

The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®

There are more than 192,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) practicing in the U.S.

- An estimated 14,000 new NPs completed their academic programs in 2011-2012
- 95.1% of NPs have graduate degrees
- 96.8% of NPs maintain national certification
- 87.2% of NPs are prepared in primary care; 75.6% of NPs practice in at least one primary care site
- 84.9% of NPs see patients covered by Medicare and 83.9% by Medicaid
- 44.8% of NPs hold hospital privileges; 15.2% have long term care privileges
- 97.2% of NPs prescribe medications, averaging 19 prescriptions per day
- NPs hold prescriptive privilege in all 50 states and D.C., with controlled substances in 49
- The early-2011 mean, full-time NP base salary was \$91,310, with average full-time NP total income \$98,760
- The majority (69.5%) of NPs see three or more patients per hour
- Malpractice rates remain low; only 2% have been named as primary defendant in a malpractice case
- Nurse practitioners have been in practice an average of 11.7 years

Distribution, Mean Years of Practice, Mean Age by Population Focus

Population	Percent of NPs	Years of Practice	Age
Acute Care	6.3	7.7	46
Adult+	18.9	11.6	50
Family+	48.9	12.8	49
Gerontological+	3.0	11.6	53
Neonatal	2.1	12.2	49
Oncology	1.0	7.7	48
Pediatric+	8.3	12.4	49
Psych/Mental Health	3.2	9.1	54
Women's Health+	8.1	15.5	53

+Primary care focus

Sources:

AANP National NP Database, 2013

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2012 AANP Sample Survey

2010 AANP National Practice Site Survey

2011 AANP National NP Compensation Survey

Additional information is available at the AANP website www.aanp.org.