Belize

Country capacity on:

- **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

- **WORKING CONDITIONS**
  - Regulation on working hours and conditions
  - Regulation on minimum wage
  - Regulation on social protection
  - Measures to prevent attacks on HWs

- **GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**
  - Chief Nursing Officer position
  - Nursing leadership development program
  - National association for pre-licensure students

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Nursing stock and density 2013-2018

- **Number of nurses**
  - 2013: 480
  - 2014: 516
  - 2015: 480
  - 2016: 516
  - 2017: 480
  - 2018: 516
  - 2030 Projection: 960

- **Density per 10,000 population**
  - 2013: 4
  - 2014: 4
  - 2015: 4
  - 2016: 4
  - 2017: 4
  - 2018: 4
  - 2030 Projection: 8

Age distribution

- <35: 32%
- 35-54: 57%
- 55+: 10%

Sex distribution

- Female: 95%
- Male: 5%

Nurse mobility

- Foreign trained: 23.73%
- Foreign born: 24.56%

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Nursing personnel (latest year)

- **Nursing professionals**: 593
- **Nursing associates**: 304
- **Nurses not further defined**: 0

Share of professional nurses: 66%
Density: 23.4 per 10,000 population
Graduates per year: 50
Minimum duration of training: 4 years

Share of nurses within the health workforce

- Nurses: 51.6%
- Doctors: 25.8%
- Midwives: 3.4%
- Dentists: 3.6%
- Pharmacists: 15.6%

Issues for consideration

- An estimated shortage range of 100 to 200 nurses is projected for year 2030*.

*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

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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.

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