

Nurse Practitioners (NP) at a Glance: 2025

NP Supply Snapshot



5,367 Nurse Practitioner renewals in 2025



NPs have a relatively **high rate of full-time work at 76.5% in 2025**



NP registrants make up **2.8% of the total nursing supply in 2025**



NPs are one of the **fastest** growing nurse types with a **7.4% year-over-year increase in 2025**



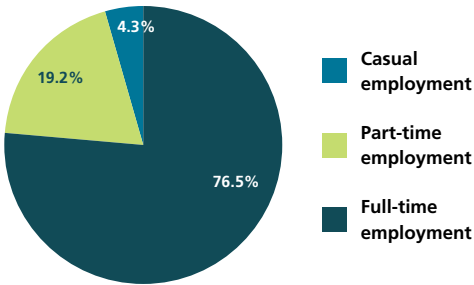
Majority of NPs are Ontario-educated nurses

Supply and Growth

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Overall NP Renewals	2,822	3,082	3,306	3,569	3,819	4,035	4,352	4,642	4,998	5,367
Year-over-year Change %	-	9.2%	7.3%	8.0%	7.0%	5.7%	7.9%	6.7%	7.7%	7.4%

Employment Profile

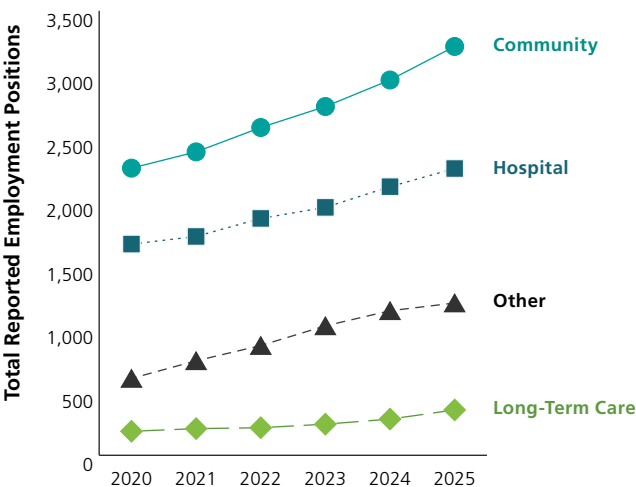
Overall Working Status¹ of NPs in 2025



Overall working status considers all of a nurse’s jobs for a given registration and categorizes them as full-time, part-time or casual.

¹ For a detailed definition of overall working status, please see the [Nursing Statistics Report Appendix A](#).

Reported NP Employment Positions by Sector in Ontario

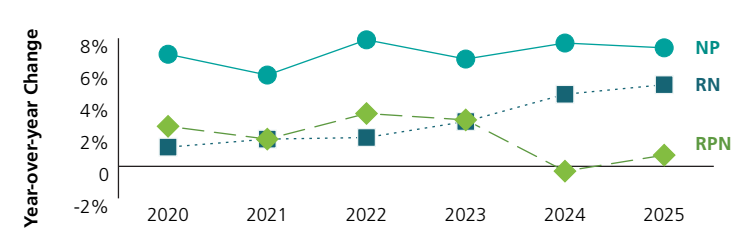


Nurse Practitioners Snapshot: 2025 Highlights

NP Snapshot Summary

Nurse Practitioner (NP) registrations have shown sustained growth in recent years, accompanied by stable patterns in full-time employment rates. NPs also work across a range of health settings including hospitals and community. Monitoring these trends over time supports ongoing insight into the composition and distribution of the NP workforce. More details can be found in the highlights below and in the [Nursing Statistics Report 2025](#).

Year-over-year Renewals in the General and Extended Classes



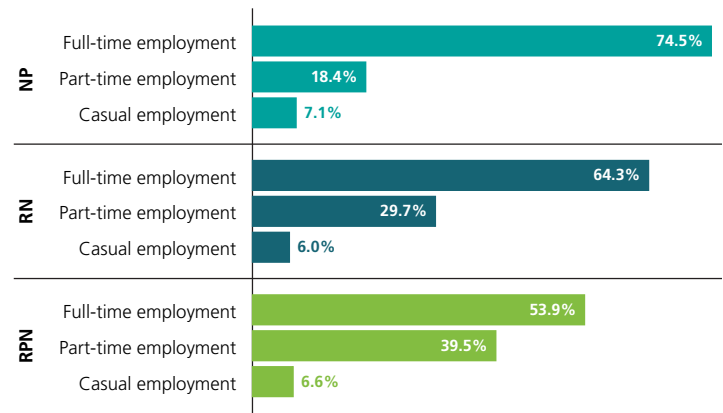
NP Growth Outpaces Other Nurse Types

NP renewals continued to increase in 2025, with NPs being one of the fastest-growing segments of the nursing supply. The NP supply saw a 7.4% year-over-year increase in 2025, compared with a 3.9% increase in the overall nursing supply.

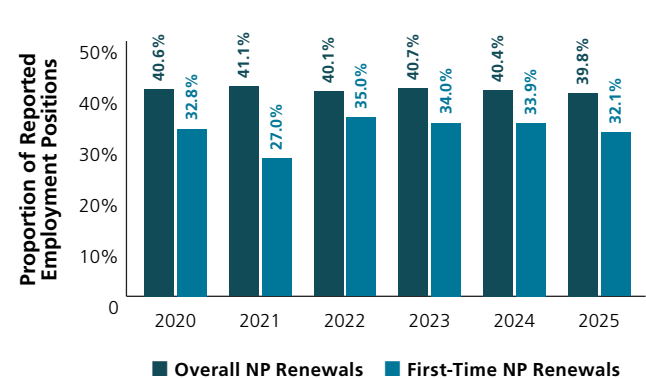
Majority of NPs Working Full-Time

Among nurse types, NPs maintain the highest full-time employment rate (76.5%) in 2025. Among first-time renewals in 2025, 74.5% of NPs reported full-time employment, compared with 64.3% of RNs and 53.9% of RPNs. These data show consistent early-career integration into full-time roles for NPs.

Overall Working Status by Nurse Type at First-Time Renewal in 2025



NP Employment Positions Reported in Primary Care Area of Practice for First-Time and Overall Renewals



Many NPs Working in Primary Care

NPs continue to work across a range of clinical settings. In 2025, 45.8% of NP employment positions were in community settings. A similar trend is reflected in the area of practice. Primary care remained the largest practice area in 2025, reported by 39.8% of the overall NP workforce and by 32.1% of first-time renewal NPs, reinforcing their central role in delivering longitudinal and preventative care. These trends highlight the ongoing presence of NPs in primary care settings.

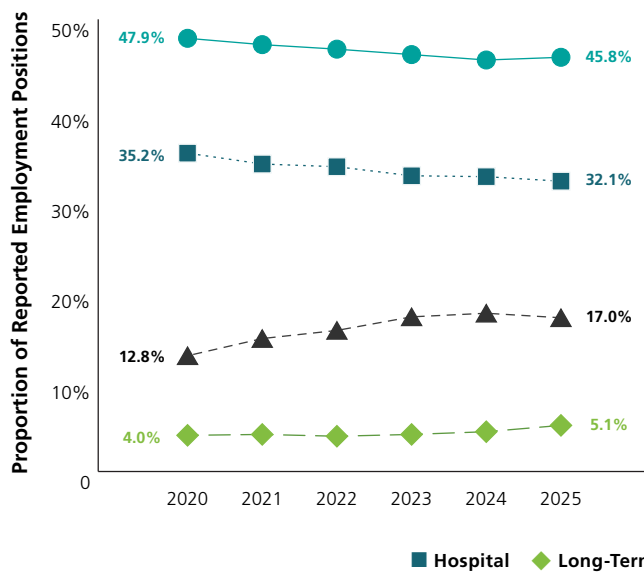
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Employment Patterns Differ by Career Stage for NPs

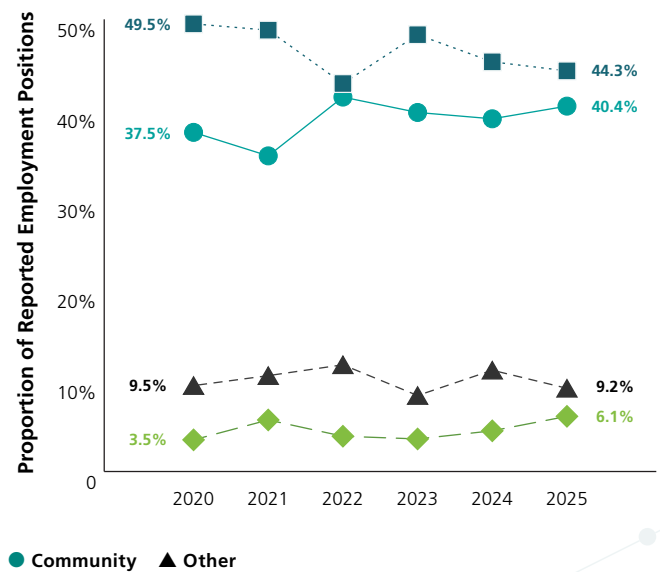
Reported employment positions of early-career NPs show that hospitals continue to serve as an entry point for NPs at first-time renewal and this trend has been consistent over multiple years. The majority of NPs renewing for the first time report employment positions in hospital settings compared to community settings (44.3% in hospitals compared with 40.4% in community settings as of 2025). However, NPs overall report more employment positions in the community sector compared with hospitals (45.8% in community and 32.1% in hospitals as of 2025). These trends reflect long-standing patterns of reported employment positions between newly licensed and more experienced NPs.

Reported NP Employment Positions

Overall NP Renewals



First-Time NP Renewals



NPs are a small but rapidly growing segment of Ontario's nursing supply. Reported employment positions have remained consistent in recent years, with stable full-time employment participation and a continued presence across the hospital and community sector.

Explore more nursing statistics:

[Nursing Statistics Report 2025](#)

[Nursing Statistics Report 2025: Appendix A](#)

[Nursing Statistics Report 2025: Appendix B](#)

[Nursing Statistics Report 2025: Appendix C](#)

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