

2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses

HELP!

Nurses play a critical role in the lives of patients across the country. That is why the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is dedicated to providing you, policy makers, and researchers with the most comprehensive data on U.S. registered nurses and nurse practitioners. To accomplish this, **we need your help.**

Please support and encourage participation in the **2018 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN)**. This vital national survey is the primary source of data on the nursing workforce, the largest group of healthcare providers.

The Purpose of the Study

The NSSRN will gather up-to-date information about the status of registered nurses in the U.S. These data will be used to describe the registered nurse population at both the national and state level, so policymakers can ensure an adequate supply of registered nurses locally and nationally.

Data Collection

The NSSRN will be sent to over 100,000 registered nurses in March of 2018. Nurses will be able to fill out the survey electronically or through a paper questionnaire. It is imperative that nurses participate and send back as soon as possible.

The Survey Contractor

HRSA has contracted with the U.S. Census Bureau, the leading statistical federal agency in the United States. Census has assembled a team of expert survey methodologists responsible for gathering the lists of licensed RNs, constructing the national sample, and administering the survey by mail, and on the internet.

Did you Know?

Did you know...employment settings change as nurses age? The vast majority of registered nurses under 30 years old work in hospitals, but over 50 percent of registered nurses 55 years or older work in non-hospital employment settings. Information like this from the NSSRN survey helps policymakers and healthcare leaders plan for future staffing needs.

The Survey Results

We plan to release the public use file from the 2018 study by January 2019. A report from the 2008 study is available at <http://bhw.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce>.

Endorsements

The following nursing organizations have endorsed this survey. The National Council of State Board of Nursing and individual state boards of nursing have generously provided mailing lists for the survey.

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Black Nurses Association, Inc.
National Council of State Boards of Nursing
National League for Nursing
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

