



**West Virginia Nursing Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Workforce Data
United States Bureau for Labor Statistics (2016)**

***2016 Employment and Wages
Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses***

In 2016, West Virginia continues to have the lowest mean hourly wage and hence the lowest mean annual wage for registered nurses (RN) and licensed practical nurses (LPN) of all bordering states. The largest gap being largest between West Virginia and Maryland, a gap of over \$15,000 annually for RNs and LPNs. West Virginia continues to fall below the national average salary by over \$12,000 for RNs and \$8,000 for LPNs. However the West Virginia’s rate of mean annual salary increase was the highest at 2.36% increase from (2015-16) compared to the national increase of 1.66%. Conversely, LPN’s rate of mean annual salary (1.04%) fell below that national average of 1.84% between 2015 and 2016.

2016 Total Employment, Mean Hourly Wage and Mean Annual Wage West Virginia and Border States			
Registered Nurses			
Area	Total Emp	Mean Hourly	Mean Annual
WV	20,880	\$ 28.55	\$ 59,380
KY	45,500	\$ 28.76	\$ 59,810
MD	53,330	\$ 35.92	\$ 74,710
OH	128,030	\$ 30.75	\$ 63,960
PA	139,480	\$ 33.06	\$ 68,770
VA	63,820	\$ 32.05	\$ 66,670
National	2,857,180	\$ 34.70	\$ 72,180
Licensed Practical Nurses			
Area	Total Emp	Mean Hourly	Mean Annual
WV	6,090	\$ 17.33	\$ 36,050
KY	10,520	\$ 18.97	\$ 39,460
MD	11,640	\$ 24.99	\$ 51,980
OH	39,920	\$ 19.87	\$ 41,320
PA	38,020	\$ 22.03	\$ 45,810
VA	21,410	\$ 19.93	\$ 41,450
National	702,400	\$ 21.56	\$ 44,840

Bureau for Labor Statistics (2016) Occupational Employment and Wages. <https://www.bls.gov/>. Retrieved February 2019.