



Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee

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2008 Licensed Practical Nurse Workforce in Tennessee

LPNs with Active TN licenses:

- Total – 28,025
- Full time – 78.8% (22,086)
- Part time – 10.1% (2,837)
- Not Practicing – 4.7% (1,318)
- 95.4% Living in TN
- 69% Working in TN

Demographics:

- Average age: 45
- Gender: 94.3% Female, 5.7% Male
- Race:
 - White – 83.6%
 - Black – 15.1%
 - Asian – 0.3%
 - Other – 1.0%

Top 10 Counties LPNs Work & Live:

Work	Live
1. Davidson	Shelby
2. Shelby	Davidson
3. Knox	Knox
4. Hamilton	Hamilton
5. Madison	Rutherford
6. Washington	Sullivan
7. Sullivan	Washington
8. Blount	Montgomery
9. Maury	Sumner
10. Putnam	Madison

Top LPN Employment Areas:

- 30.3% Geriatric
- 14.9% Med Surg
- 6.4% General Practice
- 4.9% Pediatrics
- 4.6% Primary Care
- 4.1% Community / Public Health
- 3.4% Psych / Mental Health
- 2.7% OB / GYN
- 1.7% Surgery / OR
- 1.6% Admin / Mgmt

Top LPN Employment Settings:

- 24.8% Nursing Home
- 23.0% Hospital or Medical Center
- 13.7% Office Nurse (MD or DDS)
- 7.2% Private Duty Nurse
- 5.6% Home Health
- 2.7% Assisted Living
- 2.0% School Health Nurse
- 1.7% Ambulatory / Outpatient Clinic
- 0.8% Community / Public Health
- 0.8% Independent Practice

References:

TN Dept of Health, TN Board of Nursing RN Workforce Data, 2nd Quarter 2008.