

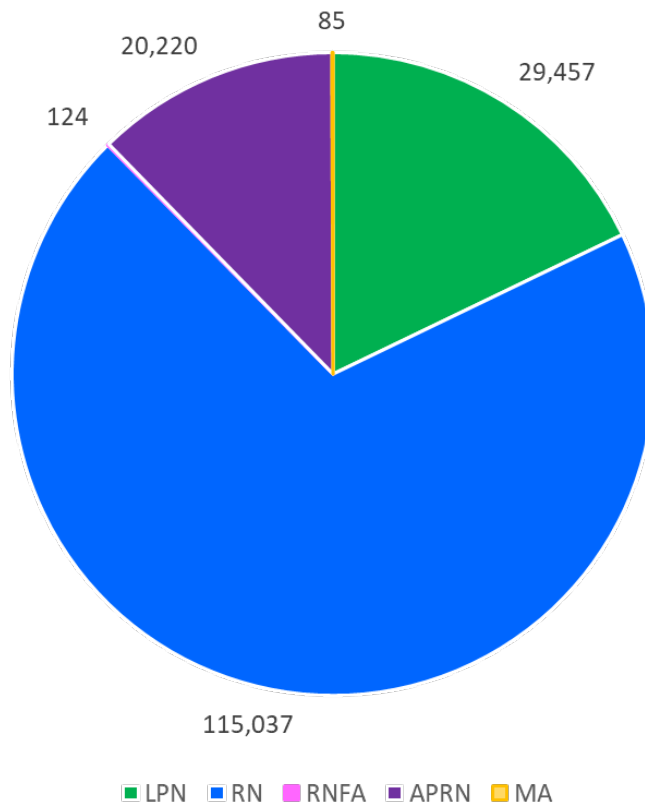
**Tennessee Board of Nursing
Annual Report
February 2024
(2023 Data)**

1. Licensing/Regulation
 - Board member vacancy: Public Member.
 - Updated instructions for RN, LPN exam, endorsement, and reinstatement applications posted to website; online applications updated.
 - Government Operations Committee approved updated Medication Aide Rules in July, 2023.
 - Sherry Richardson, Executive Director, was elected to the chair Nurse Licensure Compact 25th Anniversary Celebration (2025) in December 2023.
 - Therese McLean, Nurse Consultant, joined board staff January 2023.
 - Bethany Hardcastle, Nurse Consultant joined board staff May 2023.
2. Education—access to data, appropriate standards
 - Workforce and education data continues to be collected via online renewal and transmitted to Nursys®.
 - Select data continues to be available via GIS application on BON website; annually evaluate with stakeholders.
 - In-person school survey visits continue; 26 routine schools of nursing surveyed, completing all remaining surveys postponed due to COVID.
 - NCLEX-RN® pass rates nationally for 2023 at 88.56%; Tennessee 93.24%. NCLEX-PN® pass rates nationally for 2023 at 86.67%; Tennessee 90.28%.
 - Next Gen NCLEX launched April 1, 2023, with positive response and results.
3. Discipline—evidence-based disciplinary actions/ policies fair and consistent
 - Disciplinary policies reviewed/reaffirmed August 2023.
4. Technology—enhance regulation through technology
 - Data Integrity Project: Effective November 2018 collecting APRN education history via online continuing.
 - 406 facilities and 15,858 licensees currently enrolled in Nursys® e-notify.
5. NCSBN Update
 - NLC - 41 jurisdictions have joined (39 have implemented).
 - VA Full Practice Authority--NCSBN continues to work with VA and members to implement full practice authority for APRNs.
 - Suzanne Hunt, NCLEX Exam Coordinator, was awarded the NCSBN Exceptional Contribution Award for 50 years of exemplary service to the Tennessee Board of Nursing and NCSBN.

LICENSURE DATA: APRN, RN, RNFA, LPN, MA
Active Licenses — December 31, 2023

	LPN	RN	RNFA	APRN	MA	Total
Active	29,457	115,037	124	20,220	85	164,923

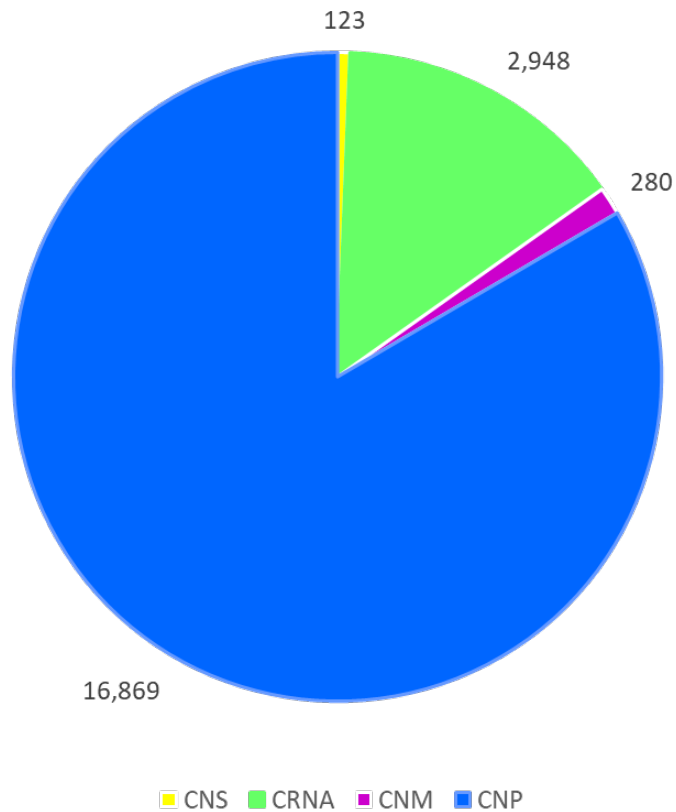
Active Licenses as of 12/31/2023
164,923



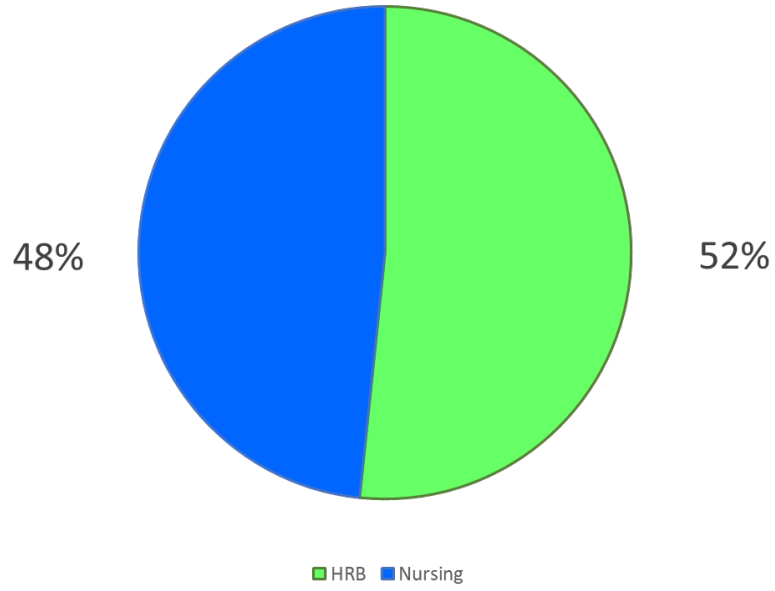
**Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Active Licenses - December 31, 2023**

	CNS	CRNA	CNM	CNP	Total
Authority to Prescribe	110	2,027	273	16,806	19,216
No Authority to Prescribe	13	921	7	63	1,004
Total	123	2,948	280	16,869	20,220

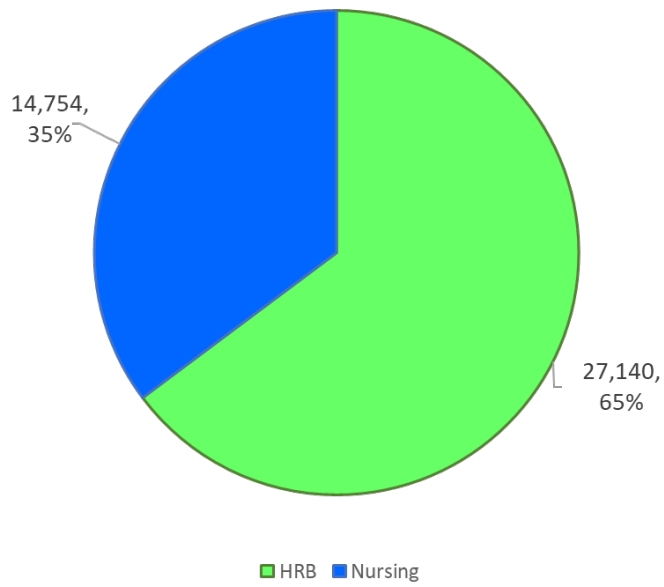
**APRN by Role
20,220**

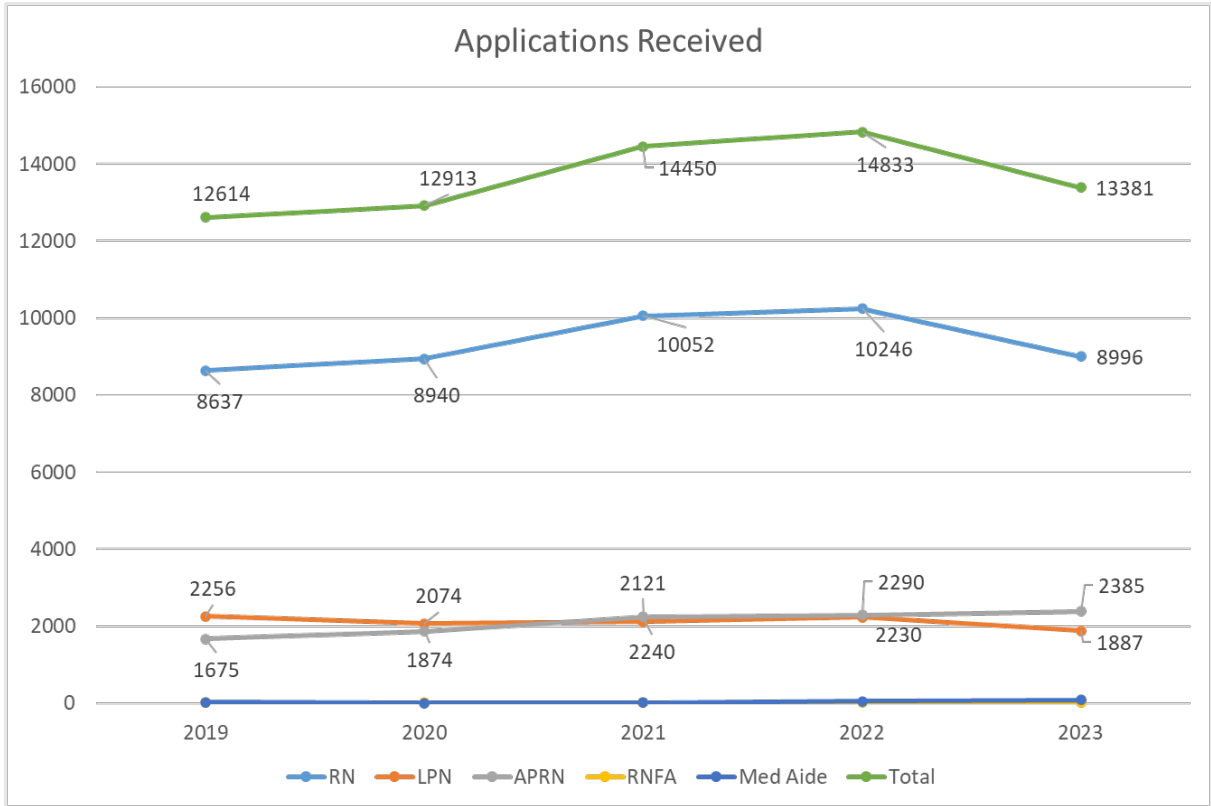


**Current Licenses in Health Related Boards
Total Licensees**

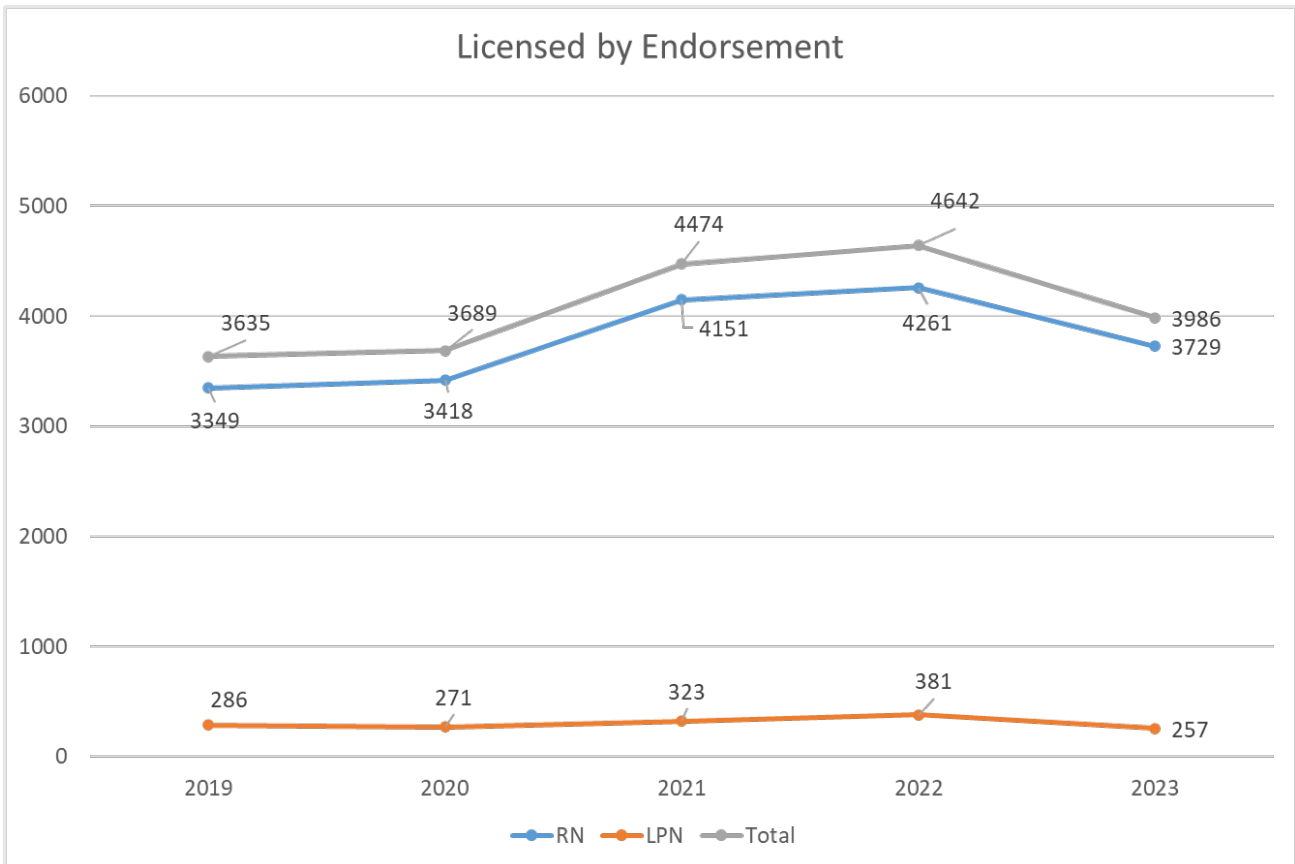
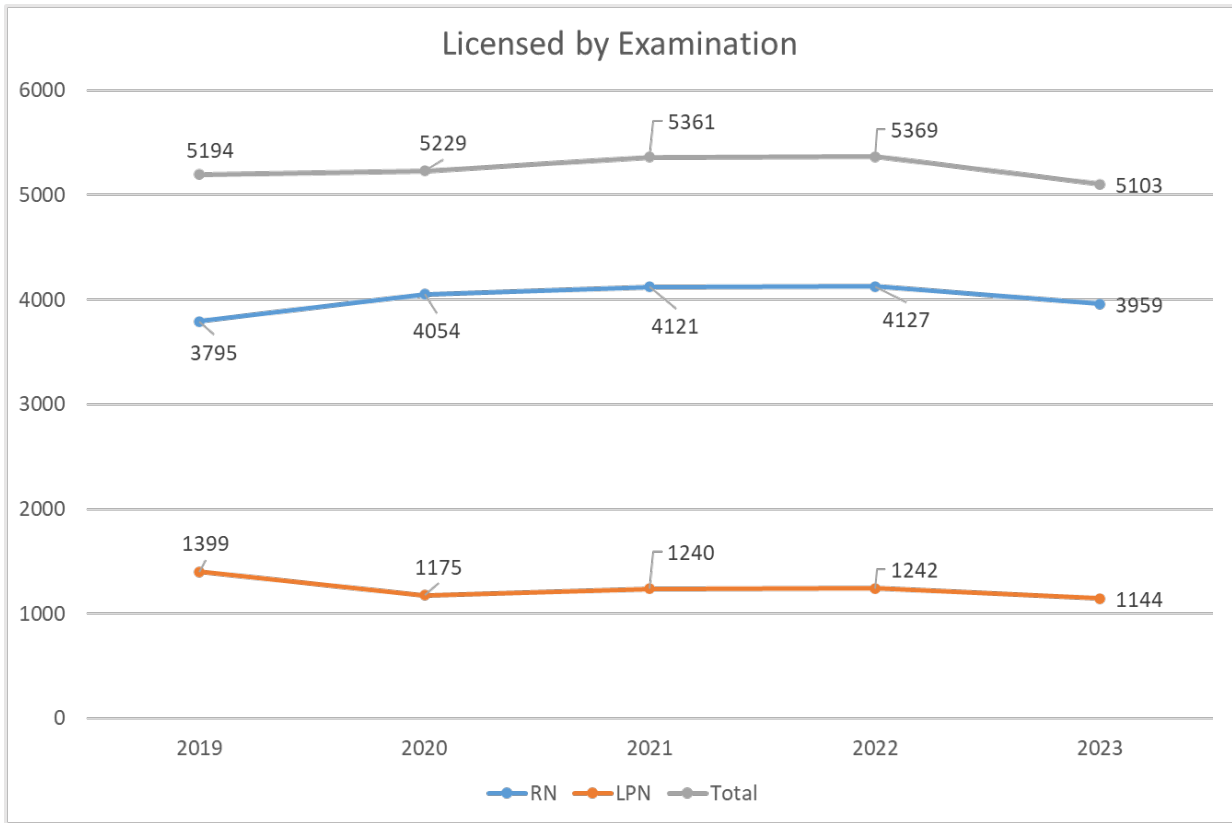


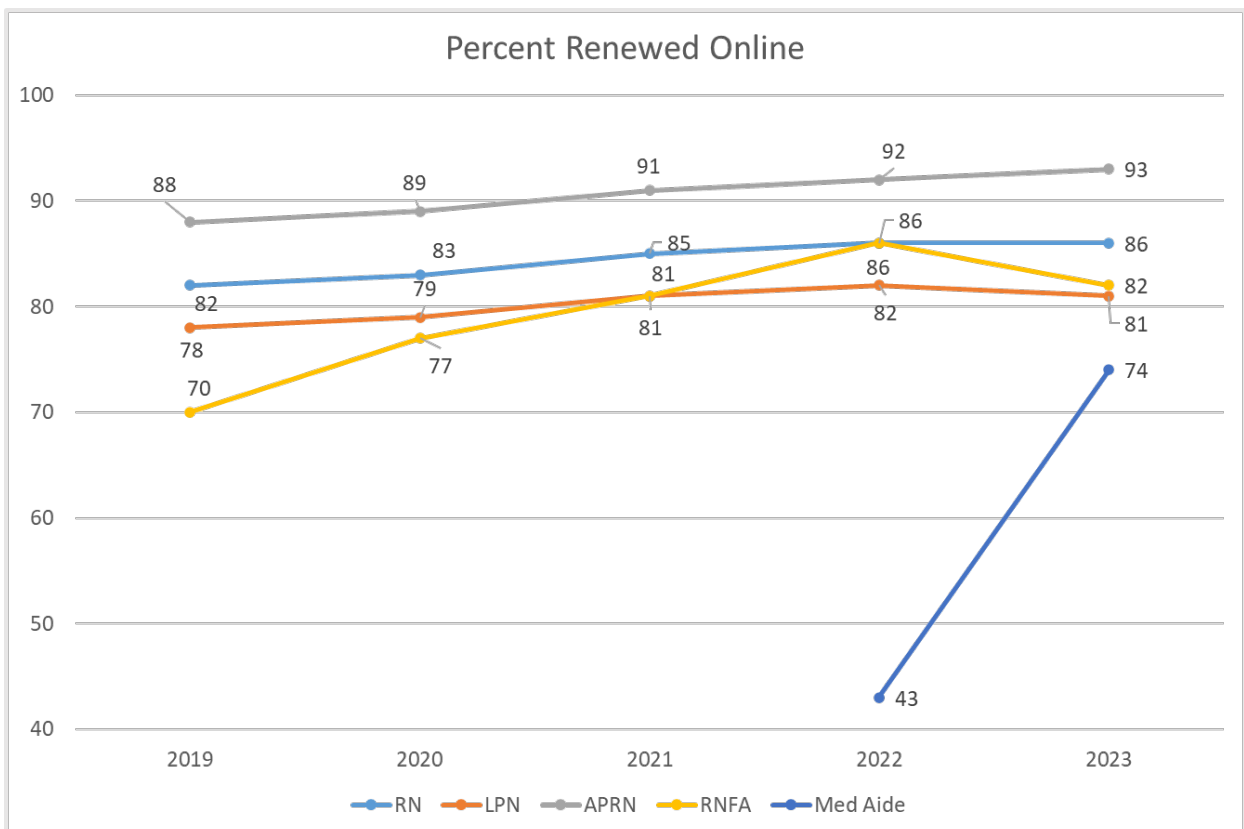
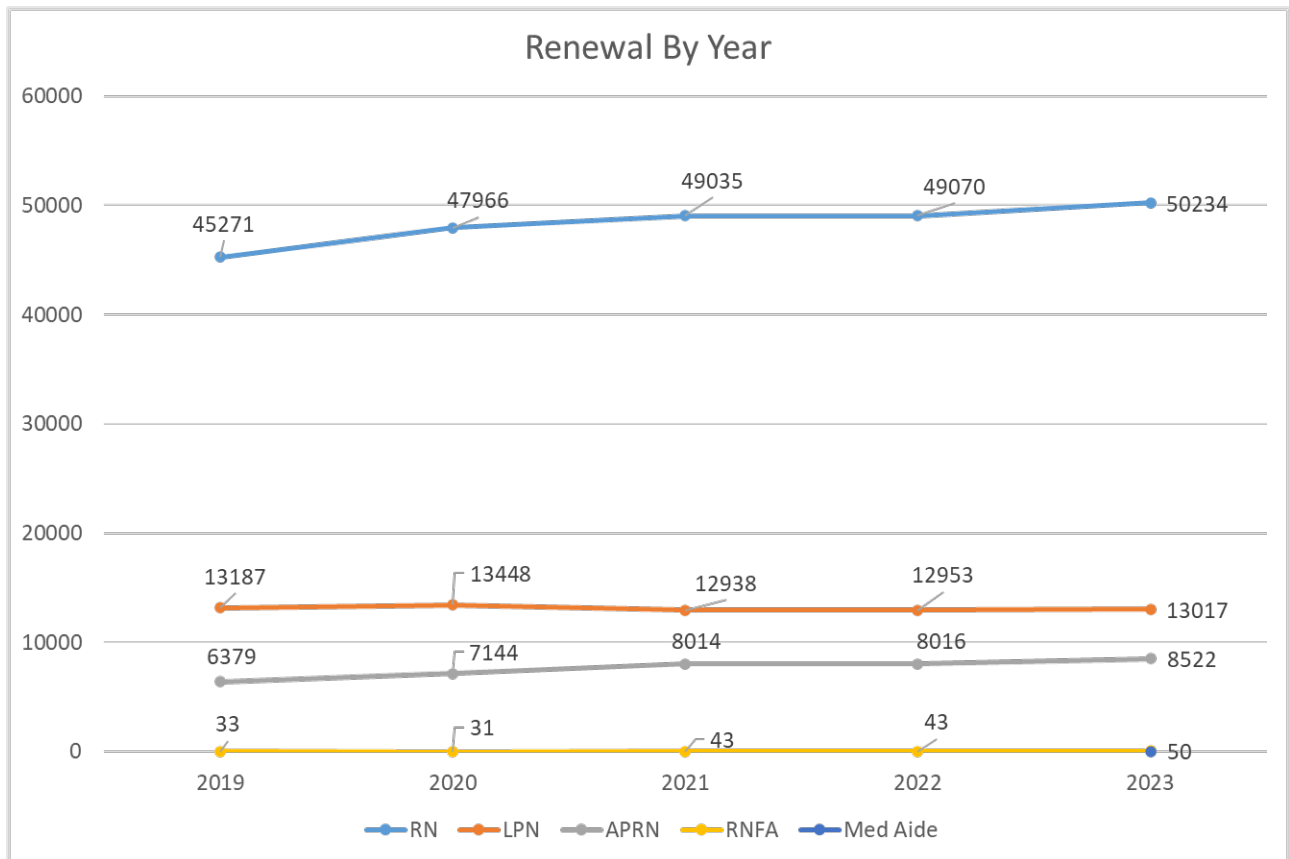
**New Applications HRB
(not including renewal)
Total 41,894**

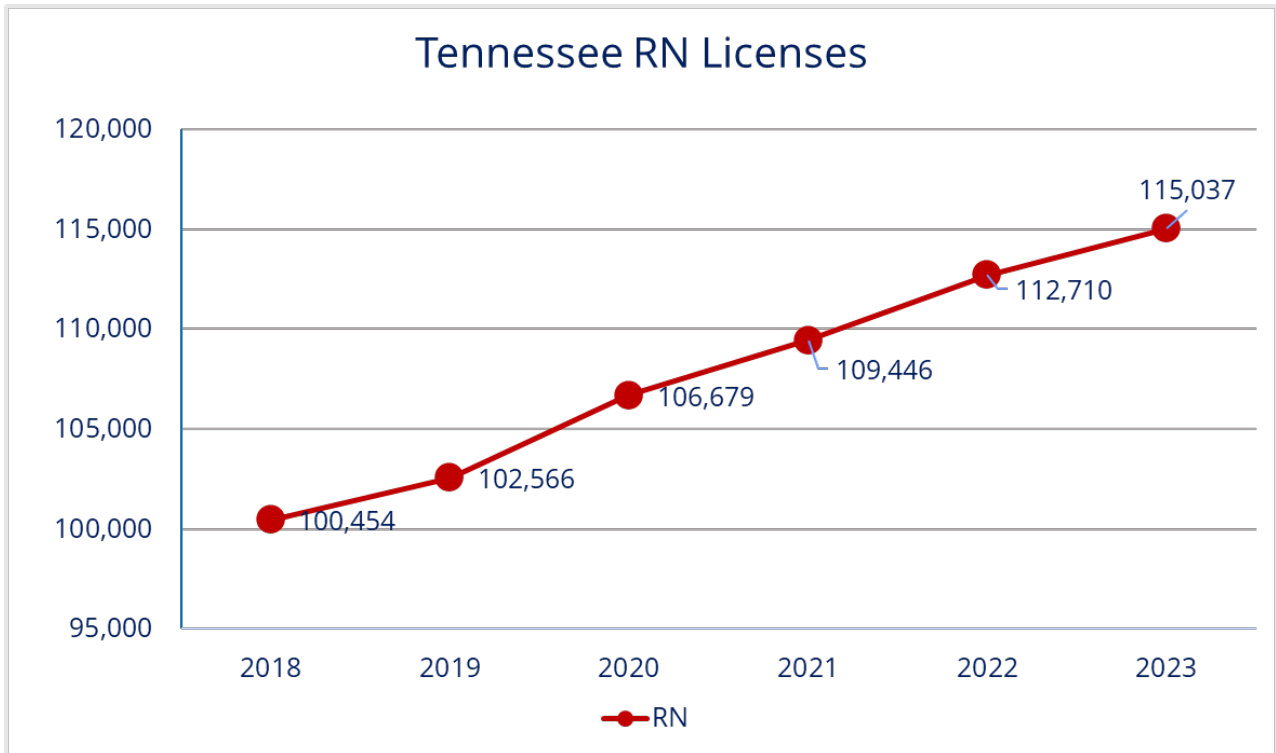
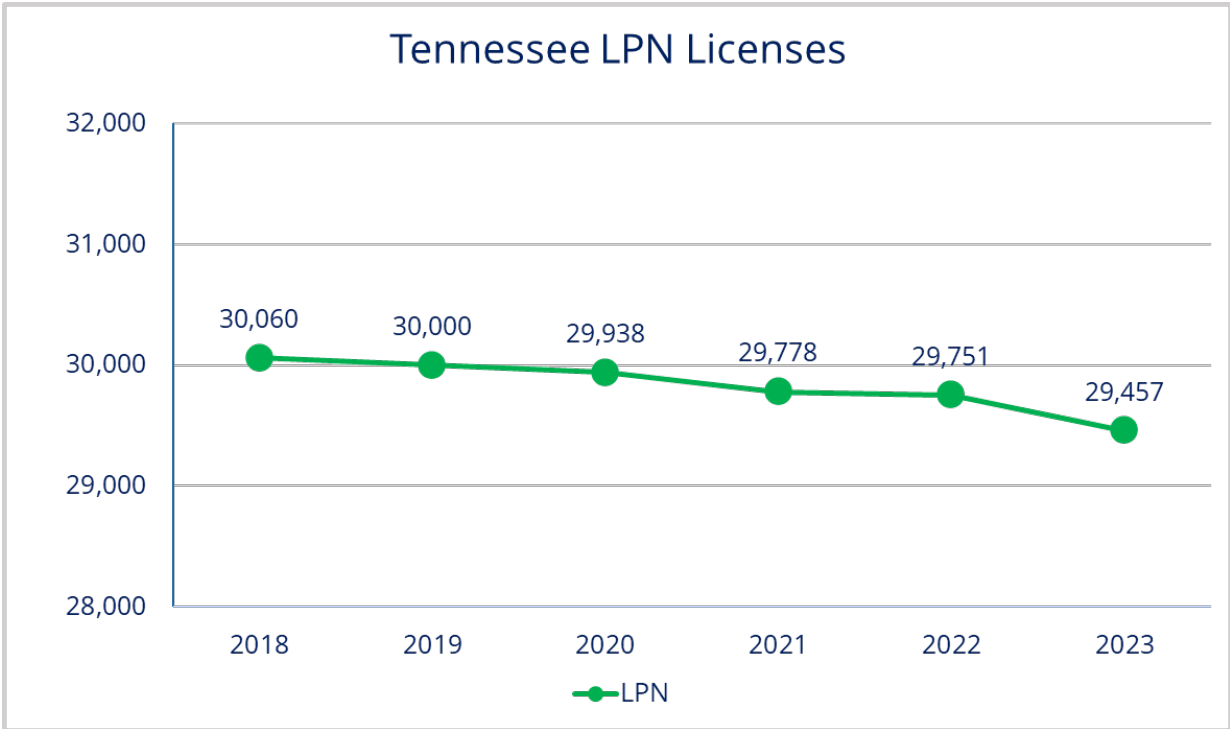




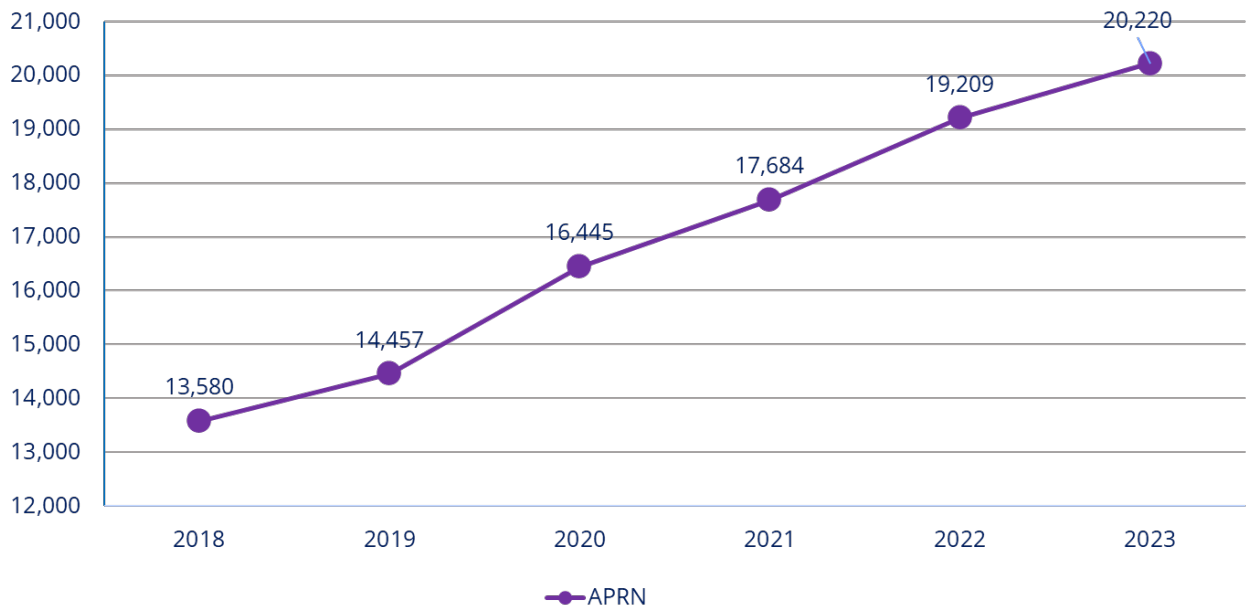
Profession	Initial Apps	Endorsement	Reinstatement	Total
LPN	1104	349	434	1887
RN	3792	4029	1175	8996
APRN	2228	N/A	157	2385
RNFA	20	N/A	0	20
Med Aide	92	N/A	1	93
Total	7,236	4,378	1,767	13,381







Tennessee APRN Certificates



Discipline 2023

	LPN	RN	APRN	Total
Reprimand	1	2	2	5
Revocation	6	8	2	16
Suspension	40	85	13	138
Probation	43	44	10	97
Voluntary Surrender	20	22	7	49
Civil Penalty	6	5	0	11
Denial	0	2	0	2
Summary Suspension	4	3	1	8
Privilege to Practice	4	22	0	26
Other	1	3	3	7
Total	125	196	38	359

-No discipline reported for Med Aides or RNFAs in 2023.