

NATIONAL SNAPSHOT

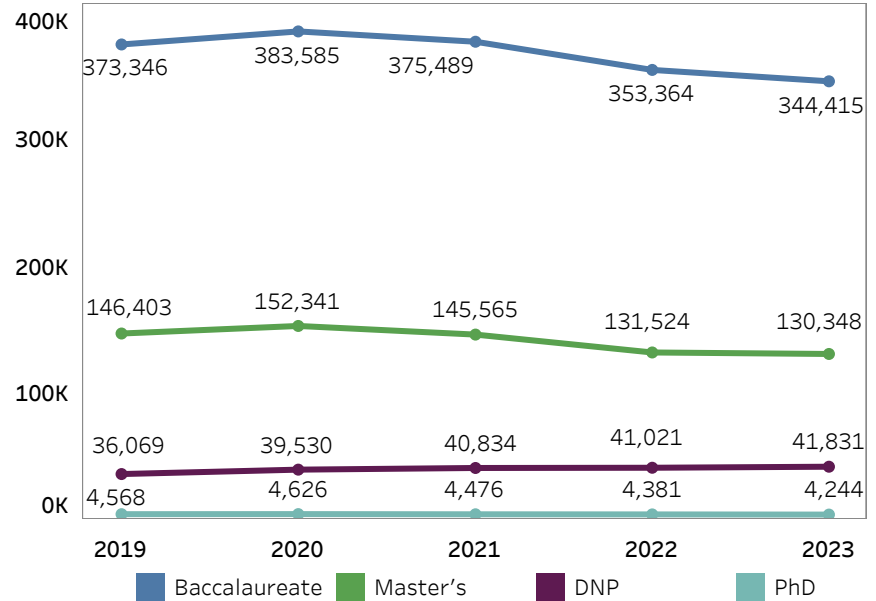
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The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for academic nursing. AACN represents more than 875 member schools of nursing offering a mix of baccalaureate, graduate, and post-graduate programs at public and private universities nationwide.

ENROLLMENTS & GRADUATIONS¹

Program	Enrollments	Graduations
Baccalaureate	344,415	144,457
Master's	130,348	50,127
PhD	4,244	742
DNP	41,831	11,718
TOTAL	520,838	206,899

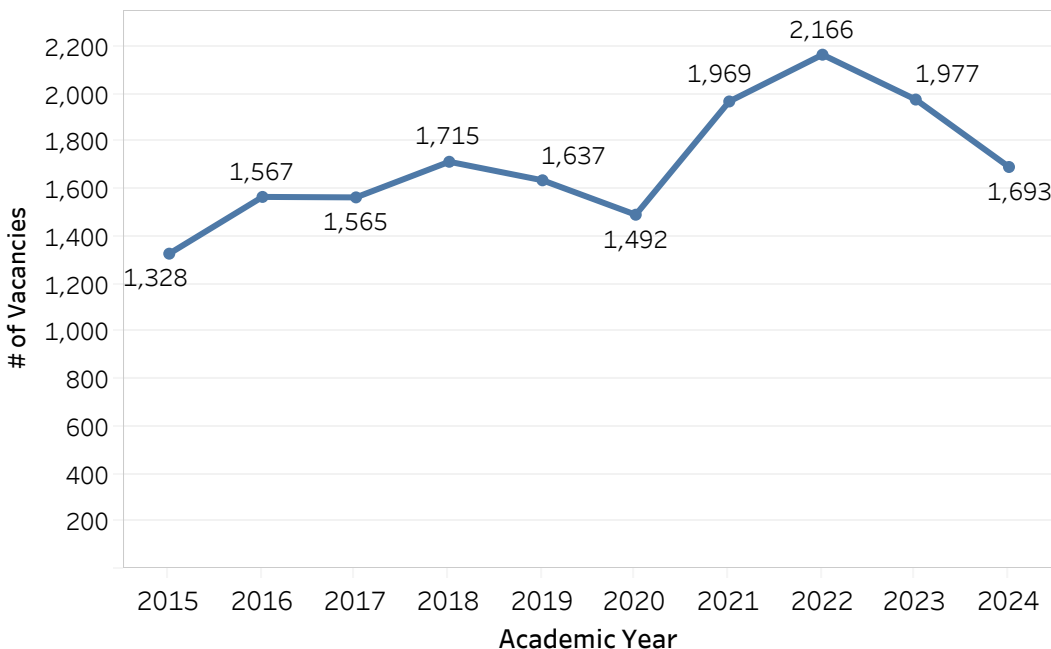
NATIONAL ENROLLMENT TRENDS¹



UNDERSTANDING THE FACULTY SHORTAGE²

Faculty shortage is an obstacle to expanding the nation's nursing workforce and meeting health care demands. Budget constraints, an aging faculty, and increasing job competition from clinical sites all contribute to this crisis. This data provides an overview of the scope of the nursing faculty shortage at the national level.

10 YEAR TREND: FACULTY VACANCIES



BY THE NUMBERS

1,693 Total vacant full-time nurse faculty positions

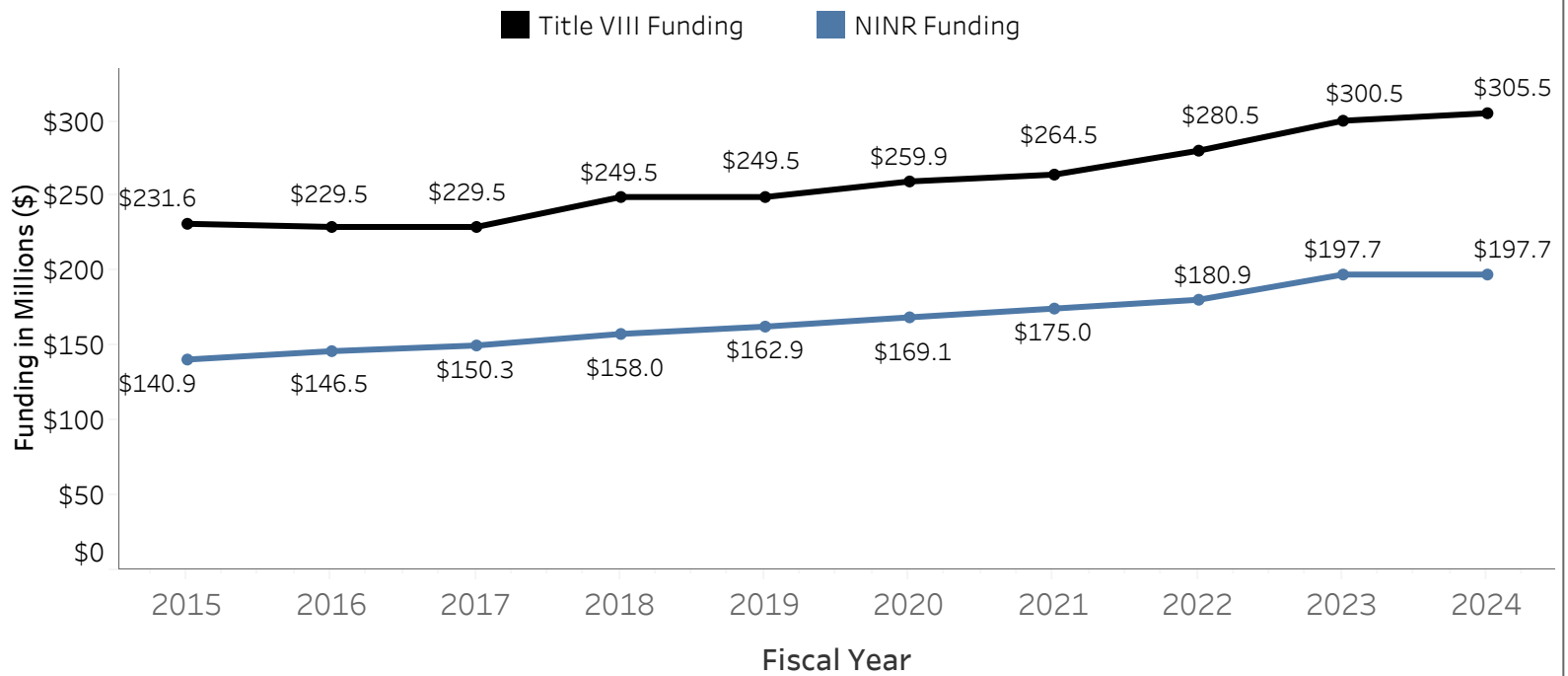
1,429 Open faculty positions that require or prefer doctorate degrees in nursing or related field

53 Average age of doctorally prepared nurse faculty

751 Schools reporting noncompetitive salaries as issue for recruiting faculty

NATIONAL TRENDS

FEDERAL FUNDING ACROSS U.S.³



NATIONAL NURSING WORKFORCE

RN

4,894,901
Registered Nurses⁴

NP

385,000
Nurse Practitioners⁵

CRNA

62,000
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists⁷

CNS

90,955
Clinical Nurse Specialists⁶

CNM

14,215
Certified Nurse-Midwives⁸

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE



7,746
Health Professional Shortage Areas in Primary Care⁹



5,200
Rural Health Clinics¹⁰



3,441
Medically Underserved Areas⁹

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