

Tennessee Board of Nursing
Annual Report
February 2022
(2021 Data)

1. Licensing/Regulation

- New Board member appointment: Angela Beard, MSN, RN (6th Congressional district), Charlotte Webb, DNP, FNP, APRN (4th Congressional district) James D. McCoy, MSN, RN, APRN (2nd Congressional district). Note: September 2021—terms expired for Juanita Turnipseed (5th), Donald Lee Mills, Public Member; will serve until replaced.
- 16% increase in facilities and 22% increase in licensees enrolled in Nursys[®] e-notify
- Updated instructions for RN, LPN exam, endorsement, and reinstatement applications posted to website.
- Public Chapter 288 extends the Board of Nursing to June 30, 2023.
- Public Chapter 340 allows RN grads to practice nursing up to 120 days prior to NCLEX with first ATT.
- Cynthia (Rae) Ellis, Nurse Consultant hired June 2021.

2. COVID 19

- Executive Orders enacted in 2020-2021 in response to the COVID-19 involving nursing expired November 2021:
<https://sos.tn.gov/products/division-publications/executive-orders-governor-bill-lee>

3. Practice—appropriate, safe practice, curb overprescribing

- Audits of APRNs for compliance with N&F, certification and CE - >95% compliance with “education to compliance”—Similar compliance between those randomly audited and those targeted for audits.

4. Education—access to data, appropriate standards

- Workforce data collected via online renewal and transmitted to Nursys[®].
- Reminder: select data made available via GIS application on BON website; annually evaluate with stakeholders.
- Limited in-person school survey visits commenced.
- NCLEX-RN[®] pass rates nationally for 2021 at 82.5%; Tennessee 87.7%. NCLEX-PN[®] pass rates nationally for 2021 at 79.6%; Tennessee 86.1%.

5. Discipline—evidence-based disciplinary actions/ policies fair and consistent

- Legislation effective May 18, 2021: T.C.A. § 63-7-130 – APRN - Failure to comply with collaborative physician requirements will result in suspension of license until the Board receives proof of collaborative agreement.

6. Technology—enhance regulation through technology

- Transmission of APRN data to Nursys commenced April 2021 after several years of preparation.
- Data Integrity Project: Effective November 2018 collecting APRN education history via online continuing.
- As of December 2021, 316 facilities (16% increase) and 56,997 nurses (22% increase) have registered with NURSYS e-Notify.

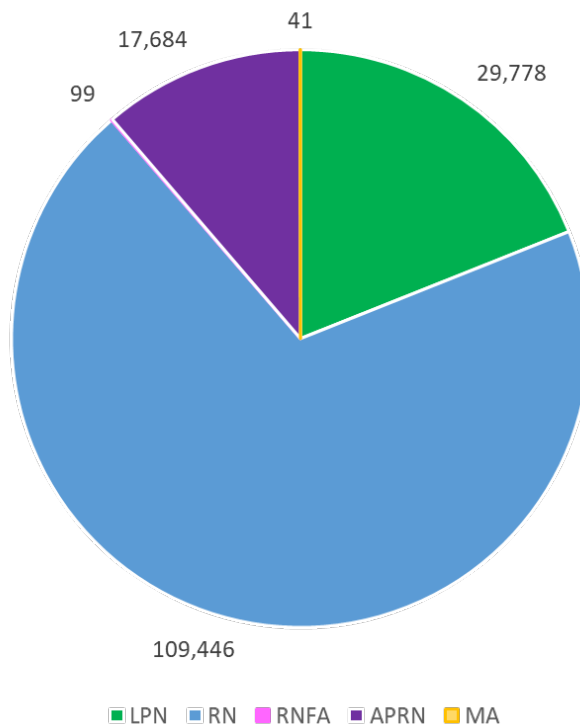
7. NCSBN Update

- NLC-39 jurisdictions have joined (35 have implemented)—New Jersey implemented November 15, 2021; Vermont implemented February 1, 2022.
- VA Full Practice Authority--NCSBN continues to work with VA and members to implement full practice authority for APRNs.

LICENSURE DATA: APRN, RN, RNFA, LPN
Active Licenses — December 31, 2021

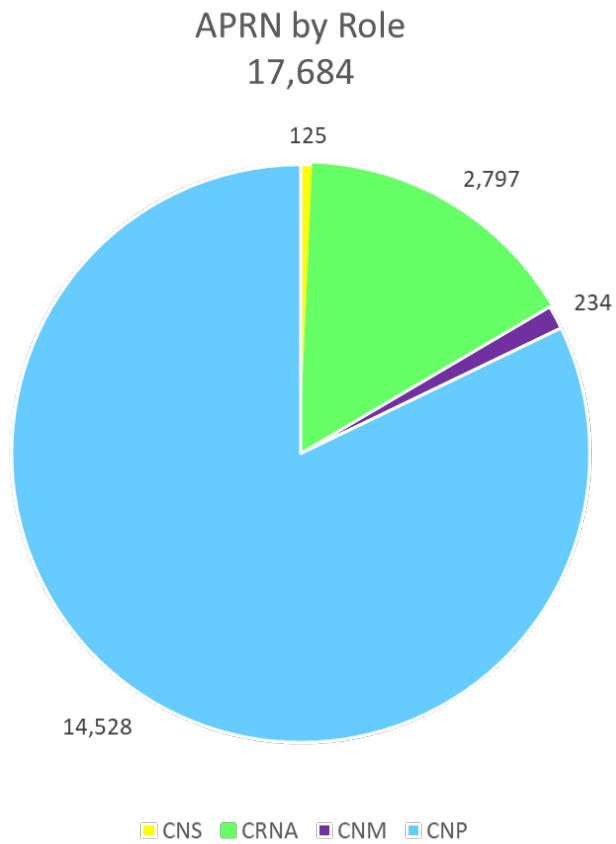
	LPN	RN	RNFA	APRN	MA	Total
Active	29,778	109,446	99	17,684	41	157,048

Active Licenses as of 12/31/2021
157,048

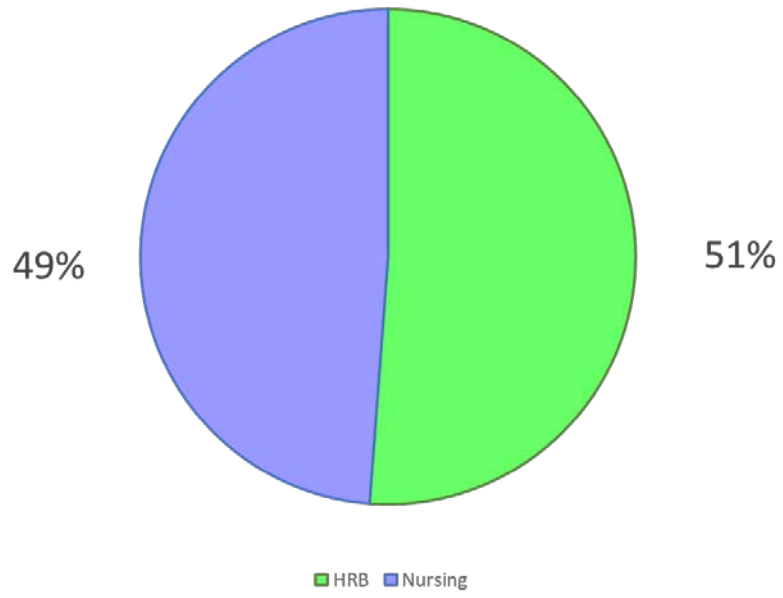


**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES
Active Licenses —December 31, 2021**

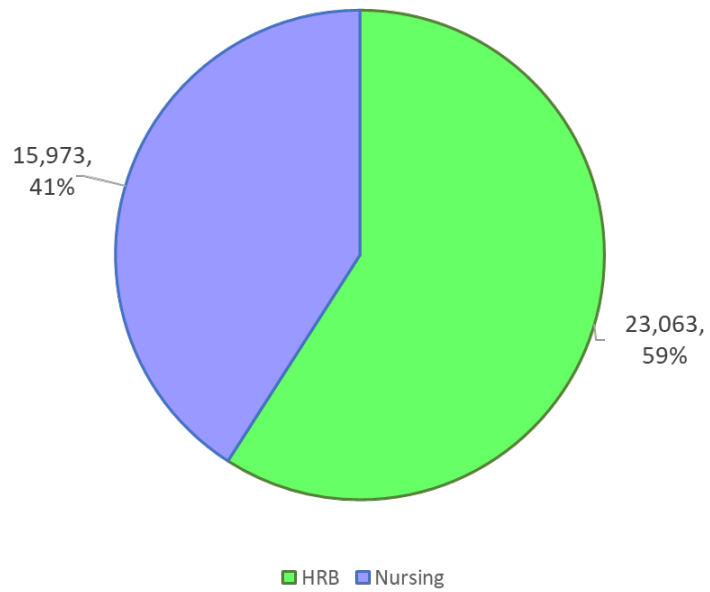
	CNS	CRNA	CNM	CNP	Total
Authority to Prescribe	113	1,786	225	14,458	16,582
No authority to Prescribe	12	1,011	9	70	1,102
Total	125	2,797	234	14,528	17,684

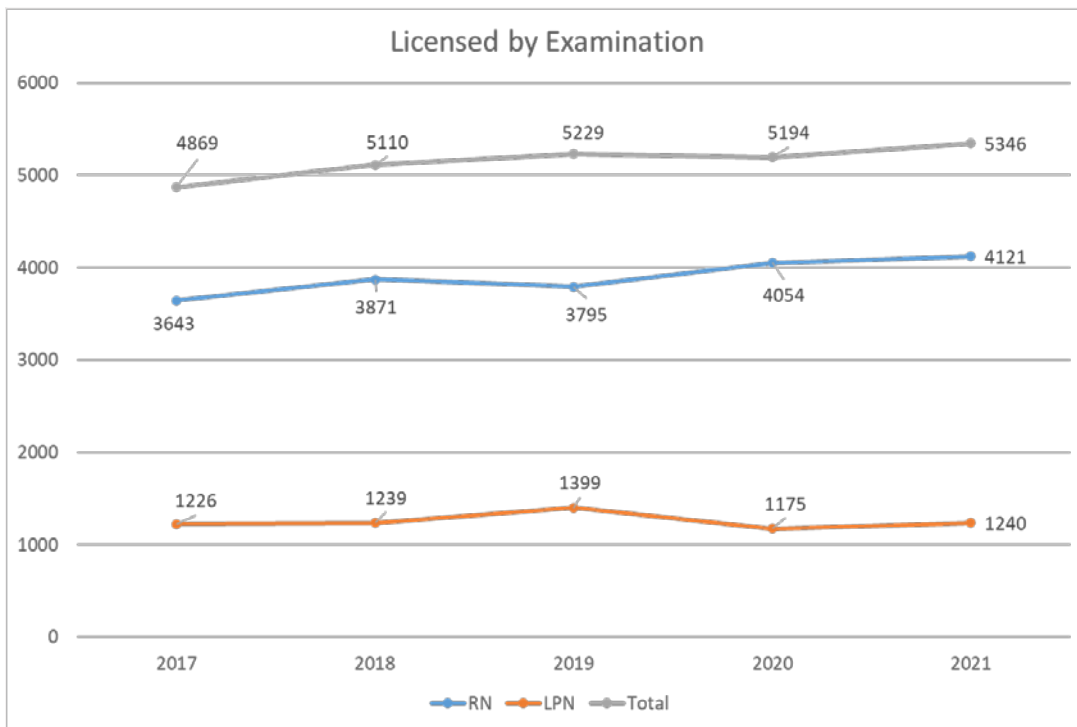
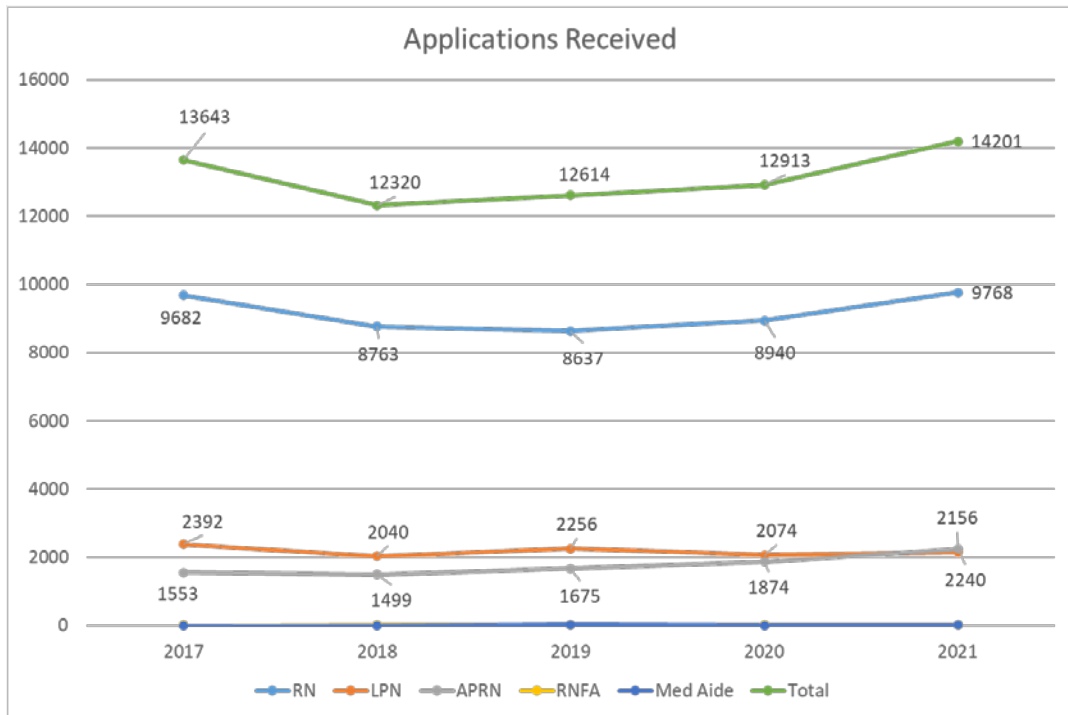


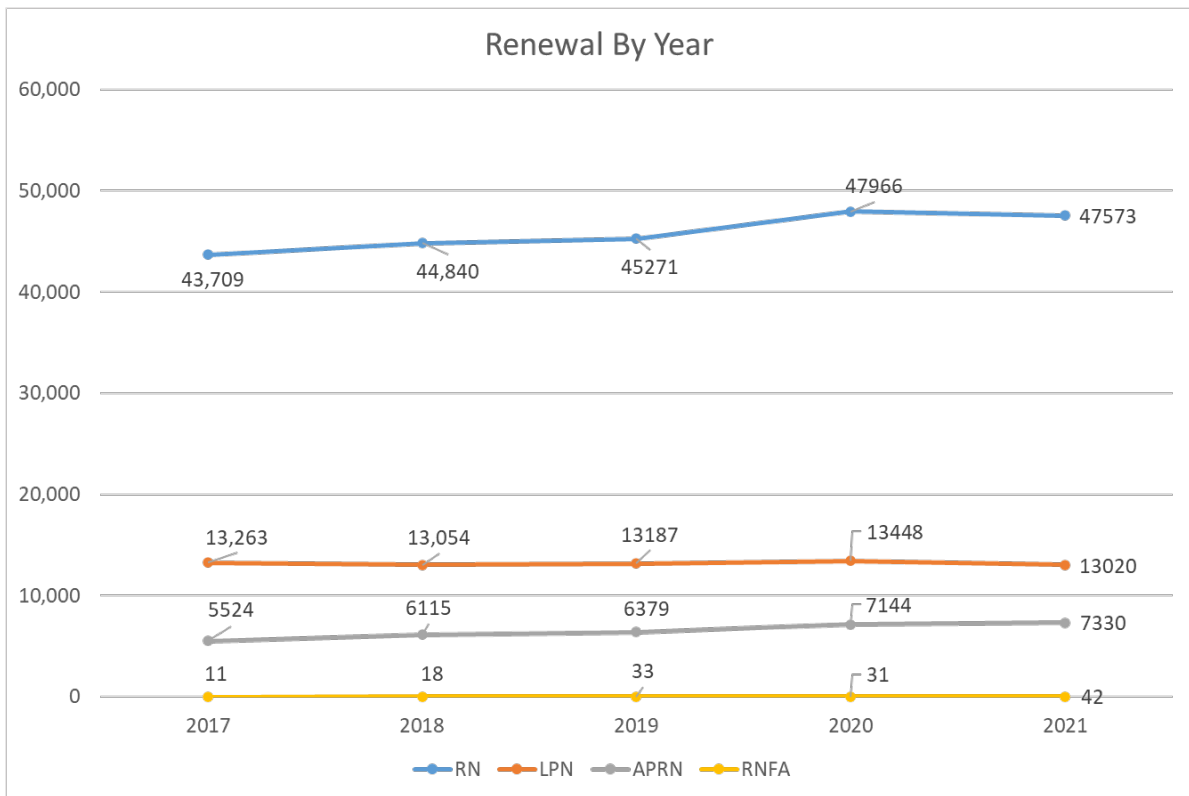
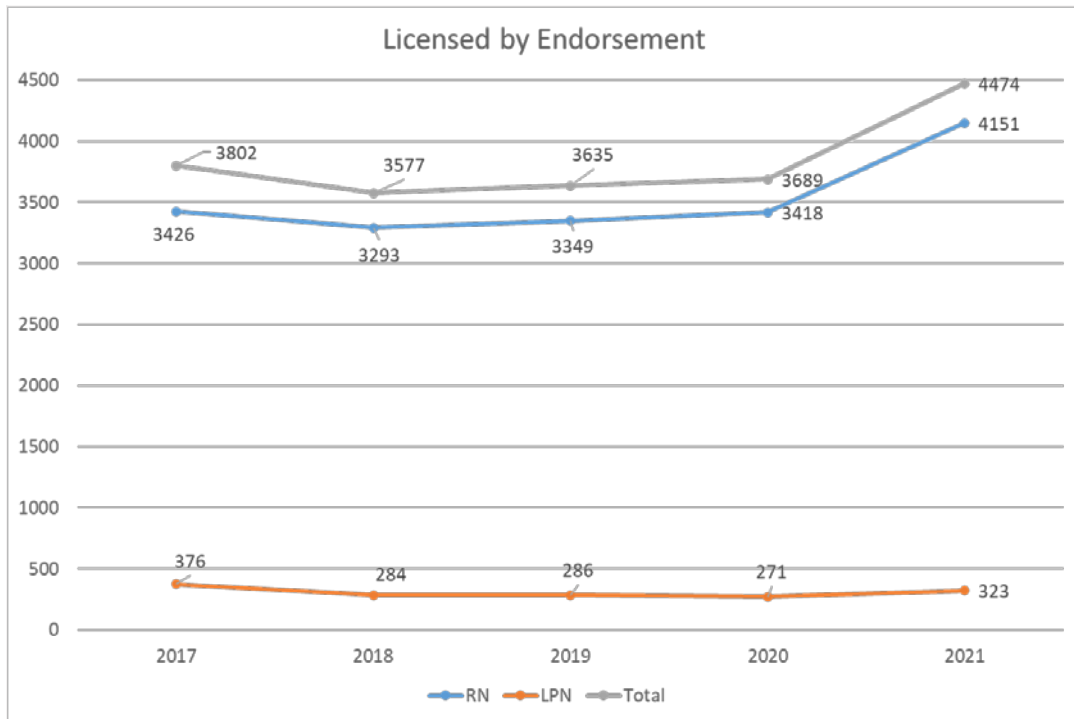
Current Licenses in Health Related Boards
Total Licensees

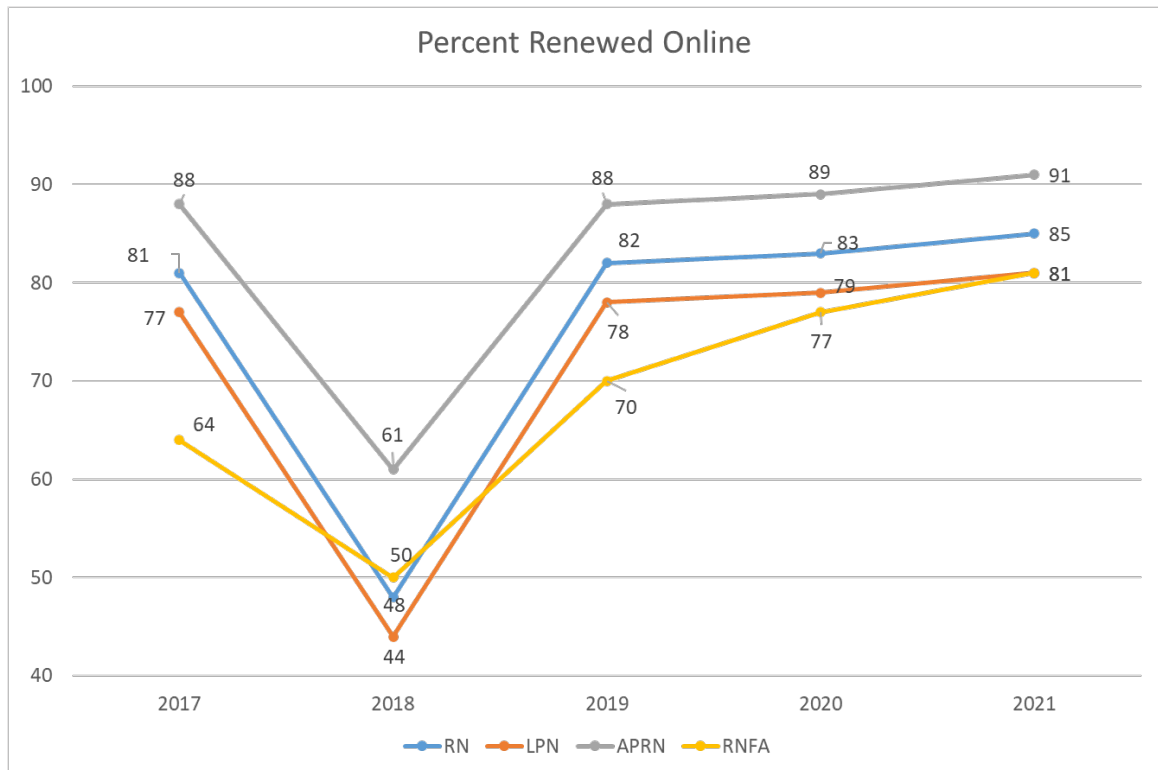


New Applications HRB
(not including renewal)
Total 39,036









Discipline 2022	LPN	RN	APRN	Med Aide	Total
Reprimand	9	14	3	0	26
Revocation	8	5	1	0	14
Suspension	21	37	3	0	61
Probation	17	45	5	0	67
Voluntary Surrender	9	24	5	0	38
Civil Penalty	18	28	7	0	53
Denial	0	2	0	1	3
Summary Suspension/ Cease & Desist	1	5	0	0	6
Other	9	9	2	0	20
Total	92	169	26	1	288