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AT A GLANCE

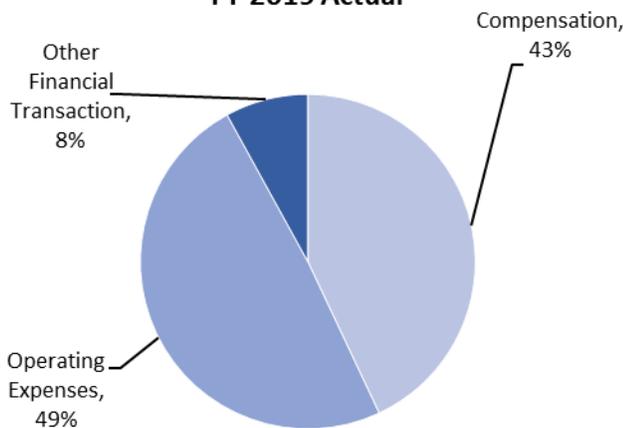
- 116,220 Registered Nurses
- 20,600 Licensed Practical Nurses
- 9,800 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- 21,500 Public Health Nurse Registrations
- 1,080 jurisdictional complaints
- 89 nursing education programs

PURPOSE

The Board of Nursing’s purpose is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in their receipt of nursing services. The Board carries out its mission by regulating nursing education, licensure and practice.

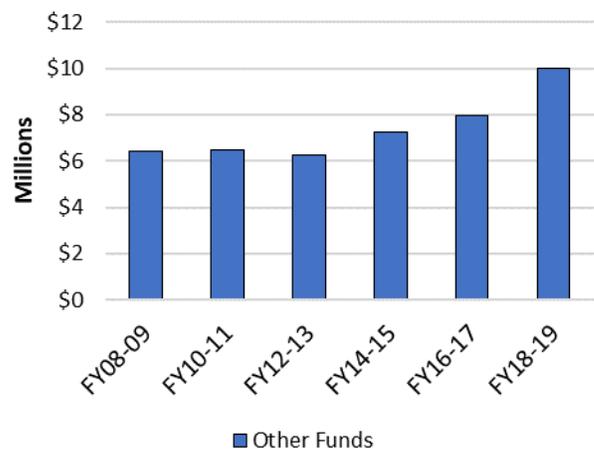
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation. Fees have not been raised since 2001.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), HIV, HBV and HCV Prevention Program (Department of Health), Prescription Monitoring Program (Pharmacy Board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board), and the Voluntary Healthcare Provider Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board of Nursing holds nurses accountable to legal, ethical, and professional standards. The Board achieves its mission of public protection by defining these standards and issuing licenses to practice nursing. Once a license is issued, the Board monitors licensees' compliance to state laws and takes action against the licenses of those nurses who have exhibited unsafe nursing practice and who present a risk of harm to the public.

The Board contributes to the State of Minnesota by:

1. Ensuring an ethical and competent nursing workforce by reviewing credentials and providing a legally defensible nurse license examination. The Board of Nursing licenses registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses, and registers public health nurses to ensure that the individuals who practice nursing in Minnesota have the requisite education, competence, and ethical character to practice nursing safely and effectively.
2. Establishing and conducting a complaint investigation process that is expedient, just, and commensurate with the perceived risk to public safety. The Board investigates complaints and takes action against nurses who violate the Nurse Practice Act. This action includes removing nurses from practice who are a risk to patient safety and monitoring nurses whose practice requires remediation and oversight to ensure public safety.
3. Upholding nursing education standards through consultation and survey. The Board monitors program graduation pass/fail rates on the national nurse licensure examination; facilitates innovative approaches to address nursing workforce and nursing faculty shortages; provides consultation to nursing education programs regarding national nurse licensure examination (NCLEX®) pass rates; conducts research to promote a safe, competent and sufficient nursing workforce; and advises prospective nursing students regarding educational tracks and scholarships.
4. Analyzing and disseminating data for use in regulatory decisions. The Board provides employers and the public with verification of a nurse's authority to practice. Additionally, data is submitted to required national and federal databases and other county and state government agencies. The Board also participates in the collection of nursing workforce data to inform decision making related to educational planning, workforce development and emergency preparedness.
5. Collaborating in statewide initiatives on nursing practice, education and patient safety. The Board promotes standards of safe nursing practice by interpreting relevant laws and rules. The Board participates in nursing practice forums with nursing organizations and other state agencies to establish nursing performance guidelines for safe nursing practice so that employers and consumers can make informed decisions regarding the performance of nursing services.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Licenses issued within 24 hours of meeting all requirements	5,950	5,900	FY2018 and FY2019
Quality	Public availability of data on nursing licensure and authority to practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online renewal display in real time • Online verifications of license 	64,500 650,000	656,000 650,000	FY2018 and FY2019
Quantity	Percent of all online licensure services	93%	94%	FY2018 and FY2019

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average number of days to resolve complaints • Disposition of complaints 	129 1,152	158 961	FY2018 and FY2019
Quantity	Automatic verification service use	32,000	36,000	FY2018 and FY2019

Minnesota Statutes sections 148.171-148.285 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148.171>) provides the Board of Nursing with legal authority to regulate nursing practice for the purpose of public protection. Chapter 214 prescribes further authority related to investigations and discipline procedures of the Board and other health-related licensing boards. Chapters 13 (Government Data Practices), 14 (Administrative Procedures) and 15 (State Agencies in General) all provide guidance to the Board's operations.

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Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	3,445	5,885	4,171	5,830	4,993	4,993
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	257	462	337	366	366	366
Total	3,701	6,347	4,508	6,196	5,359	5,359
Biennial Change				655		14
Biennial % Change				7		0

Expenditures by Program

Nursing Board	3,701	6,347	4,508	6,196	5,359	5,359
Total	3,701	6,347	4,508	6,196	5,359	5,359

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	2,599	2,723	2,779	3,004	3,413	3,447
Operating Expenses	1,093	3,120	1,708	3,147	1,901	1,867
Capital Outlay-Real Property				30	30	30
Other Financial Transaction	9	504	20	15	15	15
Total	3,701	6,347	4,508	6,196	5,359	5,359

Full-Time Equivalent

	29.38	29.80	30.48	31.58	36.00	36.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
1201 - Health Related Boards						
Balance Forward In		3,049		837		
Direct Appropriation	6,426	4,873	5,010	4,993	4,993	4,993
Open Appropriation	28					
Transfers In		40	15			
Transfers Out	1	388				
Cancellations		1,689	17			
Balance Forward Out	3,009		837			
Expenditures	3,445	5,885	4,171	5,830	4,993	4,993
Biennial Change in Expenditures				671		(15)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		(0)
Full-Time Equivalents	29.38	29.80	30.48	31.58	36.00	36.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In		45	129	181	181	181
Receipts	302	500	390	366	366	366
Balance Forward Out	45	83	181	181	181	181
Expenditures	257	462	337	366	366	366
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(16)		29
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(2)		4

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2021 Appropriations	4,993	4,993	4,993	9,986
Forecast Base	4,993	4,993	4,993	9,986
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	366	366	366	732
Forecast Base	366	366	366	732
Revenue Change Summary				
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	366	366	366	732
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	5,943	5,943	5,943	11,886