

Registered Nurses (RN) at a Glance: 2025

RN Supply Snapshot



125,297 Registered Nurse
renewals in 2025



5.1% increase in **RN renewals** in
2025 compared to 2024



RN registrants make up **65.6%** of
the **total nursing supply** in 2025

2x

New RN registrants have risen
- doubling from 4,716 in 2020 to
9,448 in 2024



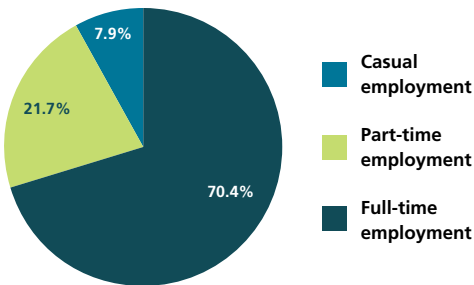
53.5% of **new** RN registrants
in 2024 were **internationally
educated nurses**

Supply and Growth

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Overall RN Renewals	103,407	103,729	104,331	105,919	107,187	108,976	110,938	114,080	119,243	125,297
Year-over-year Change %	-	0.3%	0.6%	1.5%	1.2%	1.7%	1.8%	2.8%	4.5%	5.1%

Employment Profile

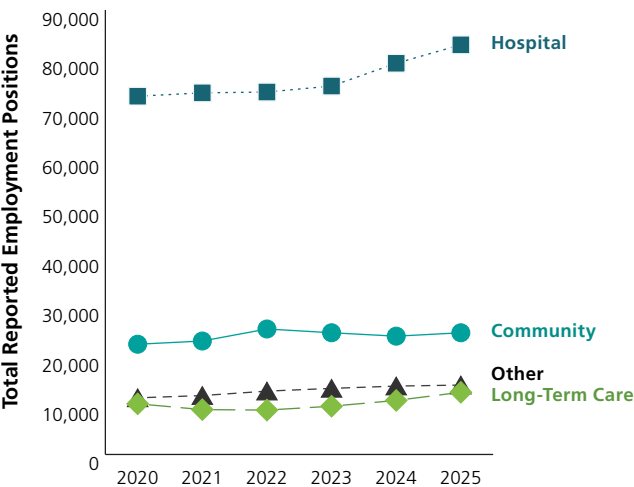
Overall Working Status¹ of RNs in 2025



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 RN Employment Positions by Sector in Ontario

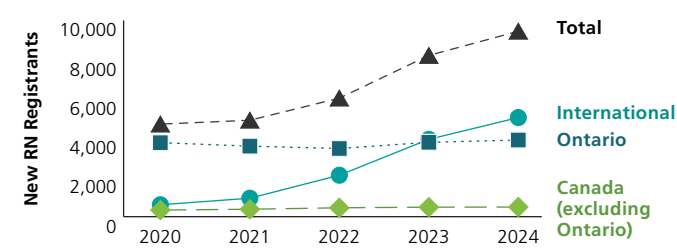


Registered Nurses Snapshot: 2025 Highlights

RN Snapshot Summary

The Registered Nurse (RN) supply is growing, driven by the rising number of newly registered internationally educated nurses (IENs). At the same time, data from 2025 shows more RNs seeking employment and a drop in full-time work at the time of first renewal. Internationally educated nurses report higher rates of seeking work and lower full-time employment than Ontario-educated RNs, with differences reflected across the sectors where new RNs begin practice. Monitoring these trends is essential as the nursing workforce continues to evolve. More details can be found in the highlights below and in the [Nursing Statistics Report 2025](#).

New RN registrants by Location of Education



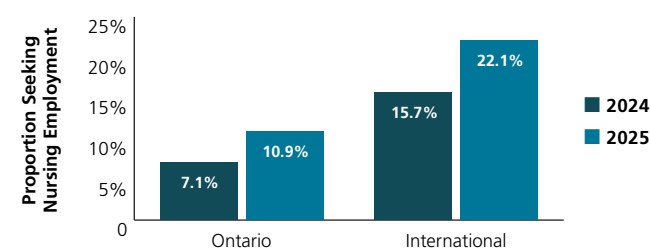
More New RN Registrants Educated Internationally than in Ontario

In 2024, new RN registrants continued to grow at a strong pace. Internationally educated nurses now account for approximately 53.5% of new RN registrants, surpassing new Ontario-educated RNs as of 2023. This marks a shift in the composition of Ontario’s RN supply.

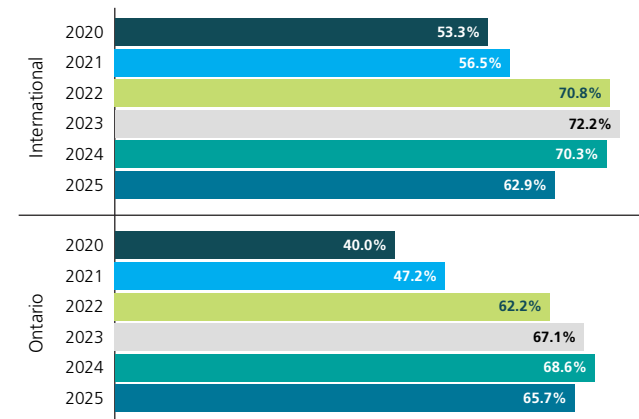
More IENs Seeking Nursing Employment at First-Time Renewal

The percentage of RNs seeking nursing employment (i.e., are not employed in nursing but seeking work) at first-time renewal increased from 11.6% in 2024 to 17.0% in 2025. This increase was most pronounced among IENs, rising from 15.7% to 22.1%, compared with 7.1% to 10.9% among Ontario-educated RNs at first-time renewal.

Proportion of First-Time RN Renewals Seeking Nursing Employment by Location of Education



Full-Time Overall Working Status for First-Time RN Renewals, by Location of Education



Decline in Full-time Employment for RNs Renewing for the First-Time

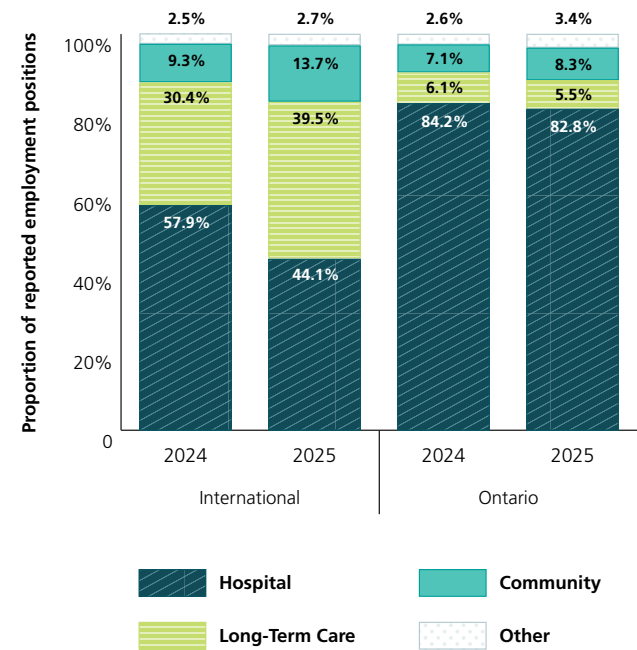
During the same period, the full-time employment rate for first-time RN renewals declined from 69.4% to 64.3%, following years of steady increases from 2020 to 2024. The decline in 2025 was more pronounced among IENs (-7.4 percentage points) than Ontario-educated RNs (-2.9 percentage points). These trends further highlight the differences in early career experiences for RNs based on their location of education.

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Growing Volume of IENs Report Working in Long-Term Care at First-Time Renewal

The employment sectors in which RNs work also vary, depending on their location of education. Among all RNs at first-time renewal, the proportion reporting employment positions in the hospital sector remained relatively stable around 70–71% from 2020 to 2024, but declined to 61.9% in 2025. Historically, at first-time renewal, internationally educated RNs have consistently reported fewer hospital positions and more positions in long-term care (LTC) than Ontario-educated RNs. In 2025, the reported employment positions of internationally educated RNs in LTC increased from 30.4% to 39.5%. This trend indicates the growing presence of internationally educated RNs in LTC settings.

Employment Positions Reported by Sector for First-time RN Renewals by Location of Education



Overall, there is strong RN supply growth, driven primarily by newly registered IENs. However, there is an increase of RNs seeking nursing employment at first-time renewal. The declining full-time employment among RNs at first-time renewal, particularly IENs, is notable. There is also a shift where more internationally educated RNs are supporting LTC staffing needs. The changing composition of the RN supply and workforce will need to be monitored as these patterns have system-level implications.

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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