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## INTRODUCTION

#### **BACKGROUND**

Indiana health workforce data are important for identifying workforce shortages and informing workforce development strategies, policies, and programming initiatives. Over the last several years, significant strides have been made for collecting comprehensive, accurate and timely workforce data which are maintained for longitudinal workforce tracking. This effort has contributed to collaborative dialogue regarding health workforce policy and planning.

As a research entity, the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy (Bowen Center) is committed to and engaged in supporting the State of Indiana with developing sustainable data management processes and publishing timely workforce information.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **DATA COLLECTION**

The survey administered to registered nurses (RNs) during the 2021 license renewal can be found on IUPUI ScholarWorks at <a href="https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/handle/1805/18431">https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/handle/1805/18431</a>. Supplemental data collected during this license renewal, as well as basic licensure data (which includes, name and license information), were exported into two text files 1 month after the close of the 2021 license renewal period.

#### DATA MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Supplemental survey questions were cleaned and coded per processes outlined in the Bowen Center data management procedures document (available at: <a href="http://hdl.handle.net/1805/16704">http://hdl.handle.net/1805/16704</a>). After completing these procedures, the supplemental survey file was merged to the license data file by unique RN license number to create a 2021 RN Workforce Master File which was then uploaded to the Indiana Health Professions Database. Verification and coding of license address data were provided by Melissa Data, Inc.

Additional variables were generated during data management processes. The first included assignment of full-time equivalency (FTE) based on reported hours in direct patient care, as outlined in **Table 1** on the following page. This FTE assignment was applied to reported practice location(s). Address cleaning and geocoding also resulted in additional variables related to geographic location and rurality based on criteria outlined by the United States Department of Agriculture (more information can be found here: <a href="https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes/documentation/">https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes/documentation/</a>).

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Table 1. FTE conversion for reported hours in direct patient care

Reported hours in patient care	Conversion
0 hours in patient care/Not applicable	0.0 FTE
1 - 4 hours in patient care	0.1 FTE
5 - 8 hours in patient care	0.2 FTE
9 - 12 hours in patient care	0.3 FTE
13 - 16 hours in patient care	0.4 FTE
17 - 20 hours in patient care	0.5 FTE
21 - 24 hours in patient care	0.6 FTE
25 - 28 hours in patient care	0.7 FTE
29 - 32 hours in patient care	0.8 FTE
33 - 36 hours in patient care	0.9 FTE
37 - 40 hours in patient care	1.0 FTE
41 or more hours in patient care	1.0 FTE

#### **LIMITATIONS**

There are a few limitations that should be recognized when interpreting the data presented in this report. First, the supplemental information on RNs is largely based on self-reported data which is subject to potential response bias; however, we expect bias to be minimal due to the legal requirement associated with providing supplemental data during online license renewal and the attestation regarding information accuracy. Additionally, because of changes to survey data collected during license renewal, this report can only provide limited longitudinal analysis. Care is being taken to minimize future changes to supplemental survey questions in order to ensure confidence in future longitudinal analyses.

#### REPORT STRUCTURE

This report includes three sections of summary data:

Section I: Overall License Renewals includes a summary of all RN licensees as of the 2021 license renewal cycle.

Section II: Total Registered Nurses Actively Practicing in Indiana includes a summary of all Indiana licensed RN actively practicing in Indiana (either in-person or through telemedicine).

Section III: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) includes a summary of the subset of RNs who indicated their primary work setting as an Advanced Practiced Registered Nurse (APRN) or have a prescriptive authority APRN license.

Section IV: Geographic Distribution of Indiana Nurse Workforce includes a summary and maps of RNs and APRNs.

The 2021 Registered Nurse Workforce Data Report provides key information on Indiana's RN workforce. Additional data can be viewed or requested online at <a href="https://doi.org/but.ncb/but.

# SECTION I: TOTAL REGISTERED NURSE LICENSES

#### **TOTAL RENEWALS**

Of the 118,445 registered nurses (RNs) who renewed their license in 2021, 114,566 (96.7%) renewed their license online. The remaining 3,879 renewed their licenses offline and did not have supplemental questions administered to them. Nearly all (97.6%) of the RNs who renewed their license online had an active status. Of the 3,879 who renewed offline, 3,857 (99.4%) also had licenses with an active status. Table 1.1 provides more details on RN license status.

Table 1.1 License status of registered nursing in Indiana, based on renewals status

	Online Ro (Sur Respon	vey	Offline R	Renewals
	N	%	N	%
Total	114,566	100.0	3,879	100.0
License Status				
Active	111,797	97.6	3,857	99.4
Valid to Practice While Reviewed	597	0.5	13	0.3
Probation	329	0.3	9	0.2
Other Statuses Not Valid for Active Practice*	1,843	1.6	0	0.0

<sup>\*</sup> This group includes those whose license status is currently inactive, retired, expired, suspended or non-renewable.

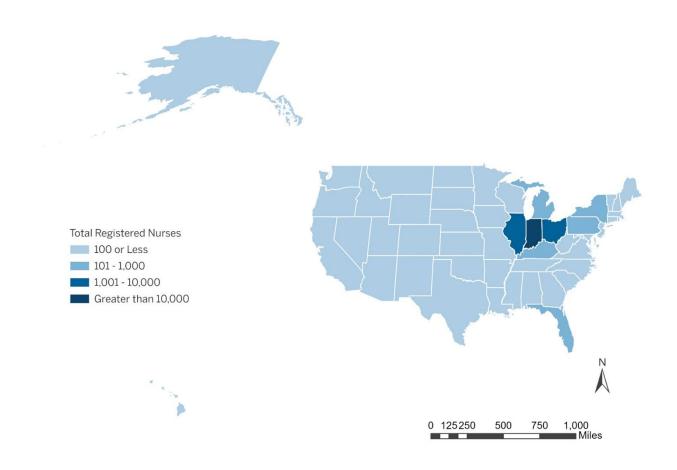
#### EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PRACTICE LOCATION

Table 1.2 depicts reported employment status for RNs who renewed their license online. 83.0% of these RNs reported actively working in nursing either full-time, part-time or per diem. Another 3.5% reported working in a field other than nursing. Regarding unemployed RNs, 1.7% reported seeking work as a nurse and 3.4% reported they were not seeking work as a nurse. Almost 8.0% of RNs reported being retired.

Figure 1.1 provides a geographic summary of registered nurses location, based on their reported license address. The majority of Indiana-licensed RNs who are actively working in an RN position reported a license address in Indiana (n=75,792), Illinois (n=1,660), and Ohio (n=1,202).

**Table 1.2** Reported Employment Status of Registered Nurses who renewed their license online

Employment Status	N	%
Actively employed in nursing full-time	76,200	67.8
Actively employed in nursing part-time	13,023	11.6
Actively employed in nursing per diem	4,012	3.6
Actively employed in a field other than nursing full-time	2,909	2.6
Actively employed in a field other than nursing part-time	743	0.7
Actively employed in a field other than nursing on a per diem basis	189	0.2
Working in nursing only as a volunteer	830	0.7
Unemployed and seeking work as a nurse	1,910	1.7
Unemployed and not seeking work as a nurse	3,792	3.4
Retired	8,860	7.9



**Figure 1.1** Total actively practicing registered nurses by license address.

#### TREND IN THE REGISTERED NURSE WORKFORCE

In recent years, health workforce data management in Indiana has seen significant changes which have led to improvements in capturing and reporting the number of RNs licensed and actively providing care to residents of the state. Figure 1.2 demonstrates the total number of survey respondents and those included in the reporting sample has steadily increased since 2009. The dark blue section of Figure 1.2 represents the total number of RNs who renewed their license (n=118,445 in 2021). The light blue section represents the RNs who have a license status of either active, valid for practice while under review or probationary and who renewed online (n=112,723 in 2021). The green section represents the report sample which is any RN actively practicing in nursing who also either have a practice address within Indiana or report providing telemedicine services to Indiana residents (n=81,911 in 2021).

Historically, the reporting sample has included RNs who only self-reported practicing within Indiana. However, in recent years RNs who provide direct patient care to Indiana residents through telemedicine services were also included in the reporting sample. Inclusion of telemedicine RNs, as well as the statutory requirements to provide supplemental information, not only contribute to the increase in respondents and reporting sample size but also ensure an accurate representation of Indiana's RN workforce.

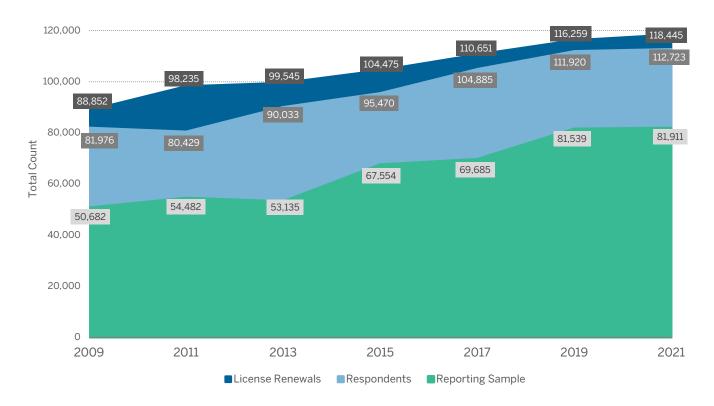


Figure 1.2 Total RNs in counts of license renewals, survey respondents and reporting sample.

## SECTION II: REGISTERED NURSES ACTIVELY PRACTICING IN INDIANA

#### REPORTING SAMPLE

In an effort to produce a report sample of nurses that accurately represents Indiana's RN workforce, the following sample selection criteria were used to determine the reporting sample for this report. The 2021 registered nurse reporting sample includes RNs who 1) had an active license status, 2) renewed their license online, 3) reported actively practicing in a medicine, and 4) reported providing telemedicine services to Indiana residents or have a practice address in Indiana. Of the 118,445 RNs who renewed their Indiana License in 2021, 81,911 (69.2%) met all criteria for inclusion in the reporting sample (see Figure 2.1).

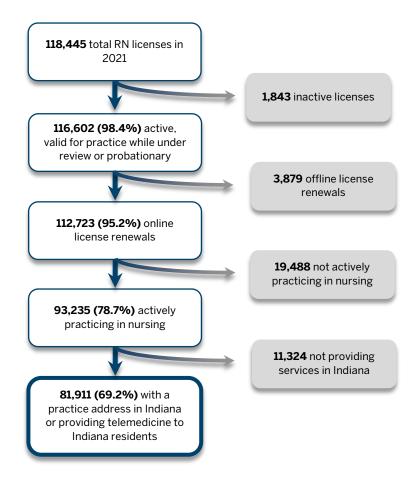


Figure 2.1 Reporting sample selection criteria for the 2021 Registered Nurse Data Report

It should be noted that, changes in the supplemental data collection instrument associated with implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact necessitated modifications to the identification and geolocation of practice location information. To minimize associated limitations, additional steps were required to identify nurses practicing in Indiana. This included utilizing practice address data from previous renewal cycles. Care is being taken to ensure that comprehensive practice address data can be used to accurate geolocate RNs.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Demographic characteristics of Indiana's RNs are provided in Table 2.1. Most of Indiana's registered nurse workforce is female (90.3%), white (89.3%), and non-Hispanic (96.4%), with an average age of 44.3. When compared to female RNs average age (44.8), male RNs are slightly younger, with an average age of 42.7. Male RNs also report more racial diversity than female RNs with 5.5% reporting Black or African American and 3.8% reporting Asian, as compared to female RNs with only 5% reporting Black or African American and 1.7% Asian.

**Table 2.1:** Registered Nurse Demographic Characteristics

	Female Male		ale	Gende Avail		Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total (with row %)	73,991	90.3	5,773	7.0	2,147	2.6	81,911	100.0
Mean Age	44	.8	42	2.7	31.	9	44.	.3
Age Groups								
Under 35	19,476	26.3	1,812	31.4	1,535	71.5	22,823	27.9
35- 44	19,364	26.2	1,525	26.4	357	16.6	21,246	25.9
45- 54	16,912	22.9	1,399	24.2	145	6.8	18,456	22.5
55- 64	14,317	19.3	828	14.3	58	2.7	15,203	18.6
65 and Older	3,781	5.1	190	3.3	22	1.0	3,993	4.9
Age not Available	141	0.2	19	0.3	30	1.4	190	0.2
Ethnicity								
Hispanic, Latino/a or Spanish Origin	2,533	3.4	279	4.8	142	6.6	2,954	3.6
Not Hispanic, Latino/a or Spanish Origin	71,458	96.6	5,494	95.2	2,005	93.4	78,957	96.4
Race								
White	66,520	89.9	4,888	84.7	1,772	82.5	73,180	89.3
Asian	1,257	1.7	218	3.8	93	4.3	1,568	1.9
Black or African American	3,685	5.0	317	5.5	156	7.3	4,158	5.1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	87	0.1	9	0.2	4	0.2	100	0.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	139	0.2	15	0.3	6	0.3	160	0.2
Other	1,250	1.7	181	3.1	55	2.6	1,486	1.8
Multiracial	869	1.2	124	2.1	48	2.2	1,041	1.3
Race not Available	184	0.2	21	0.4	13	0.6	218	0.3

Source: Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021

**Notes:** Data on Gender was not provided for every respondent by Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA). Age was calculated as the difference between the respondent's date of birth and the date of survey completion.

#### **EDUCATION**

Table 2.2a and Table 2.2b display nurses education characteristics by the location of which they earned their RN qualifying degree. The majority of Indiana licensed RNs received their qualifying degree in Indiana (n= 64,625; 78.9%) as compared to only 13.1% who received their qualifying degree in a contiguous state (n=10,729), followed by 6.7% in another state (n=5,476) and 1.3% in another country (n=1,045). Of the RNs who completed their education in Indiana, 94.6% report either an associate degree in nursing (47.3%) or a baccalaureate degree in nursing (47.3%) as their qualifying education. When compared to RNs who earned their qualifying education in Indiana, those who earned their degree in a contiguous state were more likely to report an associate degree in nursing as their qualifying education (47.3% in Indiana as compared to 55.6% in a contiguous state).

Regardless of where they completed their qualifying education, most RNs reported no plans to pursue further education (73.6%). However, 23.9% of RNs who completed their qualifying education in another country reported plans to pursue a master's degree in nursing, while only 10.6% of RNs who completed their qualifying education within Indiana reported the same.

Table 2.2a Registered Nurse Education Characteristics by Location of US RN Qualifying Education

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	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total (with row %)	64,625	78.9	10,729	13.1	5,476	6.7	1,045	1.3
Qualifying Education								
Diploma - nursing	1,842	2.9	632	5.9	349	6.4	186	17.8
Associate degree - nursing	30,547	47.3	5,961	55.6	2,444	44.6	119	11.4
Baccalaureate degree - nursing	30,551	47.3	3,628	33.8	2,399	43.8	709	67.8
Master's degree - nursing	1,546	2.4	459	4.3	260	4.7	23	2.2
Doctoral degree- nursing (DNP)	116	0.2	39	0.4	17	0.3	2	0.2
Doctoral degree- nursing (PHD)	9	0.01	2	0.02	5	0.1	3	0.3
Doctoral degree- nursing (Other)	14	0.02	8	0.1	2	0.02	3	0.3
Highest Nursing Education								
Diploma - nursing	1,170	1.8	353	3.3	188	3.4	125	12.0
Associate degree - nursing	20,899	32.3	3,889	36.2	1,498	27.4	80	7.7
Baccalaureate degree - nursing	32,450	50.2	4,083	38.1	2,365	43.2	698	66.8
Master's degree - nursing	9,401	14.5	2,147	20.0	1,248	22.8	126	12.1
Doctoral degree - nursing	705	1.1	257	2.4	177	3.2	16	1.5
Highest Non-Nursing Education								
Not Applicable	46,020	71.2	7,407	69.0	3,495	63.8	779	74.5
Vocational/Practical Certificate -non nursing	1,282	2.0	152	1.4	97	1.8	3	0.3
Diploma - non-nursing	2,128	3.3	333	3.1	100	1.8	51	4.9
Associate degree - non-nursing	4,215	6.5	1,028	9.6	464	8.5	26	2.5
Baccalaureate degree - non-nursing	8,783	13.6	1,309	12.2	953	17.4	124	11.9
Master's degree - non-nursing	2,055	3.2	451	4.2	328	6.0	47	4.5
Doctoral degree - non-nursing	142	0.2	49	0.5	39	0.7	15	1.4

Source: Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021

Note: Contiguous states include Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois

Table 2.2b Registered Nurse Education Plans by Location of US RN Qualifying Education

	India	Indiana		Indiana		diana Contiguous State		Another State			ther ntry
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%			
Total (with row %)	64,625	78.9	10,729	13.1	5,476	6.7	1,045	1.3			
Education Planning to Pursue in the Next 2 Years											
Associate degree- nursing	699	1.1	146	1.4	30	0.5	14	1.3			
Associate degree- other field	106	0.2	16	0.1	9	0.2	4	0.4			
Bachelor's degree- nursing	6,673	10.3	1,257	11.7	377	6.9	67	6.4			
Bachelor's degree - other field	202	0.3	33	0.3	26	0.5	3	0.3			
Master's degree - nursing	6,831	10.6	898	8.4	498	9.1	250	23.9			
Master's - other field	658	1.0	102	1.0	85	1.6	13	1.2			
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	1,514	2.3	315	2.9	193	3.5	59	5.6			
PhD - Nursing	174	0.3	35	0.3	31	0.6	9	0.9			
Doctoral degree - other field	179	0.3	44	0.4	35	0.6	7	0.7			
No intention to pursue further education	47,589	73.6	7,883	73.5	4,192	76.6	619	59.2			

**Source:** Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021

Note: Contiguous states include Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois

#### **EMPLOYMENT & PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

Employment characteristics for the RN workforce are summarized in Table 2.3. More than half of RNs indicated their primary work position was a staff nurse (63.5%), followed by 8.9% who reported Advanced Practice Nurse. Additionally. Most RNs (88.3%) reported working in only 1 nursing position, followed by 10.2% who reported 2 positions. Regarding employment plans for the next 2 years, 79.0% planned to continue without changes in their employment. This was followed by 6.6% who reported not knowing their plans for the next 2 years, 5.3% with plans to increase their hours and 5.1% who reported plans to decrease their hours.

**Table 2.3** Registered Nurse Employment Characteristics

	N	%
Primary Workforce Position		
Staff Nurse	52,020	63.5
Advanced Practice Nurse	7,309	8.9
Nurse Manager	7,230	8.8
Other – Health Related	6,404	7.8
Not Applicable	3,200	3.9
Nurse Executive	1,494	1.8
Nurse Educator (faculty)	1,315	1.6
Nurse Educator (patient educator)	1,118	1.4
Nurse Educator (staff development)	946	1.2
Consultant/Nurse Researcher	863	1.1
Non-Respondents	12	0.01
Total Paid Positions in Nursing		
1 position	72,363	88.3
2 positions	8,346	10.2
3 positions	821	1.0
4 or more positions	118	0.1
Not applicable	248	0.3
Non-Respondents	15	0.02
<b>Employment Plans for Next 2 Years</b>		
Continue as you are	64,691	79.0
Increase hours	4,317	5.3
Decrease hours	4,169	5.1
Seek non-clinical job	1,123	1.4
Retire	2,175	2.7
Unknown	5,427	6.6
Non-Respondents	9	0.01

#### PRACTICE SETTING

Table 2.4 presents both primary and secondary work setting reported by Indiana's RN workforce. When looking at primary setting, about half (55.5%) of RNs reported working in a hospital setting, followed by 14.4% who reported their primary setting as outpatient clinic and 7.4% who reported other. When asked about secondary setting, most RNs (85.4%) reported this was not applicable to them, indicating they likely only have one work setting. Of those who did report an applicable secondary setting, 5.6% reported a hospital followed by other (2.3%).

Table 2.4 Registered Nurse Primary Work Setting

Work Setting		Setting	Secondary Setting		
Work Setting	N	%	N	%	
Hospital	45,482	55.5	4,624	5.6	
Outpatient Clinic	11,826	14.4	1,605	2	
Other	6,067	7.4	1,859	2.3	
Nursing Home/Extended Care Facility/Assisted Living Facility	4,580	5.6	885	1.1	
Home Health	3,502	4.3	983	1.2	
Public/Community Health Agency	2,572	3.1	423	0.5	
School-Based Health	1,636	2	330	0.4	
Insurance Claims/Benefits	1,583	1.9	106	0.1	
Hospice	1,409	1.7	274	0.3	
Academic Setting	1,171	1.4	519	0.6	
Occupational Health	655	8.0	159	0.2	
Not applicable	652	8.0	69,922	85.4	
Assisted Living	342	0.4	86	0.1	
Correctional Facility	333	0.4	91	0.1	
Policy/Planning/Licensing Agency	90	0.1	20	0.02	
Non-Respondents	11	0.01	25	0.03	

#### **EMPLOYMENT SPECIALTY AND SERVICES**

This part of Section II summarizes reported employment specialty (Table 2.5), services provided (Tables 2.6 - 2.8), and populations served (Tables 2.9 - 2.10). When interpreting data summarized in tables 2.6 - 2.10, it is important to note that RNs were able to indicate more than one service type or population. Only unique counts are provided for each type of service or population and the final column in each table provides the unique number of RNs across all reporting categories.

#### OVERALL EMPLOYMENT SPECIALTY DISTRIBUTION

Registered nurses' employment specialty is shown in Table 2.5. For their primary practice, 18.2% of RNs reported their employment specialty as Acute Care/Critical Care, followed by Other (14.7%). Furthermore, another 7.8% reported a primary practice specialty as Medical Surgical, followed by Adult Health/Family Health (5.1%). When asked to report their secondary specialty, most (85.3%) reported Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care, followed by 3.5% who reported Other and 2.2% who reported Acute Care/Critical Care.

**Table 2.5** Registered Nurse Employment Specialty

Employment Specialty	Prim Spec		Secondary Specialty		
	N	%	N	%	
Acute Care/Critical Care	14,889	18.2	1,839	2.2	
Other	12,074	14.7	2,864	3.5	
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	10,240	12.5	69,903	85.3	
Medical Surgical	6,420	7.8	638	8.0	
Adult Health/Family Health	4,206	5.1	647	8.0	
Geriatric/Gerontology	3,614	4.4	890	1.1	
Family Health	3,146	3.8	489	0.6	
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	2,789	3.4	528	0.6	
Pediatrics/Neonatal	2,709	3.3	419	0.5	
Women's Health	2,707	3.3	345	0.4	
Oncology	2,441	3.0	258	0.3	
Home Health	2,179	2.7	587	0.7	
Maternal-Child Health	2,145	2.6	232	0.3	
Neonatal	1,848	2.3	200	0.2	
Trauma	1,799	2.2	251	0.3	
School Health	1,460	1.8	280	0.3	
Rehabilitation	1,457	1.8	210	0.3	
Anesthesia	1,242	1.5	269	0.3	
Public Health	1,018	1.2	277	0.3	
Palliative Care	1,000	1.2	194	0.2	
Nephrology	991	1.2	168	0.2	
Community	608	0.7	246	0.3	
Occupational Health	458	0.6	150	0.2	
Patient Education	455	0.6	0	0.0	
Non-Respondents	16	0.02	27	0.03	

#### **ADDICTION SERVICES**

Indiana's RNs can provide a variety of addiction services and their reported participation in these services can be found in Table 2.6. Out of the total 81,911 RNs included in the report sample, 5,237 RNs (6.3%) reported providing any of the addiction services below. Of the RNs who report providing addiction services, about a quarter (25.7%) report an employment specialty of Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse. Acute Care/Critical Care closely followed with 21.6% reporting providing one of these addiction services. Out of the 5 possible addiction services, the most RNs (n=3,038) reported providing addiction counseling with screening for addiction as the next most frequently reported service (n=2,544)

Table 2.6 Addiction Services by Employment Specialty, Registered Nurse

Employment Specialty		ction seling			Methadone				Methadone				Buprenorphine		MAT - Naloxone		Naloxone Addiction		Co Prov Addi	ique ount riding iction vices
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%								
Acute Care/Critical Care	639	21.0	318	26.5	236	14.3	245	16.4	548	21.5	1,132	21.6								
Adult Health/Family Health	149	4.9	61	5.1	85	5.1	88	5.9	108	4.2	285	5.4								
Anesthesia	4	0.1	4	0.3	2	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	7	0.1								
Community	29	1.0	10	8.0	16	1.0	15	1.0	38	1.5	60	1.1								
Family Health	238	7.8	21	1.8	107	6.5	106	7.1	275	10.8	422	8.1								
Geriatric/Gerontology	42	1.4	35	2.9	30	1.8	19	1.3	18	0.7	83	1.6								
Home Health	13	0.4	11	0.9	6	0.4	5	0.3	14	0.6	28	0.5								
Maternal-Child Health	33	1.1	45	3.8	63	3.8	15	1.0	75	2.9	146	2.8								
Medical Surgical	187	6.2	154	12.8	107	6.5	85	5.7	202	7.9	428	8.2								
Neonatal	7	0.2	26	2.2	12	0.7	5	0.3	16	0.6	43	8.0								
Nephrology	2	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.2	4	0.1								
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	128	4.2	45	3.8	71	4.3	60	4.0	132	5.2	226	4.3								
Occupational Health	8	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1	2	0.1	10	0.4	15	0.3								
Oncology	15	0.5	16	1.3	7	0.4	7	0.5	16	0.6	38	0.7								
Other	176	5.8	50	4.2	91	5.5	74	4.9	153	6.0	318	6.1								
Palliative Care	14	0.5	14	1.2	4	0.2	2	0.1	11	0.4	30	0.6								
Patient Education	6	0.2	3	0.3	3	0.2	4	0.3	8	0.3	13	0.2								
Pediatrics/Neonatal	13	0.4	12	1.0	9	0.5	3	0.2	21	0.8	42	0.8								
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	1,066	35.1	250	20.8	647	39.1	642	42.9	570	22.4	1,348	25.7								
Public Health	44	1.4	9	0.8	23	1.4	30	2.0	27	1.1	76	1.5								
Rehabilitation	40	1.3	20	1.7	17	1.0	12	0.8	26	1.0	66	1.3								
School Health	10	0.3	1	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.1	7	0.3	16	0.3								
Trauma	129	4.2	57	4.8	51	3.1	54	3.6	142	5.6	223	4.3								
Women's Health	46	1.5	38	3.2	66	4.0	19	1.3	123	4.8	188	3.6								
Total	3,038	100.0	1,200	100.0	1,656	100.0	1,495	100.0	2,544	100.0	5,237	100.0								

#### **OBSTETRIC SERVICES**

Table 2.7 summarizes obstetric services, another service able to be provided by registered nurses in Indiana. A total of 7,221 RNs in Indiana (8.82% of the reporting sample) reported providing some obstetric service with just under one-third (32.2%) of these RNs reporting an employment specialty of women's health. Maternal-child health specialty closely followed with 28.2%. The most reported obstetric service provided was labor and delivery (n=4,394) followed by post-natal services (n=4,132).

**Table 2.7** Obstetrics Services by Employment Specialty, Registered Nurse

Employment Specialty		natal vices		r and very	Post- Serv		Preg	ı-Risk nancy ening	OUD-a	ment for affected mancy	Preg	Risk nancy vices	Prov Obst	Count iding tetric vices
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Acute Care/Critical Care	115	3.9	174	4.0	150	3.6	85	5.4	31	5.9	176	7.9	376	5.2
Adult Health/Family Health	15	0.5	14	0.3	18	0.4	13	8.0	8	1.5	15	0.7	50	0.7
Anesthesia	5	0.2	110	2.5	8	0.2	2	0.1	0	0.0	15	0.7	113	1.6
Community	34	1.2	10	0.2	28	0.7	20	1.3	4	0.8	21	0.9	49	0.7
Family Health	147	5.0	45	1.0	142	3.4	73	4.6	31	5.9	46	2.1	224	3.1
Geriatric/Gerontology	4	0.1	9	0.2	2	0.05	3	0.2	1	0.2	7	0.3	13	0.2
Home Health	10	0.3	7	0.2	16	0.4	6	0.4	0	0.0	12	0.5	25	0.3
Maternal-Child Health	817	27.7	1,627	37.0	1,168	28.3	397	25.0	107	20.5	605	27.3	2,034	28.2
Medical Surgical	5	0.2	22	0.5	16	0.4	4	0.3	4	0.8	18	0.8	54	0.7
Neonatal	99	3.4	386	8.8	712	17.2	31	2.0	11	2.1	148	6.7	879	12.2
Nephrology	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	185	6.3	175	4.0	194	4.7	102	6.4	34	6.5	128	5.8	335	4.6
Occupational Health	1	0.03	0	0.0	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.05	3	0.04
Oncology	2	0.1	3	0.1	4	0.1	2	0.1	1	0.2	9	0.4	11	0.2
Other	69	2.3	114	2.6	60	1.5	31	2.0	20	3.8	55	2.5	197	2.7
Palliative Care	1	0.03	1	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.05	3	0.04
Patient Education	24	8.0	5	0.1	19	0.5	8	0.5	2	0.4	11	0.5	39	0.5
Pediatrics/Neonatal	33	1.1	18	0.4	80	1.9	10	0.6	1	0.2	15	0.7	102	1.4
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	15	0.5	10	0.2	18	0.4	13	0.8	100	19.2	24	1.1	136	1.9

**Table 2.7** Obstetrics Services by Employment Specialty, Registered Nurse

Employment Specialty Pre-natal Services				r and very	Post- Serv	Natal rices	Preg	-Risk nancy ening	OUD-	ment for affected gnancy	Preg	n Risk nancy vices	Prov Obs	e Count viding tetric vices
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Public Health	93	3.1	22	0.5	85	2.1	34	2.1	8	1.5	57	2.6	117	1.6
Rehabilitation	1	0.03	5	0.1	1	0.02	2	0.1	3	0.6	4	0.2	10	0.1
School Health	7	0.2	9	0.2	12	0.3	2	0.1	0	0.0	6	0.3	19	0.3
Trauma	36	1.2	53	1.2	34	8.0	42	2.6	18	3.4	63	2.8	105	1.5
Women's Health	1,235	41.8	1,575	35.8	1,361	32.9	704	44.4	138	26.4	780	35.2	2,327	32.2
Total	2,953	100.0	4,394	100.0	4,132	100.0	1,585	100.0	522	100.0	2,217	100.0	7,221	100.0

#### OTHER SERVICES

Other special services RNs reported providing are summarized in Table 2.8 below. Out of all the RNs in this reporting sample, 12,363 (15.1%) indicated they provide these special services. Of the RNs providing special services, 22.1% reported an employment specialty of Geriatric/Gerontology, likely because Dementia/Alzheimer's Care is the most frequently reported (n=10,965) of these special services. A small number of RNs (n=493) reported providing services as a sexual assault nurse examiner.

**Table 2.8** Other Services by Employment Specialty, Registered Nurse

Employment Specialty		entia/ er's Care	Treat	titis C ment/ gement	Treat	AIDS ment/ gement		Assault Examiner	Unique Coun Providing Special Services	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Acute Care/Critical Care	1,818	16.6	627	27.5	479	28.9	184	37.3	2,093	16.9
Adult Health/Family Health	724	6.6	200	8.8	138	8.3	13	2.6	871	7.0
Anesthesia	8	0.1	6	0.3	2	0.1	2	0.4	14	0.1
Community	52	0.5	25	1.1	23	1.4	3	0.6	76	0.6
Family Health	371	3.4	164	7.2	103	6.2	13	2.6	474	3.8
Geriatric/Gerontology	2,730	24.9	77	3.4	58	3.5	5	1.0	2,732	22.1
Home Health	506	4.6	33	1.4	28	1.7	6	1.2	515	4.2
Maternal-Child Health	10	0.1	18	0.8	18	1.1	5	1.0	42	0.3
Medical Surgical	1,283	11.7	297	13.0	220	13.3	17	3.4	1,325	10.7
Neonatal	4	0.04	10	0.4	7	0.4	2	0.4	18	0.1
Nephrology	19	0.2	11	0.5	4	0.2	0	0.0	27	0.2
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	676	6.2	119	5.2	90	5.4	24	4.9	766	6.2
Occupational Health	4	0.04	2	0.1	2	0.1	2	0.4	10	0.1
Oncology	92	8.0	22	1.0	16	1.0	6	1.2	105	8.0
Other	577	5.3	239	10.5	138	8.3	72	14.6	830	6.7
Palliative Care	534	4.9	19	8.0	17	1.0	2	0.4	535	4.3
Patient Education	19	0.2	9	0.4	7	0.4	1	0.2	30	0.2
Pediatrics/Neonatal	20	0.2	15	0.7	13	8.0	21	4.3	57	0.5
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	686	6.3	138	6.1	96	5.8	14	2.8	783	6.3
Public Health	71	0.6	63	2.8	42	2.5	4	8.0	139	1.1
Rehabilitation	497	4.5	30	1.3	17	1.0	2	0.4	502	4.1
School Health	27	0.2	4	0.2	3	0.2	1	0.2	31	0.3
Trauma	221	2.0	121	5.3	105	6.3	66	13.4	306	2.5
Women's Health	16	0.1	27	1.2	31	1.9	28	5.7	82	0.7
Total	10,965	100.0	2,276	100.0	1,657	100.0	493	100.0	12,363	100.0

#### ADULT AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS SERVED

As demonstrated in Table 2.9, RNs were also able to indicate whether they provide services to adult and special populations. Overall, 70,300 RNs reported providing services to some of the populations below. The most often reported population was Adults with 65,208 RNs reporting servicing this population. After that was Geriatric populations (n=55,112) and then people with disabilities (n=26,449). Altogether, Acute Care/Critical Care was the most reported (20.4%) employment specialty followed by Other (16.2%).

**Table 2.9** Adult and Special Populations Served by RNs by Employment Specialty

Employment Specialty	Adul	ts	Inma	ates	Geriatric Disabled Persons		Individuals in Recovery		Unique Serving and Sp Popula	Adults pecial		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Acute Care/Critical Care	14,160	21.7	4,608	34.2	12,265	22.3	6,385	24.1	3,686	28.9	14,316	20.4
Adult Health/Family Health	3,830	5.9	457	3.4	3,111	5.6	1,169	4.4	389	3.0	4,117	5.9
Anesthesia	1,181	1.8	508	3.8	1,067	1.9	702	2.7	419	3.3	1,188	1.7
Community	504	0.8	73	0.5	429	8.0	230	0.9	110	0.9	544	8.0
Family Health	3,048	4.7	237	1.8	2,823	5.1	1,614	6.1	755	5.9	3,071	4.4
Geriatric/Gerontology	1,457	2.2	29	0.2	3,526	6.4	748	2.8	110	0.9	3,551	5.1
Home Health	1,684	2.6	24	0.2	1,630	3.0	1,045	4.0	77	0.6	2,007	2.9
Maternal-Child Health	1,189	1.8	114	8.0	133	0.2	81	0.3	138	1.1	1,219	1.7
Medical Surgical	6,193	9.5	1,378	10.2	5,496	10.0	2,328	8.8	968	7.6	6,269	8.9
Neonatal	145	0.2	8	0.1	26	0.0	17	0.1	13	0.1	151	0.2
Nephrology	946	1.5	84	0.6	753	1.4	318	1.2	57	0.4	962	1.4
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	6,633	10.2	844	6.3	5,548	10.1	2,439	9.2	987	7.7	7,436	10.6
Occupational Health	431	0.7	8	0.1	154	0.3	45	0.2	21	0.2	434	0.6
Oncology	2,327	3.6	240	1.8	1,627	3.0	437	1.7	98	8.0	2,345	3.3
Other	11,059	17.0	2,832	21.0	9,361	17.0	4,812	18.2	2,083	16.3	11,418	16.2
Palliative Care	822	1.3	23	0.2	880	1.6	319	1.2	29	0.2	958	1.4
Patient Education	405	0.6	32	0.2	308	0.6	157	0.6	45	0.4	419	0.6
Pediatrics/Neonatal	738	1.1	29	0.2	202	0.4	354	1.3	42	0.3	918	1.3
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	2,433	3.7	273	2.0	1,583	2.9	757	2.9	1,152	9.0	2,573	3.7
Public Health	866	1.3	200	1.5	696	1.3	378	1.4	204	1.6	913	1.3
Rehabilitation	1,185	1.8	41	0.3	1,237	2.2	466	1.8	160	1.3	1,424	2.0
School Health	456	0.7	27	0.2	144	0.3	122	0.5	27	0.2	507	0.7
Trauma	1,724	2.6	1,211	9.0	1,590	2.9	1,307	4.9	990	7.8	1,729	2.5
Women's Health	1,792	2.7	198	1.5	523	0.9	219	0.8	200	1.6	1,831	2.6
Total	65,208	100.0	13,478	100.1	55,112	100.2	26,449	100.1	12,760	100.1	70,300	100.2

#### PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS SERVED

In addition to adult populations, RNs could also report on the pediatric populations they serve, as shown in Table 2.10. In total, 38,014 RNs reported serving pediatric populations. The majority of these RNs (n=32,757; 86.2%) reported providing services to adolescents aged 11 through 19, followed by those who reported providing services to either children aged 2 through 10 (n=25,308; 66.6%) or newborns (n=19,553). When asked employment specialty, Other was reported by 17.1% of RNs, followed by Acute Care/Critical Care (14.5%).

Table 2.10 Pediatric Populations Served by RNs by Employment Specialty

Employment Specialty	Newb	orns	Child (ages			scents 11 - 19)	Serving I	ique Count ing Pediatric ppulations	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Acute Care/Critical Care	3,119	15.9	4,163	16.4	5,373	16.4	5,508	14.5	
Adult Health/Family Health	174	0.9	422	1.7	822	2.5	853	2.2	
Anesthesia	342	1.7	962	3.8	1,028	3.1	1,037	2.7	
Community	163	8.0	280	1.1	343	1.0	367	1.0	
Family Health	1,772	9.1	2,674	10.6	2,844	8.7	2,861	7.5	
Geriatric/Gerontology	29	0.1	57	0.2	102	0.3	115	0.3	
Home Health	260	1.3	584	2.3	693	2.1	810	2.1	
Maternal-Child Health	1,924	9.8	159	0.6	730	2.2	1,984	5.2	
Medical Surgical	381	1.9	1,458	5.8	2,157	6.6	2,189	5.8	
Neonatal	1,826	9.3	100	0.4	100	0.3	1,829	4.8	
Nephrology	20	0.1	31	0.1	88	0.3	88	0.2	
Not Applicable/I do not provide direct patient care	1,883	9.6	2,597	10.3	3,111	9.5	3,315	8.7	
Occupational Health	27	0.1	55	0.2	100	0.3	102	0.3	
Oncology	82	0.4	149	0.6	295	0.9	297	8.0	
Other	2,130	10.9	5,121	20.2	6,385	19.5	6,514	17.1	
Palliative Care	62	0.3	100	0.4	136	0.4	141	0.4	
Patient Education	72	0.4	125	0.5	157	0.5	178	0.5	
Pediatrics/Neonatal	2,190	11.2	2,584	10.2	2,491	7.6	2,662	7.0	
Psychiatric/Mental Health/Substance Abuse	23	0.1	641	2.5	1,187	3.6	1,197	3.1	
Public Health	367	1.9	524	2.1	658	2.0	706	1.9	
Rehabilitation	12	0.1	47	0.2	189	0.6	193	0.5	
School Health	67	0.3	1,058	4.2	1,177	3.6	1,416	3.7	
Trauma	1,011	5.2	1,229	4.9	1,426	4.4	1,435	3.8	
Women's Health	1,617	8.3	188	0.7	1,165	3.6	2,217	5.8	
Total	19,553	99.7	25,308	100.0	32,757	100.0	38,014	100.0	

# SECTION III: ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF APRN POSITIONS**

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) workforce is growing and provides primary and specialty care services to Indiana residents. Section III provides information about the 9,276 APRNs actively practicing in Indiana or providing services to Indiana residents.

In Indiana, APRNs can practice in a variety of roles which are shown in Figure 3.1. The majority of APRNs (84.1%) report their role as Nurse Practitioner. Additionally, 4.9% of Indiana APRNs reported their role as a Clinical Registered Nurse Anesthetist, 2.7% reported Clinical Nurse Specialist, and another 1.5% reported Certified Nurse Midwife as their role.

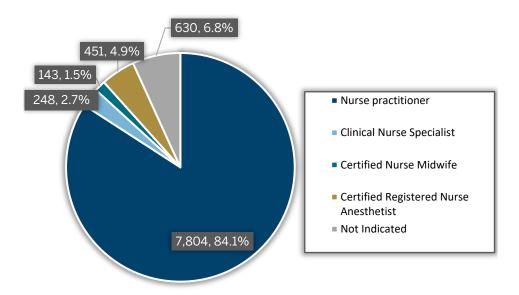


Figure 3.1: Distribution of roles among Indiana Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

Table 3.1 describes APRN demographics. Overall, the APRN workforce is mostly female (91.0%), non-Hispanic (97.1%) and White (89.5%). The average age of the entire APRN workforce is 44.5 years old, with both female and male APRNs closely matching this average. Similarly, both female and male APRNs have little ethnic diversity with only 2.9% of both groups identifying as Hispanic. Male APRNs have slightly more racial diversity than female APRNs with 13.8% identifying as non-White and only 10.1% of females identifying as the same.

**Table 3.1:** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Demographic Characteristics

	Fem	ale	Ма	ile		er not lable	То	tal
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total (with row %)	8,541	90.6	799	8.5	91.0	1.0	9,431	100.0
Mean Age	44.	5	44	.6	40	).4	44	l.5
Age Groups								
Under 35	1,873	21.9	156	19.5	38	41.8	2,067	21.9
35 - 44	3,003	35.2	274	34.3	26	28.6	3,303	35.0
45 - 54	2,028	23.7	227	28.4	13	14.3	2,268	24.0
55 - 64	1,263	14.8	115	14.4	10	11.0	1,388	14.7
65 and Older	363	4.3	25	3.1	3	3.3	391	4.1
Age not Available	11	0.1	2	0.3	1	1.1	14	0.1
Ethnicity								
Hispanic, Latina/o, or Spanish origin	249	2.9	23	2.9	4	4.4	276	2.9
Not Hispanic, Latina/o, or Spanish origin	8,292	97.1	776	97.1	87	95.6	9,155	97.1
Race								
White	7,681	89.9	690	86.4	69	75.8	8,440	89.5
Asian	130	1.5	18	2.3	3	3.3	151	1.6
Black or African American	440	5.2	46	5.8	5	5.5	491	5.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	11	0.1	3	0.4	1	1.1	15	0.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.2	1	0.1	1	1.1	16	0.2
Some Other Race	155	1.8	20	2.5	5	5.5	180	1.9
Multiracial	93	1.1	19	2.4	5	5.5	117	1.2
Race not Available	17	0.2	2	0.3	2	2.2	21	0.2

Source: Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021

**Notes:** Data on Gender was not provided for every respondent by Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA). Age was calculated as the difference between the respondent's date of birth and the date of survey completion.

#### **EDUCATION**

Education characteristics and plans are presented in Table 3.2a and Table 3.2b. When asked their highest education, 84.5% of APRNs reported a Master's degree in nursing (MSN). Although most (73.1%) APRNs selected Not Applicable when asked about non-nursing education, a non-nursing Baccalaureate degree was reported by 13.2% of APRNs. Looking ahead, 86.1% of APRNs reported no intention to pursue further education while 7.7% reported plans to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Within Indiana, half of APRNs report a Baccalaureate nursing degree as the education that qualified them for their nursing license followed by 31.5% who reported an Associate nursing degree. Baccalaureate nursing degrees were reported by more nurses than Associate nursing degrees across all locations.

Table 3.2a Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Highest Education and Education Plans

	N	%
Total	9,431	100.0
Highest Nursing Education		
Diploma - nursing	17	0.2
Associate degree - nursing	270	2.9
Baccalaureate degree - nursing	483	5.1
Master's degree - nursing	7,970	84.5
Doctoral degree - nursing	691	7.3
Highest Non-Nursing Education		
Not Applicable	6,890	73.1
Vocational/Practical Certificate -non nursing	98	1.0
Diploma - non-nursing	101	1.1
Associate degree - non-nursing	311	3.3
Baccalaureate degree - non-nursing	1,244	13.2
Master's degree - non-nursing	715	7.6
Doctoral degree - non-nursing	71	8.0
Education Planning to Pursue in the Next 2 Years		
Associate's degree- nursing	20	0.2
Associate's degree- other field	10	0.1
Bachelor's degree- nursing	108	1.1
Bachelor's degree - other field	8	0.1
Master's degree - nursing	207	2.2
Master's - other field	85	0.9
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	729	7.7
PhD - Nursing	70	0.7
Doctoral degree - other field	72	0.8
No intention to pursue further education	8,121	86.1

**Source:** Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021 **Notes:** The total N is reflective of Highest Nursing Education. Null respondents are excluded from Highest Non-Nursing Education and Education Planning to Pursue in the Next 2 Years.

**Table 3.2b** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Qualifying Education

	Indiana			Contiguous States		Another State (Not Listed)		other ounty ot US)		Гotal
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total (with row %)	6,826	72.4	1,634	17.3	903	9.6	64	0.7	9,427	100.0
Qualifying Degree										
Diploma - nursing	158	2.3	87	5.3	36	4.0	18	28.1	299	3.2
Associate degree - nursing	2,152	31.5	530	32.4	232	25.7	10	15.6	2,924	31.0
Baccalaureate degree - nursing	3,462	50.7	703	43.0	453	50.2	25	39.1	4,643	49.3
Master's degree - nursing	963	14.1	281	17.2	167	18.5	9	14.1	1,420	15.1
Doctoral degree- nursing (DNP)	80	1.2	30	1.8	12	1.3	1	1.6	123	1.3
Doctoral degree- nursing (PHD)	4	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	5	0.1
Doctoral degree- nursing (Other)	7	0.1	3	0.2	2	0.2	1	1.6	13	0.1

**Source:** Indiana Registered Nurse License and Supplemental Survey Data, 2021

**Note:** 4 non-respondents are excluded from this table.

#### PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS

#### **EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

Table 3.3 summarizes APRN employment characteristics. The majority of APRNs report their primary position as Advanced Practice Nurse (77.5%). Additionally, 8.8% report their title as Staff Nurse. When asked total paid positions in nursing, most APRNs (80.9%) report only 1 position and 15.8% reported 2 positions. Regarding employment plans for the next 2 years, 81.9% of APRNs report no planned changes. An additional 5.7% of APRN report a desire to increase their hours while 5.3% report plans to decrease hours and 5.2% report their employment plans as unknown. Over half of APRNs (54.6%) reported providing telemedicine services.

**Table 3.3** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Employment Characteristics

Table 3.3 Auvanceu Fractice Registereu Nurse Employment Cha	N	%
Primary Workforce Position		
Consultant/Nurse Researcher	34	0.4
Nurse Executive	59	0.6
Nurse Manager	121	1.3
Advanced Practice Nurse	7,309	77.5
Staff Nurse	828	8.8
Nurse Educator (faculty)	125	1.3
Nurse Educator (staff development)	11	0.1
Nurse Educator (patient educator)	17	0.2
Other – Health Related	417	4.4
Not Applicable	510	5.4
Total Paid Positions in Nursing		
1 position	7,633	80.9
2 positions	1,492	15.8
3 positions	236	2.5
4 or more positions	33	0.3
Not applicable	34	0.4
Non-Respondents	3	0.03
<b>Employment Plans for Next 2 Years</b>		
Continue as you are	7,722	81.9
Increase hours	534	5.7
Decrease hours	499	5.3
Seek non-clinical job	49	0.5
Retire	136	1.4
Unknown	491	5.2
Providing Telemedicine Services		
Yes	5,146	54.6
No	4,281	45.4
Non-Respondents	4	0.04

#### PRIMARY WORK SETTING

Primary and secondary work settings for APRNs can be found in Table 3.4. When asked about primary setting, 42.1% of APRNs reported working in an outpatient clinic followed by 30.1% who reported a hospital setting. Although 73.7% of APRNs reported having no setting for their secondary practice, outpatient clinic (8.2%) and hospital (6.7%) were also reported.

**Table 3.4** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Work Setting

Work Setting		nary ting	Secon Sett	_
	N	%	N	%
Outpatient Clinic	3,969	42.1	777	8.2
Hospital	2,836	30.1	636	6.7
Other	794	8.4	412	4.4
Public/Community Health Agency	618	6.6	110	1.2
Nursing Home/Extended Care Facility/Assisted Living Facility	403	4.3	115	1.2
Home Health	190	2.0	91	1.0
Academic Setting	148	1.6	138	1.5
Occupational Health	137	1.5	64	0.7
School-Based Health	79	8.0	22	0.2
Hospice	77	8.0	69	0.7
Not applicable	73	8.0	6,951	73.7
Correctional Facility	40	0.4	17	0.2
Insurance Claims/Benefits	33	0.3	12	0.1
Assisted Living	31	0.3	15	0.2
Policy/Planning/Licensing Agency	2	0.02	1	0.01
Non-Respondents	1	0.01	1	0.01

#### APRN SPECIALTY AND SERVICES

This part of Section III summarizes reported APRN specialties overall and based on reported services provided (Tables 3.5 - 3.7) and populations serviced (Tables 3.8 - 3.9). It is important to note that when interpreting tables 3.6 - 3.9 that APRNs were able to indicate providing more than one service or serving more than one population group. Therefore, only unique counts are provided for each type of service or population. The final column in each table provides the unique number of APRNs across all reporting categories in the respective table.

#### APRN SPECIALTY AND TELEMEDICINE

Reported employment specialties reported by telemedicine status can be found in Table 3.5. Among APRNs that reported providing telemedicine services, nearly half (46.3%) reported a specialty in primary care, following by 23.4% who reported their specialty as other. Among those not providing telemedicine services, Primary Care Specialties (25.7%) and Other Specialty (22.8%) were still the most common specialties. However, a greater percentage also reported specialties in Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine (11.4%).

 Table 3.5 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Employment Specialty and Telemedicine Services

	То	tal	Providin	g Teleme	edicine S	ervices
APRN Specialty		tai	Ye	es	N	lo
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total (with row %)	9,431	100.0	5,146	54.6	4,281	45.4
Primary Care Specialties	3,488	37.0	2,385	46.3	1,102	25.7
Other Specialty	2,181	23.1	1,206	23.4	975	22.8
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	721	7.6	330	6.4	390	9.1
Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine	522	5.5	36	0.7	486	11.4
Psychiatry (Adult and Child)	569	6.0	424	8.2	145	3.4
Obstetrics & Gynecology	419	4.4	261	5.1	158	3.7
Pediatric Subspecialties	421	4.5	200	3.9	220	5.1
Surgical Specialties	318	3.4	136	2.6	182	4.3
Not applicable/I am not an APN	730	7.7	145	2.8	585	13.7
General Surgery	62	0.7	23	0.4	38	0.9

#### **ADDICTION SERVICES**

APRNs can provide addiction services within Indiana and Table 3.6 depicts reported addiction services provided by APRN specialty. Of all the APRNs, 1,278 APRNs (31.5%) reported providing some addiction service. The largest number reported addiction service is addiction counseling (n=772; 60.4%) followed by addiction screening (n=721; 56.4%). Providing medication-assisted treatment through prescription of methadone (MAT – methadone) was the least commonly reported addiction service provided (n=82). Across all addiction services, 43.3% of APRNs reported an employment specialty of Primary Care, followed by 25.3% who reported Psychiatry (Adult and Child).

Table 3.6 Addiction Services by Employment Specialty, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

APRN Specialty		iction eening		iction iseling		AT - nadone		AT - rexone	MAT - Buprenorphine		Prov Addi	e Count viding iction vices
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Primary Care Specialties	342	47.4	314	40.7	19	23.2	147	37.5	161	37.9	553	43.3
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	25	3.5	55	7.1	6	7.3	9	2.3	16	3.8	73	5.7
Pediatric Subspecialties	6	0.8	2	0.3	2	2.4	2	0.5	4	0.9	10	8.0
Obstetrics & Gynecology	64	8.9	20	2.6	5	6.1	5	1.3	20	4.7	77	6.0
General Surgery	4	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	0.2	4	0.3
Surgical Specialties	7	1.0	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	0.7
Psychiatry (Adult and Child)	167	23.2	230	29.8	15	18.3	162	41.3	133	31.3	323	25.3
Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine	2	0.3	7	0.9	1	1.2	0	0.0	4	0.9	10	8.0
Other Specialty	74	10.3	105	13.6	16	19.5	45	11.5	65	15.3	160	12.5
None of the Above	30	4.2	37	4.8	18	22.0	21	5.4	21	4.9	59	4.6
Total	721	100.0	772	100.0	82	100.0	392	100.0	425	100.0	1,278	100.0

#### **OBSTETRIC SERVICES**

Along with addiction services, APRNs are also able to provide some obstetric services which are reported in Table 3.7. Of all the APRNs, 883 (9.4%) reported providing obstetric services. The most commonly reported obstetric service is post-natal services (n=511) followed by pre-natal services (n=468) and high-risk pregnancy screening (n=318). Overall, most APRNs reported an employment specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology (n=334) followed by Primary Care Specialties (n=197) and Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine (n=91).

Table 3.7 Obstetric Services by Employment Specialty, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

APRN Specialty	Preg	h-Risk gnancy itment	Preg	n-Risk mancy eening		·Natal vices		or and ivery		-Natal vices	affe Preg	UD- ected mancy tment	prov Obs	e Count viding tetric vices
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Primary Care Specialties	38	14.2	61	19.2	104	22.2	26	7.6	101	19.8	49	30.4	197	22.3
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	5	1.9	3	0.9	4	0.9	1	0.3	3	0.6	3	1.9	8	0.9
Pediatric Subspecialties	9	3.4	1	0.3	10	2.1	15	4.4	50	9.8	1	0.6	63	7.1
Obstetrics & Gynecology	161	60.1	232	73.0	301	64.3	160	46.6	279	54.6	41	25.5	334	37.8
General Surgery	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.9	0	0.0	1	0.6	4	0.5
Surgical Specialties	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1
Psychiatry (Adult and Child)	4	1.5	3	0.9	7	1.5	2	0.6	10	2.0	38	23.6	48	5.4
Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine	14	5.2	2	0.6	3	0.6	87	25.4	2	0.4	0	0.0	91	10.3
Other Specialty	17	6.3	7	2.2	16	3.4	14	4.1	31	6.1	26	16.1	73	8.3
None of the Above	19	7.1	9	2.8	22	4.7	34	9.9	34	6.7	2	1.2	64	7.2
Total	268	100.0	318	100.0	468	100.0	343	100.0	511	100.0	161	100.0	883	100.0

#### PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS SERVED

Along with providing specialty services, APRNs were also asked about special populations they provide services too. Reported pediatric populations serviced are found in Table 3.8. Out of all APRNs in the report sample, 5,687 (60.3%) individuals reported providing services to some pediatric population. More APRNs reported providing services to adolescents aged 11 through 19 (n=5,447) than children aged 2 through 10 (n=4,147) or newborns (n=2,585). Regarding employment specialty, most APRNs reported Primary Care Specialties (43.7%) followed by Other Specialty (16.8%).

Table 3.8 Pediatric Populations Served by Employment Specialty, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

APRN Specialty	Newborn		Children (ages 2 - 10)		Adolescents (ages 11 - 19)		Unique Count Serving Pediatric Populations	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Primary Care Specialties	1,331	51.5	2,155	52.0	2,467	45.3	2,485	43.7
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	27	1.0	70	1.7	160	2.9	162	2.8
Pediatric Subspecialties	369	14.3	317	7.6	309	5.7	415	7.3
Obstetrics & Gynecology	62	2.4	18	0.4	334	6.1	351	6.2
General Surgery	7	0.3	22	0.5	34	0.6	34	0.6
Surgical Specialties	29	1.1	92	2.2	156	2.9	157	2.8
Psychiatry (Adult and Child)	5	0.2	209	5.0	345	6.3	347	6.1
Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine	242	9.4	433	10.4	457	8.4	458	8.1
Other Specialty	349	13.5	614	14.8	905	16.6	954	16.8
None of the Above	164	6.3	217	5.2	280	5.1	324	5.7
Total	2,585	100.0	4,147	100.0	5,447	100.0	5,687	100.0

#### ADULT AND SPECIALTY POPULATIONS SERVED

Table 3.9 depicts adult and special populations that APRNs reported providing services to. In total, 8,682 APRNs reported providing services to adults or one of the other special populations below. The largest number of APRNs reported providing services to adults (n=8,336), followed by geriatric patients (n=7,145) and people with disabilities (n=3,595). When looking at overall employment specialty, 38.2% of APRNs reported a Primary Care Specialty followed by Other Specialty (23.9%).

Table 3.9 Adult and Special Populations Served by Employment Specialty, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

APRN Specialty	Adı	ults	Geri	atric	_	nant nen	Inm	ates		bled sons		duals in overy	Ser Adult Spe	e Count ving ts and ecial ations
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Primary Care Specialties	3,203	38.4	2,932	41.0	1,117	36.1	259	21.0	1,520	42.3	751	38.8	3,319	38.2
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	689	8.3	628	8.8	122	3.9	83	6.7	213	5.9	99	5.1	706	8.1
Pediatric Subspecialties	62	0.7	9	0.1	15	0.5	1	0.1	32	0.9	1	0.1	90	1.0
Obstetrics & Gynecology	377	4.5	189	2.6	347	11.2	44	3.6	80	2.2	65	3.4	412	4.7
General Surgery	57	0.7	46	0.6	21	0.7	18	1.5	23	0.6	12	0.6	57	0.7
Surgical Specialties	306	3.7	248	3.5	68	2.2	66	5.4	121	3.4	39	2.0	307	3.5
Psychiatry (Adult and Child)	533	6.4	401	5.6	201	6.5	50	4.1	224	6.2	272	14.0	539	6.2
Anesthesiology, Pathology, Radiology or Emergency Medicine	500	6.0	461	6.5	390	12.6	260	21.1	359	10.0	241	12.4	511	5.9
Other Specialty	2,013	24.1	1,705	23.9	614	19.9	317	25.8	774	21.5	314	16.2	2,077	23.9
None of the Above	596	7.1	526	7.4	195	6.3	133	10.8	249	6.9	143	7.4	664	7.6
Total	8,336	100.0	7,145	100.0	3,090	100.0	1,231	100.0	3,595	100.0	1,937	100.0	8,682	100.0

## SECTION IV: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL RN WORKFORCE

Table 4.1 provides a summary of the geographic distribution and capacity of RNs located within Indiana. As shown, there is at least one RN practicing in every county within Indiana. The highest number of RNs are found in urban counties, with Marion County (n=20,276), Allen County (n=7,529) and Lake County (n=7,013) having the highest reported counts. These counties all have population-to-provider FTE ratios (PPRs) lower than 100:1. Comparatively, rural counties such as Switzerland County (n=14) and Crawford County (n=21) have some of the lowest number of RNs.

Indiana RNs were able to report up to two practice addresses. In some instances, one RN reported practicing in two different counties. Therefore, total counts of RNs practicing in a county may equate to a number greater than the number of actively practicing RNs. Figure 4.1 depicts a geographic representation of PPRs for each county in Indiana while Figure 4.2 depicts geographic representations of RNs reported primary and secondary practice locations. Primary practice locations are reported at the zip-code centroid while secondary practice locations are shifted slightly to ensure readability of the map.

**Table 4.1** Capacity and Geographic Distribution of Indiana RNs

Table 4.1 Capacity	and deographic	Distribution of	mulana mis		
County	Rurality	Population	Total RNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio
Adams	Rural	35,544	244	178.8	199
Allen	Urban	375,520	7,529	6,103.9	62
Bartholomew	Urban	83,280	1,042	814.6	102
Benton	Urban	8,695	18	15.5	561
Blackford	Rural	11,926	89	60.1	198
Boone	Urban	66,875	485	384.4	174
Brown	Urban	15,093	36	28.8	524
Carroll	Urban	20,137	55	41.2	489
Cass	Rural	37,727	371	307.3	123
Clark	Urban	117,410	1,236	966.8	121
Clay	Urban	26,231	131	94.9	276
Clinton	Rural	32,186	158	112.1	287
Crawford	Rural	10,582	21	14.5	730
Daviess	Rural	33,277	321	249.2	134
Dearborn	Urban	49,612	303	224.8	221
Decatur	Rural	26,587	419	313.8	85
DeKalb	Rural	43,193	238	178.8	242
Delaware	Urban	114,461	1,611	1,274.2	90
Dubois	Rural	42,534	836	651.9	65
Elkhart	Urban	205,184	2,053	1,602.7	128
Fayette	Rural	23,068	141	112.3	205
Floyd	Urban	77,879	1,455	1,109.6	70
Fountain	Rural	16,456	55	40.7	404
Franklin	Rural	22,750	54	36.2	628
Fulton	Rural	20,069	153	122.4	164
Gibson	Rural	33,711	206	163.7	206
Grant	Rural	66,055	809	650.0	102
Greene	Rural	32,174	208	163.4	197
Hamilton	Urban	330,455	3,982	3,007.0	110
Hancock	Urban	76,614	562	433.9	177
Harrison	Urban	40,164	296	223.9	179
Hendricks	Urban	166,806	1,755	1,385.4	120

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County	Rurality	Population	Total RNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio				
Henry	Rural	48,158	387	327.1	147				
Howard	Urban	82,486	1,107	887.7	93				
Huntington	Rural	36,351	265	198.6	183				
Jackson	Rural	44,077	443	370.9	119				
Jasper	Urban	33,433	164	126.8	264				
Jay	Rural	20,697	135	93.7	221				
Jefferson	Rural	32,167	414	339.0	95				
Jennings	Rural	27,639	108	85.6	323				
Johnson	Urban	156,148	1,090	849.9	184				
Knox	Rural	36,833	707	582.2	63				
Kosciusko	Rural	79,156	479	389.5	203				
LaGrange	Rural	39,537	164	127.7	310				
Lake	Urban	485,983	7,013	5,559.2	87				
LaPorte	Urban	110,026	1,226	975.8	113				
Lawrence	Rural	45,552	400	305.2	149				
Madison	Urban	129,486	1,390	1,101.0	118				
Marion	Urban	957,337	20,276	16,430.4	58				
Marshall	Rural	46,336	421	328.8	141				
Martin	Rural	10,169	39	28.2	361				
Miami	Rural	35,684	174	139.3	256				
Monroe	Urban	147,318	1,880	1,492.2	99				
Montgomery	Rural	38,295	231	180.6	212				
Morgan	Urban	70,141	427	322.0	218				
Newton	Urban	13,981	23	17.7	790				
Noble	Rural	47,640	273	207.8	229				
Ohio	Urban	5,890	17	15.3	385				
Orange	Rural	19,552	137	104.3	187				
Owen	Urban	20,854	48	39.8	524				
Parke	Rural	16,912	53	42.3	400				
Perry	Rural	19,091	137	110.0	174				
Pike	Rural	12,364	47	36.2	342				
Porter	Urban	169,482	1,687	1,284.4	132				
Posey	Urban	25,480	67	51.4	496				
Pulaski	Rural	12,482	98	72.5	172				
Putnam	Urban	37,419	195	157.2	238				
Randolph	Rural	24,694	130	106.2	233				
Ripley	Rural	28,457	346	275.7	103				
Rush	Rural	16,632	113	98.0	170				
Scott	Urban	23,784	173	135.8	175				
Shelby	Urban	44,559	414	341.3	131				
Spencer	Rural	20,364	227	142.4	143				
St. Joseph	Urban	270,882	3,503	2,814.8	96				
Starke	Rural	22,996	96	72.0	319				
Steuben	Rural	34,591	243	176.7	196				
Sullivan	Urban	20,647	176	136.2	152				
Switzerland	Rural	10,727	176	12.1	887				
Tippecanoe	Urban	193,302	2,484	1,996.7	97				
Tipton	Rural	15,154	123	87.1	174				
Union	Urban		16	12.4	576				
Vanderburgh		7,140							
Vanderburgn Vermillion	Urban	181,548	3,348 100	2,719.6	67 197				
Vigo	Urban Urban	15,485	1,924	78.7 1 564 6	69				
Wabash	Rural	107,305	215	1,564.6 170.1	183				
Warren		31,198							
waiteii	Rural	8,219	58	43.0	191				

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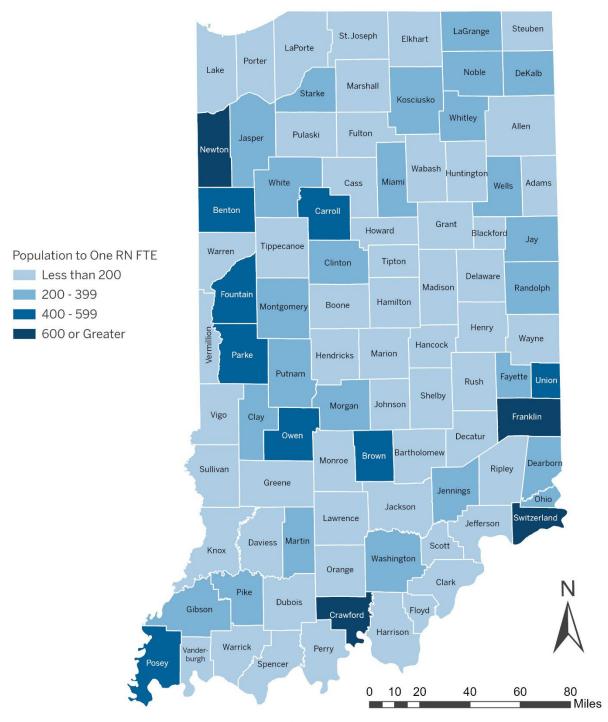
County	Rurality	Population	Total RNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio
Warrick	Urban	62,608	1,700	1,359.0	46
Washington	Urban	27,942	114	90.4	309
Wayne	Rural	66,176	1,131	958.8	69
Wells	Urban	28,010	170	125.9	222
White	Rural	24,163	140	110.9	218
Whitley	Urban	33,899	211	158.4	214

Source: Indiana Registered Nurse Re-Licensure Survey, 2021; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Note: Population-to-provider FTE ratios cannot be calculated for counties with no reported

RN FTE.

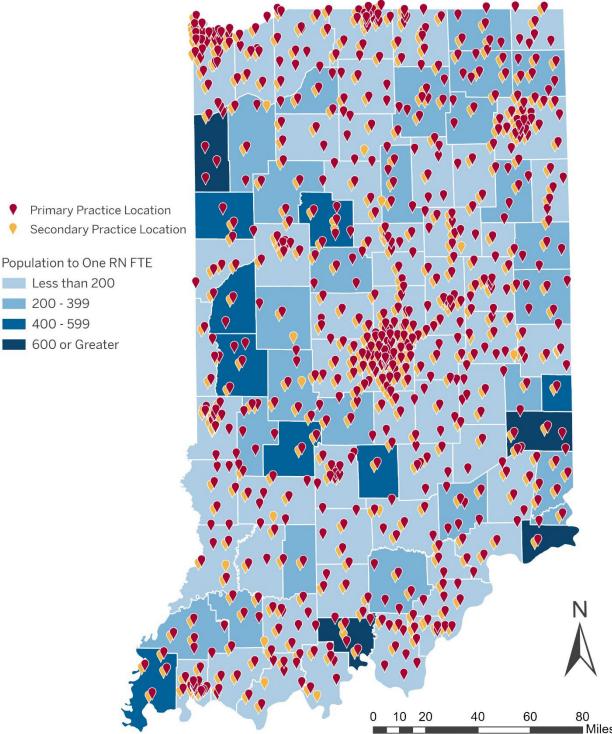
## Indiana Registered Nurse's (RN)



Source: 2021 Indiana Registered Nurse License Supplemental Survey Data; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 - 2020 American Community Survey 5- Year Estimates. Note: Population-to-Provider FTE Ratios cannot be calculated for counties with no reported registered nurse FTE.

Figure 4.1 Geographic Distribution of Indiana RN Workforce Capacity

## Indiana Registered Nurse's (RN) Reported Practice Location



Source: 2021 Indiana Registered Nurse License Supplemental Survey Data; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 - 2020 American Community Survey 5- Year Estimates. Note: Population-to-Provider FTE Ratios cannot be calculated for counties with no reported registered nurse FTE. Nurses could only be geolocated to the zipcode centroid due to the structure of practice questions asked in the supplemental survey. Secondary practice location were offset for viewing purposes.

Figure 4.2 Geographic Distribution of Indiana RN Workforce Capacity and Practice Locations

#### DISTRIBUTION OF APRNS

Table 4.2 summarizes the geographic distribution and capacity of APRNs by county. Within the state, there are no counties without an APRN reported although, Ohio County only has 1 reported APRN. As expected, Marion County (n=2,221) has the most APRNs followed by Allen County (n=855) and Lake County (n=785). These 3 counties are all urban and have PPRs lower than 850:1. On the other hand, Ohio County (7,363:1), Newton County (6,658:1), and Switzerland County (4,876:1) all have high PPRs and low numbers of RNs (n=1, 3, and 3, respectively).

As with RNs, it is important to note that APRNs were also able to report two practice addresses and may have more than one practice located in different counties. Therefore, total counts of APRNs practicing in a county may equate to a number greater than the number of actively practicing APRNs. Figure 4.3 provides a geographic representation of PPRs for each county in Indiana while Figure 4.4 depicts geographic representations of APRNs reported primary and secondary practice locations. Primary practice locations are reported at the zip-code centroid while secondary practice locations are shifted slightly to ensure readability of the map.

**Table 4.2** Capacity and Geographic Distribution of Indiana APRNs

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County	Rurality	Population	Total APRNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio				
Adams	Rural	35,544	36	30.4	1,169				
Allen	Urban	375,520	855	689.6	545				
Bartholomew	Urban	83,280	142	112	744				
Benton	Urban	8,695	4	2.6	3,344				
Blackford	Rural	11,926	7	5.1	2,338				
Boone	Urban	66,875	59	47.4	1,411				
Brown	Urban	15,093	4	3.6	4,193				
Carroll	Urban	20,137	20	16.7	1,206				
Cass	Rural	37,727	43	32.4	1,164				
Clark	Urban	117,410	221	163.8	717				
Clay	Urban	26,231	18	13.6	1,929				
Clinton	Rural	32,186	22	16	2,012				
Crawford	Rural	10,582	4	2.5	4,233				
Daviess	Rural	33,277	52	35.7	932				
Dearborn	Urban	49,612	47	29.9	1,659				
Decatur	Rural	26,587	67	43.8	607				
DeKalb	Rural	43,193	32	25.8	1,674				
Delaware	Urban	114,461	180	142.2	805				
Dubois	Rural	42,534	78	63.8	667				
Elkhart	Urban	205,184	272	215.5	952				
Fayette	Rural	23,068	26	19.1	1,208				
Floyd	Urban	77,879	200	133.5	583				
Fountain	Rural	16,456	9	5.2	3,165				
Franklin	Rural	22,750	11	7.4	3,074				
Fulton	Rural	20,069	17	13.5	1,487				
Gibson	Rural	33,711	32	21.8	1,546				
Grant	Rural	66,055	98	69.2	955				
Greene	Rural	32,174	25	19.8	1,625				
Hamilton	Urban	330,455	435	312.6	1,057				
Hancock	Urban	76,614	92	63.9	1,199				
Harrison	Urban	40,164	48	35.8	1,122				
Hendricks	Urban	166,806	218	162.6	1,026				
Henry	Rural	48,158	54	47.3	1,018				
Howard	Urban	82,486	129	102.7	803				
Huntington	Rural	36,351	30	23.4	1,553				

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County	Rurality	Population	Total APRNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio			
Jackson	Rural	44,077	62	48.9	901			
Jasper	Urban	33,433	20	16.6	2,014			
Jay	Rural	20,697	15	10.9	1,899			
Jefferson	Rural	32,167	52	42.2	762			
Jennings	Rural	27,639	14	10.4	2,658			
Johnson	Urban	156,148	171	131.8	1,185			
Knox	Rural	36,833	87	67.9	542			
Kosciusko	Rural	79,156	67	49.7	1,593			
LaGrange	Rural	39,537	28	20.3	1,948			
Lake	Urban	485,983	785	595.4	816			
LaPorte	Urban	110,026	139	107.8	1,021			
Lawrence	Rural	45,552	60	45.2	1,008			
Madison	Urban	129,486	164	130.8	990			
Marion	Urban	957,337	2,221	1775	539			
Marshall	Rural	46,336	51	40.3	1,150			
Martin								
	Rural	10,169	11	8.3	1,225			
Miami	Rural	35,684	19	14.7	2,427			
Monroe	Urban	147,318	218	163.3	902			
Montgomery	Rural	38,295	40	30.7	1,247			
Morgan	Urban	70,141	51	33.8	2,075			
Newton	Urban	13,981	3	2.1	6,658			
Noble	Rural	47,640	36	23.7	2,010			
Ohio	Urban	5,890	1	0.8	7,363			
Orange	Rural	19,552	22	17	1,150			
Owen	Urban	20,854	6	5.5	3,792			
Parke	Rural	16,912	13	11	1,537			
Perry	Rural	19,091	19	15.5	1,232			
Pike	Rural	12,364	7	6.1	2,027			
Porter	Urban	169,482	208	153.4	1,105			
Posey	Urban	25,480	12	9.5	2,682			
Pulaski	Rural	12,482	11	9.1	1,372			
Putnam	Urban	37,419	31	24.5	1,527			
Randolph	Rural	24,694	24	20.5	1,205			
Ripley	Rural	28,457	45	35.2	808			
Rush	Rural	16,632	15	13.6	1,223			
Scott	Urban	23,784	26	18.5	1,286			
Shelby	Urban	44,559	68	58.8	758			
Spencer	Rural	20,364	25	15.4	1,322			
St. Joseph	Urban	270,882	379	310.3	873			
Starke	Rural	22,996	19	17.1	1,345			
Steuben	Rural	34,591	35	21.7	1,594			
Sullivan	Urban	20,647	23	15.1	1,367			
Switzerland	Rural	10,727	3	2.2	4,876			
Tippecanoe	Urban	193,302	349	275.4	702			
Tipton	Rural	15,154	13	7.5	2,021			
Union	Urban	7,140	5	4.1	1,741			
Vanderburgh	Urban	181,548	491	379.6	478			
Vermillion	Urban	15,485	16	11.2	1,383			
Vigo	Urban	107,305	245	183.6	584			
Wabash	Rural	31,198	30	22	1,418			
Warren	Rural	8,219	6	3.9	2,107			
Warrick	Urban	62,608	181	130.4	480			

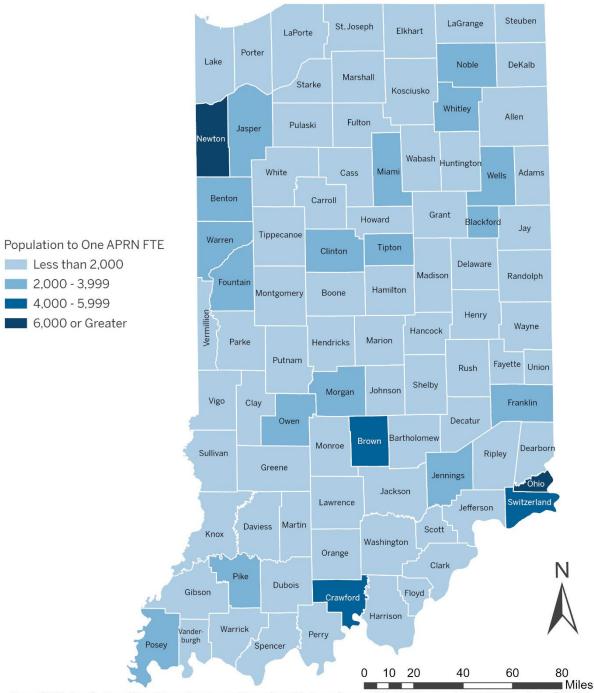
**Table 4.2** Capacity and Geographic Distribution of Indiana APRNs

County	Rurality	Population	Total APRNs	FTE	Population to FTE Ratio
Washington	Urban	27,942	22	17.8	1,570
Wayne	Rural	66,176	137	109.8	603
Wells	Urban	28,010	17	11.2	2,501
White	Rural	24,163	21	16	1,510
Whitley	Urban	33,899	17	12.9	2,628

**Source:** Indiana Registered Nurse Re-Licensure Survey, 2021; U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

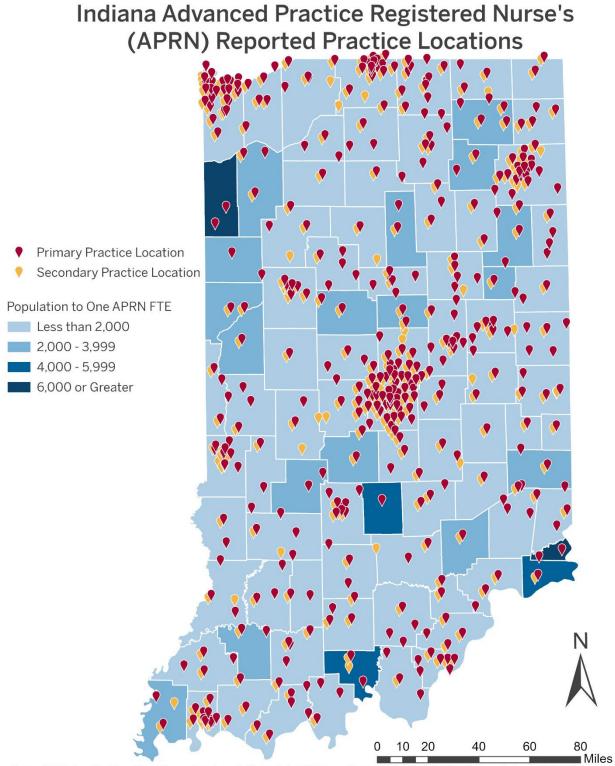
**Note:** Population-to-provider FTE ratios cannot be calculated for counties with no reported APRN FTE.

## Indiana Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's (APRN)



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Figure 4.3 Geographic Distribution of Indiana APRN Workforce Capacity



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Figure 4.4 Geographic Distribution of Indiana APRN Workforce Capacity and Practice Locations

### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Now, more than ever comprehensive workforce data is critical to support nursing workforce planning initiatives. The 2021 Indiana Registered Nurse Workforce Data Report provides an overview of demographic, education, and practice characteristics for both Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who are licensed in and provide services to Indiana residents. Longitudinal trends provided in Section I demonstrate the impact of enhanced data management strategies and policy implications on Indiana's ability to examine this workforce. The data presented in this report provide a nearly comprehensive "snapshot" of Indiana's Registered Nurse workforce as of the last quarter of 2021.

Sections II and III reveal several notable trends in Indiana's RN and APRN workforce. Demographically, both RNs and APRNs have little racial and ethnic diversity. Additionally, both RNs and APRNs have an average age of about 44 years old and both workforces are predominantly female with less than 10% of each workforce identifying as male. Compared to 2019, significantly more APRNs (8.2% vs 54.6%) report providing telemedicine services, which is to be expected given the increased relevance in telemedicine since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Geographically, there are no counties without APRNs or RNs, although there are several counties with less than 5 APRNs. Despite this, there does appear to be a disparity in the dispersion of APRNs and RNs with more located in urban counties. This knowledge is helpful in assessing county level capacity and workforce needs.

The 2021 Indiana Registered Nurse Workforce Data Report provides key information on Indiana's RN workforce and demonstrates the ability of these data to inform initiatives related to health policy, education and graduate training, health system planning, and workforce development. The Bowen Center continues to standardize all surveys to present longitudinal data trends in future data reports which will help inform future workforce planning initiatives in Indiana.