



Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee

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2010 Registered Nurse Workforce in Tennessee

RNs with Active TN licenses:

- Total – 79,544
- Full time – 40,702 (77.5%)
- Part time – 8,857 (16.9%)
- Not Practicing – 3,509 (3.5%)
- 91.5% Reside in TN
- 66.2% Practice in TN

Demographics:

- Gender: 91% Female, 9% Male
- Race:
 - White – 88.7%
 - Black – 8.0%
 - Asian – 1.7%
 - Other – 1.0%

Top 10 Counties RNs Work & Live:

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

Highest Level of Nursing Education:

- Diploma – 10.6% (8,425)
- ADN – 43.8% (34,923)
- BSN – 34.7% (27,685)
- MSN – 10.4% (8,269)
- DNP – 0.5% (381)

Top RN Employment Settings:

- 59.1% Hospital / Medical Center
- 10.5% Other
- 5.7% Ambulatory / Outpatient Center
- 4.6% Office Nurse (MD, DDS)
- 4.0% Home Health
- 3.6% Nursing Home
- 2.8% Community / Public Health
- 2.9% Insurance
- 1.6% School of Nursing/College/Univ

Top RN Employment Areas:

- 15.6% Med / Surg
- 12.4% Critical / ICU
- 6.4% Perioperative
- 5.6% Emergency Service
- 5.4% OB / GYN
- 5.3% Admin / Mgmt
- 5.1% Pediatrics
- 4.3% Community / Public Health
- 2.5% Education

References:

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