

This brochure highlights data submitted to the Utah Department of Health during the 2021-2022 school year by 39 of 41 school districts (95%), and 19 of 114 charter schools (17%).

This information represents 99% of students in school districts, 27% of charter school students, and 90% of all Utah public school students.

Facts:

School nurses view the student as a complete person with physiologic and emotional states that can alter the child's educational readiness. School nurses are trained to calmly handle both medical and emotional crises in students. This frees the teacher to focus on teaching.

School nurses have specialized training and assessment skills necessary to provide competent caring hands and a confident calming voice which brings immediate comfort to a frightened child who is ill or injured.

School nurses allow districts to meet legal requirements by providing medical care to students at school by training, delegating, and utilizing proper documentation procedures. School nurses prevent legal liability for schools by promoting correct care delivery.

School nurse staffing in Utah 2021-2022

- 301 (261 FTE) licensed registered nurses.
- 2 (2 FTE) licensed practical nurses.
- 157 (79 FTE) health assistants.
- 374,351 students enrolled in 1,046 public schools.
- Only 27 of 1,046 (2.5%) of schools meet the national recommendation of 1 registered nurse per school.

"School nurses enhance each child's educational potential by promoting physical and emotional wellness, increasing school attendance, and decreasing non-academic barriers to learning."

Dr. William Cosgrove

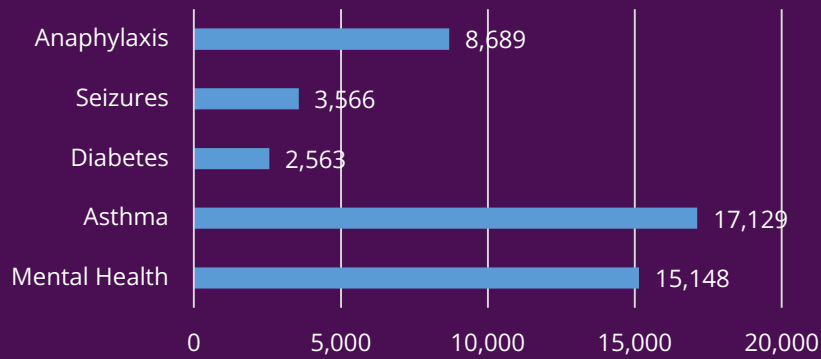


Nursing services in Utah public schools summary report 2021-2022

School nurses in Utah: keeping
students healthy, safe, and
ready to learn



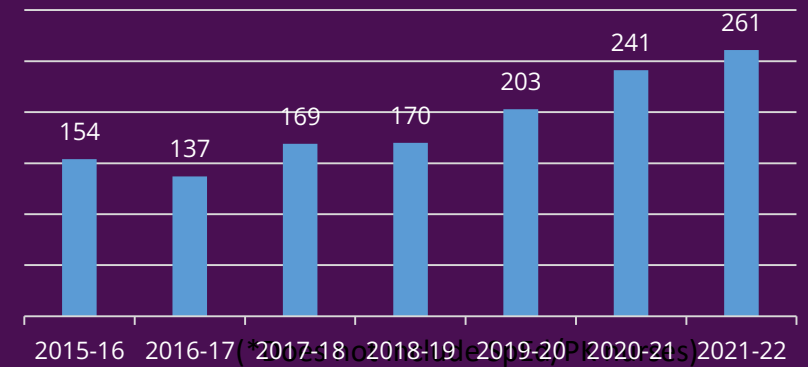
Health condition of students, 2021-2022



Emergency rescue medication administered at school, 2021-2022

- Epinephrine was administered 51 times.
- Seizure rescue medications were administered 17 times.
- Glucagon was administered 4 times.

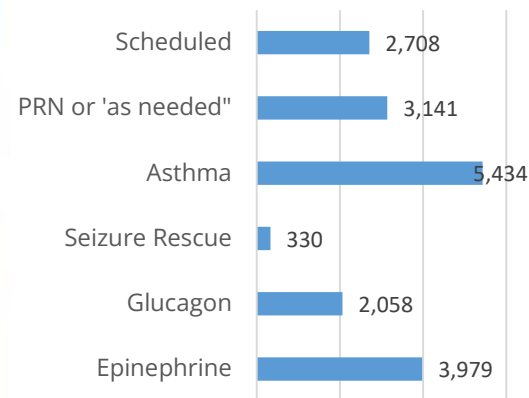
Total Utah school nurse FTE by year



Students with a medical diagnosis, 2021-2022

- 17,129 students had an asthma diagnosis.
- 8,689 students had a life-threatening allergy diagnosis.
- 2,563 students had a diabetes diagnosis (2,484 with type 1 diabetes and 79 with type 2 diabetes).
- 3,566 students had a seizure disorder diagnosis.
- 15,148 students had a mental health diagnosis.

Medication orders, 2021-2022



Student screenings, 2021-2022

- 305,143 students received a vision screening at school.
- 29,172 students were referred to an eye care professional.
- 8,128 students received an oral health screening.
- 770 students received restorative services through a school sponsored oral health program.