



Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee

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2008 Registered Nurse Workforce in Tennessee

RNs with Active TN licenses:

- Total – 74,642
- Full time – 58,017 (77.7%)
- Part time – 10,086 (13.5%)
- Not Practicing – 3,323 (4.5%)
- 90.5% Living in TN
- 68.4% Working in TN

Level of Nursing Education:

- Diploma – 11.9% (8,890)
- ADN – 44.6% (33,267)
- BSN – 33.5% (25,035)
- MSN – 9.5% (7,099)
- DNP – 0.5% (350)

Demographics:

- Average age: 45.5
- Gender: 91% Female, 9% Male
- Race:
 - White – 89.2%
 - Black – 7.8%
 - Asian – 1.5%
 - Other – 1.4%

Top RN Employment Settings:

- 58.9% Hospital / Medical Center
- 11.2% Other
- 5.3% Ambulatory / Outpatient Center
- 4.7% Office Nurse (MD, DDS)
- 3.8% Home Health
- 3.5% Nursing Home
- 2.7% Community / Public Health
- 2.6% Insurance
- 1.6% School of Nursing/College/Univ

Top 10 Counties RNs Work & Live:

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

Top RN Employment Areas:

- 15.4% Med / Surg
- 12.5% Critical / ICU
- 6.1% Perioperative
- 5.6% Emergency Service
- 5.5% OB / GYN
- 5.2% Admin / Mgmt
- 5.0% Pediatrics
- 4.3% Community / Public Health
- 2.4% Education

References:

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