



Reported regulations and standards

✓ Yes ✖ Partial ✗ No NR Not reported

Professional regulation

Authority for regulation†	✓
Fitness for practice examination†	✗
Continuing professional development	✖
Advanced nursing roles	✓

Working conditions

Working hours and conditions	✖
Minimum wage	✓
Social protection	✓
Compulsory service	NR
Measure to prevent attacks	✓
Care package for mental well being	NR
Remuneration for rural retention	NR
Promotion of health workers safety	NR
Oversight of private sector	NR
In-service training	NR

Leadership

Chief nursing position†	✓
Leadership development program†	✓

STATE OF THE WORLD'S NURSING 2025

South Africa

Total population*
(2024)

64,007,188

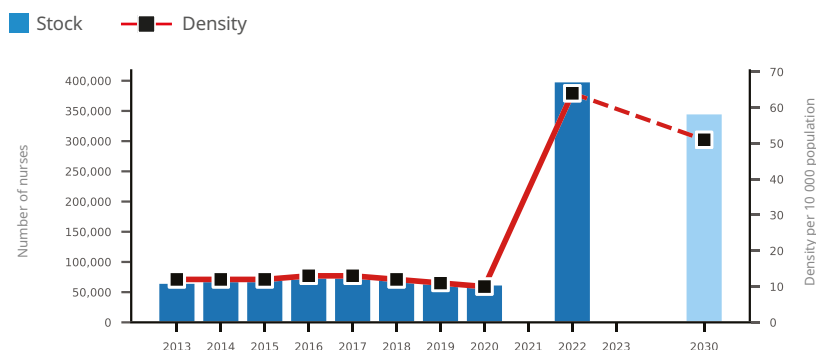
UHC Service Coverage Index**
(0–100 points, 2021)

71

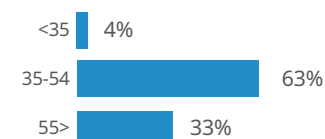
Data completeness



Nursing stock and density 2013–2023



Age distribution



Sex distribution



Facility ownership

Public Private



Nurse mobility

Foreign trained

NR

Foreign born

Entry wages

1,384
US dollars
per month

Nursing stock

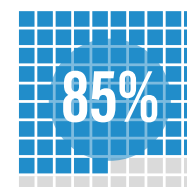
Personnel

397,261

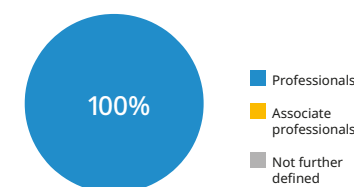
Density

63.7 per 10,000 population

Share of nurses††



Type of nurses



Education

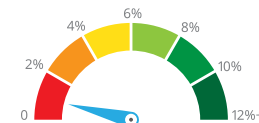
Years of training

4.0

Graduates per year

3,154
(NR female)

Graduates
per 100 active stock



Students enrolled
in nursing education

70,552

Education regulation

✓ Yes ✖ Partial ✗ No NR Not reported

Accreditation mechanism for education institutions	✓
Standards for social accountability	NR
Standards for determinants of health	NR
Standards for interprofessional education	✓
Cooperation between education institutions and regulators	NR
Standards for faculty qualification†	✓