

Table 14. Number of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by mean and median length of service in months, according to selected facility characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Facility characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ¹	Mean length of service in months	Median length of service in months
All facilities	680,800	61	30
Beds			
Fewer than 50	33,500	59	29
50–99	190,300	59	28
100–149	230,900	61	30
150 or more	226,200	64	32
Geographic region			
Northeast	161,400	75	45
Midwest	206,500	60	30
South	217,600	54	27
West	95,400	57	26
Location			
Metropolitan statistical area ²	516,500	60	30
Micropolitan statistical area ³	89,600	64	32
Other location ⁴	74,700	64	30
Affiliation			
Chain	368,600	57	28
Independent	312,200	67	34
Ownership			
Proprietary	398,300	59	28
Voluntary nonprofit	214,800	63	32
Government and other	67,800	73	42

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Table 15. Number and percent distribution of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by number of jobs currently held, according to selected nursing assistant characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Nursing assistant characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Number of current jobs				
		One	Two or more	Total ²	One	Two or more
		Number		Percent distribution		
Total	680,800	572,700	108,100	100.0	84.1	15.9
Age						
Under 25 years	115,100	101,800	13,300	100.0	88.5	11.5
25–34 years	160,500	135,000	25,400	100.0	84.1	15.9
35–44 years	167,200	135,900	31,300	100.0	81.3	18.7
45–54 years	153,200	126,400	*26,800	100.0	82.5	*17.5
55 years and over	*84,900	*73,600	*11,300	100.0	*86.7	*13.3
Sex						
Female	628,500	535,300	93,200	100.0	85.2	14.8
Male	52,400	37,400	*14,900	100.0	71.5	*28.5
Race						
White	362,700	321,700	41,000	100.0	88.7	11.3
Black	264,100	212,100	52,000	100.0	80.3	19.7
Other ³	54,000	38,900	*15,100	100.0	72.0	*28.0
Hispanic or Latino origin						
Hispanic or Latino	64,200	52,800	*11,400	100.0	82.3	*17.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	610,500	514,600	95,900	100.0	84.3	15.7
Education						
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁴	84,000	74,700	*9,200	100.0	89.0	*11.0
GED certificate ⁴	122,800	101,900	20,900	100.0	83.0	17.0
High school diploma	299,100	263,500	35,600	100.0	88.1	11.9
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁵	164,200	122,800	41,500	100.0	74.8	25.2
Marital status						
Married ⁶	346,900	290,400	56,400	100.0	83.7	16.3
Widowed, divorced, or separated	151,000	124,400	26,700	100.0	82.3	17.7
Never married	177,800	153,600	24,200	100.0	86.4	13.6
Family income						
Less than \$20,000	245,300	216,300	29,100	100.0	88.2	11.8
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	183,700	151,900	31,900	100.0	82.7	17.3
\$30,000 or more	224,800	180,900	43,900	100.0	80.5	19.5

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Table 16. Number and percent distribution of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by preference in number of hours worked, according to selected facility characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Facility characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Total ²	Preference in number of hours worked		
			Hours worked about right	Would prefer more hours	Would prefer fewer hours
			Percent distribution		
	Number				
All facilities.	680,800	100.0	76.1	17.6	6.2
Beds					
Fewer than 100	223,800	100.0	77.2	16.6	6.1
100 or more	457,100	100.0	75.5	18.1	6.3
Geographic region					
Northeast	161,400	100.0	80.5	*13.1	*6.4
Midwest	206,500	100.0	77.3	16.5	6.2
South	217,600	100.0	73.1	20.6	6.1
West	95,400	100.0	72.8	20.7	*
Location					
Metropolitan statistical area ³	516,500	100.0	75.7	18.0	6.2
Micropolitan statistical area ⁴	89,600	100.0	77.7	15.5	*6.8
Other location ⁵	74,700	100.0	76.6	16.9	*5.6
Affiliation					
Chain	368,600	100.0	75.1	18.2	6.5
Independent	312,200	100.0	77.3	16.8	5.9
Ownership					
Proprietary	398,300	100.0	75.4	19.3	5.2
Voluntary nonprofit.	214,800	100.0	76.9	15.9	7.1
Government and other	67,800	100.0	77.4	*13.1	*9.5

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Facility characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Total ²	Preference in number of hours worked		
			Hours worked about right	Would prefer more hours	Would prefer fewer hours
			Percent distribution		
	Number				
Total	680,800	100.0	76.1	17.6	6.2
Age					
Under 25 years	115,100	100.0	76.9	17.1	*5.9
25–34 years	160,500	100.0	75.0	16.8	*8.0
35–44 years	167,200	100.0	73.5	21.7	*4.8
45–54 years	153,200	100.0	73.4	18.6	*7.7
55 years and over	*84,900	100.0	*86.8	*9.6	*
Sex					
Female	628,500	100.0	76.8	17.1	6.0
Male	52,400	100.0	67.8	*23.7	*
Race					
White	362,700	100.0	79.3	13.5	7.1
Black	264,100	100.0	72.2	22.3	*5.3
Other ³	54,000	100.0	73.5	*21.6	*
Hispanic or Latino origin					
Hispanic or Latino	64,200	100.0	72.3	22.7	*
Not Hispanic or Latino	610,500	100.0	76.5	17.1	6.3
Education					
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁴	84,000	100.0	79.8	16.7	*
GED certificate ⁴	122,800	100.0	77.3	16.5	*6.2
High school diploma	299,100	100.0	76.6	17.4	5.8
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁵	164,200	100.0	72.9	18.9	8.3
Marital status					
Married ⁶	346,900	100.0	76.5	16.7	6.8
Widowed, divorced, or separated	151,000	100.0	76.8	18.7	*4.2
Never married	177,800	100.0	75.2	18.3	*6.5
Family income					
Less than \$20,000	245,300	100.0	73.2	22.5	*4.3
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	183,700	100.0	74.7	18.8	*6.4
\$30,000 or more	224,800	100.0	80.2	11.5	8.0

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Table 18. Number and percent distribution of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by assessment of initial training, according to other selected characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Training preparation				
		Well prepared	Somewhat or not prepared	Total ²	Well prepared	Somewhat or not prepared
		Number		Percent distribution		
Total	680,800	450,700	230,000	100.0	66.2	33.8
Type of training						
Mostly hands-on	186,100	138,300	47,900	100.0	74.3	25.7
Mostly classroom study	132,200	57,000	75,100	100.0	43.1	56.8
Evenly split between hands-on and classroom study	360,900	253,800	107,000	100.0	70.3	29.7
Training location						
Nursing facility	374,700	252,100	122,600	100.0	67.3	32.7
College	121,600	74,500	47,100	100.0	61.2	38.7
High school	41,500	27,100	*14,400	100.0	65.2	*34.8
Vocational, technical, or trade school	40,900	25,500	15,300	100.0	62.4	37.5
Other place	101,100	70,800	30,300	100.0	70.0	30.0
A nursing assistant again						
Definitely become one	418,400	304,300	114,100	100.0	72.7	27.3
Probably become one	186,900	108,600	78,300	100.0	58.1	41.9
Probably or definitely not become one	71,100	35,600	*35,500	100.0	50.0	*49.9

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Table 19. Number and percentage of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes who had 2 years or more work experience and took continuing education classes, by selected facility characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Facility characteristic	Nursing assistants with 2 years or more work experience ^{1,2}		Took continuing education classes ³	
	Number		Percent	
All facilities	548,500	482,600	88.0	
Beds				
Fewer than 50	27,200	25,400	93.4	
50–99	*150,500	*131,000	*87.0	
100–149	*186,400	*162,600	*87.2	
150 or more	*184,400	*163,700	*88.7	
Geographic region				
Northeast	*134,200	*122,800	*91.5	
Midwest	163,500	141,300	86.4	
South	180,100	156,500	86.9	
West	*70,700	*62,100	*87.8	
Location				
Metropolitan statistical area ⁴	*419,800	*369,100	*87.9	
Micropolitan statistical area ⁵	71,400	*61,900	*86.6	
Other location ⁶	*57,300	*51,600	*90.1	
Affiliation				
Chain	299,300	253,900	*84.8	
Independent	249,200	228,700	91.8	
Ownership				
Proprietary	322,400	273,000	84.7	
Voluntary nonprofit	*172,700	*161,000	*93.2	
Government and other	53,500	48,600	90.9	

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Table 20. Number and percentage of certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes who had 2 years or more work experience who took continuing education classes, by selected nursing assistant characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Nursing assistant characteristic	Nursing assistants with 2 years or more work experience ^{1,2}	Took continuing education classes ³	
		Number	Percent
Total	548,500	482,600	88.0
Age			
Under 25 years	55,100	47,400	86.0
25–34 years	127,500	105,400	82.7
35–44 years	149,000	135,600	91.0
45 years and over	*216,900	*194,100	*89.5
Sex			
Female	512,800	449,400	87.6
Male	35,800	33,300	93.0
Race			
White	278,200	245,200	88.1
Black	224,300	196,300	87.5
Other ⁴	*46,000	*41,100	*89.5
Hispanic or Latino origin			
Hispanic or Latino	50,400	*46,100	*91.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	492,500	431,300	87.6
Education			
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁵	*71,600	*60,400	*84.4
GED certificate ⁵	107,300	98,300	91.6
High school diploma	239,100	205,200	85.8
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁶	122,800	111,800	91.0
Marital status			
Married ⁷	289,700	260,800	90.0
Widowed, divorced, or separated	*131,500	*114,000	*86.7
Never married	122,700	103,700	84.5
Family income			
Less than \$20,000	189,500	158,900	83.9
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	157,300	139,800	88.9
\$30,000 or more	*181,700	*167,100	*92.0

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