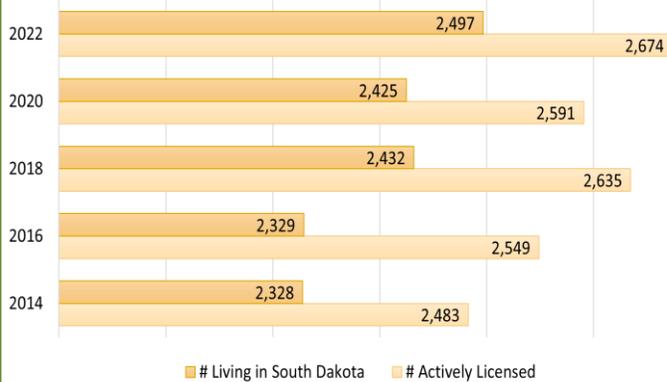


### Licensure

As of 12/5/2022, there were **2,674** actively licensed South Dakota LPNs; **2,497** (93.4%) live in the state.

### Licensure Trends

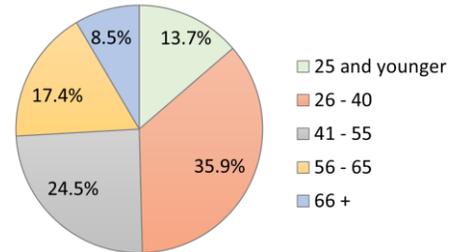


### Demographics



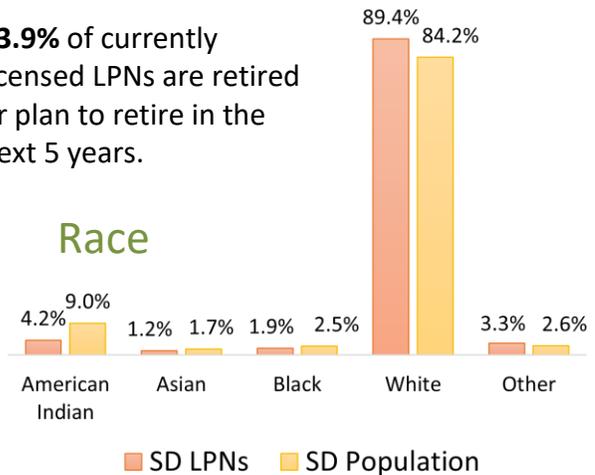
**4.8%** of Licensed Practical Nurses are male.

### Age



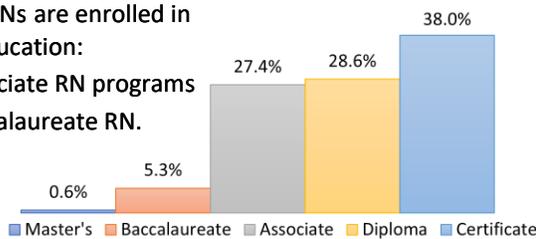
**13.9%** of currently licensed LPNs are retired or plan to retire in the next 5 years.

### Race



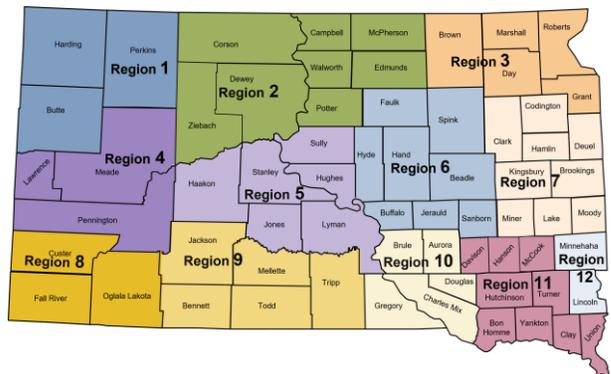
### Highest Education Degree

**14.6%** of LPNs are enrolled in advanced education:  
**64%** in associate RN programs  
**33%** in baccalaureate RN.



### Regional Distribution

**More LPNs are needed to meet South Dakota's projected 7.2% increased employment demand.\***

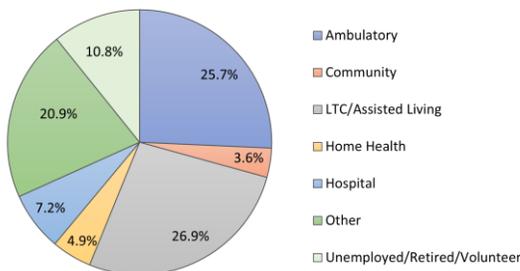


Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
# LPNs	41	75	198	469	62	102	301	58	53	60	283	795	2,497
% LPNs	1.6	3.0	7.9	18.8	2.5	4.1	12.1	2.3	2.1	2.4	11.3	31.8	100%
% General State Population	1.6	3.0	7.3	18.8	3.2	4.2	11.4	3.3	2.6	2.7	12.0	30.0	100%
FTE Availability	33	61	161	381	50	83	245	47	43	49	230	646	2,029

### Employment

**73.3%** of LPNs are employed as a nurse full-time and **11.5%** part-time.

### Practice Settings



**80.5%**  
Practice in SD

**5.9%** practice in neighboring states  
**2.5%** practice in other states  
**10.8%** are retired, unemployed, or volunteer

Licensure data retrieved from the SD Board of Nursing's licensure system on 12/5/2022; and from historical South Dakota Center for Nursing Workforce Supply and Employment Characteristics reports. For more information visit <https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/RandP.aspx>.

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