

Table XIV. Standard errors for certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, and 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	14,271	2.1	1.2
Beds			
Fewer than 50	2,509	4.9	3.7
50–99	8,512	3.4	1.7
100–149	15,209	3.5	2.3
150 more	15,115	4.3	3.1
Geographic region			
Northeast	18,348	5.7	5.3
Midwest	14,908	3.3	1.9
South	14,772	2.9	1.8
West	11,346	5.2	3.8
Location			
Metropolitan statistical area ²	13,444	2.6	1.7
Micropolitan statistical area ³	4,061	4.4	2.8
Other location ⁴	3,363	3.9	2.1
Affiliation			
Chain	17,611	2.6	1.3
Independent	18,461	3.4	2.3
Ownership			
Proprietary	17,812	2.6	1.3
Voluntary nonprofit	17,420	3.4	2.7
Government and other	10,508	9.4	5.7

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²A metropolitan statistical area is a county or group of contiguous counties that contains at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population. May also contain other counties that are economically and socially integrated with the central county as measured by commuting.

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Table XV. Standard errors for 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	One	Two or more
		Number		Percent	
Total	14,271	13,476	7,228	1.0	1.0
Age					
Under 25 years	6,770	6,152	2,136	1.7	1.7
25–34 years	7,402	6,823	3,043	1.7	1.7
35–44 years	7,891	7,410	3,426	1.9	1.9
45–54 years	7,950	7,367	3,745	2.3	2.3
55 years and over	6,343	6,232	*2,274	2.6	*2.6
Sex					
Female	13,874	12,983	6,866	1.0	1.0
Male	4,791	3,969	*2,444	3.9	*3.9
Race					
White	15,510	14,151	4,166	1.0	1.0
Black	13,721	11,716	5,561	1.8	1.8
Other ³	6,471	4,508	*3,625	4.8	*4.8
Hispanic or Latino origin					
Hispanic or Latino	6,211	5,271	*2,226	2.9	*2.9
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,903	14,218	6,755	1.0	1.0
Education					
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁴	5,833	5,626	*1,844	2.1	*2.1
GED certificate ⁴	7,163	6,545	3,285	2.4	2.4
High school diploma	11,282	10,807	3,497	1.1	1.1
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁵	9,154	6,919	5,228	2.5	2.5
Marital status					
Married ⁶	12,145	11,213	5,474	1.5	1.5
Widowed, divorced, or separated	7,884	7,498	3,195	2.0	2.0
Never married	8,147	7,536	3,030	1.6	1.6
Family income					
Less than \$20,000	9,918	9,360	3,164	1.2	1.2
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	8,580	8,040	3,982	2.0	2.0
\$30,000 or more	11,121	9,828	4,510	1.8	1.8

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²Includes unknowns.

³Other race includes Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaska Native, and multiple races. Only a small number of records had multiple races.

⁴A Certificate of General Education Development (GED) or similarly titled credential given to persons who passed tests deemed equivalent to high school-level academic skills.

⁵Excludes nursing assistants who were awarded a GED.

⁶Includes nursing assistants who were living with a partner.

Table XVI. Standard errors for 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	Preference in number of hours worked			
	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Hours worked about right	Would prefer more hours	Would prefer fewer hours
	Number	Percent		
All facilities	14,271	1.1	1.0	0.6
Beds				
Fewer than 100	8,342	1.4	1.2	0.8
100 or more	13,645	1.5	1.3	0.8
Geographic region				
Northeast	18,348	2.5	*2.2	*1.5
Midwest	14,908	1.8	1.6	1.1
South	14,772	1.7	1.7	1.0
West	11,345	2.8	2.8	*
Location				
Metropolitan statistical area ³	13,444	1.3	1.2	0.7
Micropolitan statistical area ⁴	4,061	2.0	1.7	*1.5
Other location ⁵	3,363	2.0	1.9	*1.1
Affiliation				
Chain	17,611	1.5	1.3	0.8
Independent	18,461	1.6	1.5	0.9
Ownership				
Proprietary	17,812	1.3	1.2	0.7
Voluntary nonprofit	17,420	2.1	1.9	1.2
Government and other	10,508	3.7	*3.4	*2.3

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Table XVII. Standard errors for certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by preference in number of hours worked, according to selected nursing assistant characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Nursing assistant characteristic	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Preference in number of hours worked		
		Hours worked about right	Would prefer more hours	Would prefer fewer hours
		Number	Percent	
Total	14,271	1.1	1.0	0.6
Age				
Under 25 years	6,770	2.3	2.0	*1.3
25–34 years	7,402	2.1	1.8	*1.3
35–44 years	7,891	2.3	2.3	*0.9
44–54 years	7,950	2.5	2.3	*1.5
55 years and over	6,343	2.5	*2.2	*
Sex				
Female	13,874	1.1	1.0	0.6
Male	4,791	4.5	*4.2	*
Race				
White	15,510	1.3	1.1	0.8
Black	13,721	1.9	1.8	*0.9
Other ³	6,471	3.9	*3.8	*
Hispanic or Latino origin				
Hispanic or Latino	6,211	3.4	3.2	*
Not Hispanic or Latino	14,903	1.1	1.0	0.7
Education				
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁴	5,833	2.7	2.5	*
GED certificate ⁴	7,163	2.4	2.1	*1.3
High school diploma	11,282	1.6	1.4	0.9
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁵	9,154	2.3	2.0	1.4
Marital status				
Married ⁶	12,145	1.6	1.4	0.9
Widowed, divorced, or separated	7,884	2.1	2.1	*1.0
Never married	8,147	2.1	1.8	*1.1
Family income				
Less than \$20,000	9,918	1.8	1.7	*0.7
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	8,580	2.3	2.2	*1.1
\$30,000 or more	11,121	1.8	1.5	1.1

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Table XVIII. Standard errors for certified nursing assistants currently working in nursing homes, by assessment of initial training, according to other selected characteristics: United States, 2004–2005

Characteristic	Training preparation				
	Nursing assistants working in nursing homes ^{1,2}	Well prepared		Somewhat or not prepared	
		Number		Percent	
		Well prepared	Somewhat or not prepared	Well prepared	Somewhat or not prepared
Total	14,271	12,392	9,655	1.2	1.2
Type of training					
Mostly hands-on	8,268	7,172	4,196	2.0	2.0
Mostly classroom study	8,053	5,603	5,639	3.0	3.0
Evenly split between hands-on and classroom study	11,613	9,665	6,657	1.5	1.5
Training location					
Nursing facility	12,672	10,140	6,929	1.5	1.5
College	7,550	5,888	4,482	2.9	2.9
High school	4,733	3,600	*2,391	4.3	*4.3
Vocational, technical, or trade school	4,775	3,717	2,648	5.0	5.0
Other place	7,956	6,690	3,790	3.2	3.2
Nursing assistant					
Definitely become one	12,109	10,801	7,135	1.5	1.5
Probably become one	8,192	6,433	5,309	2.2	2.2
Probably or definitely not become one	5,726	3,996	4,061	4.0	4.0

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Table XIX. Standard errors for 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	13,513	14,013	1.0
Beds			
Fewer than 50	2,197	2,135	1.7
50–99	*7,182	*6,836	*1.7
100–149	*13,182	*12,328	*1.7
150 beds or more	*13,287	*12,888	*2.0
Geographic region			
Northeast	*15,841	*14,917	*2.0
Midwest	12,508	11,492	1.9
South	12,497	11,475	1.6
West	*8,752	*8,008	*2.7
Location			
Metropolitan statistical area ⁴	*12,733	*13,195	*1.2
Micropolitan statistical area ⁵	3,866	3,893	2.1
Other location ⁶	*2,956	*3,069	*1.8
Affiliation			
Chain	15,114	13,955	*1.5
Independent	15,500	14,940	1.3
Ownership			
Proprietary	15,429	14,272	1.4
Voluntary nonprofit	*14,621	*14,182	*1.4
Government and other	8,610	7,941	2.9

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³Only asked of nursing assistants with 2 years or more work experience as a nursing assistant.

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Table XX. Standard errors 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

Nursing assistant characteristic	Nursing assistants with 2 years or more work experience ^{1,2}		Took continuing education classes ³
	Number		Percent
Total	13,513	14,013	1.0
Age			
Under 25 years	4,378	4,121	2.5
25–34 years	6,773	6,391	2.2
35–44 years	7,972	7,666	1.5
45 years and over	*9,895	*9,441	*1.4
Sex			
Female	13,215	13,779	1.0
Male	4,138	3,929	2.8
Race			
White	12,948	12,022	1.3
Black	12,413	12,091	1.5
Other ⁴	*5,772	*5,517	*3.0
Hispanic or Latino origin			
Hispanic or Latino	5,238	4,993	2.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,873	14,038	1.1
Education			
No high school diploma or GED certificate ⁵	*5,321	*4,961	*2.9
GED certificate ⁵	6,784	6,550	1.6
High school diploma	10,132	9,535	1.5
1 year or more of college or trade school ⁶	8,133	8,014	1.7
Marital status			
Married ⁷	11,019	10,831	1.2
Widowed, divorced, or separated	*7,711	*7,423	*1.9
Never married	7,080	6,700	2.2
Family income			
Less than \$20,000	8,812	8,390	1.8
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	8,175	7,674	1.6
\$30,000 or more	*10,054	*9,747	*11.4

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