

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

This resource is designed to highlight Kentucky public school health data for the 2023-2024 school year. The data is self-reported yearly by public school districts via the Kentucky Student Information System and Infinite Campus.

2023-2024

IMPORTANCE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE: WHY NUMBERS COUNT

School nurses play a crucial role in maintaining and promoting students' health and well-being, which directly impacts their academic success. They manage chronic conditions, provide immediate care for injuries and acute illnesses—crucial in emergencies—and educate students on various health topics. Additionally, school nurses assess and support students' mental health, improve attendance, and connect families with community resources. In Kentucky, school nurses are a critical link to the physical, emotional, mental and social health of students each day. Overall, they are integral to creating a safe and healthy learning environment, and understanding their numbers helps in planning and enhancing school health services.

HEALTH OFFICE VISIT DISCHARGE

3,001,436*

Total number of student health office visits

*31 Kentucky School Districts did not provide health office visit information for the 2023-2024 school year vs. 37 which did not report in 2022-2023.

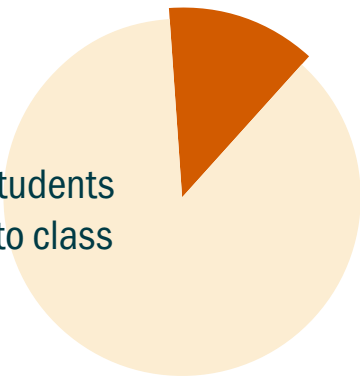
87.34%

Percentage of students who went back to class

89.78%**

National Percentage of students who went back to class

** NASN 2022-2023 is the latest data available currently.



3,564

Total number of students discharged for further medical treatment.

1,201

Total number of students who required activation of 911 for Emergency Medical Services.

1,962,388

Total number of students who went back to class

NURSE COUNT TOTALS

1,409

Nurses employed during 2023-2024

throughout Kentucky's **171** school districts

467:1

Kentucky student-to-nurse ratio during 2023-2024

694:1

National student-to-nurse ratio during 2022-2023*

*2022-2023 most current national data available

STUDENT CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

657,858

Total state student population represented.



CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS
(medically diagnosed by healthcare provider)

118,724

1

ASTHMA: 37,133

2

ADHD: 36,285

3

LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES: 26,424

Chronic Health Conditions Related to Allergies
ANAPHYLAXIS (EPIPEN): 4,076

Other Chronic Health Conditions
SEIZURE DISORDER: 4,165
TYPE 1 AND 2 DIABETES: 1,859

NOTE: The Kentucky School Nurse staffing data collection is an essential tool for informing policy decisions and advocacy efforts aimed at enhancing school health services. It identifies areas where additional funding and support may be necessary, based on the annual number of student health office visits.

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