



Registered nurses

Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required. Includes Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2023, verbal interactions were required constantly (every few minutes) for 34.7 percent of registered nurses, and were required not constantly, but more than once per hour for 63.0 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of registered nurses with cognitive and mental requirements, 2023

Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	29.4	70.6
Interaction with general public	>99.5	<0.5
Working around crowds	<0.5	>99.5
Telework	2.8	97.2
Work review: Supervising others	31.0	69.0
Work review: Presence of supervisor	60.6	39.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

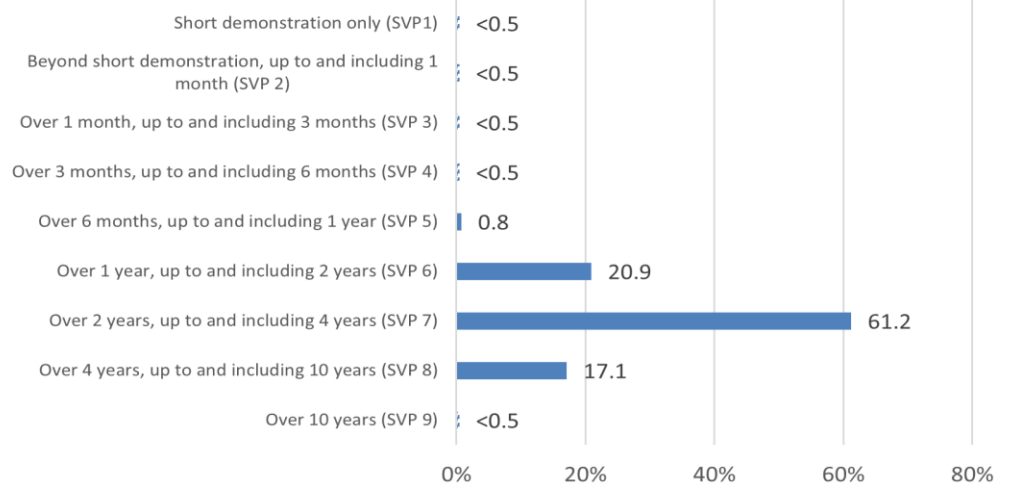
Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2023, credentials were required for greater than 99.5 percent of registered nurses. Prior work experience was required for 48.3 percent and on-the-job training was required for 72.8 percent.

A bachelor's degree was required for 49.7 percent of registered nurses.

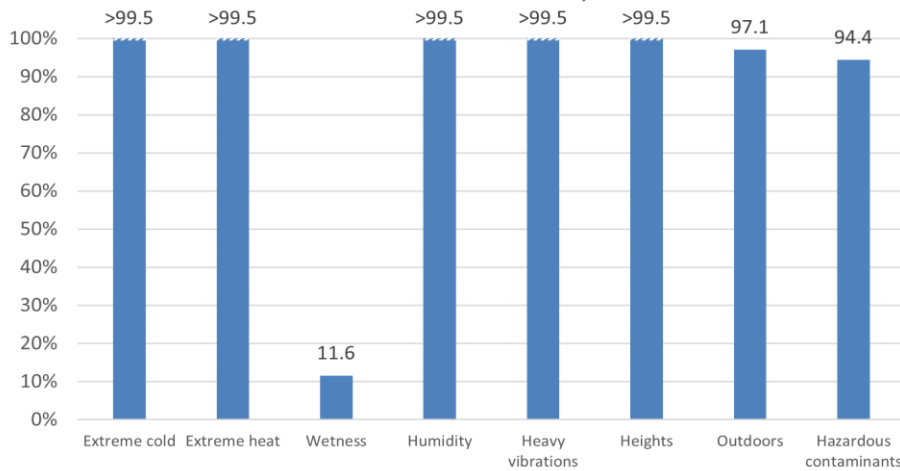
Chart 1. Percentage of registered nurses by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2023



Note: Striped bars represent range estimates where precise value is unpublished.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey



Chart 2. Percentage of registered nurses without exposure to environmental conditions, 2023



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Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2023, greater than 99.5 percent of registered nurses were not exposed to extreme cold, and greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to extreme heat. Wetness was not present for 11.6 percent, greater than 99.5 percent were not exposed to heavy vibrations, and 97.1 percent were not exposed to the outdoors.

Physical demands

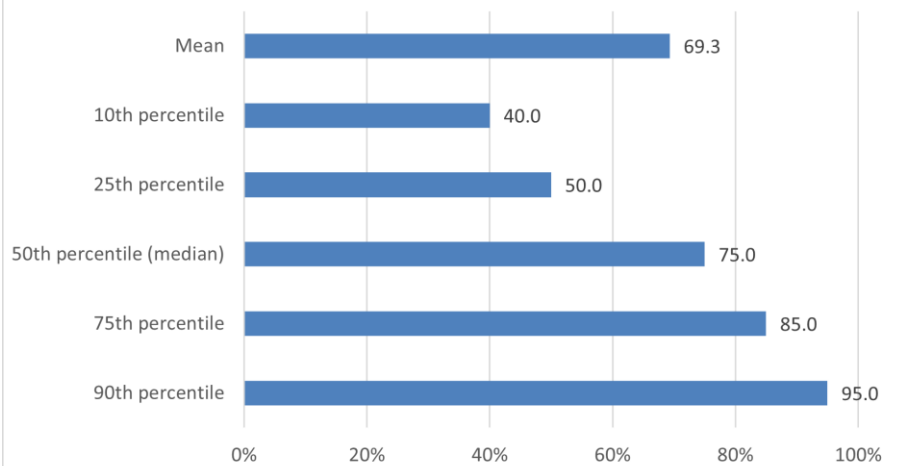
Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2023, keyboarding was required for 96.8 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 3.2 percent.

Performing work in low postures was required for 84.4 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 15.6 percent.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 19.4 percent of registered nurses. On average, workers spent 30.7 percent of the workday sitting and 69.3 percent of the workday standing.

Chart 3. Registered nurses by percent of workday standing, 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Table 2. Percentage of registered nurses with physical demands, 2023

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	19.4	80.6
Driving	11.9	88.1
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	19.7	80.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey