

# The 2012 National Sample Survey of Nurse Practitioners: Variable Definitions for the Public Use File



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<i>Data Set Name</i>	PUF.NSSNP_PUF
<i>Member Type</i>	DATA
<i>Observations</i>	12,923
<i>Variables</i>	208

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#	Variable	Type	Len	Label
1	PUFID	Num	8	PUF ID
2	Q1	Num	8	Q1. Current certification from State Board of Nursing to practice as an NP
3	Q3A	Num	8	Q3A. Educational program completed for NP preparation--Certificate Program (no master's degree)
4	Q3B	Num	8	Q3B. Educational program completed for NP preparation--Master's degree
5	Q3C	Num	8	Q3C. Educational program completed for NP preparation--Post Master's Certificate
6	Q3D	Num	8	Q3D. Educational program completed for NP preparation--Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
7	Q3E	Num	8	Q3E. Educational program completed for NP preparation--Other
8	Q4	Num	8	Q4. Year completed initial NP education program
9	Q5_1	Num	8	Q5_1. National NP certification--Family certification
10	Q5_2	Num	8	Q5_2. National NP certification--Pediatric certification
11	Q5_3	Num	8	Q5_3. National NP certification--Other primary care certification
12	Q5_4	Num	8	Q5_4. National NP certification--Other NP certification
13	Q5_5	Num	8	Q5_5. National NP certification--No certification
14	Q6	Num	8	Q6. Employed in a position that requires state certification/licensure/recognition to practice as an NP
15	Q7A	Num	8	Q7A. Reason for not working as an NP--Overall lack of NP jobs/practice opportunities
16	Q7B	Num	8	Q7B. Reason for not working as an NP--Lack of NP jobs/practice opportunities in desired location
17	Q7C	Num	8	Q7C. Reason for not working as an NP--Lack of NP jobs/practice areas in desired type of facility
18	Q7D	Num	8	Q7D. Reason for not working as an NP--Lack of NP jobs/practice in desired specialty
19	Q7E	Num	8	Q7E. Reason for not working as an NP--Limited scope of practice for NPs in the state desired
20	Q7F	Num	8	Q7F. Reason for not working as an NP--Denied NP job due to lack of experience or qualification
21	Q7G	Num	8	Q7G. Reason for not working as an NP--Inadequate salary/compensation

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22	Q7H	Num	8	Q7H. Reason for not working as an NP--Working outside of the nursing field
23	Q7I	Num	8	Q7I. Reason for not working as an NP--Maternity/parenting/family leave
24	Q7J	Num	8	Q7J. Reason for not working as an NP--Poor health or disability
25	Q7K	Num	8	Q7K. Reason for not working as an NP--Choose not to work at this time
26	Q7L	Num	8	Q7L. Reason for not working as an NP--Retired
27	Q7M	Num	8	Q7M. Reason for not working as an NP--Other reasons
28	Q7H_HEALTH	Num	8	Q7H_HEALTH. Reason for not working as an NP--Working in Health Field in a non-NP position
29	Q8	Num	8	Q8. Volunteer as an NP
30	Q9	Num	8	Q9. Number of hours per month spent volunteering as an NP
31	Q10	Num	8	Q10. Work for pay in nursing as an RN or an NP
32	Q11	Num	8	Q11. Describe principal RN or NP position for which work is paid
33	Q12	Num	8	Q12. Setting of principal RN or NP position
34	Q13_RUCA	Num	8	Q13_RUCA. Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code for practice location of principal position
35	Q14	Num	8	Q14. An electronic health record (EHR) or electronic medical record (EMR) system used in the principal position
36	Q15	Num	8	Q15. Plans for installing a new EHR or EMR system within the next 18 months in the principal position
37	Q16	Num	8	Q16. Number of hours worked in a typical week in the principal position
38	Q17	Num	8	Q17. Estimate of 2011 pre-tax annual earnings from principal position (including overtime, on-call, and bonuses); rounded to 2,500 increments
39	Q18	Num	8	Q18. Have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number
40	Q19	Num	8	Q19. Bill under your NPI number
41	Q20A	Num	8	Q20A. Satisfaction with the proportion of time in patient care
42	Q20B	Num	8	Q20B. Satisfaction with patient load
43	Q20C	Num	8	Q20C. Satisfaction with patient mix
44	Q20D	Num	8	Q20D. Satisfaction with the amount of paperwork required

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45	Q20E	Num	8	Q20E. Satisfaction with level of autonomy
46	Q20F	Num	8	Q20F. Satisfaction with the number of hours worked, including overtime
47	Q20G	Num	8	Q20G. Satisfaction with the salary/benefits
48	Q20H	Num	8	Q20H. Satisfaction with the sense of value for what you do
49	Q20I	Num	8	Q20I. Satisfaction with respect from physician colleagues
50	Q20J	Num	8	Q20J. Satisfaction with respect from other colleagues
51	Q20K	Num	8	Q20K. Satisfaction with amount of administrative support
52	Q20L	Num	8	Q20L. Satisfaction with opportunities for professional development
53	Q20M	Num	8	Q20M. Satisfaction with input into organizational/practice policies
54	Q21	Num	8	Q21. Overall level of satisfaction with principal position
55	Q22	Num	8	Q22. Plan to leave principal position
56	Q23	Num	8	Q23. Approximate time until retiring from nursing and NP work
57	Q24	Num	8	Q24. Working for pay in any other nursing (RN or NP) positions aside from the principal position
58	Q25	Num	8	Q25. Describe secondary RN or NP position for which work is paid
59	Q26	Num	8	Q26. Setting of secondary RN or NP position
60	Q27_RUCA	Num	8	Q27_RUCA. Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code for practice location of secondary position
61	Q28	Num	8	Q28. Number of hours worked in a typical week in secondary position
62	Q29	Num	8	Q29. Estimate of 2011 pre-tax annual earnings from secondary position (including overtime, on-call, and bonuses); rounded to 2,500 increments
63	Q30	Num	8	Q30. Work for pay as an NP
64	Q31	Num	8	Q31. Clinical specialty of main NP position
65	Q33A	Num	8	Q33A. Percent of time spent on patient care/documentation
66	Q33B	Num	8	Q33B. Percent of time spent on teaching/precepting/orienting
67	Q33C	Num	8	Q33C. Percent of time spent on supervision/management/administration
68	Q33D	Num	8	Q33D. Percent of time spent on other things
69	Q34	Num	8	Q34. Provision of direct patient care in main NP position

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70	Q35A	Num	8	Q35A. Number of patients in main NP position--Provide diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute illnesses
71	Q35B	Num	8	Q35B. Number of patients in main NP position--Provide diagnosis, treatment, and management of chronic illnesses
72	Q35C	Num	8	Q35C. Number of patients in main NP position--Conduct physical examination and obtain medical histories
73	Q35D	Num	8	Q35D. Number of patients in main NP position--Order, perform, and interpret lab tests, x-rays, EKGs, and other diagnostic studies
74	Q35E	Num	8	Q35E. Number of patients in main NP position--Prescribe drugs for acute and chronic illnesses
75	Q35F	Num	8	Q35F. Number of patients in main NP position--Provide preventative care, including screening and immunizations
76	Q35G	Num	8	Q35G. Number of patients in main NP position--Perform procedures
77	Q35H	Num	8	Q35H. Number of patients in main NP position--Counsel and educate patients and families
78	Q35I	Num	8	Q35I. Number of patients in main NP position--Provide care coordination
79	Q35J	Num	8	Q35J. Number of patients in main NP position--Make referrals
80	Q35K	Num	8	Q35K. Number of patients in main NP position--Participate in practice improvement activities
81	Q36	Num	8	Q36. Billing arrangements for main NP position
82	Q37	Num	8	Q37. Percentage of time a physician is on site to discuss patient problems as they occur in main NP position
83	Q38A	Num	8	Q38A. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--No physician in practice
84	Q38B	Num	8	Q38B. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Collaborate with a physician at another site
85	Q38C	Num	8	Q38C. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Collaborate with a physician on site
86	Q38D	Num	8	Q38D. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Equal colleagues/no hierarchy
87	Q38E	Num	8	Q38E. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--S/he is the medical director who oversees practice and all other providers are accountable to him/her

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88	Q38F	Num	8	Q38F. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Hierarchical/supervisory; must accept his/her clinical decision about patients
89	Q38G	Num	8	Q38G. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Physician sees and signs off on patients seen
90	Q38H	Num	8	Q38H. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Other type of professional relationship
91	Q38I	Num	8	Q38I. Type of professional relationship with physician(s) in main NP position--Collaborate, location unspecified
92	Q39	Num	8	Q39. Allowed to practice to the fullest extent of state's legal scope in main NP position
93	Q40	Num	8	Q40. NP skills are being fully utilized in main NP position
94	Q41	Num	8	Q41. Type of pay in main NP position
95	Q42	Num	8	Q42. Total number of patients seen in a typical week across all NP positions
96	Q43	Num	8	Q43. Primary provider for a panel of patients you manage
97	Q44	Num	8	Q44. Number of patients on panel across all NP positions
98	Q45	Num	8	Q45. Take evening or weekend call for any NP positions
99	Q46	Num	8	Q46. Have hospital admitting privileges
100	Q52	Num	8	Q52. Respondent's sex
101	Q53	Num	8	Q53. Age
102	Q55	Num	8	Q55. Race
103	Q56	Num	8	Q56. Marital status
104	Q57	Num	8	Q57. Highest educational degree earned
105	Q58	Num	8	Q58. Year obtained initial U.S. licensure as an RN
106	Q59_RUCA	Num	8	Q59_RUCA. Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code for home address
107	COUNT_LICENS E	Num	8	COUNT_LICENSE. Number of verified state licensures
108	NPFINWT001	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 001
109	NPFINWT002	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 002
110	NPFINWT003	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 003



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111	NPFINWT004	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 004
112	NPFINWT005	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 005
113	NPFINWT006	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 006
114	NPFINWT007	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 007
115	NPFINWT008	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 008
116	NPFINWT009	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 009
117	NPFINWT010	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 010
118	NPFINWT011	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 011
119	NPFINWT012	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 012
120	NPFINWT013	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 013
121	NPFINWT014	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 014
122	NPFINWT015	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 015
123	NPFINWT016	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 016
124	NPFINWT017	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 017
125	NPFINWT018	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 018
126	NPFINWT019	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 019
127	NPFINWT020	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 020
128	NPFINWT021	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 021
129	NPFINWT022	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 022
130	NPFINWT023	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 023
131	NPFINWT024	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 024
132	NPFINWT025	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 025
133	NPFINWT026	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 026
134	NPFINWT027	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 027
135	NPFINWT028	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 028
136	NPFINWT029	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 029
137	NPFINWT030	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 030
138	NPFINWT031	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 031
139	NPFINWT032	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 032
140	NPFINWT033	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 033

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141	NPFINWT034	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 034
142	NPFINWT035	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 035
143	NPFINWT036	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 036
144	NPFINWT037	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 037
145	NPFINWT038	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 038
146	NPFINWT039	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 039
147	NPFINWT040	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 040
148	NPFINWT041	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 041
149	NPFINWT042	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 042
150	NPFINWT043	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 043
151	NPFINWT044	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 044
152	NPFINWT045	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 045
153	NPFINWT046	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 046
154	NPFINWT047	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 047
155	NPFINWT048	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 048
156	NPFINWT049	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 049
157	NPFINWT050	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 050
158	NPFINWT051	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 051
159	NPFINWT052	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 052
160	NPFINWT053	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 053
161	NPFINWT054	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 054
162	NPFINWT055	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 055
163	NPFINWT056	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 056
164	NPFINWT057	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 057
165	NPFINWT058	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 058
166	NPFINWT059	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 059
167	NPFINWT060	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 060
168	NPFINWT061	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 061
169	NPFINWT062	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 062
170	NPFINWT063	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 063

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171	NPFINWT064	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 064
172	NPFINWT065	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 065
173	NPFINWT066	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 066
174	NPFINWT067	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 067
175	NPFINWT068	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 068
176	NPFINWT069	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 069
177	NPFINWT070	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 070
178	NPFINWT071	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 071
179	NPFINWT072	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 072
180	NPFINWT073	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 073
181	NPFINWT074	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 074
182	NPFINWT075	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 075
183	NPFINWT076	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 076
184	NPFINWT077	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 077
185	NPFINWT078	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 078
186	NPFINWT079	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 079
187	NPFINWT080	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 080
188	NPFINWT081	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 081
189	NPFINWT082	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 082
190	NPFINWT083	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 083
191	NPFINWT084	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 084
192	NPFINWT085	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 085
193	NPFINWT086	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 086
194	NPFINWT087	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 087
195	NPFINWT088	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 088
196	NPFINWT089	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 089
197	NPFINWT090	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 090
198	NPFINWT091	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 091
199	NPFINWT092	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 092
200	NPFINWT093	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 093

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201	NPFINWT094	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 094
202	NPFINWT095	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 095
203	NPFINWT096	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 096
204	NPFINWT097	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 097
205	NPFINWT098	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 098
206	NPFINWT099	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 099
207	NPFINWT100	Num	8	REPLICATE WEIGHT 100
208	NPFINWT	Num	8	FULL SAMPLE WEIGHT

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