



**West Virginia Nursing Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Workforce Data
United States Bureau for Labor Statistics (2017)**

***2017 Employment and Wages
Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses***

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 In the last two years (2015-17), this salary gap has narrowed for RNs and has widened for LPNs. The rate of total employment of RN's slowed over the last two years demonstrated by a 1.91% increase compared to a national average of 5.54% increase. The employment of LPN's in West Virginia decreased nearly 11% compared to a national average of 0.78% in 2015-2017.

2017 RN/LPN Total Employment, Mean Hourly Wage and Mean Annual Wage			
Registered Nurses			
Area	Total Employment	Mean Hourly	Mean Annual
WV	20,410	\$ 29.03	\$ 60,380
KY	44,410	\$ 29.58	\$ 61,530
MD	53,700	\$ 36.18	\$ 75,250
OH	124,620	\$ 31.49	\$ 65,500
PA	143,130	\$ 33.57	\$ 69,820
VA	64,260	\$ 32.69	\$ 67,990
National	2,906,840	\$ 35.36	\$ 73,550

Licensed Practical Nurses			
Area	Total Employment	Mean Hourly	Mean Annual
WV	5,900	\$ 17.40	\$ 36,190
KY	10,140	\$ 19.64	\$ 40,860
MD	10,630	\$ 25.62	\$ 53,280
OH	40,660	\$ 20.35	\$ 42,340
PA	36,890	\$ 22.63	\$ 47,070
VA	21,920	\$ 20.46	\$ 42,550
National	702,700	\$ 21.98	\$ 45,710

Bureau for Labor Statistics (2017) Occupational Employment and Wages. <https://www.bls.gov/>. Retrieved February 2019.