

NURSING TODAY & TOMORROW

WHERE TO LIVE, WHERE TO WORK, AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE

Trying to figure out the best place to live and work as a nurse can be tough. Salary and job opportunities vary greatly for nurses throughout the United States. Use the information below to help you figure out which location and nursing industry-focus suits you best. Is your choice where the industry is heading?

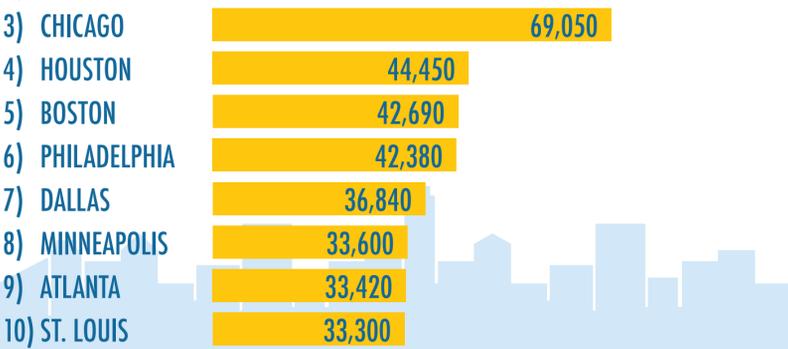
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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & CURRENT WAGE

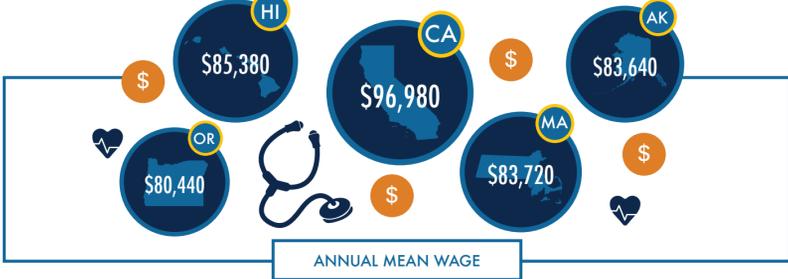
STATES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF EMPLOYED RNS



METROPOLITAN AREAS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF EMPLOYED RNS



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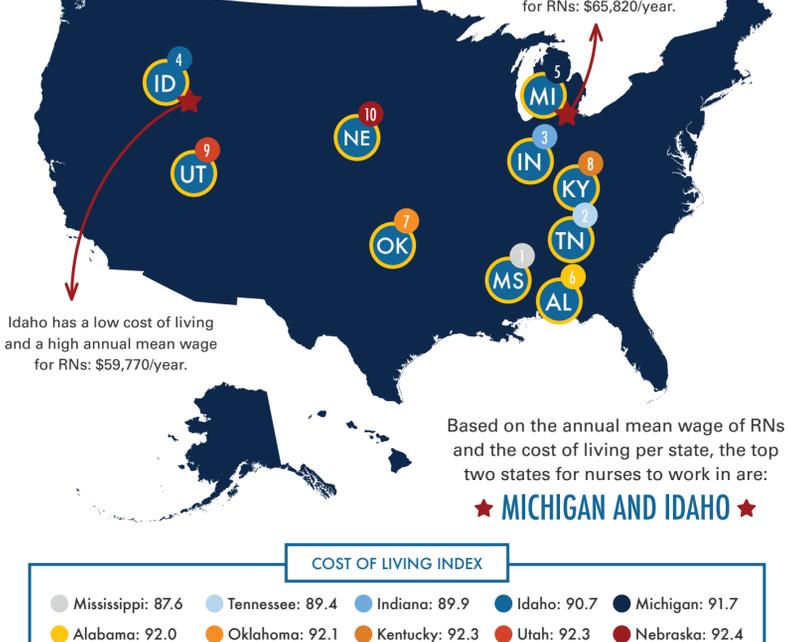
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COST OF LIVING VS. NURSING SALARY

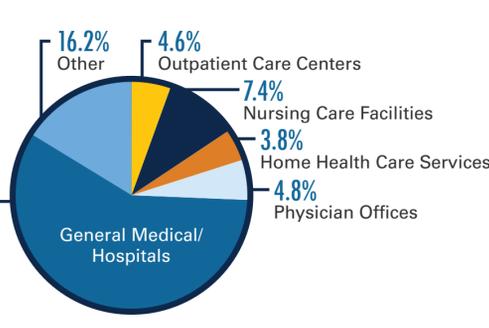
STATES WITH THE LOWEST COST OF LIVING



The Cost of Living Index provides a useful and reasonably accurate way to compare cost of living differences between urban areas weighted by different categories of consumer expenditures for mid-management households.

NURSING AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT

63.2%
OF RNS WORK IN THE
GENERAL MEDICAL
FIELD/HOSPITALS



IN GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HOSPITALS:

1,533,080
RNS EMPLOYED

29.5% of the industry are RNs

IN PHYSICIAN OFFICES:

7.4% of the industry are RNs

178,810
RNS EMPLOYED

IN HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

166,910
RNS EMPLOYED

13.8% of the industry are RNs

IN NURSING CARE FACILITIES:

8.6% of the industry are RNs

142,490
RNS EMPLOYED

IN OUTPATIENT CARE CENTERS:

102,410
RNS EMPLOYED

15.2% of the industry are RNs

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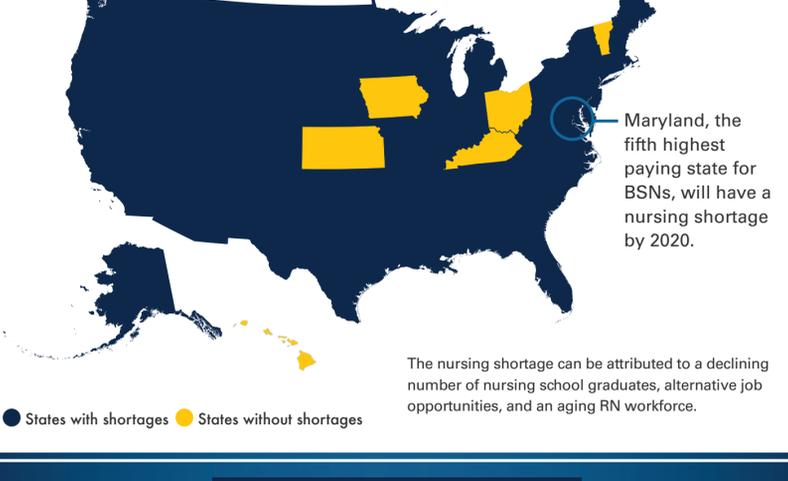
PROJECTED GROWTH & FUTURE

NURSING SHORTAGES

↓ In 2020, the number of new licensed RNs is projected to be 17% lower than in 2002. There will also be a large loss of licensed nurses due to retirement and mortality.

↑ The U.S. population will grow 18% between 2000 to 2020. This will result in an additional 50 million people who will need health care.

In 2000, nursing shortages occurred in 30 states. By 2020, it is projected that 44 states and the District of Columbia will have shortages.



EMPLOYERS PREFER BSN GRADUATES

43.7% of hospitals and other health care settings are requiring new hires to have a bachelor's degree in nursing

78.6% of employers prefer BSN graduates

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WITH THE CONTINUING NEED FOR NEW NURSES AND EMPLOYERS PREFERRING CANDIDATES WITH BSN DEGREES, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO START EARNING YOUR DEGREE.