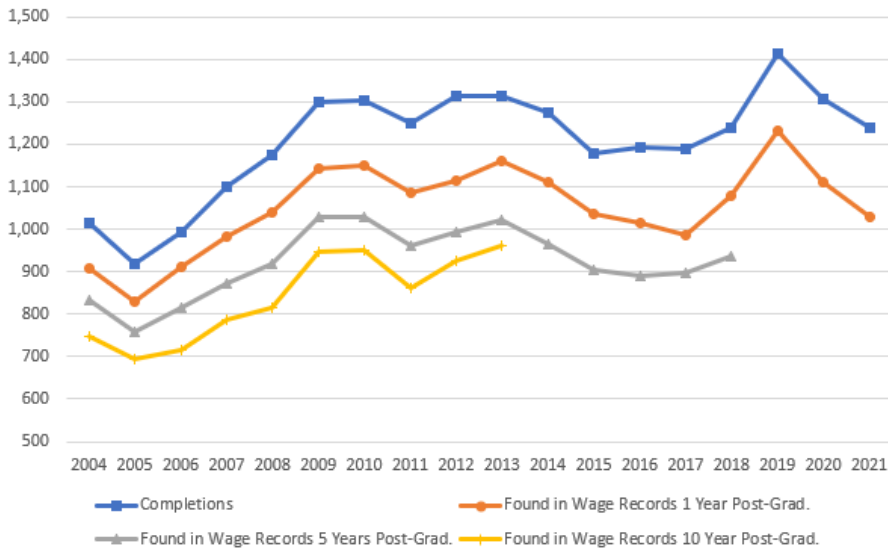


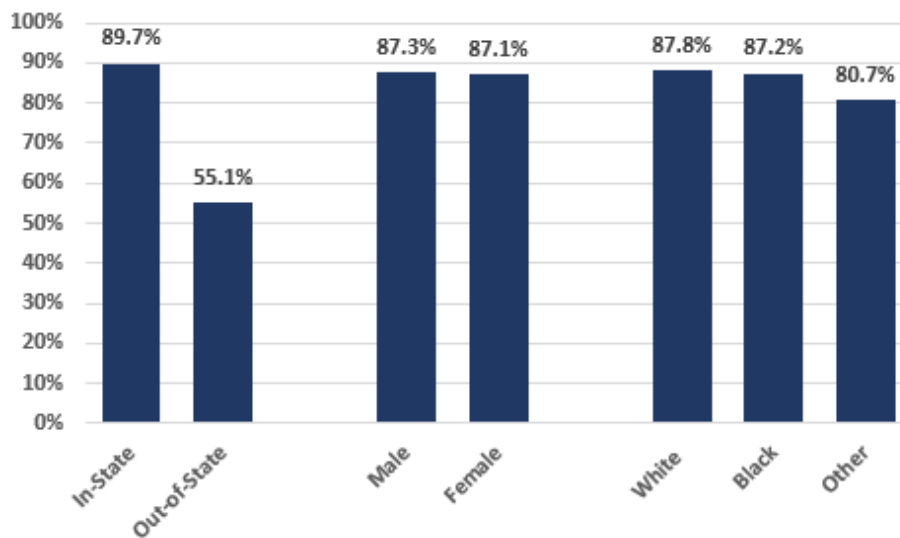
Nursing Graduates in South Carolina

Supply and Demand of Nursing Graduates



- ◇ From 2004 to 2021, the number of associate degrees related to nursing awarded each year has ranged from 920 to 1,415.
- ◇ In total, there were **21,715 unique graduates** from associate degree nursing programs between 2004 and 2021.
- ◇ Over the past 12 months, there were **31,000 documented job openings** in the state for selected nursing occupations (e.g. Registered Nurses, Critical Care Nurses, etc.)
- ◇ Note that there may be a supply of individuals with nursing credentials obtained outside of the South Carolina higher education system, as well as individuals with credentials above the associate degree level.

Percent of Graduates found in Wage Records 1 Year Post-Graduation by Selected Characteristics

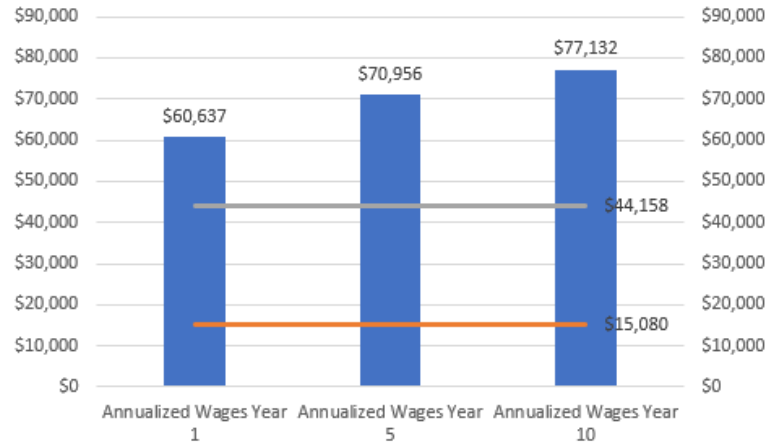


- ◇ In-state nursing graduates were about 63% more likely to be found in wage records one year post-graduation compared to out-of-state graduates.
- ◇ Across racial and gender lines there were similar percentages of nursing graduates found in the wage records one year post-graduation.

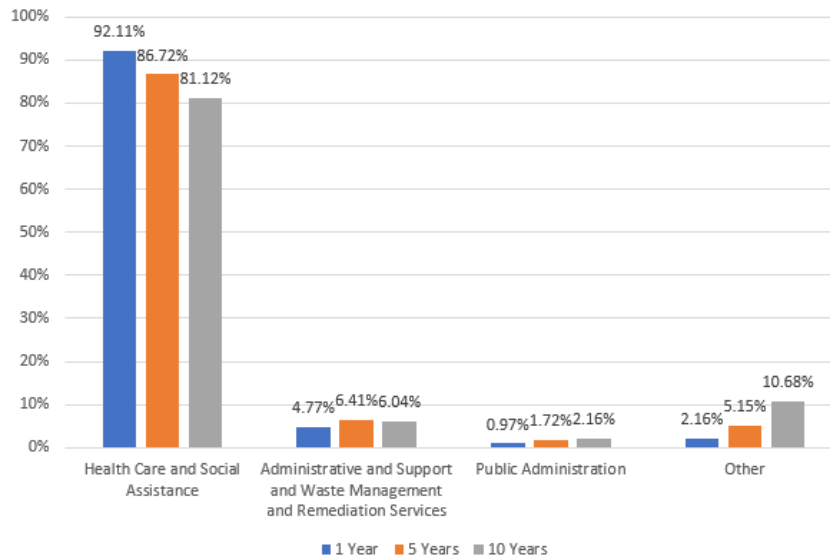
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Wage Comparison for Individuals Completing Nursing Associate Degrees

- ◇ The cost of attending a two-year technical college in South Carolina would likely be around \$10,000.
- ◇ Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for all high school graduates in S.C. is \$37,290.
- ◇ Nursing graduates make about \$16,000 above a living wage one year post-graduation, and this grows to about \$26,000 five years post-graduation and \$33,000 ten years post-graduation.
- ◇ Wages were annualized based on the number of quarters the individual was found working in the state.
- ◇ According to 2023 BLS data, the mean wage for “Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations” was \$102,060 per year.



Industry of Employment of the Individual One, Five, and Ten Years Post-Graduation



- ◇ Of those in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry, the vast majority were in the General Medical and Surgical Hospitals industry one, five, and ten years post-graduation.
- ◇ Note: The industry “Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services” includes a significant number of employees in temporary staffing firms.
- ◇ Current data about South Carolina workers are based on industry of employment. SCDEW will begin collecting **occupation data** on workers starting in **April 2024**. Future analysis may be able to specifically document which graduates obtain jobs in nursing fields.