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Board of Nursing

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AT A GLANCE

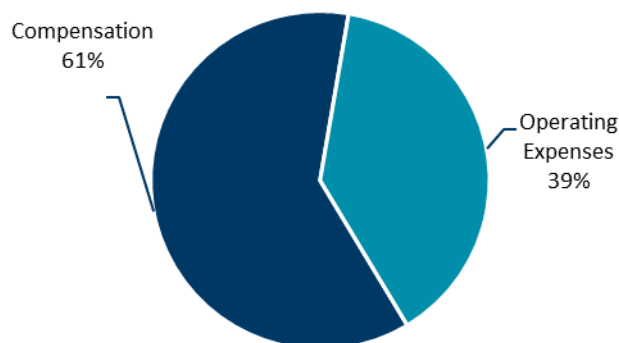
- Initiate and maintain licenses for 133,566 Registered Nurses
- Initiate and maintain licenses for 18,477 Licensed Practical Nurses
- Initiate and maintain licenses for 11,919 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Initiate and maintain registrations for 24,956 Public Health Nurse Registrations
- Investigate and resolve 1,222 jurisdictional complaints
- Regulate 90 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.

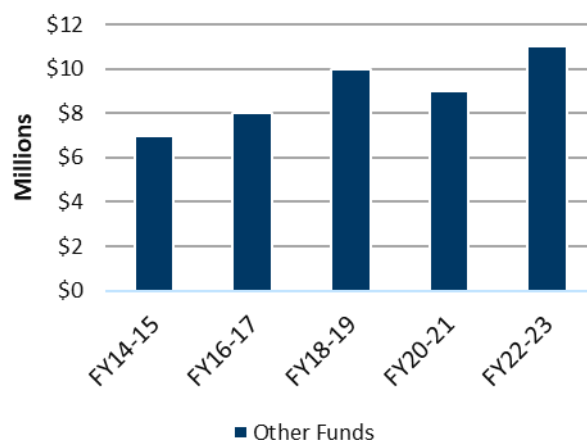
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 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), 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 success 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®) success 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

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Licenses issued within 24 hours of meeting all requirements	Quantity	Collected from licensure database.	12,300 licenses FY2022	19,500 licenses FY2023
Public availability of data on nursing licensure and authority to practice	Quality	Collected from licensure database.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 67,000 online renewals, displayed in real time FY2022 67,000 online verifications of licensure FY2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69,000 online renewals, displayed in real time FY2023 69,000 online verifications of licensure FY2023

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Percent of all online licensure services	Quantity	Collected from licensure database.	96% FY2022	96% FY2023
Average number of days to resolve complaints	Quality	Collected from discipline case management database	321 days FY2022	345 days FY2023
Investigate and resolve complaints	Quality	Collected from discipline case management database	750 FY2022	1,222 FY2023

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.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1201 - Health Related Boards	4,553	4,835	5,259	7,055	6,275	6,275	6,275	6,275
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	565	719	824	527	350	350	350	350
Total	5,118	5,555	6,083	7,582	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625
Biennial Change				2,992		(415)		(415)
Biennial % Change				28		(3)		(3)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

Expenditures by Program

Nursing Board	5,118	5,555	6,083	7,582	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625
Total	5,118	5,555	6,083	7,582	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	3,230	3,398	3,822	4,899	4,979	4,968	4,979	4,968
Operating Expenses	1,882	2,144	2,227	2,677	1,640	1,651	1,640	1,651
Grants, Aids and Subsidies			1					
Capital Outlay-Real Property		2		5	5	5	5	5
Other Financial Transaction	6	11	33	1	1	1	1	1
Total	5,118	5,555	6,083	7,582	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625

Full-Time Equivalents

	33.96	36.49	37.41	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		838		780				
Direct Appropriation	5,345	5,355	6,039	6,275	6,275	6,275	6,275	6,275
Transfers Out		500						
Cancellations		858						
Balance Forward Out	792		780					
Expenditures	4,553	4,835	5,259	7,055	6,275	6,275	6,275	6,275
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,926		236		236
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				31		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	33.96	36.49	37.41	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	292	428	580	177				
Receipts	701	872	421	350	350	350	350	350
Balance Forward Out	428	580	177					
Expenditures	565	719	824	527	350	350	350	350
Biennial Change in Expenditures				66		(651)		(651)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				5		(48)		(48)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<i>Direct</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2025 Appropriations	6,275	6,275	6,275	12,550
Forecast Base	6,275	6,275	6,275	12,550
Total Governor's Recommendations	6,275	6,275	6,275	12,550
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	527	350	350	700
Forecast Base	527	350	350	700
Total Governor's Recommendations	527	350	350	700
<i>Revenue Change Summary</i>				
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	350	350	350	700
Total Governor's Recommendations	350	350	350	700
<i>Non-Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	8,006	8,191	8,191	16,382
Total Governor's Recommendations	8,006	8,191	8,191	16,382