

# SCHOOL HEALTH PROFILES

The School Health Profiles (Profiles) is a system of surveys developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assess school health policies and programs in states and large urban school districts. The Profiles survey is conducted in Kentucky biennially among middle

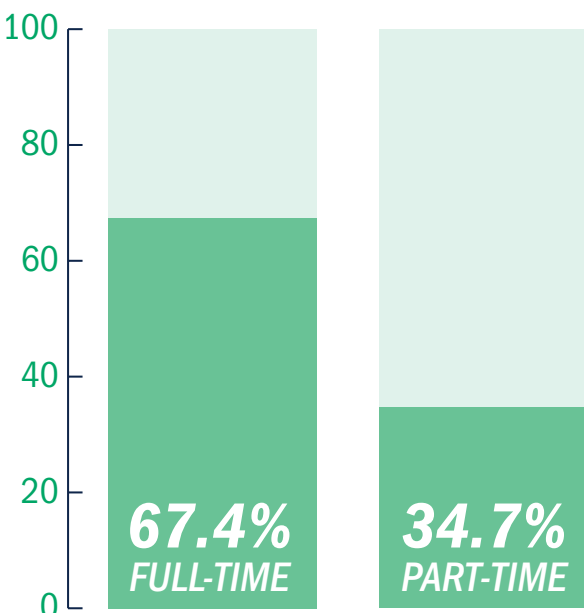
and high school principals and lead health education teachers. To view the 2020 Kentucky School Health Profiles data and multi-year trend report, visit <https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/WSCC/data/Pages/School-Health-Profiles.aspx>.

## HEALTH SERVICES

School health services staff can help all students with preventive care such as flu shots and vision and hearing screening, as well as acute and emergency care. Qualified professionals such as school nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, health educators, physicians, physician assistants and allied health personnel provide these services.

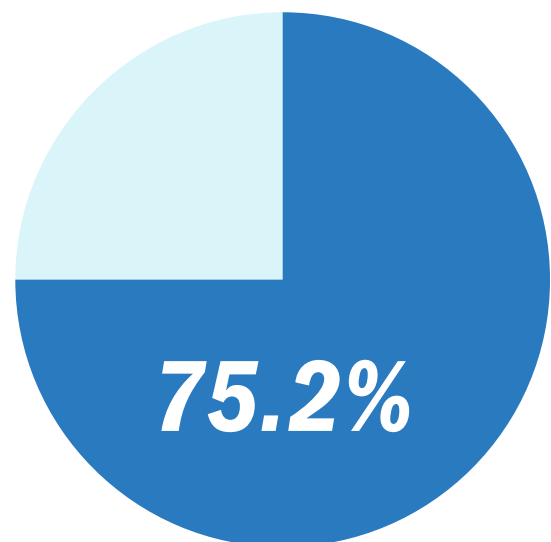
For students with chronic health conditions, school nurses and other health care providers play a large role in the daily management of their conditions. School health services staff also are responsible for coordinating care by communicating with the student's family and health care providers so they can stay healthy and ready to learn.

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/schoolhealthservices.htm>

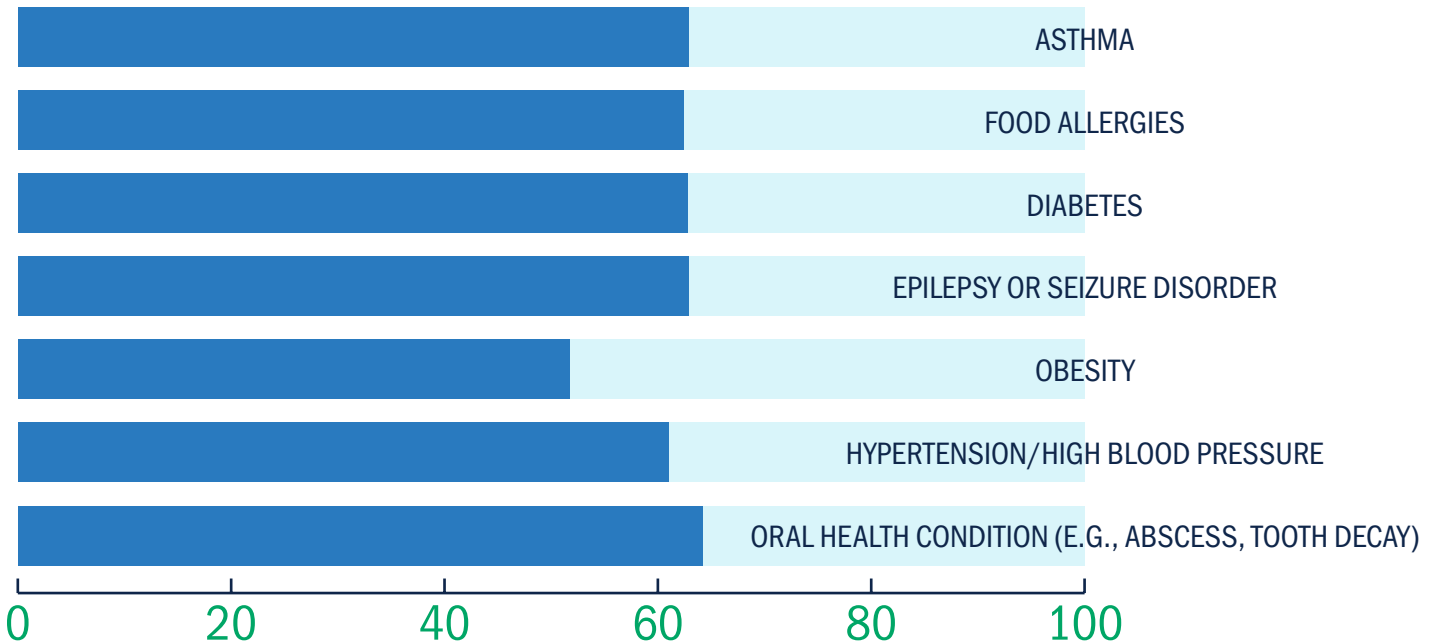


**Schools that have a registered nurse who provides health services to students.**

**Schools that have linked parents and families to health services and programs in the community.**



**Percentage of schools that provide referrals to any organizations or health care professionals not on school property for students diagnosed with or suspected to have the following chronic conditions:**



44%

**44% of schools provided disease-specific education for parents and families of students with chronic health conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes)**

## **BEST PRACTICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEVELS**

- Ensure a school nurse for every 750 students (i.e. board funded, contracted through local health departments or Federally Qualified Health Centers).
- Require a school employee, including out-of-school time staff, who is trained to administer to a student or assist a student with the self-administration of glucagon, insulin or seizure rescue medications.
- Provide a list of community providers to families for referral options.
- Document student health data in Infinite Campus.

