

*Michigan Center for Nursing  
Survey of Nurses 2006  
Survey Instrument and Response Frequencies for  
Registered Nurses Employed in the  
Southwest Health Service Area*

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There were 1,328 surveys returned from RNs employed in the southwest health service area, yielding a margin of error of  $\pm 2.7$  percent with 95 percent confidence for data for RNs in this health service area. Comparison of data for 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 2006 (active only)
<25	2%
25–34	19
35–44	30
45–54	32
55–64	16
65+	2

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 2006
RN only	95%
Both LPN and RN	5

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) LPN diploma/certificate of nursing	7%
b) RN diploma in nursing	23
c) Associate's degree in nursing	56
d) Bachelor's degree in nursing	27
e) Master's degree in nursing	5
f) Master's degree in other field	3
g) Doctorate in nursing	0
h) Other degree	9

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

	Percent 2006 (all RNs)
a) 35 or more hours per week in nursing or related area	67%
b) Less than 35 hours per week in nursing or related area	27
c) Employed, but not in nursing	4
d) Not employed, and seeking employment in nursing or related area	1
e) Not employed, and seeking employment outside of nursing	<1
f) Temporarily not working and not looking for a job	1
g) Retired or with no plans to return to work	1

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) None (not active in nursing)	<1%
b) Hospital inpatient	58
c) Hospital outpatient	15
d) Non-hospital outpatient	5
e) Physician's office	8
f) Nursing home/long-term care facility	9
g) Home health care	7
h) Public/community health	4
i) School health	2
j) Hospice	3
k) Nursing education	5

	Percent 2006 (active only)
l) Insurance company/health plan	1
m) Traveling/temporary nurse	2
n) Other	7

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
Yes	88%
No	12

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Med-Surg	18%
b) Surgery	8
c) Critical care	11
d) Pediatrics	6
e) Obstetrics	10
f) Geriatrics/elderly care	9
g) Oncology	2
h) Psychiatric/mental health	4
i) Emergency/urgent care	7
j) Patient education	4
k) Case management	12
l) General/family practice	2
m) Other (Fill in blank)	8

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

Note: As a result of a mailing error, the responses to this question are not valid for 2006.

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Michigan	100%
b) Other state in the U.S.	<1
c) Canada	0
d) Other nation	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 2006 (active only)
a) United States	99%
b) Other nation	1

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 2006 (active only)
a) Female	91%
b) Male	9

13. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Yes	2%
b) No	99

14. What is your racial/ethnic background?

	Percent 2006 (active only)
White	94%
Black African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Middle Easterner (Arab/Chaldean/Other)	<1
Some other race/ethnicity	1

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 2006 (active only)
a) 1–5 years	11%

b) 6–10 years	20
c) 11–15 years	18
d) 16–20 years	22
e) 21–30 years	17
f) More than 30 years	9
g) Don't know	4

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

	Percent 2006 (all RNs)
a) Yes	20%
b) No	80

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

	Percent 2006 (RNs who left a position)
a) take another nursing position in the <b>same</b> organization?	24%
b) take another nursing position with a <b>different</b> organization?	58
c) take a position outside of nursing?	8
d) retire/quit nursing?	10

Note: The data contained in regional reports are only for nurses who entered a Zip Code for their primary place of employment. Therefore, the percentage of nurses who reported they retired will be lower than the percentage reflected in the statewide report.

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 2006 (RNs who left a position)
a) Age	10%
b) General lack of job satisfaction	34
c) Childbearing/childrearing	7
d) Personal or family concerns	34
e) Increasing administrative burden	13
f) Physical demands of the job	14
g) Employer/employee conflict	10
h) Inadequate salary/wages	17
i) Inadequate benefits	5
j) Opportunity to work in nursing administration	4
k) Opportunity to work in nursing education	6
l) Career promotion	19

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There were 389 surveys returned from LPNs employed in the southwest health service area, yielding a margin of error of  $\pm 5.0$  percent with 95 percent confidence for data for LPNs in this health service area. Comparison of data for 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 2006 (active only)
<25	4%
25–34	16
35–44	24
45–54	32
55–64	21
65+	4

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 an LPN.

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) LPN diploma/certificate of nursing	96%
b) RN diploma in nursing	1
c) Associate's degree in nursing	6
d) Bachelor's degree in nursing	1
e) Master's degree in nursing	0
f) Master's degree in other field	<1
g) Doctorate in nursing	0
h) Other degree	3

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

	Percent 2006 (all LPNs)
a) 35 or more hours per week in nursing or related area	67%
b) Less than 35 hours per week in nursing or related area	24
c) Employed, but not in nursing	4
d) Not employed, and seeking employment in nursing or related area	1
e) Not employed, and seeking employment outside of nursing	1
f) Temporarily not working and not looking for a job	2
g) Retired or with no plans to return to work	1

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) None (not active in nursing)	1%
b) Hospital inpatient	22
c) Hospital outpatient	6
d) Non-hospital outpatient	3
e) Physician's office	18
f) Nursing home/long-term care facility	43
g) Home health care	9
h) Public/community health	2
i) School health	2
j) Hospice	<1
k) Nursing education	1

	Percent 2006 (active only)
l) Insurance company/health plan	1
m) Traveling/temporary nurse	1
n) Other	7

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
Yes	93%
No	7

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Med-Surg	9%
b) Surgery	4
c) Critical care	1
d) Pediatrics	6
e) Obstetrics	5
f) Geriatrics/elderly care	44
g) Oncology	1
h) Psychiatric/mental health	5
i) Emergency/urgent care	4
j) Patient education	4
k) Case management	5
l) General/family practice	5
m) Other (Fill in blank)	7

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

Note: As a result of a mailing error, the responses to this question are not valid for 2006.

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

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Michigan	100%
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c) Canada	0
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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 2006 (active only)
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12. What is your gender?

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Female	96%
b) Male	4

13. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?

	Percent 2006 (active only)
a) Yes	2%
b) No	98

14. What is your racial/ethnic background?

	Percent 2006 (active only)
White	91%
Black African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Asian	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1
Middle Easterner (Arab/Chaldean/Other)	0
Some other race/ethnicity	2

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 2006 (active only)
a) 1–5 years	15%

b) 6–10 years	21
c) 11–15 years	17
d) 16–20 years	18
e) 21–30 years	15
f) More than 30 years	10
g) Don't know	4

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

	Percent 2006 (all LPNs)
a) Yes	19%
b) No	81

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

	Percent 2006 (LPNs who left a position)
a) take another nursing position in the <b>same</b> organization?	7%
b) take another nursing position with a <b>different</b> organization?	67
c) take a position outside of nursing?	10
d) retire/quit nursing?	17

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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 2006 (LPNs who left a position)
a) Age	7%
b) General lack of job satisfaction	52
c) Childbearing/childrearing	2
d) Personal or family concerns	26
e) Increasing administrative burden	2
f) Physical demands of the job	24
g) Employer/employee conflict	19
h) Inadequate salary/wages	31
i) Inadequate benefits	19
j) Opportunity to work in nursing administration	5
k) Opportunity to work in nursing education	0
l) Career promotion	14