World Health Organization

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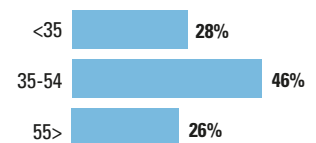
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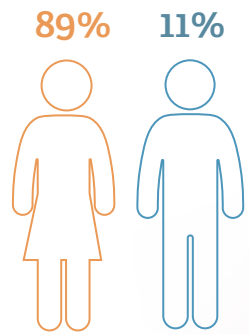|	COUNTRY	WHO REGION
Total population (UN population prospects, 2019)	25203200	1930866657
UHC Service Coverage Index (0-100 points, 2017)	87	–
Life expectancy at birth m/f (years, 2016)	81.0/84.8	75.0/78.9
Probability of dying under five (per 1 000 live births, 2018)	3.7	11.8
Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years m/f (per 1 000 population, 2016)	77/45	104/69
Gross domestic product (GDP) (per capita US$, 2017)	57917	11286
Current health expenditure as a per cent of GDP (2017)	9.2	7.1
Current health expenditure per capita (US$, 2017)	5332	1026

Source: WHO

Country capacity on:

✓ Yes ◆ Partial ✗ No NR No Response

EDUCATION REGULATION

Master list of accredited education institutions	✓
Accreditation mechanisms for education institutions	✓
Standards for duration and content of education	✓
Standards for interprofessional education	✓
Standards for faculty qualifications[†]	✓

PRACTICE REGULATION

Nursing council/authority for regulation of nursing[†]	✓
Fitness for practice examination[†]	✗
Continuing professional development	✓
Existence of advanced nursing roles	✓

WORKING CONDITIONS

Regulation on working hours and conditions	✓
Regulation on minimum wage	✓
Regulation on social protection	✓
Measures to prevent attacks on HWs	NR

**GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

Chief Nursing Officer position[†]	✓
Nursing leadership development program[†]	✓
National association for pre-licensure students[†]	✓

Nursing stock and density 2013-2018

Stock ● Density

Age distribution

<35	28%
35-54	46%
55>	26%
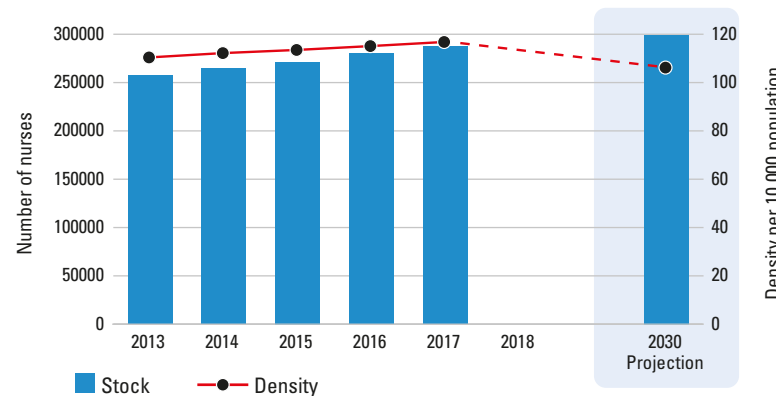
Nurse mobility

Foreign trained	17.96%
Foreign born	36.07%

Sex distribution

89%   11%

Nursing personnel (latest year) 287405

Nursing professionals	Nursing associates	Nurses not further defined
287405	0	0

Share of professional nurses	Density	Graduates per year	Minimum duration of training
100%	116.8 per 10 000 population	13607	3 years

Share of nurses within the health workforce

Nurses	**66.0%**
Doctors	20.8%
Midwives	4.9%
Dentists	3.4%
Pharmacists	5.0%

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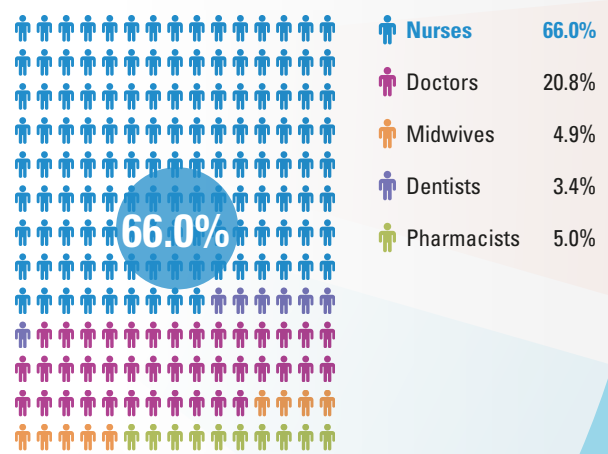
Issues for consideration

Density above threshold, no estimation for shortage.

As compared to a benchmark density. Details in State of the world's nursing 2020 report *and* Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030

Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA), 2020 except †. Latest available data are displayed. Includes multiple data sources such as the OECD/Eurostat/WHO EURO Joint Data Collection, labour force survey, census data and estimates from WHO for shortages. Stock and density projection by 2030 based on a simple stock and flow model. See full report for further details. NR=Not reported. Data as of 10 March 2020.