

Nurses Have Needs Too!

Rolicy Priorities and Advocacy to Care for the

Nursing Workforce

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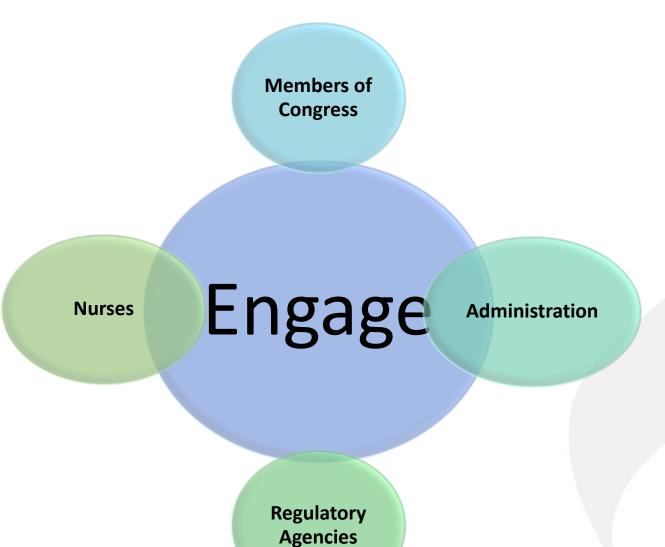




- Represents the interests of the nation's 4.3 million registered nurses
- Is at the forefront of improving the quality of care for all



### ANA Department of Policy and Government Affairs





## Topics Covered

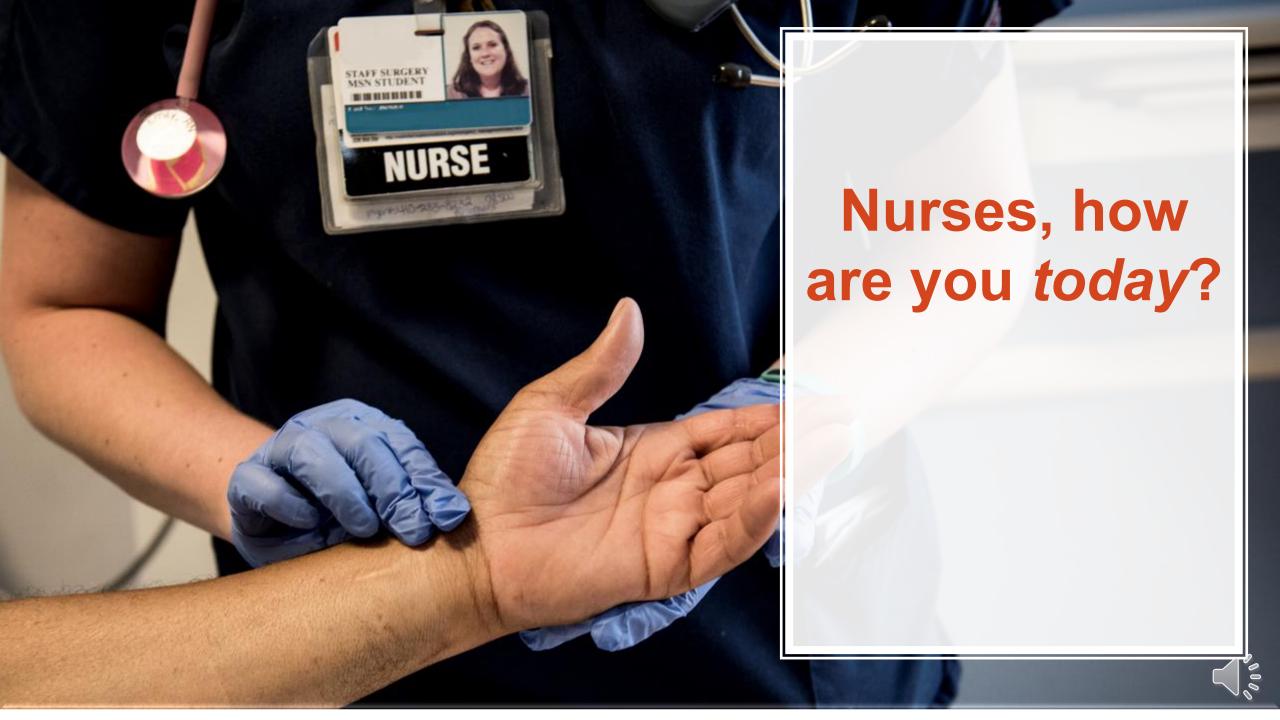
How are nurses doing?

Connecting with public policy

Activating nurse advocates

Listening to one another





### COVID-19 Year 2 Survey\*

11,964

respondents

21 days

Jan 8 – 29, 2022

Follows Nat'l Age and Gender Data Trends

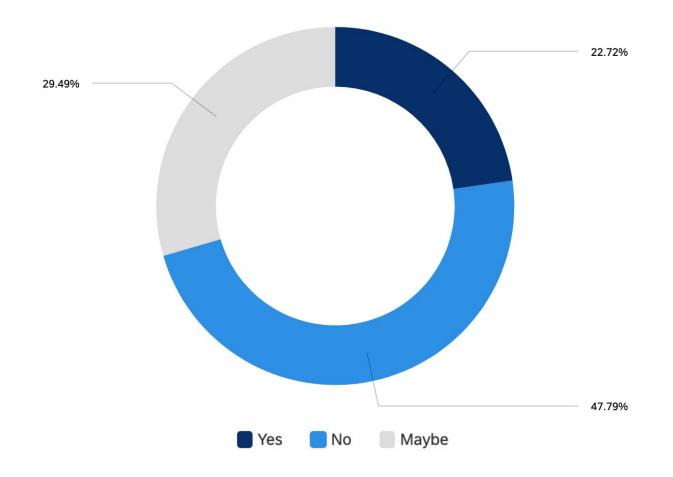
91% Female; 7.35% Male

81.25% FT; 14.2% PT

All 50 states represented



### Do you intend to leave your position in the next six months?



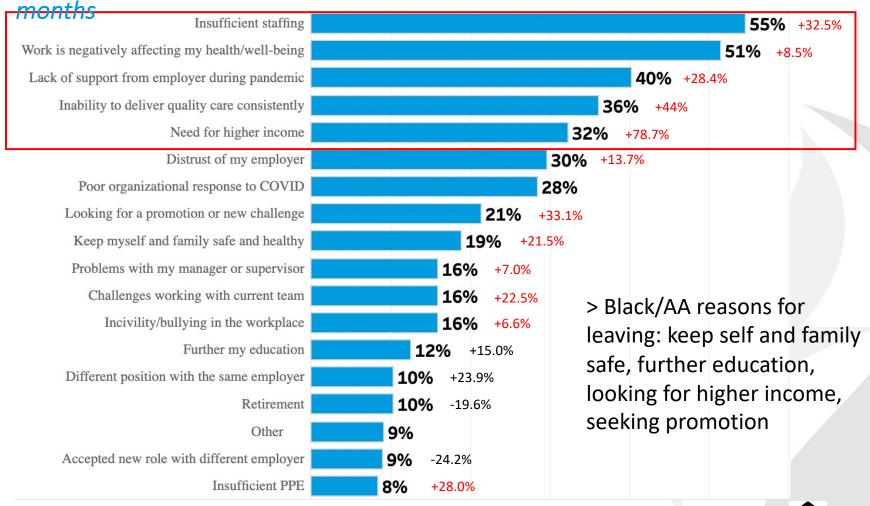
> Yes to leaving position: Hispanic/Latino (32.1%) Black/AA (28.1%) NA/Alaskan Native (31.8%) White (21.4%) least likely

Travel (36.4%)
Intensive/critical care (32%)
Acute care (31.4%)
ED nurses (28.7%)

Under 25 (36.6%) 25-34 (30.3%)

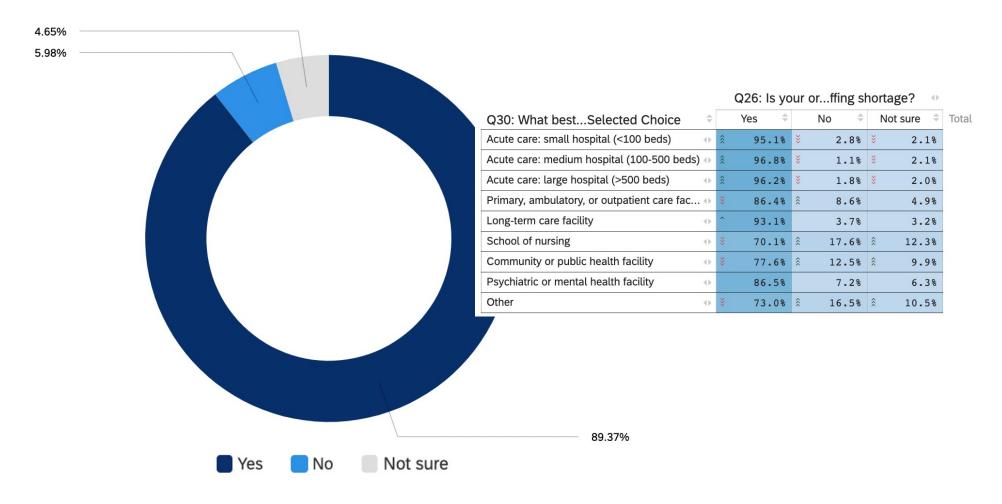


## Please check the following reasons for wanting to leave your position. Check all that apply. \*Trend over six



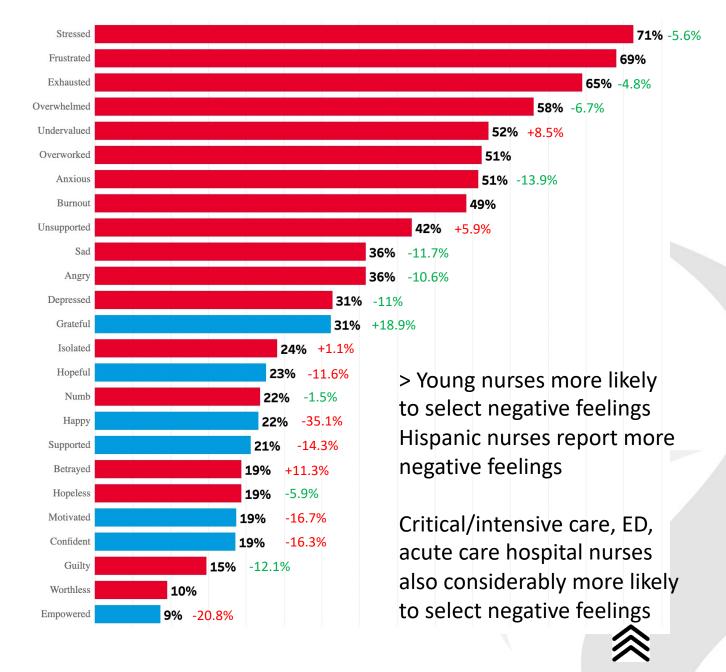


### Is your organization currently experiencing a staffing shortage?





In the past 14 days, have you experienced any of the following feelings? Check all that apply. \*Trend over six months





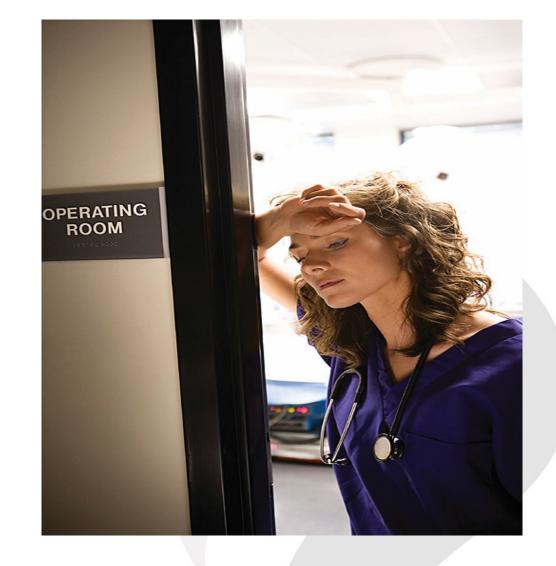
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# Violence and Bullying

1 in 4 nurses have experienced workplace violence

Healthcare workers 5X more likely to experience

Increased incidence during pandemic





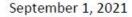
## **Policy Directions**











The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary Department of Health and Human Services Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 509F 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20201

#### Dear Secretary Becerra:

On behalf of the American Nurses Association (ANA), I write to urge robust and immediate action to address the unsustainable nurse staffing shortage facing our country. Nurses have remained steadfast on the front lines since the beginning of the pandemic, while overcoming challenges, risks to their personal health and safety such as limited personal protective equipment and the physical, emotional and mental health burden of the COVID-19 virus. Now, the Delta variant is causing cases to soar, overrunning hospital and staff capacity. These current circumstances have only exacerbated underlying, chronic nursing workforce challenges that have persisted for years. Since the nation began COVID-19

numbers of COVID-19 cases, will have long-term repercussions for the profession, the entire health care delivery system, and ultimately, on the health of the nation. To address this crisis and to ensure that we have a strong nursing workforce for the future, ANA urges the Administration to declare a national nurse staffing crisis and take immediate steps to develop and implement both short- and long-term solutions.

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### Progress in Federal Funding for 2022

- ✓ More funding for nursing workforce development
- ✓ More funding for nursing research
- √ VA clinician pay caps lifted
- ✓ NP fellowship program
- ✓ Study of nursing workforce in rural areas
- ✓ More funding to train sexual assault nurse examiners





# Center on Value of Nurses and Nursing Care

Mental Health

Staffing for Quality & Safety



**Job Safety** 

Well-Being





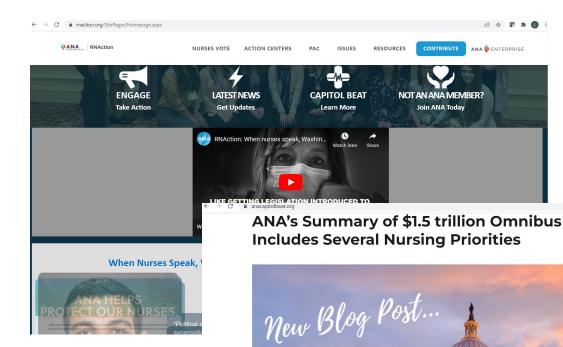
## **Code** of **Ethics for Nurses**

with **Interpretive Statements** 

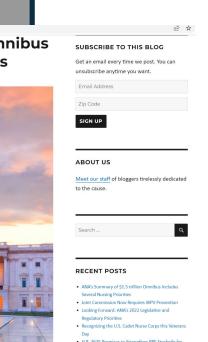
### **ADVOCACY**

is the act or process of pleading for, supporting, or recommending a cause or course of action.

## Nurses' Voices, Nursing's Future



**CAPITOL BEAT** 





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   @ANAEthics
- Capitol Beat Blog anacapitolbeat.org



### How to Get Involved

ANA's 1-Stop Advocacy Hub





#### **Vision Statement:**

The nursing profession exemplifies inclusivity, diversity, and equity creating an antiracist praxis and environments.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Set as the scope and standard of practice that nurses confront and mitigate systemic racism within the nursing profession and address the impact that racism has on nurses and nursing.

#### **Definition of Racism:**

Assaults on the human spirit in the form of biases, prejudices, and an ideology of superiority which persistently causes moral suffering and perpetuates injustices and inequities.



# National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing

# NATIONAL SURVEY TO UNDERSTAND RACISM IN NURSING



- Launched in October2021
- Over 5,600 respondents from across the nation
- Press release on January25, 2022

Survey shows substantial racism in nursing







### Commit to Addressing Racism in Nursing

So that the nursing profession exemplifies inclusivity, diversity, and equity.

• Search National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing for the website and other information



