



Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee

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2010 Licensed Practical Nurse Workforce in Tennessee

LPNs with Active TN licenses:

- Total – 29,146
- Full time – 15,255 (80%)
- Part time – 2,404 (12.6%)
- Not Practicing – 1,091 (5.7%)
- 95.8% Reside in TN
- 66.2% Practice in TN

Demographics:

- Gender: 94.1% Female, 5.9% Male
- Race:
 - White – 83.8%
 - Black – 14.9%
 - Asian – 0.3%
 - Other – 0.7%

Top 10 Counties LPNs Work & Live:

Reside	Practice
1. Shelby	Davidson
2. Davidson	Shelby
3. Knox	Knox
4. Hamilton	Hamilton
5. Rutherford	Washington
6. Sullivan	Madison
7. Washington	Sullivan
8. Blount	Rutherford
9. Sumner	Blount
10. Washington	Maury

Top LPN Employment Areas:

- 30.9% Geriatric
- 13.6% Med Surg
- 6.8% General Practice
- 6.8% Surgery / OR
- 5.5% Pediatrics
- 5.0% Primary Care
- 4.6% Community / Public Health
- 3.6% Psych / Mental Health
- 2.4% OB / GYN
- 1.7% Admin / Mgmt

Top LPN Employment Settings:

- 25.3% Nursing Home
- 20.2% Hospital or Medical Center
- 13.7% Office Nurse (MD or DDS)
- 7.7% Private Duty Nurse
- 6.5% Home Health
- 2.9% Assisted Living
- 2.1% School Health Nurse
- 1.8% Ambulatory / Outpatient Clinic
- 1.1% Community / Public Health
- 0.8% Independent Practice

References:

TN Dept of Health, TN Board of Nursing RN Workforce Data, May 2010 data extract.