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<https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/>

AT A GLANCE

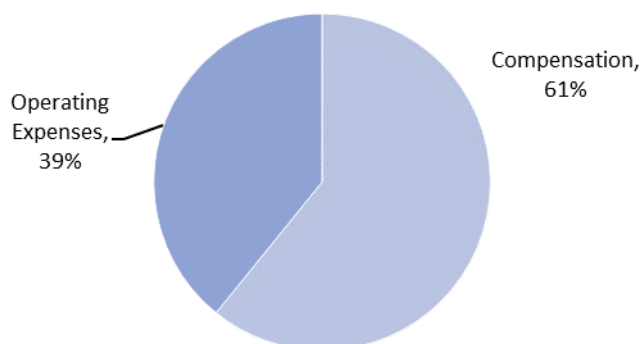
- 122,247 Registered Nurses
- 19,105 Licensed Practical Nurses
- 11,019 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- 23,743 Public Health Nurse Registrations
- 1,234 jurisdictional complaints
- 89 nursing education programs

PURPOSE

The Board of Nursing's purpose is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in their receipt of nursing services. The Board carries out its mission by regulating nursing education, licensure, and practice.

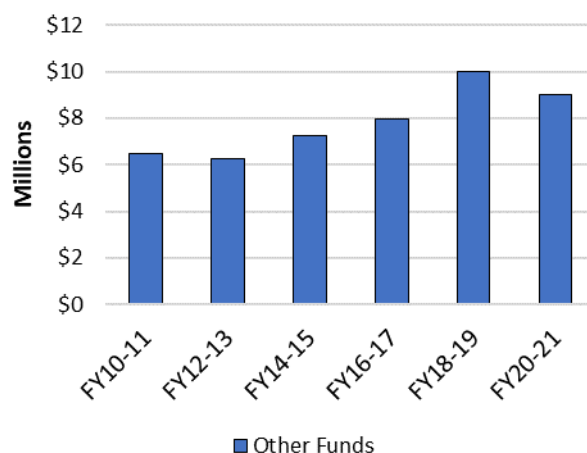
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases, and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. Fees have not been raised since 2001.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Prescription Monitoring Program (Pharmacy Board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board), and the Voluntary Healthcare Provider Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board of Nursing holds nurses accountable to legal, ethical, and professional standards. The Board achieves its mission of public protection by defining these standards and issuing licenses to practice nursing. Once a license is issued, the Board monitors licensees' compliance to state laws and takes action against the licenses of those nurses who have exhibited unsafe nursing practice and who present a risk of harm to the public.

The Board contributes to the State of Minnesota by:

1. Ensuring an ethical and competent nursing workforce by reviewing credentials and providing a legally defensible nurse license examination. The Board of Nursing licenses registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses, and registers public health nurses to ensure that the individuals who practice nursing in Minnesota have the requisite education, competence, and ethical character to practice nursing safely and effectively.
2. Establishing and conducting a complaint investigation process that is expedient, just, and commensurate with the perceived risk to public safety. The Board investigates complaints and takes action against nurses who violate the Nurse Practice Act. This action includes removing nurses from practice who are a risk to patient safety and monitoring nurses whose practice requires remediation and oversight to ensure public safety.
3. Upholding nursing education standards through consultation and survey. The Board monitors program success on the national nurse licensure examination; facilitates innovative approaches to address nursing workforce and nursing faculty shortages; provides consultation to nursing education programs regarding national nurse licensure examination (NCLEX®) success rates; conducts research to promote a safe, competent, and sufficient nursing workforce; and advises prospective nursing students regarding educational tracks and scholarships.
4. Analyzing and disseminating data for use in regulatory decisions. The Board provides employers and the public with verification of a nurse's authority to practice. Additionally, data is submitted to required national and federal databases and other county and state government agencies. The Board also participates in the collection of nursing workforce data to inform decision making related to educational planning, workforce development and emergency preparedness.
5. Collaborating in statewide initiatives on nursing practice, education, and patient safety. The Board promotes standards of safe nursing practice by interpreting relevant laws and rules. The Board participates in nursing practice forums with nursing organizations and other state agencies to establish nursing performance guidelines for safe nursing practice so that employers and consumers can make informed decisions regarding the performance of nursing services.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Licenses issued within 24 hours of meeting all requirements	9,200	8,000	FY2020 and FY2021
Quality	Public availability of data on nursing licensure and authority to practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online renewal display in real time • Online verifications of license 	63,500 63,500	65,000 65,000	FY2020 and FY2021
Quantity	Percent of all online licensure services	94%	96%	FY2020 and FY2021

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quality	• Average number of days to resolve complaints	320	292	FY2020 and FY2021
	• Disposition of complaints	1,381	822	
Quantity	Automatic verification service use	35,000	35,000	FY2020 and FY2021

Minnesota Statutes sections 148.171-148.285 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.171>) provides the Board of Nursing with legal authority to regulate nursing practice for the purpose of public protection. Chapter 214 prescribes further authority related to investigations and discipline procedures of the Board and other health-related licensing boards. Chapters 13 (Government Data Practices), 14 (Administrative Procedures) and 15 (State Agencies in General) all provide guidance to the Board's operations.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1201 - Health Related Boards	4,171	4,133	4,553	6,147	5,355	5,355	6,039	6,275
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	337	337	565	766	338	338	338	338
Total	4,508	4,470	5,118	6,913	5,693	5,693	6,377	6,613
Biennial Change				3,053		(645)		959
Biennial % Change				34		(5)		8
Enacted Budget Change from Base								1,604
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								14

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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		1,190		792				
Direct Appropriation	5,010	4,993	5,345	5,355	5,355	5,355	6,039	6,275
Transfers In	15							
Transfers Out		435						
Cancellations	17	1,615						
Balance Forward Out	837		792					
Expenditures	4,171	4,133	4,553	6,147	5,355	5,355	6,039	6,275
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,396		10		1,614
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				29		0		15
Enacted Budget Change from Base								1,604
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								15

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	129	216	292	428				
Receipts	390	413	701	338	338	338	338	338
Balance Forward Out	181	292	428					
Expenditures	337	337	565	766	338	338	338	338
Biennial Change in Expenditures				657		(655)		(655)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				97		(49)		(49)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2023 Appropriations	5,355	5,355	5,355	10,710
Forecast Base	5,355	5,355	5,355	10,710
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		447	683	1,130
Additional Licensure Staff Positions		237	237	474
Total Enacted Budget	5,355	6,039	6,275	12,314
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	766	338	338	676
Forecast Base	766	338	338	676
Total Enacted Budget	766	338	338	676
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	338	338	338	676
Total Enacted Budget	338	338	338	676
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	8,342	7,423	7,423	14,846
Total Enacted Budget	8,342	7,423	7,423	14,846

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Nursing.

1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)	0	447	683	1,130	683	683	1,366
Expenditures	0	447	683	1,130	683	683	1,366

Additional Licensure Staff Positions

This provision addresses the Board of Nursing's increased demand for licensure services. Additional funding will allow the Board to add staff in the licensure area and provide the Board with sufficient staff resources to meet its mandate to protect the public and provide efficient government services, and to meet consumer and applicant expectations for timely licensure processing.

1201 - Health Related Boards Fund Cost (Savings)	0	237	237	474	237	237	474
Expenditures	0	237	237	474	237	237	474