

# Michigan Center for Nursing Survey of Nurses 2007

## *Survey Instrument and Response Frequencies for Registered Nurses Employed in the West Central Health Service Area*

The Michigan Center for Nursing conducted the fourth annual survey of licensed nurses in 2007 to collect data on their employment status, geographic distribution, age, plans to continue practicing, work setting, practice area, education, gender, and racial/ethnic background. In the 2006 survey, questions were added related to nurses' decisions to leave a position in nursing and the factors that led to these decisions. This report presents the survey responses for registered nurses who entered a west central ZIP Code for their primary place of employment. A map of the health service areas can be found in the appendix for this report. Unless otherwise noted, response frequencies are for *active* nurses only, i.e., nurses who are working in nursing or a related area on a full-time or part-time basis.

There were 5,221 surveys returned from RNs employed in the west central health service area, yielding a margin of error of  $\pm 0.7$  percent with 95 percent confidence for data for RNs in this health service area. Comparison of data across different health service areas is not recommended because the number of responses and corresponding margin of error varies among health service areas.

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1. In what year were you born? (Note: Response frequencies are for active nurses only.)

Age	Percent 2007 (active only)
<25	2.3%
25–34	16.0
35–44	20.5
45–54	35.3
55–64	21.9
65+	3.9

2. Are you a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a registered nurse (RN), or both? (Mark **one**. If you are both an LPN and an RN, complete and return only one survey.)

	Percent of RNs 2007
RN only	95.9%
Both LPN and RN	4.1

3. What is your education background? (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) LPN diploma/certificate of nursing	6.9%
b) RN diploma in nursing	25.5
c) Associate's degree in nursing	44.4
d) Bachelor's degree in nursing	36.5
e) Master's degree in nursing	6.1
f) Master's degree in other field	3.3
g) Doctorate in nursing	0.2
h) Other degree	9.0

4. What is your current employment status? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (all RNs)
a) 35 or more hours per week in nursing or related area	60.7%
b) Less than 35 hours per week in nursing or related area	34.4
c) Employed, but not in nursing	2.9
d) Not employed, and seeking employment in nursing or related area	0.3
e) Not employed, and seeking employment outside of nursing	0.0
f) Temporarily not working and not looking for a job	1.0
g) Retired or with no plans to return to work	0.6

5. Identify your current employment setting(s). (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) None (not active in nursing)	0.3%
b) Hospital inpatient	53.4
c) Hospital outpatient	16.5
d) Non-hospital outpatient	4.1
e) Physician's office	8.8
f) Nursing home/long-term care facility	7.9
g) Home health care	6.7
h) Public/community health	4.6
i) School health	1.7
j) Hospice	2.8
k) Nursing education	4.6
l) Insurance company/health plan	1.2
m) Traveling/temporary nurse	0.9
n) Other	7.5

6. Does your main nursing position involve providing direct care services to patients/families?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
Yes	84.8%
No	15.2

7. If you provide direct care services, please identify your main practice area. (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Med-Surg	17.2%
b) Surgery	11.4
c) Critical care	9.0
d) Pediatrics	5.7
e) Obstetrics	9.0
f) Geriatrics/elderly care	8.4
g) Oncology	2.7
h) Psychiatric/mental health	3.9
i) Emergency/urgent care	6.4
j) Patient education	2.3
k) Case management	4.4
l) General/family practice	2.9
m) Other (Fill in blank)	16.6

8. Where do you live? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Michigan	99.8%
b) Other state in the U.S.	0.2
c) Canada	0.0
d) Other nation	0.0

9. Where is your primary place of employment? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Michigan	100.0%
b) Other state in the U.S.	0.0
c) Canada	0.0
d) Other nation	0.0

10. If you live in the U.S. or if your primary place of employment is in the U.S., what are the ZIP Codes of your residence and primary place of employment?

11. Did you graduate from a nursing school in the United States or in another nation?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) United States	98.6%
b) Other nation	1.4

One of the goals of the Michigan Center for Nursing is to increase diversity within the nursing profession. It would be helpful if you would answer the following questions:

12. What is your gender?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Female	94.5%
b) Male	5.5

13. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Yes	1.4%
b) No	98.6

14. What is your racial/ethnic background?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) White	95.3%
b) Black or African American	1.7
c) American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.0
d) Asian	1.3
e) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2
f) Middle Easterner (Arab/Chaldean/Other)	0.1
g) Some other race/ethnicity	1.3

15. To assist us in projecting the supply of nurses in the future, please tell us how much longer you plan to practice nursing.

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) 1–5 years	15.1%
b) 6–10 years	19.4
c) 11–15 years	18.6
d) 16–20 years	18.6
e) 21–30 years	15.9
f) More than 30 years	7.7
g) Don't know	4.7

16. Have you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years?

	Percent 2007 (all RNs)
a) Yes	17.2%
b) No	82.8

17. If you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years, was it to...(Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (RNs who left a position)
a) take another nursing position in the <b>same</b> organization?	22.8%
b) take another nursing position with a <b>different</b> organization?	64.5
c) take a position outside of nursing?	6.2
d) retire/quit nursing?	6.4

18. If you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years, what were the factors that led to this decision? (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (RNs who left position)
a) Age	7.1%
b) General lack of job satisfaction	49.1
c) Childbearing/childrearing	6.5
d) Personal or family concerns	26.2
e) Increasing administrative burden	14.0
f) Physical demands of the job	18.9
g) Employer/employee conflict	13.2
h) Inadequate salary/wages	18.8
i) Inadequate benefits	11.1
j) Opportunity to work in nursing administration	4.9
k) Opportunity to work in nursing education	5.5
l) Career promotion	16.2

# Michigan Center for Nursing Survey of Nurses 2007

## *Survey Instrument and Response Frequencies for Licensed Practical Nurses Employed in the West Central Health Service Area*

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There were 1,493 surveys returned from LPNs employed in the west central health service area, yielding a margin of error of  $\pm 1.5$  percent with 95 percent confidence for data for LPNs in this health service area. Comparison of data across different health service areas is not recommended because the number of responses and corresponding margin of error varies among health service areas.

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1. In what year were you born? (Note: Response frequencies are for active nurses only.)

Age	Percent 2007 (active only)
<25	2.1%
25–34	11.0
35–44	14.1
45–54	36.5
55–64	31.6
65+	4.7

2. Are you a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a registered nurse (RN), or both? (Mark **one**. If you are both an LPN and an RN, complete and return only one survey.)

NOTE: This question was used to identify respondents as RNs or LPNs and to determine the proportion of RNs who also hold a diploma/certificate as a LPN.

3. What is your education background? (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) LPN diploma/certificate of nursing	97.6%
b) RN diploma in nursing	0.7
c) Associate's degree in nursing	3.6
d) Bachelor's degree in nursing	0.4
e) Master's degree in nursing	0.0
f) Master's degree in other field	0.4
g) Doctorate in nursing	0.0
h) Other degree	7.6

4. What is your current employment status? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (all LPNs)
a) 35 or more hours per week in nursing or related area	53.7%
b) Less than 35 hours per week in nursing or related area	37.1
c) Employed, but not in nursing	5.5
d) Not employed, and seeking employment in nursing or related area	0.9
e) Not employed, and seeking employment outside of nursing	0.0
f) Temporarily not working and not looking for a job	2.2
g) Retired or with no plans to return to work	0.6

5. Identify your current employment setting(s). (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) None (not active in nursing)	0.2%
b) Hospital inpatient	13.6
c) Hospital outpatient	5.8
d) Non-hospital outpatient	2.4
e) Physician's office	26.9
f) Nursing home/long-term care facility	41.4
g) Home health care	10.5
h) Public/community health	2.4
i) School health	1.3
j) Hospice	1.8
k) Nursing education	1.5
l) Insurance company/health plan	0.7
m) Traveling/temporary nurse	1.3
n) Other	6.4

6. Does your main nursing position involve providing direct care services to patients/families?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
Yes	91.6%
No	8.4

7. If you provide direct care services, please identify your main practice area. (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Med-Surg	5.8%
b) Surgery	2.9
c) Critical care	1.5
d) Pediatrics	7.1
e) Obstetrics	6.0
f) Geriatrics/elderly care	43.4
g) Oncology	1.0
h) Psychiatric/mental health	2.0
i) Emergency/urgent care	1.6
j) Patient education	0.8
k) Case management	0.6
l) General/family practice	12.0
m) Other (Fill in blank)	15.2

8. Where do you live? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Michigan	99.7%
b) Other state in the U.S.	0.3
c) Canada	0.0
d) Other nation	0.0

9. Where is your primary place of employment? (Mark **one**)

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Michigan	99.9%
b) Other state in the U.S.	0.1
c) Canada	0.0
d) Other nation	0.0

10. If you live in the U.S. or if your primary place of employment is in the U.S., what are the ZIP Codes of your residence and primary place of employment?

11. Did you graduate from a nursing school in the United States or in another nation?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) United States	99.6%
b) Other nation	0.4

One of the goals of the Michigan Center for Nursing is to increase diversity within the nursing profession. It would be helpful if you would answer the following questions:

12. What is your gender?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Female	95.2%
b) Male	4.8

13. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) Yes	2.0%
b) No	98.0

14. What is your racial/ethnic background?

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) White	90.8%
b) Black or African American	5.8
c) American Indian or Alaskan Native	2.7
d) Asian	1.0
e) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2
f) Middle Easterner (Arab/Chaldean/Other)	0.0
g) Some other race/ethnicity	2.3

15. To assist us in projecting the supply of nurses in the future, please tell us how much longer you plan to practice nursing.

	Percent 2007 (active only)
a) 1–5 years	18.5%
b) 6–10 years	24.1
c) 11–15 years	16.0
d) 16–20 years	14.3
e) 21–30 years	11.8
f) More than 30 years	8.2
g) Don't know	7.1

16. Have you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years?

	Percent 2007 (all LPNs)
a) Yes	16.9%
b) No	83.1

17. If you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years, was it to...(Mark **one**)

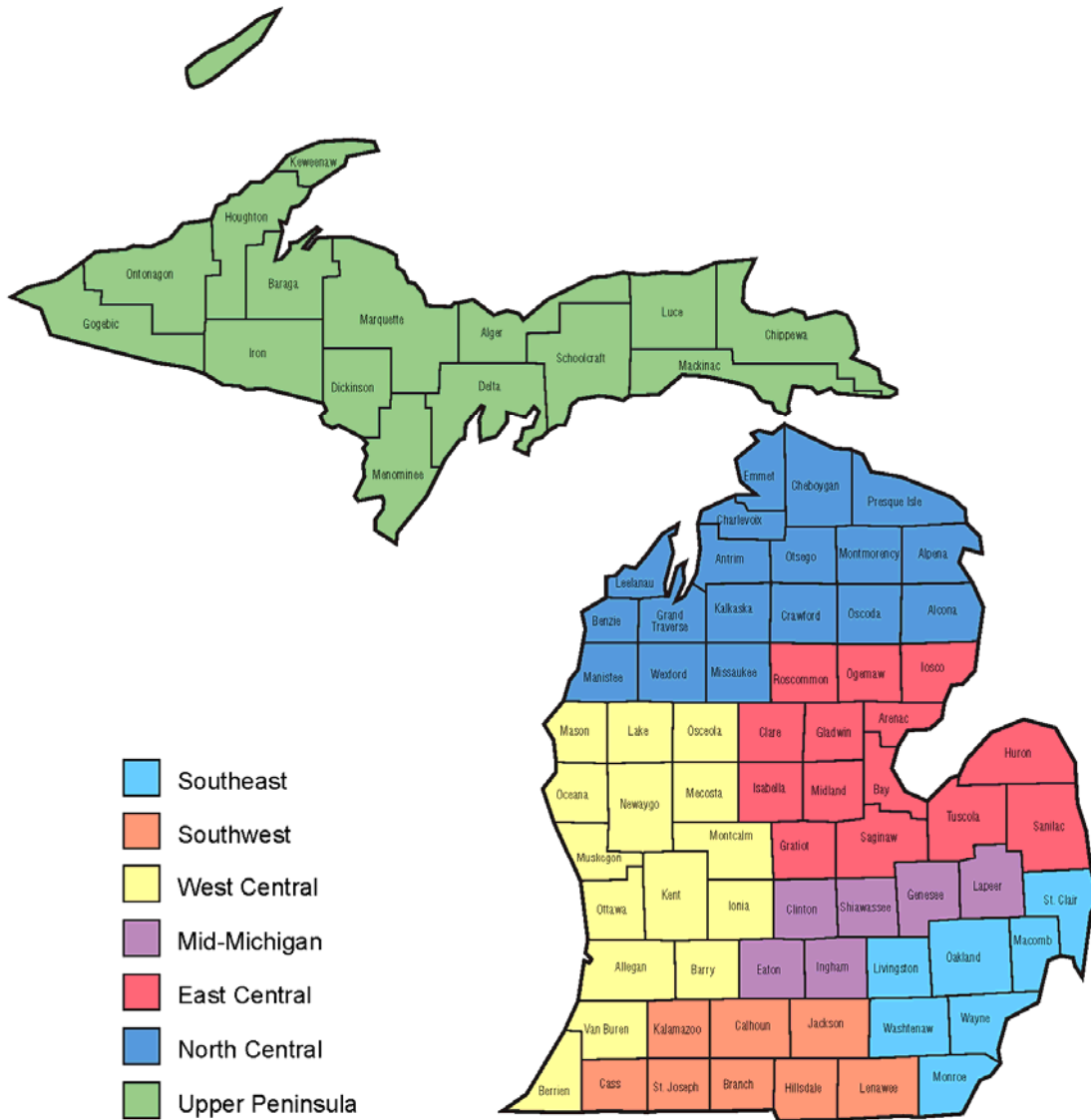
	Percent 2007 (LPNs who left a position)
a) take another nursing position in the <b>same</b> organization?	7.5%
b) take another nursing position with a <b>different</b> organization?	76.2
c) take a position outside of nursing?	7.9
d) retire/quit nursing?	8.4

18. If you voluntarily left a nursing position in the last two years, what were the factors that led to this decision? (Mark **all** that apply)

	Percent 2007 (LPNs who left a position)
a) Age	6.1%
b) General lack of job satisfaction	45.7
c) Childbearing/childrearing	6.9
d) Personal or family concerns	23.5
e) Increasing administrative burden	12.1
f) Physical demands of the job	18.6
g) Employer/employee conflict	22.3
h) Inadequate salary/wages	25.1
i) Inadequate benefits	12.6
j) Opportunity to work in nursing administration	2.8
k) Opportunity to work in nursing education	0.8
l) Career promotion	8.9

# Appendix

## Michigan Health Service Areas



SOURCE: Michigan Health & Hospital Association, October 2007.



