

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Working in Vermont

2017 BOARD OF NURSING RELICENSURE SURVEY

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Background

This summary provides supply information for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) working in Vermont in 2017.

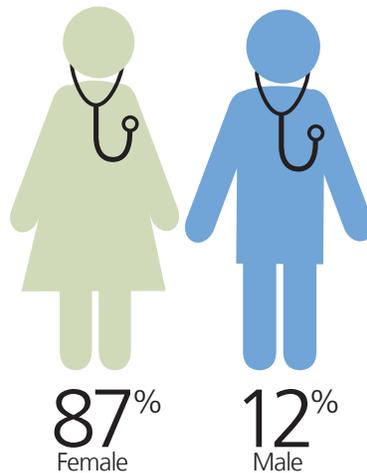
Methods

In January to March 2017, APRNs in Vermont were required to answer survey questions as part of their relicensure application. The data were prepared for analyses by the Vermont Department of Health and UVM AHEC; this analysis was done by UVM AHEC. The number of APRNs who completed a relicensure survey in spring 2017 was 751 (response rate 100%); this report will analyze only APRNs who reported that they were currently working in the state of Vermont (n=617).

Demographics

Gender

Female: 87%
Male: 12%
Other/Missing: 1%



Age

Average age: 49.4 years
Mode: 60 years
Range: 26-82 years

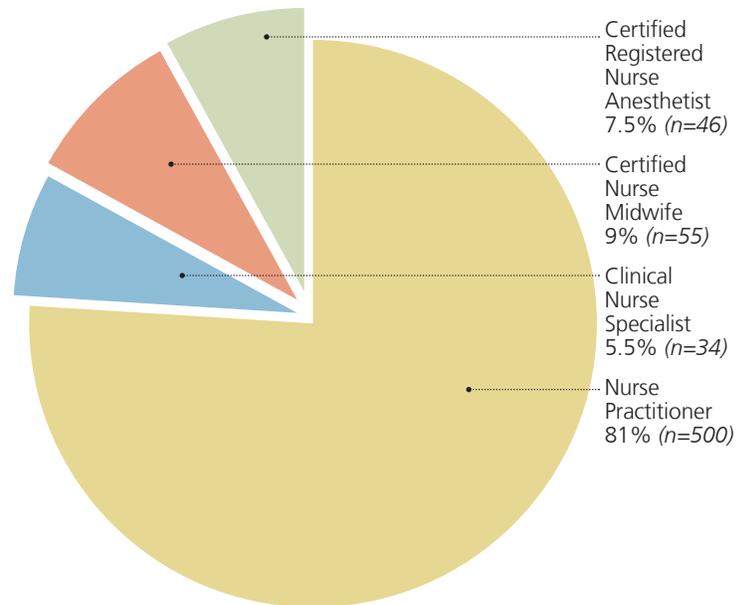
Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian: 94%
Hispanic: 1%

Education

Graduate degrees in Nursing (MS: 88%, DNP: 4%, PhD: 0.6%)	93%
Undergraduate degree with certificate (Diploma: 1.3%, ADN: 1.5%, BSN: 3.2%)	6%
Currently enrolled	5%
DNP program	3%
Other	1.1%
Master's	0.3%
Post-Master's certificate	0.3%
Other degrees with APRN certificate	0.6%
Missing	0.2%

Type of APRN (dual certification is possible)



Area of Credentials

Family (278)	45%
Adult (140)	23%
Psych/Mental Health (74)	12%
Midwifery: Full Scope (54)	9%
Anesthesiology (46)	7%
Gerontology (45)	7%
OB/Gyn: Women's Health (38)	6%
Pediatrics (35)	6%
Acute/Emergency Care (22)	4%
Neonatal (9)	1%
Medical/Surgical (3)	<1%
School (2)	<1%



Employment

Mean years worked as an APRN in Vermont*	10.3
Working in Vermont 1 year or less	6%
Working outside of Vermont as an APRN	10%
Working full-time in patient care at their primary practice site	40%
Working full-time in patient care across all practice sites	59%
Working part-time in patient care across all practice sites**	41%
Working full-time with Faculty, Administrative, Research or other titles	3%
Working Per Diem	9%
Working as a traveler	3%
Working in a second practice site	18%
Working in a third practice site	<1%
Report having hospital privileges	37%

*Mode: 2 year. Range: <1-46 years **n=134 patient care hours not reported



Setting of Primary Position

Physician/APRN Practice (177)	29%
Community Health Center/Clinic (92)***	15%
Hospital: Outpatient (76)	12%
Hospital: Inpatient & Outpatient (70)	11%
Hospital: Inpatient (38)	6%
Independent APRN Practice: Group (32)	5%
Independent APRN Practice: Solo (22)	4%
Mental Health Center (22)	4%
Nursing Home/Extended Care (15)	2%
School or College Health Service (13)	2%
Urgent Care (11)	2%
Occupational Health (11)	2%
Correctional Facility (9)	2%
Home Health (8)	1%
Other Setting (7)	1%
Military/VA (5)	1%
Substance Use Disorder Treatment (4)	>1%
Public Health (3)	>1%
School of Nursing (2)	>1%

*** Includes FQHC, Planned Parenthood

Direct Patient Care at Primary Site by APRNs

Do you accept new patients at this site? (524)	88%
Do you participate in Medicaid at this site? (520)	87%
Do you accept new Medicaid patients at this site? (493)	83%
Do you participate in Medicare at this site? (488)	82%
Do you accept new Medicare patients at this site? (465)	78%

Discussion of These Findings

There continues to be an increase in the number of APRNs working in Vermont despite the uncertainty of health care reform (15% increase since 2015, with 86 more nurse practitioners). One effect of the change in APRN practice regulations in 2011 can be seen in the increased numbers of APRNs who are working together in groups or have solo practices: 5% (32) in independent APRN group practice – (this has doubled in 2 years) and 4% (22) in independent APRN solo practice. The number of Psych/Mental Health NPs has increased from 4% in 2005 to 15% (74) in 2017. This area is certainly a needed specialty and is likely to grow further. Of note is that of 21 APRNs who report a solo practice, 66% (14) report Psych/Mental health as their credentials. This might represent an emerging APRN workforce to fill a critical need. Vermont APRNs continue to be accessible and accepting of new patients in their practices.

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