NATIONAL SNAPSHOT

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for academic nursing education. AACN represents more than 840 member schools of nursing offering a mix of baccalaureate, graduate, and post-graduate programs at public and private universities nationwide.

ENROLLMENTS & GRADUATIONS

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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
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<td>Baccalaureate</td>
<td>383,585</td>
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<td>Master's</td>
<td>152,341</td>
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<td>PhD</td>
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<td>580,082</td>
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STUDENT DIVERSITY % BY PROGRAM

- Baccalaureate: Male 37.94%, Minority 12.55%
- Master's: Male 37.13%, Minority 11.71%
- PhD: Male 33.76%, Minority 14.20%
- DNP: Male 37.6%, Minority 12.73%

UNDERSTANDING THE FACULTY SHORTAGE

Faculty shortage is an obstacle to expanding the nation’s nursing workforce and meeting health care demands. Budget constraints, an aging faculty, and increasing job competition from clinical sites all contribute to this crisis. This data provides an overview of the scope of the nursing faculty shortage at the national level.

10-YEAR TREND: FACULTY VACANCIES

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,468: Open faculty positions that require or prefer doctorate degrees in nursing or related field
- 54: Average age of doctorally prepared nurse faculty
- 86: Schools report insufficient funding as obstacle to hiring additional faculty
NATIONAL TRENDS

FEDERAL FUNDING ACROSS U.S.\(^3\)

![Graph showing federal funding across U.S.]

Source:
1. American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Research and Data Services, 2021.

NATIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE

- **RN**: 4,246,162 Registered Nurses\(^4\)
- **NP**: 290,000 Nurse Practitioners\(^5\)
- **CRNA**: 57,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists\(^7\)
- **CNS**: 70,000 Clinical Nurse Specialists\(^6\)
- **CNM**: 12,218 Certified Nurse-Midwives\(^8\)

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

- **Health Professional Shortage Areas**\(^9\): 7,302
- **Rural Health Clinics**\(^9\): 4,500
- **Medically Underserved Areas**\(^9\): 3,438