

Public School Nurses in the U.S.

School nurses are licensed nurses who work in schools to promote individual and population-based student health, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and advance academic success. Students need to be healthy and safe to be ready to learn. School nurses are health services leaders who bridge health care and education, collaborating with health and education partners to create healthy communities.

Only 65.7%

of schools have access to a **full-time (>35 hours/week) school nurse** (RN/LPN/LVN)

7.6%

of schools have access to **LPN/LVN only**

6.3%

of schools **do not have access** to a nurse at all



Nursing licensure and credentials vary. The numbers on this infographic reflect all who self-reported as school nurses, including RNs and LPNs/LVNs. Only RNs are able to conduct nursing assessments, use nursing judgment in creation of nursing diagnoses, and develop or modify nursing plans of care. LPN/LVNs must be under the supervision of an RN and may contribute to nursing assessment and planning of care.

Rural disparities:

70.3%

of **urban schools** employ full-time school nurses.

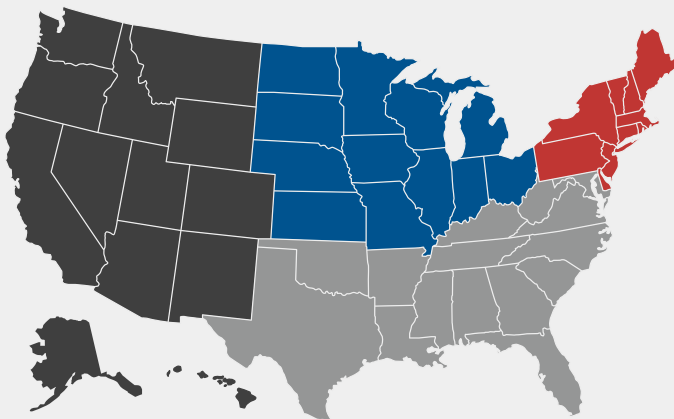


56.2%

of **rural schools** employ full-time school nurses.

Regional differences:

Percentages include RN /LPN/LVN



Midwest

59.9% full time
32.5% part-time
7.5% none

Northeast

88.2% full time
11.0% part-time
0.8% none

West

33.3% full time
51.0% part-time
15.7% none

South

78.9% full time
19.1% part-time
2.0% none