

NATIONAL SNAPSHOT



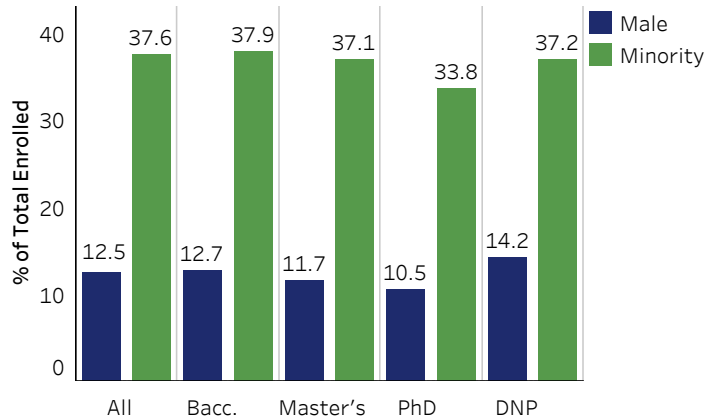
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The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for academic nursing. AACN represents nearly 840 member schools of nursing offering a mix of baccalaureate, graduate, and post-graduate programs at public and private universities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

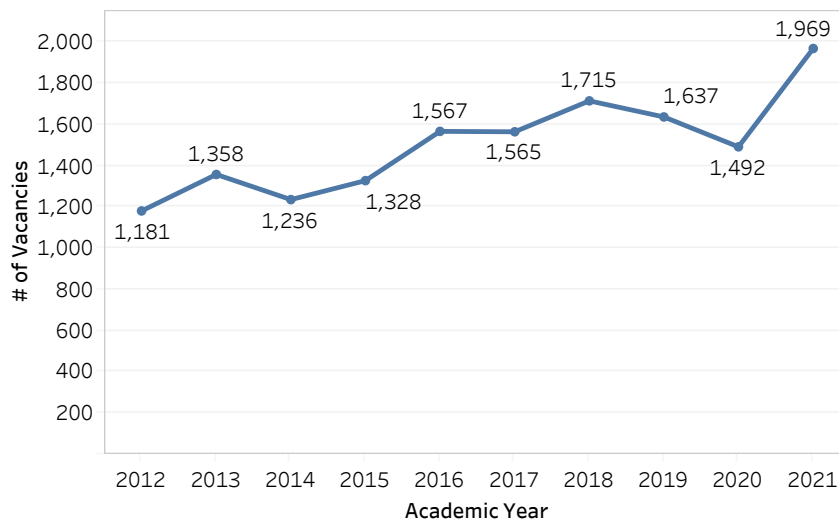
STUDENT DIVERSITY % BY PROGRAM¹



UNDERSTANDING THE FACULTY SHORTAGE¹

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

1,659

Open faculty positions that require or prefer doctorate degrees in nursing or related field

54

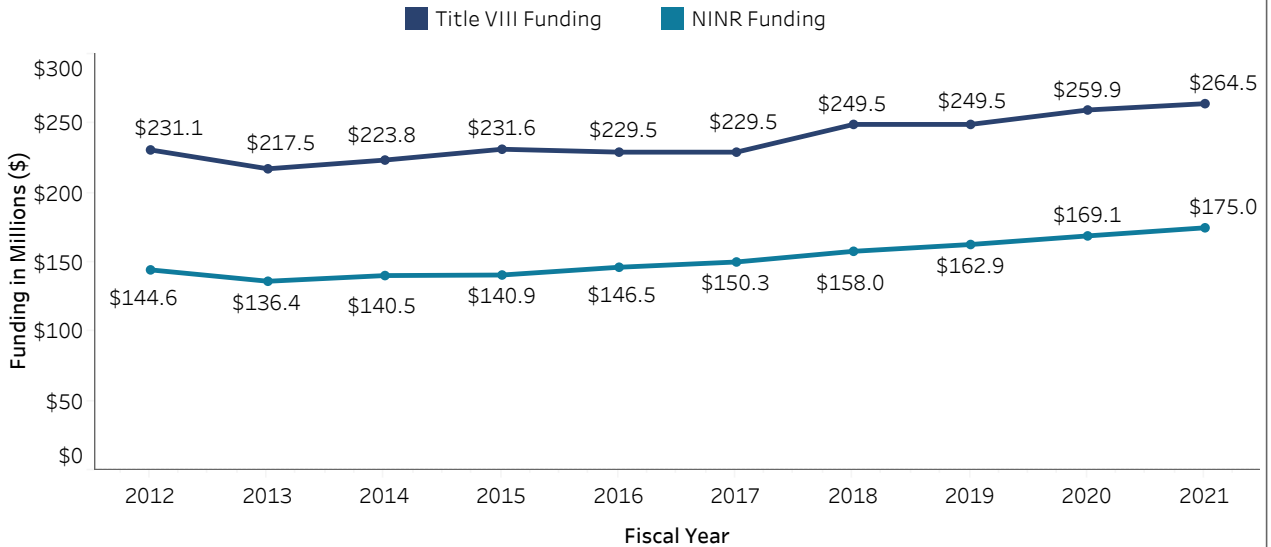
Average age of doctorally prepared nurse faculty

76

Schools report insufficient funding as obstacle to hiring additional faculty

NATIONAL TRENDS

FEDERAL FUNDING ACROSS U.S.³



NATIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE

RN

4,312,765

Registered Nurses⁴

NP

325,000

Nurse Practitioners⁵

CRNA

55,000

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists⁷

CNS

70,000

Clinical Nurse Specialists⁶

CNM

12,805

Certified Nurse-Midwives⁸

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE



7,302

Health Professional Shortage Areas in Primary Care⁹



4,500

Rural Health Clinics¹⁰



3,434

Medically Underserved Areas⁹

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