



STATE OF MARYLAND

December 11, 2019

In Re: Board of Nursing Annual Report  
Health Occupations Article, § 8-205 (a)(8),  
Annotated Code of Maryland

The Board of Nursing submits the following annual report for Fiscal Year 2019, as required by the Health Occupations Article, § 8-205(a)(8), Annotated Code of Maryland. All renewal numbers are from the biennial renewal year.

**FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**Initial and Renewal Licenses and Certificates Issued by the Board**

Initial Licenses

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Registered Nurses.....               | 5,385 |
| Licensed Practical Nurses.....       | 602   |
| Licensed Electrologists.....         | 1     |
| Licensed Direct-entry Midwives ..... | 5     |
| Total .....                          | 5,993 |

Initial Certificates

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Certified Nursing Assistants.....      | 7,235  |
| Certified Medication Technicians ..... | 9,102  |
| Total .....                            | 16,337 |

Renewal Licenses

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Registered Nurses .....              | 39,374 |
| Licensed Practical Nurses.....       | 5,406  |
| Licensed Electrologists.....         | 0      |
| Licensed Direct-entry Midwives ..... | 0      |
| (Licensing started in January, 2017) |        |
| Total.....                           | 44,780 |

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| <u>Renewal Certificates</u>            |        |
| Certified Nursing Assistants .....     | 25,111 |
| Certified Medication Technicians ..... | 13,557 |
| Total.....                             | 38,668 |

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| <u>Criminal History Record Checks</u>      |        |
| Positive Criminal History Record Check.... | 1,574  |
| Negative History Record Checks.....        | 29,830 |
| Total.....                                 | 31,404 |

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| <u>Denial of Licenses and Certificates</u>  |   |
| Positive Criminal History Record Check..... | 5 |
| Denial for other reasons.....               | 4 |
| Total.....                                  | 9 |

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| <u>Complaints</u>           |       |
| Received.....               | 1,092 |
| Total Open Complaints ..... | 6,724 |
| (at end of FY 2019)         |       |

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| <u>Most Common Grounds for Complaints</u> |       |
| Diversion .....                           | 4.5 % |
| Standards of Practice.....                | 18%   |
| Abandonment/Neglect.....                  | 15%   |
| Abuse .....                               | 13%   |

**Number and types of disciplinary action taken by the Board**

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|---|-----|
| Suspensions (not for child support).....            | 104 |
| Suspensions (for non-payment of child Support)..... | 245 |
| Revocation.....                                     | 29  |
| Reprimand.....                                      | 54  |
| Probation.....                                      | 27  |
| Denial of License or Certificate .....              | 9   |
| Surrender of license for violations.....            | 41  |

**End of Report**