

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

This update presents data for the 40 universities/colleges that offer one or more graduate nursing education programs. There were 45 programs that prepared graduates for licensure as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and 85 other programs. Table 1 breaks down these programs by education model:

Table 1. Program Type by Education Model, 2025

Program Type	Master's Degree	Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate DNP	Post-Master's DNP*	PhD in Nursing
Nurse Practitioner (n=33)	29	25	9	4	0
Acute Care Adult/Gerontology	5	7	5	1	0
Acute Care Pediatric	4	4	1	1	0
Family	27	19	8	3	0
Neonatal	3	1	1	1	0
Pediatric	6	5	2	1	0
Primary Care Adult/Gerontology	3	2	1	0	0
Psychiatric/Mental Health	12	17	7	2	0
Women's Health	1	1	0	0	0
Clinical Nurse Specialist (n=2)	1	1	1	0	0
Adult/Gerontology	1	1	1	0	0
Neonatal	0	0	0	0	0
Pediatric	0	0	1	0	0
Psychiatric	0	0	0	0	0
Nurse Anesthetist (n=8)	0	0	7	3	0
Nurse-Midwife (n=2)	1	1	1	1	0
Nurse Leadership/Admin (n=25)	21	6	2	10	0
Nursing Education (n=25)	24	12	0	0	0
Nursing Informatics (n=4)	3	2	0	1	0
Clinical Nurse Leader (n=2)	2	0	0	0	0
Nursing Research (n=7)	0	0	0	0	7
Public Health (n=1)	0	0	1	1	0
DNP-No Specialty (n=14)	0	0	0	14	0
Other (n=7)	5	2	1	0	0

Note: n=number of programs. Programs can have multiple models of education. Programs were also asked if they offered any other doctoral degrees, but none were reported.

*The Post-Master's DNP models for APRN programs do not lead to APRN licensure. Those enrolled in these programs already hold an APRN license.

The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) collected data in the 2025 Board of Nursing's (BON) Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) that was available online as of October 1, 2025. The reporting period was academic year (AY) 2024-2025 (September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025) unless otherwise noted. TCNWS collaborated with the BON in the design and dissemination of the survey.

Demographics of Graduates from Graduate Nursing Programs

The 40 schools that offer graduate nursing education programs reported a total of 3,254 graduates in AY 2024-2025. These data include graduates from all graduate models of education and program types.

Sex

Data regarding sex were available for 99.8% of graduates in 2025. Graduates of graduate nursing programs continued to be predominately female in 2025 (85.5%).

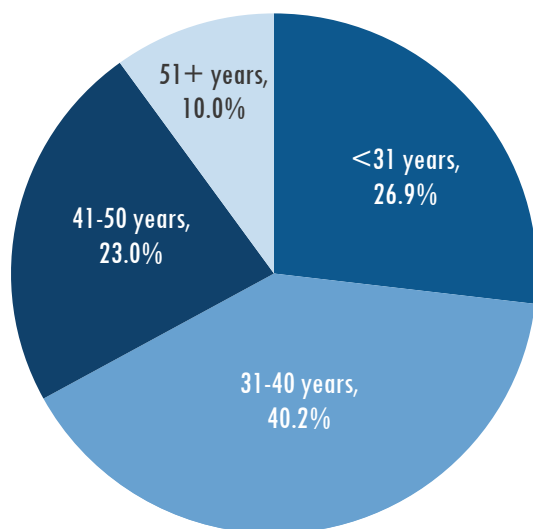
- The proportions of males and females varied slightly across education models with the percentage of females ranging from 69.6% (in Post-Bacclaureate DNP models) to 88.7% (in Master's degree programs).

Age

Figure 1 shows the age breakdown of graduates from graduate nursing programs in 2025. Data regarding age were available for all graduates.

- 26.9% of graduates from graduate nursing programs were 30 years of age and under.
- Individuals 31-40 years of age represented the largest proportion of graduates (40.2%).

Figure 1. Age of Graduates, 2025



Race/Ethnicity

Figure 2 shows a comparison of the 2025 graduates with the 2025 RN workforce and the projected 2025 Texas population. Race/ethnicity data were available for 98.2% of graduates.

- In 2025, the percentage of White/Caucasian graduates (42.5%) was lower than in the 2025 RN workforce (49.7%), but higher than the 2025 general Texas population (37.8%).
- The proportion of graduates who were Black/African American (14.2%) was higher than the proportion in the Texas population (11.9%) and similar to the RN workforce (13.6%).
- The proportion of Hispanic/Latino graduates (26.2%) and Texas RNs (21.4%) was lower in comparison to the general Texas population (39.7%).
- The proportion of graduates who were Asian (11.3%) was similar to the proportion of the RN workforce (12.5%) but higher than the proportion in the Texas population (5.3%).
- The proportion of graduates who were listed as "other" race/ethnicities (5.7%) was higher than the proportion in the RN workforce (2.8%) and the projected Texas population (2.4%).

Figure 2. Race/Ethnicity of Graduates, Texas RN Workforce¹, & Texas Population², 2025

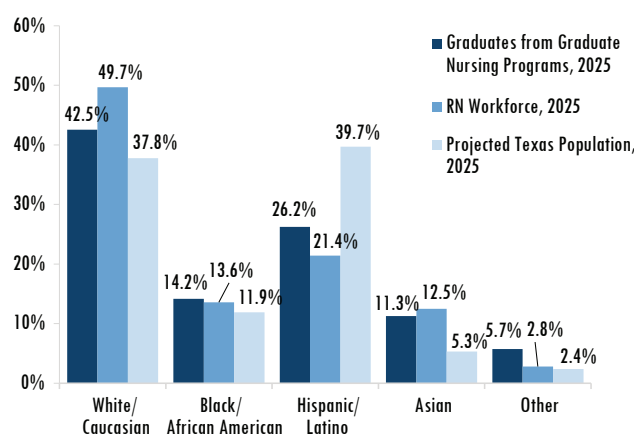


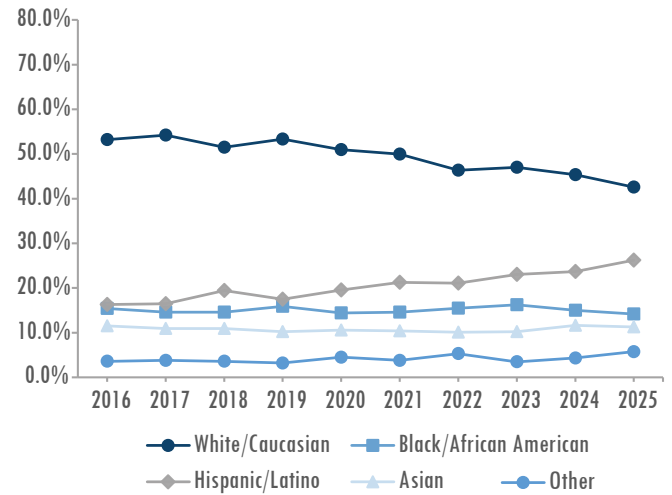
Figure 3 shows the racial/ethnic proportions of graduates over time.

- In 2025, the proportion of graduates from graduate nursing programs that were White/Caucasian was 42.5%, a small decrease from 45.3% in 2024.
- The proportion of Hispanic/Latino graduates has increased from 16.3% in 2016 to 26.2% in 2025.

International Students

- Programs reported a total of 10 graduates who were international students (0.3% of all graduates).³

Figure 3. Race/Ethnicity of Graduates, 2016-2025



¹RN workforce data come from the 2025 BON Licensure Renewal file of actively practicing Texas nurses.

²Texas population data come from the 2025 Texas Demographic Center population projections (<https://demographics.texas.gov/Projections/>).

³'International' was defined as a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

