47,748	81%	6,327	11%	4,757	8%	58,832
2018	45,927	81%	6,322	11%	4,788	8%	57,037
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑1% / ↑5%		↑0.7% / ↑0.8%		↓1% / ↓2%		↑1% / ↑4%

Number of Positions Employed as a Nurse

Between 2018 and 2020, there was an 8% increase in the number of RNs holding three or more positions (Table 20). Yet, the vast majority of RNs working and residing in Louisiana reported employment in only one nursing position in 2020.

Table 20. Number of Positions Employed as a RN

RNs Residing in Louisiana	One		Two		Three or More		Total Responding #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	46,844	89%	5,056	10%	611	1%	52,511
2019	46,574	89%	5,165	10%	609	1%	52,348
2018	44,934	89%	5,172	10%	564	1%	50,670
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑0.6% / ↑4%		↓2% / ↓2%		↑0.3% / ↑8%		↑0.3% / ↑4%

RNs Planning to Leave Their Current Nursing Positions

In 2020, 17% (9,331) of the RNs working and residing in Louisiana indicated that they were planning to leave their current nursing position which is a decrease in number when compared to 2019 (Table 21). Of the 9,331 RNs planning to leave their current nursing positions, 2,690 (29%) indicated that they would be retiring and 1,727 (19%) cited salary/pay as the reason for leaving their current position, which represents a 2% increase in number over the previous year.

Table 21. Reasons Licensed RNs Residing in LA Are Leaving Their Current Positions

Reason for Leaving Current Position	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Relocate	671	7%	799	8%	799	8%	↓16% / ↓16%
Salary/Pay	1,727	19%	1,689	18%	1,641	17%	↑2% / ↑5%
Retire	2,690	29%	2,727	28%	2,779	29%	↓1% / ↓3%
School	1,189	13%	1,218	13%	1,175	12%	↓2% / ↑1%
Work Environment	705	8%	750	8%	756	8%	↓6% / ↓7%
Change Specialty	840	9%	852	9%	836	9%	↓1% / ↑0.5%
Starting/Raising Family	532	6%	501	5%	482	5%	↑6% / ↑10%
Caring for Elderly Family Member	216	2%	220	2%	235	2%	↓2% / ↓8%
Other	761	8%	884	9%	986	10%	↓14% / ↓23%
Total	9,331		9,640		9,689		↓3% / ↓4%

Salaries of Registered Nurses in Louisiana

In 2020, approximately 45% (20,330) of the RNs that worked full-time reported annual salaries between \$60,000 and \$99,999 (Table 22). Nineteen percent (8,591) of the full-time employed RNs reported salaries between \$100,000 and \$149,999. In 2018, the national median earnings for full-time RNs was \$73,929, while part-time RNs earned a median of \$39,985 (HRSA, 2019). It is interesting to note that 3% (1,546) of the full-time employed RNs reported annual salaries of less than \$40,000. The high one-year variance is due to a change in the options that occurred in September 2019. The change in options allows state comparisons to be made with national comparisons.

Table 22. Salaries of Licensed RNs Living in Louisiana and Working Full-Time

Year	Less than \$40,000		\$40,000 to \$59,999		\$60,000 to \$79,999		\$80,000 to \$99,999		\$100,000 to \$124,999		\$125,000 to \$149,999		\$150,000 or more		Do not wish to provide		N/A	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	1,546	3%	6,085	14%	11,864	26%	8,466	19%	6,004	13%	2,587	6%	1,291	3%	4,190	9%	2,892	6%
2019	857	3%	3,902	14%	7,756	28%	5,442	19%	3,742	13%	1,610	6%	850	3%	2,566	9%	1,444	5%
1 Year Variance	↑80%		↑56%		↑53%		↑56%		↑60%		↑61%		↑52%		↑63%		↑100%	

Number of Respondents: 2020: n= 44,925

Note: The high one-year variance is due to a change in the options that occurred in September 2019. The change in options allows state comparisons to be made with national comparisons.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Of the 66,076 RNs holding an active license to practice in Louisiana in 2020, 12% (7,630) also held an active APRN license (Table 23). Eighty-seven percent (6,649) of the APRNs holding an active Louisiana license also reported Louisiana as their state of residence which represents a 6% increase in number from 2019 and a 15% increase in number over the last three years. There was a 16% increase in the number of APRNs holding a Louisiana license that reported living outside of Louisiana.

Table 23. Number of APRNs Licensed to Practice in Louisiana

Report Year	# of APRNs holding a LA License (Residing in LA)		# of APRNs holding a LA License (Not Residing in LA)		No Parish Listed		Total # APRNs with an APRN License in LA
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	6,649	87%	975	13%	6	0.1%	7,630
2019	6,273	88%	840	12%	8	0.1%	7,121
2018	5,803	90%	670	10%	7	0.1%	6,480
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑6% / ↑15%		↑16% / ↑46%		↓25% / ↓14%		↑7% / ↑18%

Primary Roles of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Residing in Louisiana

In 2020, approximately 76% (4,748) of all APRNs licensed and residing in Louisiana indicated that they were Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP), 22% (1,370) were Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), 2% (107) were Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), and 1% (47) were Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) (Table 24). At the national level, 69% of all APRNs are CNPs, 20% are CNSs, 9% are CRNAs and 2% are CNMs. Over the last three years, the number of CNPs increased by 11%, CRNAs increased by 1%, while the number of CNMs and CNSs decreased by 6% and 14%, respectively.

Table 24. Primary Role as an APRN Residing in LA

Report Year	CNP		CNM		CRNA		CNS		Total
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	4,748	76%	47	1%	1,370	22%	107	2%	6,272
2019	4,701	75%	46	1%	1,398	22%	121	2%	6,266
2018	4,265	74%	50	1%	1,355	23%	124	2%	5,794
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑1% / ↑11%		↑2% / ↓6%		↓2% / ↑1%		↓12% / ↓14%		↑0.1% / ↑8%

Note: APRNs were only able to select one primary role.

Age of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Renewing

Thirty-five percent (2,320) of the APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 were between 30 and 39 years of age and 31% (2,041) were between 40 and 49 years old (Table 25). Nineteen percent (1,256) of Louisiana’s APRNs were between 50 and 59 years of age and 12% (809) were 60 years and older.

Table 25. Age Distribution of Licensed APRNs Residing in LA

Report Year	<30		30-39		40-49		50-59		60 and >	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	223	3%	2,320	35%	2,041	31%	1,256	19%	809	12%
2019	219	3%	2,223	35%	1,888	30%	1,145	18%	798	13%
2018	221	4%	2,017	35%	1,775	31%	1,049	18%	741	13%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑2% / ↑1%		↑4% / ↑15%		↑8% / ↑15%		↑10% / ↑20%		↑1% / ↑9%	

Number of Respondents (6,649); Mean Age = 44.85 years; Median Age = 43 years.

Gender of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Renewing Their License

Seventy-nine percent (5,277) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana are females and 21% (1,372) are males (Table 26). The proportion of males that are APRNs is greater than the 12% that reflect the entire RN workforce.

Table 26. Gender Distribution of Licensed APRNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Male		Female	
	#	%	#	%
2020	1,372	21%	5,277	79%
2019	1,307	21%	4,966	79%
2018	1,233	21%	4,570	79%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑5% / ↑11%		↑6% / ↑15%	

Number of Respondents (6,649)

Ethnicity and Racial Distribution of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

In 2020, 2% (147) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana indicated that they were of Hispanic or Latino origin which reflects a 5% increase in number (Table 27).

Table 27. Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino Origin) of APRNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Yes		No	
	#	%	#	%
2020	147	2%	6,502	98%
2019	140	2%	6,133	98%
2018	127	2%	5,673	98%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑5% / ↑16%		↑6% / ↑15%	

Number of responders = 6,649

As seen in Table 28, the majority of APRNs residing in Louisiana are White/Caucasian (82%). Minorities represent approximately 18% of the APRN workforce in Louisiana: Black/African Americans represent 15% of the APRN workforce, followed by 1% Asian, and less than 1% of each of the following racial groups: American Indian (0.3%), Native Hawaiian (0.03%), two or more races (0.9%) and other (0.4%).

Table 28. Racial Distribution of APRNs Residing in LA

Report Year	White		Black		Asian		American Indian/Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		Two or more Races		Other	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	5,442	82%	1,016	15%	83	1%	21	0.3%	2	0.03%	57	0.9%	27	0.4%
2019	5,170	82%	932	15%	75	1%	20	0.3%	2	0.03%	45	0.7%	26	0.4%
2018	4,820	83%	832	14%	65	1%	20	0.3%	3	0.1%	33	0.6%	19	0.3%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑5% / ↑13%		↑9% / ↑22%		↑11% / ↑28%		↑5% / ↑5%		0% / ↓33%		↑27% / ↑73%		↑4% / ↑42%	

Number of responders = 6,648 (No race given=1)

Highest Degree Held by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Louisiana

Eighty-six percent (5,705) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 reported the masters' degree as their highest degree in nursing (Table 29). Ten percent of the APRNs indicated that they held a doctorate degree in nursing which represents a 17% increase in number when compared to 2019 and a 42% increase in number over the last three years. One percent (42) held a doctorate in another discipline.

Table 29. Highest Degree in Nursing Held by APRNs Residing in LA

Report Year	Diploma in Nursing		Associate Degree In Nursing		Bachelor's in Nursing		Master's in Nursing		Doc. in Nursing		Doc. not in Nursing	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	45	1%	44	1%	160	2%	5,705	86%	674	10%	42	1%
2019	51	1%	57	1%	192	3%	5,388	85%	578	9%	43	1%
2018	54	1%	56	1%	184	3%	5,025	86%	475	8%	40	1%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↓12% / ↓17%		↓23% / ↓21%		↓17% / ↓13%		↑6% / ↑14%		↑17% / ↑42%		↓2% / ↑5%	

Number of responders = 6,670

Employment Distribution for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Eighty-four percent (5,800) of the licensed APRNs residing in LA in 2020 were employed full-time (Table 30). Seven percent (502) of the APRNs reported part-time employment, and 5% (333) indicated employment on a per diem basis. When compared to 2019, there was a 6% increase in the number of APRNs working full-time, a 4% increase in the number working part-time and a 17% increase in the number that were working on a per diem basis. One percent of licensed APRNs (95) reported that they were seeking work as an APRN and less than 1% (50) were unemployed and were not seeking work as an APRN.

Table 30. Employment Distribution of APRNs

Employment Status	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Full-time in nursing	5,800	84%	5,471	84%	5,059	85%	↑6% / ↑15%
Part-time in nursing	502	7%	484	7%	431	7%	↑4% / ↑16%
Per diem in nursing	333	5%	285	4%	244	4%	↑17% / ↑36%
Full-time non-nursing	33	0.5%	37	1%	34	1%	↓11% / ↓3%
Part-time non-nursing	14	0.2%	13	0.2%	16	0.3%	↑8% / ↓13%
Per diem non-nursing	6	0.1%	6	0.1%	8	0.1%	0% / ↓25%
Nursing volunteer	13	0.2%	13	0.2%	16	0.3%	0% / ↓19%
Unemployed seeking work as a nurse	95	1%	83	1%	74	1%	↑14% / ↑28%
Unemployed not seeking work as a nurse	50	0.7%	53	1%	48	1%	↓6% / ↑4%
Retired	30	0.4%	30	0.5%	18	0.3%	0% / ↑67%

Note: APRNs were instructed to ‘Select All That Apply.’

Thirty-nine percent (56) of the APRNs that reported being unemployed identified home and family obligations as the reason they were not employed (Table 31). Eighteen percent (26) indicated that they were having difficulty finding a position as an APRN. Other reasons for being unemployed included in between positions, employment contract ended and relocating.

Table 31. Reasons for Unemployment Reported by APRNs

Report Year	Home/Family Care		Difficulty Finding a Nursing Position		Currently in School		Disabled		Inadequate Salary		Other	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	56	39%	26	18%	10	7%	3	2%	0	0%	50	34%
2019	53	39%	24	18%	10	7%	4	3%	1	1%	44	32%
2018	50	41%	22	18%	5	4%	3	2%	1	1%	41	34%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑6% / ↑12%		↑8% / ↑18%		0% / ↑100%		↓25% / 0%		↓100% / ↓100%		↑14% / ↑22%	

Note: APRNs were instructed to ‘Select All That Apply.’

Employment Settings for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

According to Table 32, in 2020, hospitals employed 38% (2,460) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana, followed by 30% (1,900) that reported working in ambulatory care, 6% in community health (374), and 3% (184) in schools of nursing. Other employment settings included clinics, physician’s offices, family practice, rural health clinic and urgent care.

Table 32. Primary Employment Settings for APRNs Residing in Louisiana

Employment Setting	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Ambulatory Care	1,900	30%	1,795	30%	1,610	29%	↑6% / ↑18%
Assisted Living Facility	3	0.05%	2	0.1%	3	0.1%	↑50% / 0%
Community Health	374	6%	333	5%	301	5%	↑12% / ↑24%
Correctional Facility	58	1%	53	0.9%	44	0.8%	↑9% / ↑32%
Dialysis Center	27	0.4%	24	0.4%	26	0.5%	↑13% / ↑4%
Home Health	76	1%	72	1%	63	1%	↑6% / ↑21%
Hospice	21	0.3%	25	0.4%	23	0.4%	↓16% / ↓9%
Hospital	2,460	38%	2,349	39%	2,240	40%	↑5% / ↑10%
Insurance Claims/Benefits	16	0.2%	16	0.3%	7	0.1%	0% / ↑129%
Nursing Home/Extended Care	118	2%	118	2%	106	2%	0% / ↑11%
Occupational Health	76	1%	71	1%	68	1%	↑7% / ↑12%
Other	935	15%	877	14%	807	14%	↑7% / ↑16%
Policy/Planning/Regulatory Licensing Agency	9	0.1%	8	0.1%	5	0.1%	↑13% / ↑80%
Public Health	60	1%	52	1%	44	1%	↑15% / ↑36%
School Health Service	85	1%	81	1%	75	1%	↑5% / ↑13%
School of Nursing	184	3%	181	3%	178	3%	↑2% / ↑3%
Total	6,402		6,057		5,600		↑6% / ↑14%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Types of Positions Held by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Residing in Louisiana

In 2020, 92% (5,900) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana reported working as an APRN, 4% (225) indicated that they were staff nurses, and 2% (144) were nurse faculty/educators (Table 33). Other positions reported by APRNs included house supervisor, nursing faculty, quality manager and midwife/personal trainer.

Table 33. Types of Positions Held by Licensed APRNs Residing in Louisiana

Positions	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Advanced Practice Nurse	5,900	92%	5,599	92%	5,199	93%	↑5% / ↑13%
Case Manager	12	0.2%	12	0.2%	10	0.2%	0% / ↑20%
Consultant	4	0.06%	4	0.1%	5	0.1%	0% / ↓20%
Nurse Executive	37	0.6%	36	0.6%	27	0.5%	↑3% / ↑37%
Nurse Faculty / Educator	144	2%	143	2%	139	2%	↑0.7% / ↑4%
Nurse Manager	20	0.3%	21	0.3%	24	0.4%	↓5% / ↓17%
Nurse Researcher	4	0.06%	3	0.05%	2	0.04%	↑33% / ↑100%
Other – Health Related	51	0.8%	48	0.8%	38	0.7%	↑6% / ↑34%
Other – Not Health Related	5	0.08%	4	0.07%	4	0.07%	↑25% / ↑25%
Staff Nurse	225	4%	187	3%	152	3%	↑20% / ↑48%
Total Respondents	6,402		6,057		5,600		↑6% / 14%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Specialty Practice Areas Reported by APRNs

Thirty-one percent (1,986) of the licensed APRNs that resided in Louisiana in 2020 reported their primary specialty practice areas as adult health/adult family health and 21% (1,359) indicated anesthesia as their primary specialty practice area (Table 34). Five percent (334) reported pediatrics as their primary specialty, 5% (292) psych-mental health nursing, 4% (255) emergency room/trauma and 4% (242) acute care/critical care. Other clinical specialty areas included gastroenterology, neurology, clinical research, dermatology and aesthetics.

Table 34. Primary Specialty Practice Areas Reported by APRNs Residing in Louisiana

Clinical, Teaching or Practice Area	2020		2019		2018		1 & 3 Year Variance
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Acute Care / Critical Care	242	4%	211	3%	191	3%	↑15% / ↑27%
Anesthesia	1,359	21%	1,344	22%	1,300	23%	↑1% / ↑5%
Community Health	51	0.8%	44	0.7%	37	0.7%	↑16% / ↑38%
Dialysis / Nephrology	71	1%	63	1%	56	1%	↑13% / ↑27%
Emergency Room / Trauma	255	4%	238	4%	241	4%	↑7% / ↑6%
Adult Health / Adult Family Health	1,986	31%	1,854	31%	1,694	30%	↑7% / ↑17%
Geriatrics / Gerontology	117	2%	119	2%	117	2%	↓2% / 0%
Home Health	30	0.5%	25	0.4%	17	0.3%	↑20% / ↑76%
Maternal Child Health /Obstetrics	67	1%	59	1%	54	1%	↑14% / ↑24%
Medical-Surgical	85	1%	76	1%	79	1%	↑12% / ↑8%
Neonatal	153	2%	150	2%	147	3%	↑2% / ↑4%
Pediatrics	334	5%	326	5%	302	5%	↑2% / ↑11%
Occupational Health	67	1%	63	1%	54	1%	↑6% / ↑24%
Oncology	86	1%	83	1%	78	1%	↑4% / ↑10%
OR/PACU/Perioperative	24	0.4%	18	0.3%	12	0.2%	↑33% / ↑100%
Palliative Care	42	0.7%	42	0.7%	34	0.6%	0% / ↑24%
Psych-Mental Health/Substance Abuse	292	5%	255	4%	224	4%	↑15% / ↑30%
Public Health	25	0.4%	22	0.4%	18	0.3%	↑14% / ↑39%
Rehab	24	0.4%	25	0.4%	23	0.4%	↓4% / ↑4%
School Health	40	0.6%	37	0.6%	36	0.6%	↑8% / ↑11%
Cardiology	182	3%	180	3%	170	3%	↑1% / ↑7%
Orthopedic	82	1%	77	1%	76	1%	↑6% / ↑8%
Women's Health	153	2%	152	3%	149	3%	↑0.7% / ↑3%
Other - Clinical Specialties	589	9%	554	9%	464	8%	↑6% / ↑27%
Other – Non-clinical Specialties	46	0.7%	40	0.7%	27	0.5%	↑15% / ↑70%
Total	6,402		6,057		5,600		↑6% / ↑14%

Note: Reflects only those nurses that reported being employed.

Sixteen percent (993) of the licensed APRNs in Louisiana reported that they were employed in two positions and 4% (237) reported having three or more positions (Table 35).

Table 35. Number of Positions Employed as an APRN

RNs Residing in Louisiana	One		Two		Three or More		Total Responding #
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2020	5,172	81%	993	16%	237	4%	6,402
2019	4,909	81%	942	16%	206	3%	6,057
2018	4,527	81%	902	16%	171	3%	5,600
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑5% / ↑14%		↑5% / ↑10%		↑15% / ↑39%		↑6% / ↑14%

Salaries of APRNs Working Full-Time

Forty percent (2,295) of the APRNs working full-time reported pre-tax annual earnings from all nursing positions worked, including overtime and bonuses between \$80,000 and \$124,999 in 2020 (Table 36). Thirty-two percent (1,835) of the APRNs reporting full-time employment status, reported annual earnings between \$125,000 and \$150,000 or more.

Table 36. Salaries of APRNs Living in Louisiana and Working Full-Time

Year	Less than \$40,000		\$40,000 to \$59,999		\$60,000 to \$79,999		\$80,000 to \$99,999		\$100,000 to \$124,999		\$125,000 to \$149,999		\$150,000 or more		Do not wish to provide		N/A	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2020	127	2%	176	3%	328	6%	876	15%	1,419	25%	856	15%	979	17%	856	15%	125	2%
2019	55	2%	84	2%	178	5%	535	15%	898	25%	540	15%	655	18%	560	16%	68	2%
1 Year Variance	↑131%		↑110%		↑84%		↑64%		↑58%		↑59%		↑49%		↑53%		↑84%	

Total Respondents: n= 5,742

Note: The high one-year variance is due to a change in the options that occurred in September 2019. The change in options allows state comparisons to be made with national comparisons.

APRNs and Prescriptive Authority

Sixty-nine percent (4,539) of the licensed APRNs residing in Louisiana in 2020 had prescriptive authority which reflects a 7% increase in number from 2019 (Table 37).

Table 37. Number of APRNs Residing in LA with Prescriptive Authority

Report Year	APRNs Residing in Louisiana with Prescriptive Authority	Total # APRNs Responding	% of APRNs Residing in LA with Prescriptive Authority
2020	4,539	6,617	69%
2019	4,252	6,243	68%
2018	3,883	5,753	67%
1 & 3 Year Variance	↑7% / ↑17%	↑6% / ↑15%	

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