

NATIONAL SNAPSHOT



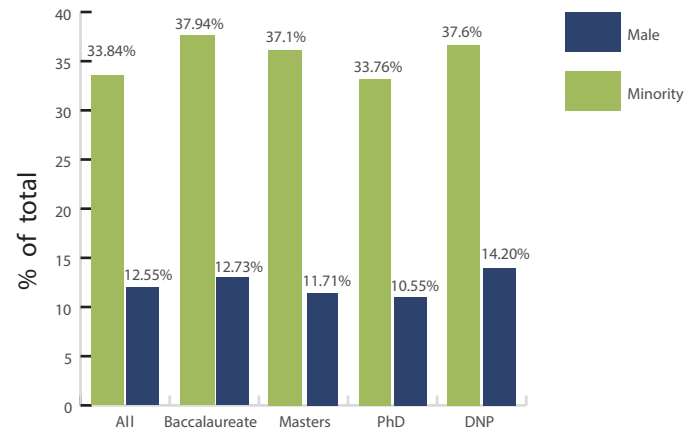
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The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for academic nursing education. AACN represents more than 840 member schools of nursing offering a mix of baccalaureate, graduate, and post-graduate programs at public and private universities nationwide.

ENROLLMENTS & GRADUATIONS¹

Program	Enrollment	Graduations
Baccalaureate	383,585	151,583
Master's	152,341	51,386
PhD	4,626	760
DNP	39,530	9,158
TOTAL	580,082	212,760

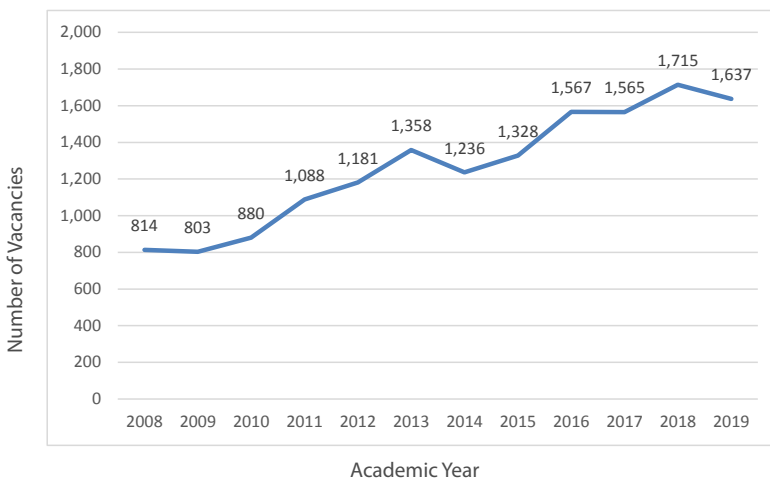
STUDENT DIVERSITY % BY PROGRAM¹



UNDERSTANDING THE FACULTY SHORTAGE²

Faculty shortage is an obstacle to expanding the nation's nursing workforce and meeting health care demands. Budget constraints, an aging faculty, and increasing job competition from clinical sites all contribute to this crisis. This data provides an overview of the scope of the nursing faculty shortage at the national level.

10-YEAR TREND: FACULTY VACANCIES

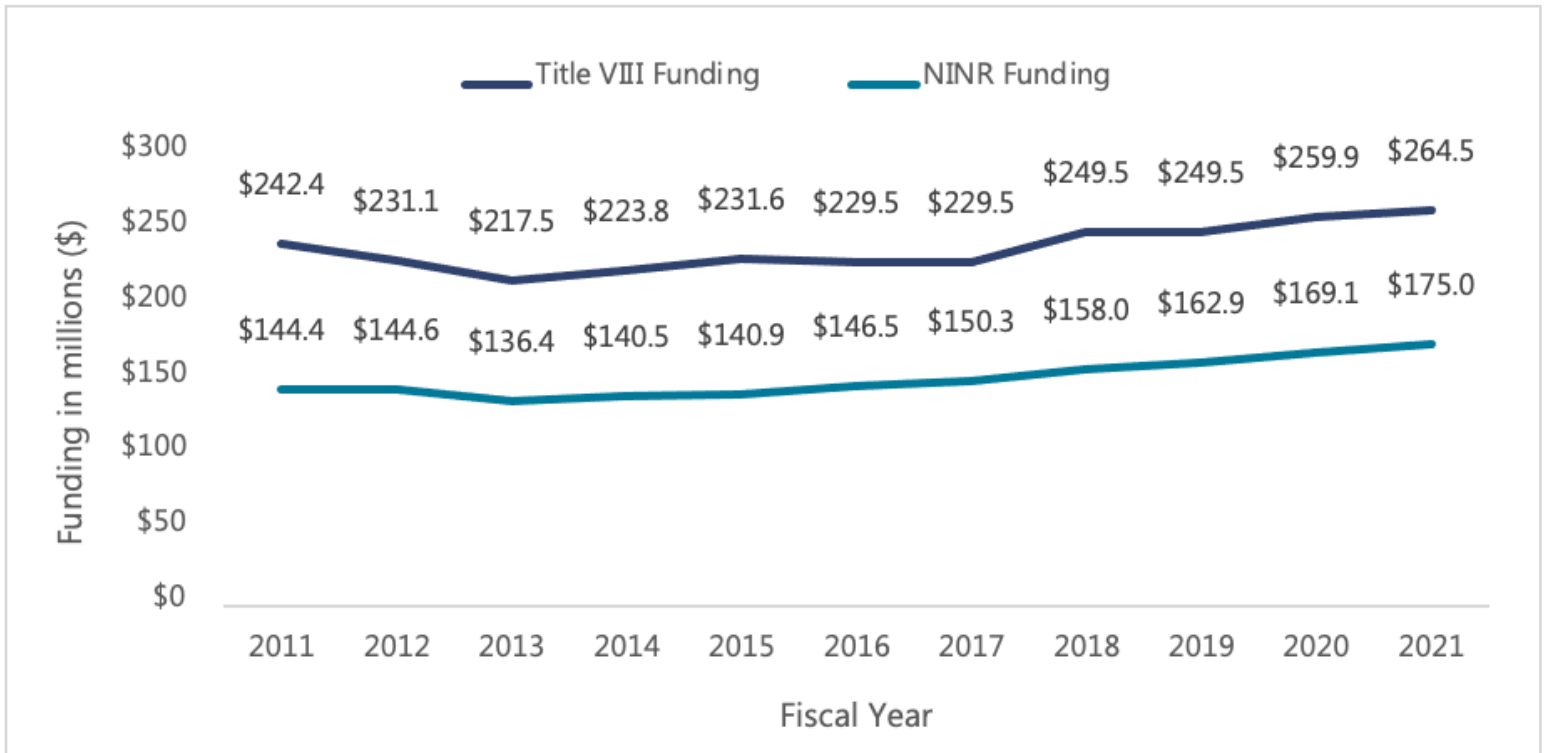


BY THE NUMBERS

1,468	Open faculty positions that require or prefer doctorate degrees in nursing or related field
54	Average age of doctorally prepared nurse faculty
86	Schools report insufficient funding as obstacle to hiring additional faculty

NATIONAL TRENDS

FEDERAL FUNDING ACROSS U.S.³



NATIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE

RN

4,246,162
Registered Nurses⁴

NP

290,000
Nurse Practitioners⁵

CRNA

57,000
Certified Registered
Nurse Anesthetists⁷

CNS

70,000
Clinical Nurse
Specialists⁶

CNM

12,218
Certified
Nurse-Midwives⁸

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE



7,302
Health Professional
Shortage Areas⁹



4,500
Rural Health Clinics¹⁰



3,438
Medically
Underserved Areas⁹

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