

The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®

There are more than 355,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) licensed in the U.S.¹

- More than 36,000 new NPs completed their academic programs in 2020–2021.²
- 88.0% of NPs are certified in an area of primary care, and 70.3% of all NPs deliver primary care.³
- 83.2% of full-time NPs are seeing Medicare patients and 81.9% are seeing Medicaid patients.³
- 45.6% of full-time NPs hold hospital privileges; 10.9% have long-term care privileges.³
- 96.2% of NPs prescribe medications, and those in full-time practice write an average of 21 prescriptions per day.³
- NPs hold prescriptive privileges, including controlled substances, in all 50 states and D.C.
- In 2021, the median base salary for full-time NPs was \$113,000.³
- The majority of full-time NPs (56.9%) see three or more patients per hour.³
- NPs have been in practice an average of 9 years.³
- The average age of NPs is 46 years.³

DISTRIBUTION OF NPs BY PRIMARY CERTIFICATION AREA³

Certification*	Percent of NPs
Family^	70.3
Adult–Gerontology Primary Care^	8.9
Psychiatric/Mental Health	6.5
Adult–Gerontology Acute Care	6.1
Adult^	5.7
Acute Care	2.9
Pediatrics–Primary Care^	2.4
Women’s Health^	2.2
Gerontology^	0.9
Pediatrics–Acute Care	0.6
Neonatal	0.5

* The sum of all percentages is greater than 100% because some NPs have more than one certification.

^ Indicates a primary care certification.

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¹ AANP National Nurse Practitioner Database, 2022.

² American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). (2022). *2021–2022 Enrollment and Graduations in Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing*. Washington, DC: AACN.

³ 2022 AANP National Nurse Practitioner Workforce Survey – Preliminary Analysis.