

2020 Kentucky Nursing Workforce Report



120 KY counties

86 Rural
34 Urban

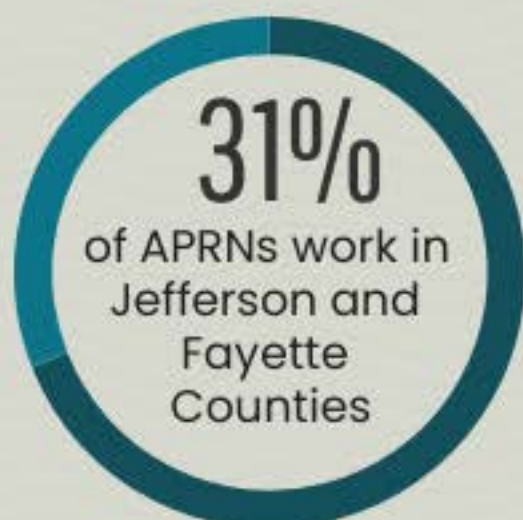


4.5 Million

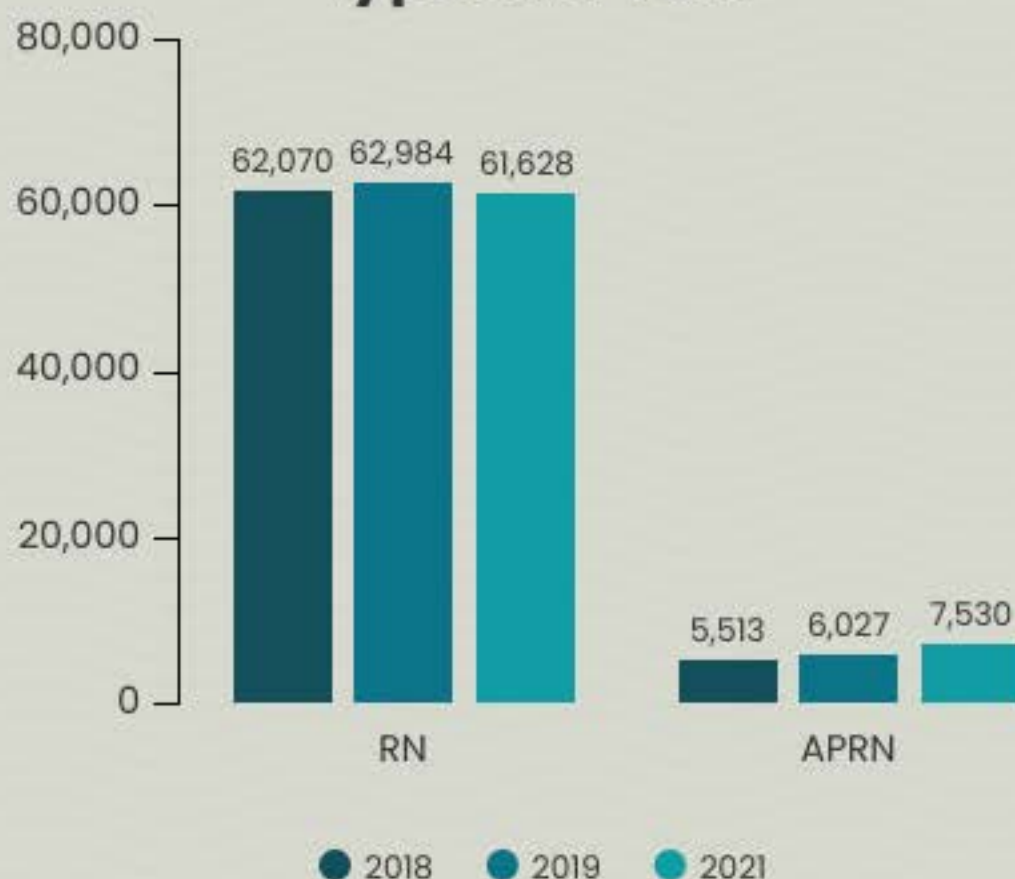
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KY population

Kentucky was ranked 46 out of 50 states on health outcomes in 2021 by America's Health Rankings.



Licensure Renewal Totals by Type and Year



RNs and APRNs continue to be maldistributed across the state of Kentucky despite a 35% difference in population between rural and urban counties.

	Rural	Urban
RN	38%	62%
APRN	37%	63%

	Population	Number of APRNs	Ratio of 1 APRN to population
Rural	1,844,565	2,754	1:670
Urban	2,623,837	4,776	1:549
Kentucky	4,468,402	7,503	1:593



The majority of APRNs are Caucasian (93.6%), have a master of science in nursing (85%), work 32-40 hours a week, and work in an office/clinic setting (43.4%).

APRNs by Setting Type



Other settings include long-term/extended care/rehab, nursing education, HMO/insurance company/managed care, public health/community health, primary/secondary school, industry, temporary staffing agency, Hospice/Home Health, military/federal/state facility, mental health facility, correctional facility, medical/pharmaceutical sales, self-employed/nurse consultant, assisted living, and non-nursing field.

APRNs by Population of Focus



Other populations of focus include midwife, adult, pediatric, women's health, gerontological, school, med/surgical, adult-psych/mental health, child/adolescent psych, neonatal, acute care, community health, critical care, and oncology.

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