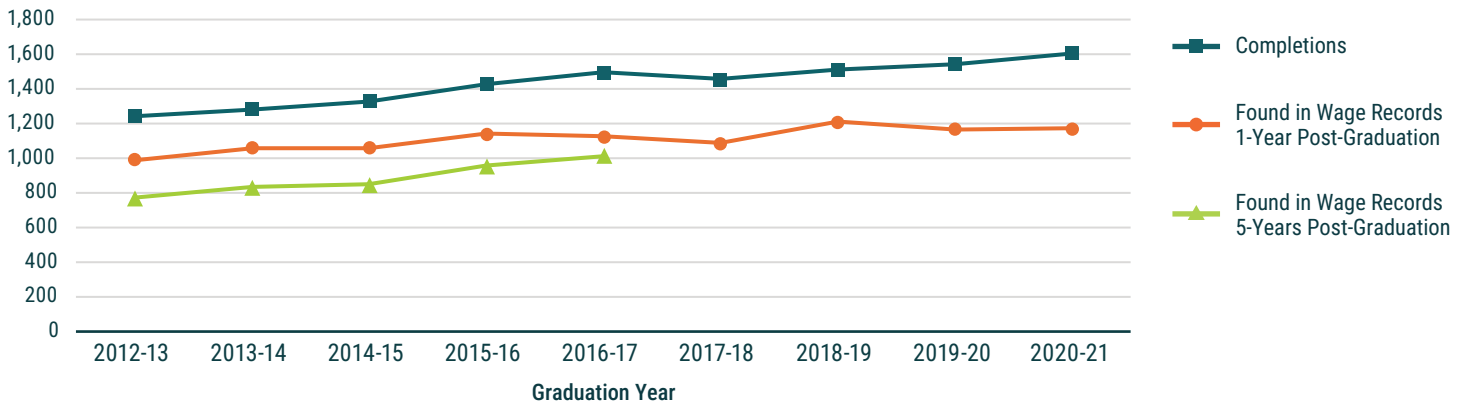


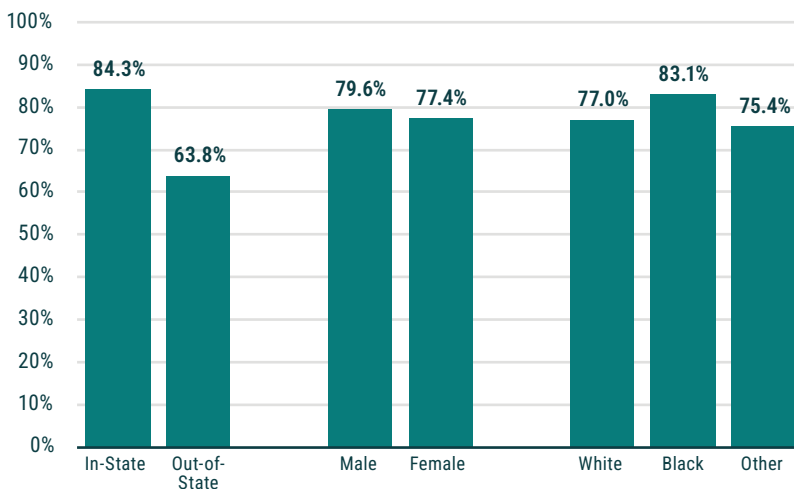
BACHELOR'S OF NURSING GRADUATES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF NURSING GRADUATES



- Over the past 12 months, there were **33,500 documented job openings** in the state for selected nursing occupations (e.g. Registered Nurses, Critical Care Nurses).
- Over the past 10-years, the number of bachelor's degrees related to nursing awarded each year has ranged from 1,244 to 1,605.
- In total, there were **12,901 unique graduates** from bachelor's degree nursing programs between 2012 and 2021.
- NOTE:** There may be a supply of individuals with nursing credentials obtained outside of the South Carolina higher education system as well as individuals with credentials below the bachelor's degree level.

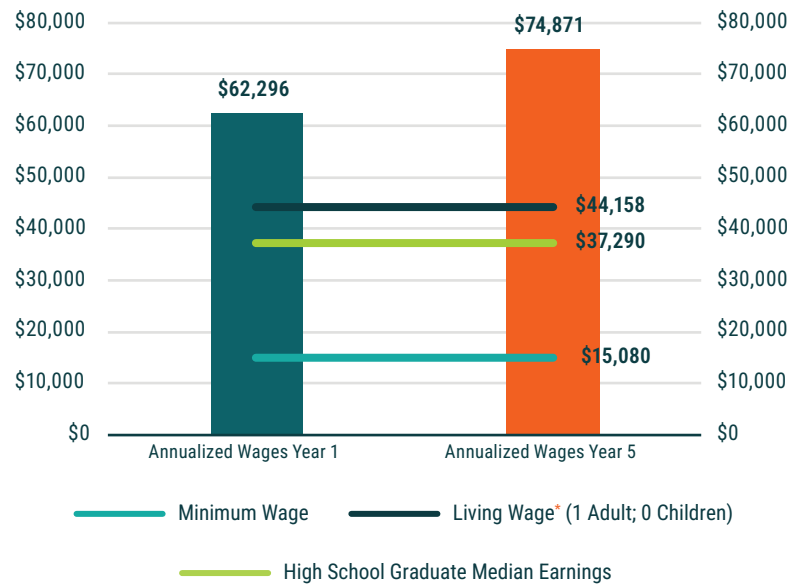
PERCENT OF GRADUATES FOUND IN WAGE RECORDS 1-YEAR POST-GRADUATION BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS



- In-state nursing graduates were about 20.5 percentage points more likely to be found in the wage records one-year post-graduation compared to out-of-state graduates.
- There were similar percentages of nursing graduates found in the wage records one-year post-graduation across racial/ethnic and gender lines.

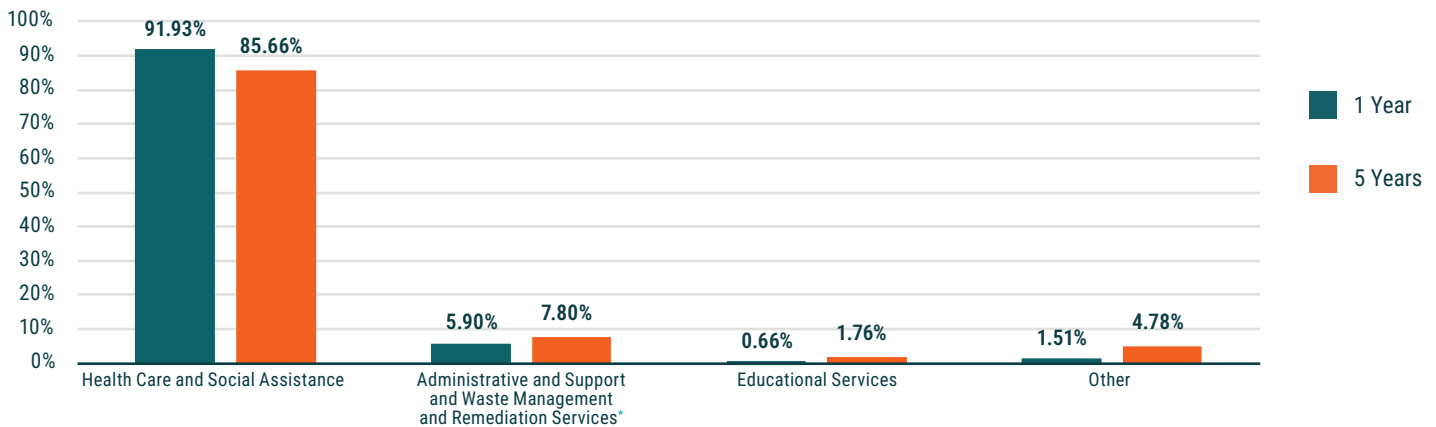
WAGE COMPARISON FOR INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING NURSING BACHELOR'S DEGREES

- The average cost of attending a four-year public college or university in South Carolina would likely be around \$60,000.
- Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for all high school graduates in S.C. is \$37,290.
- Nursing graduates make about \$18,000 above a living wage* one-year post-graduation, and this grows to about \$30,000 five-years post-graduation.
- Wages were annualized based on the number of quarters the individual was found working in the state.



*According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's 2024 Living Wage Calculator

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT ONE AND FIVE YEARS POST-GRADUATION



- Health Care and Social Assistance was the most common industry for nursing graduates both one and five-years post-graduation.
- Current data about South Carolina workers is based on industry of employment. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) began collecting **occupation data on workers in April 2024**. Future analysis may be able to specifically document which graduates obtain jobs as nurses.
- **NOTE:** Only graduates whose industry of employment was known were considered for this figure.

*Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services includes the Temporary Help Services subsector, which could include traveling or temporary nurses.