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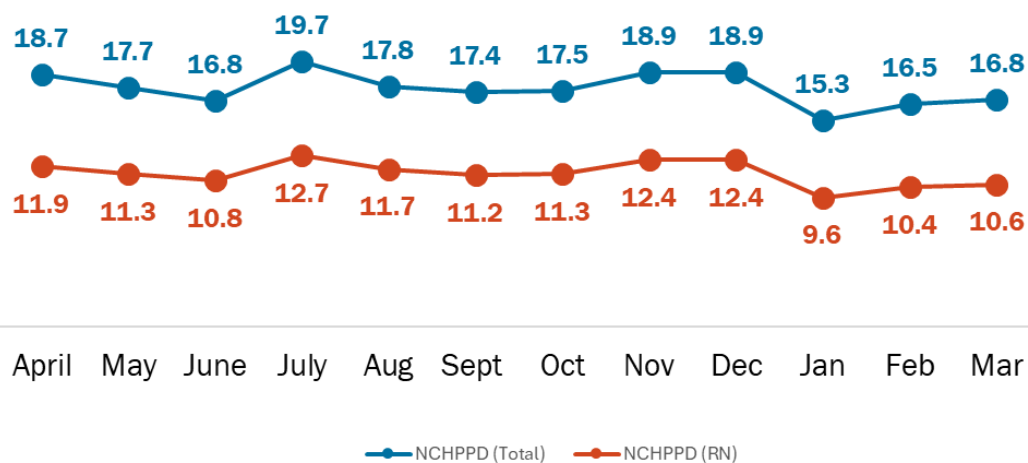
Medical/Surgical Unit

The Medical/Surgical Unit has 47 licensed beds and cares for patients ages 15 and older. Types of services provided in this setting include care of people with general medical and surgical problems, heart monitoring, end-of-life care, and rehabilitative care.
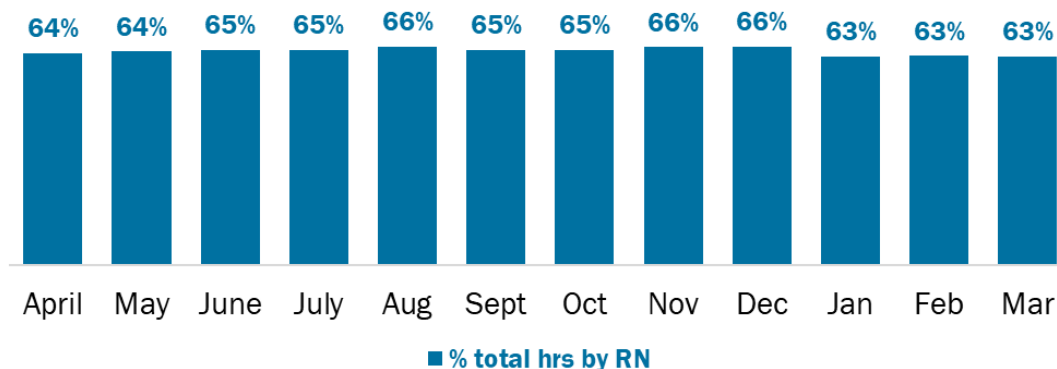
Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (NCHPPD): April 2024 – March 2025

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NCHPPD (RN): April 11.9, May 11.3, June 10.8, July 12.7, Aug 11.7, Sept 11.2, Oct 11.3, Nov 12.4, Dec 12.4, Jan 9.6, Feb 10.4, Mar 10.6

NCHPPD (Total)   NCHPPD (RN)
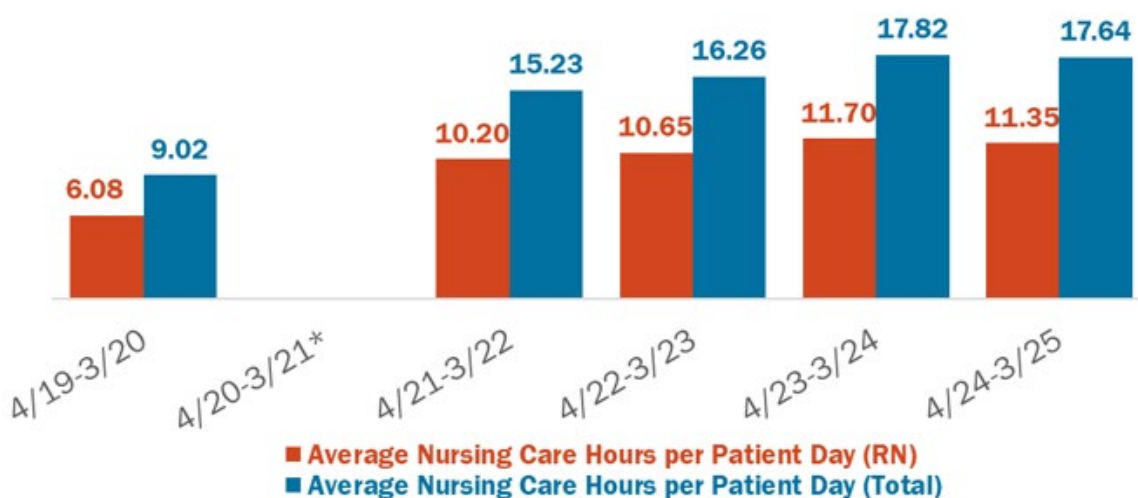
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Percent of Total Nursing Care Hours Provided by RNs: April 2024 – March 2025.

This graph shows the percentage of total nursing hours provided by RNs each month. The yearly average for this period is 64.30%.
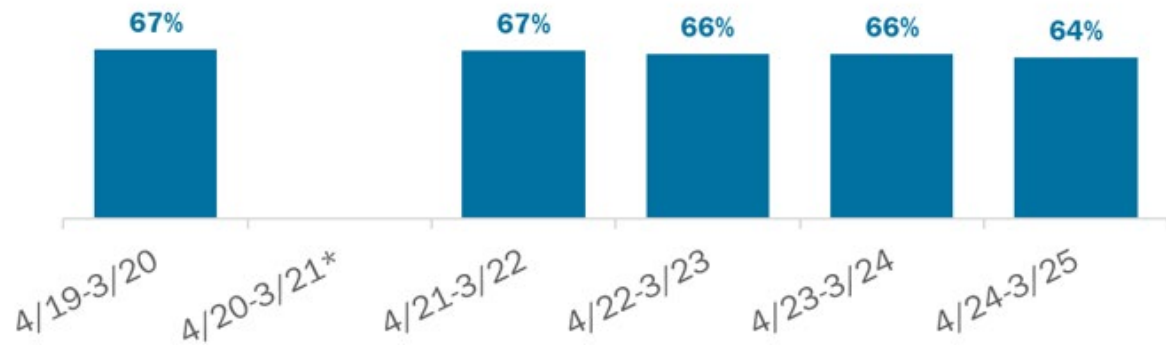
April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
64%	64%	65%	65%	66%	65%	65%	66%	66%	63%	63%	63%

■ % total hrs by RN

Yearly Average of RN and Total Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day: 2019 – 2025

	4/19-3/20	4/20-3/21*	4/21-3/22	4/22-3/23	4/23-3/24	4/24-3/25
Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (RN)	6.08		10.20	10.65	11.70	11.35
Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (Total)	9.02		15.23	16.26	17.82	17.64

■ Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (RN)
■ Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (Total)

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Yearly Percent of Total Nursing Care Hours Provided by RNs: 2019 – 2025

4/19-3/20	4/20-3/21*	4/21-3/22	4/22-3/23	4/23-3/24	4/24-3/25
67%		67%	66%	66%	64%

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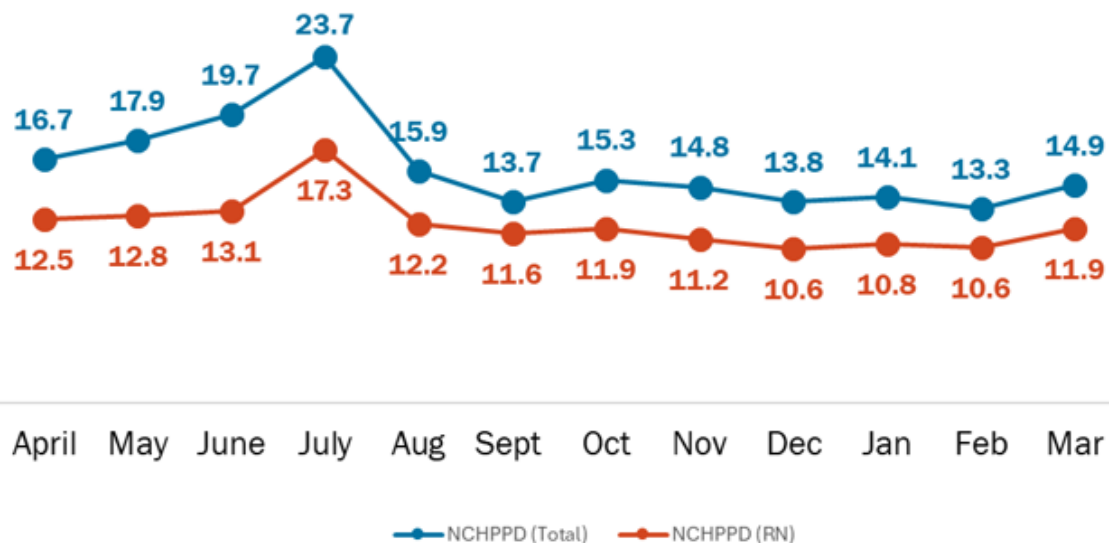
Intensive Care Unit

The Intensive Care Unit has 10 licensed beds. Types of services provided in this setting include care of people with, or at risk of developing life-threatening problems.
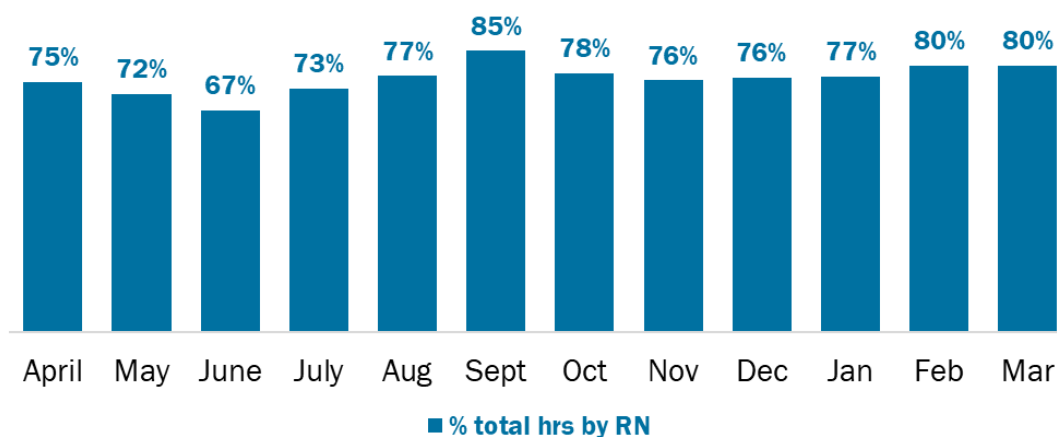
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Legend: NCHPPD (Total), NCHPPD (RN)
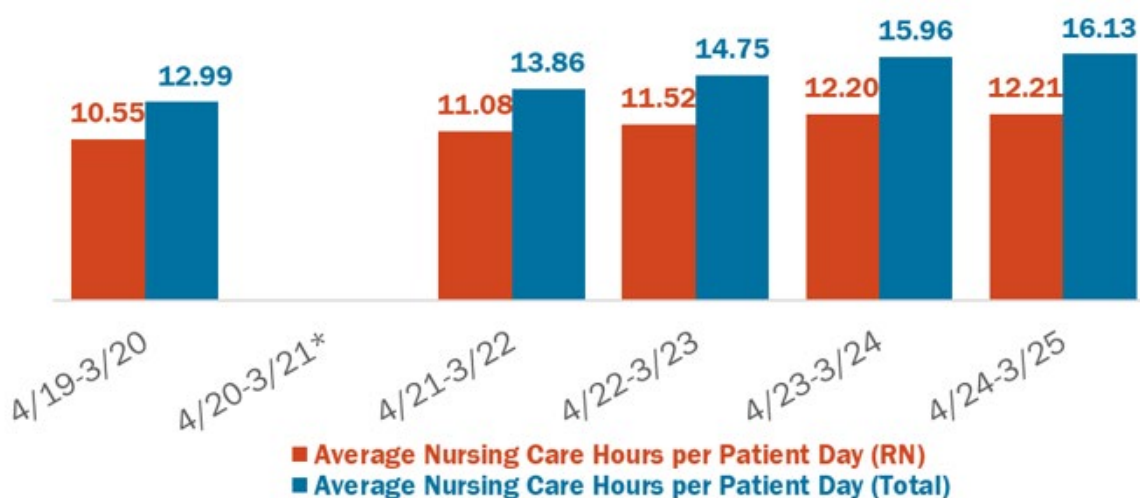
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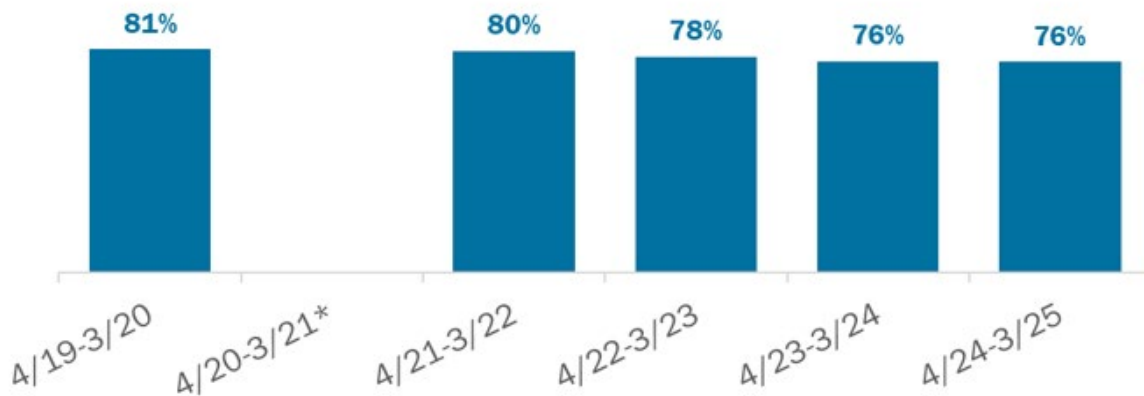
Month	% total hrs by RN
April	75%
May	72%
June	67%
July	73%
Aug	77%
Sept	85%
Oct	78%
Nov	76%
Dec	76%
Jan	77%
Feb	80%
Mar	80%

■ % total hrs by RN

Yearly Average of RN and Total Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day: 2019 – 2025

Period	Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (RN)	Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (Total)
4/19-3/20	10.55	12.99
4/20-3/21*		
4/21-3/22	11.08	13.86
4/22-3/23	11.52	14.75
4/23-3/24	12.20	15.96
4/24-3/25	12.21	16.13

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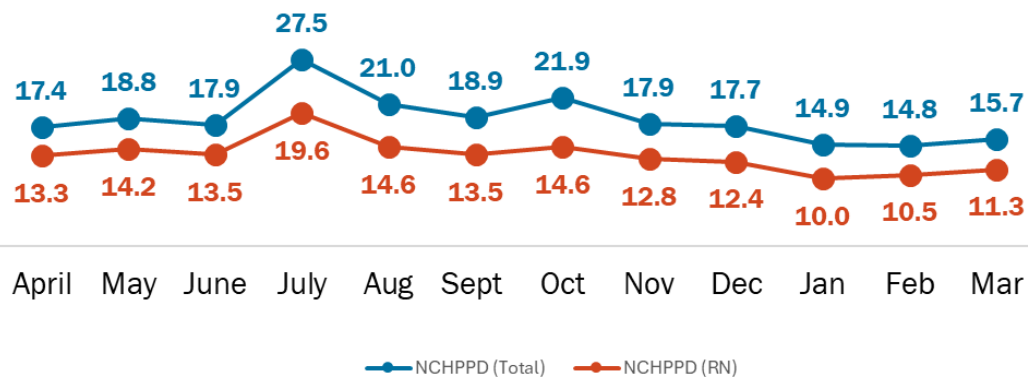
Women's and Children's Services

The Women's and Children's Services Unit has 15 licensed beds and nursery capacity for 12. It is a peri/post-natal unit and a level 1 nursery. The unit occasionally houses overflow medical-surgical patients.
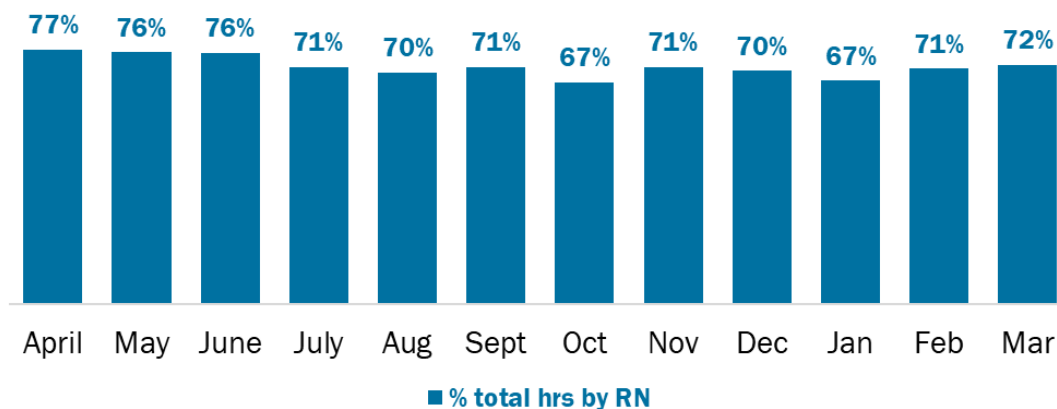
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Legend: ● NCHPPD (Total)   ● NCHPPD (RN)
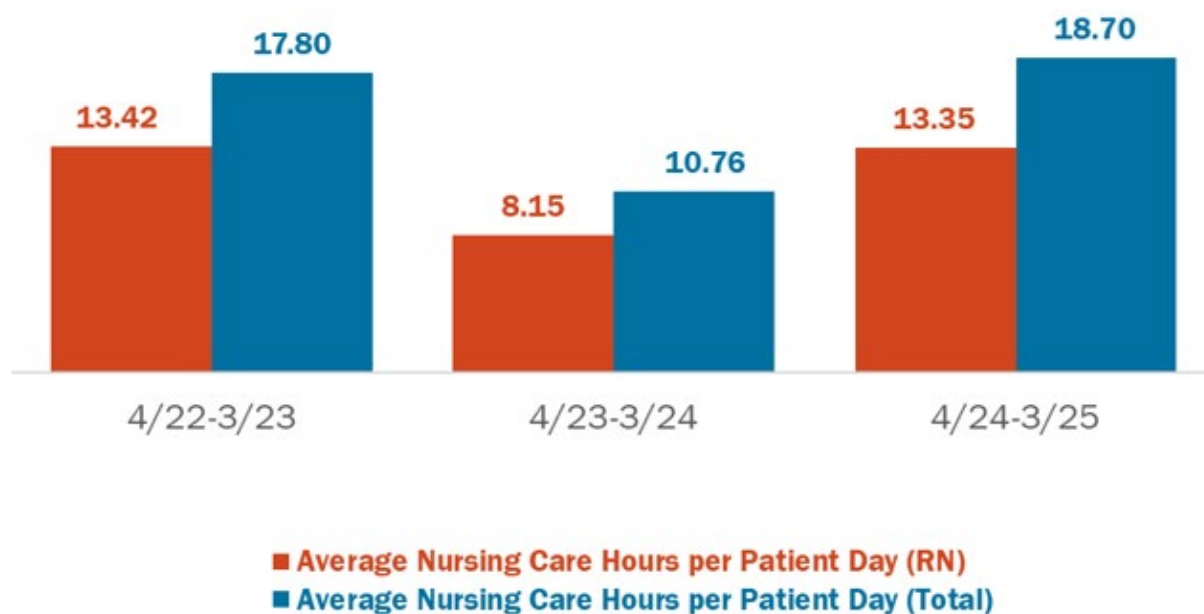
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Percent of Total Nursing Care Hours Provided by RNs: April 2024 – March 2025.

This graph shows the percentage of total nursing hours provided by RNs each month. The yearly average for this period is 71.4%.

April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
77%	76%	76%	71%	70%	71%	67%	71%	70%	67%	71%	72%

■ % total hrs by RN

Yearly Average of RN and Total Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day: 2022 – 2025

	4/22-3/23	4/23-3/24	4/24-3/25
Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (RN)	13.42	8.15	13.35
Average Nursing Care Hours per Patient Day (Total)	17.80	10.76	18.70

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