

**IOWA CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
WAGE AND BENEFIT SURVEY**

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INTRODUCTION

Background

This study was conducted under the auspices of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. It is cosponsored by:

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Purpose

The purpose of the study is to determine the wage and benefit status of Iowa Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).

METHODOLOGY

Population and sample

- Mail was selected as the methodology for this study.
- The population is CNAs who are listed on the State of Iowa Nurse Aide Registry.
- From the Registry, a random sample of 3,000 names was drawn.

The survey

- The survey was mailed on March 23, 2001.
- The returns were collected until April 25, 2001
- Of the 3,000 surveys mailed, 744 were completed and tallied; 147 came back in the mail marked “undeliverable.”
- The sample size is therefore 26% [744/(3,000-147)].

Data analysis

- Frequencies have been calculated for all the questions on the survey.
- Special cross tabulations have been done for several key factors related to wage and benefit issues.
- Statistically significant relationships among the variables have been identified.
- The maximum standard error range at the 95% confidence level for this sample of 744 respondents is $\pm 3.6\%$.

FINDINGS - DEMOGRAPHICS

How long a CNA?	Number of respondents	(744)
	Less than 1 year	2%
	More than 1 year, but less than 3 years	20%
	3 - 5 years	20%
	6 - 10 years	20%
	11 - 20 years	25%
	More than 20 years	14%
Total hours of CNA training	Number of respondents	(721)
	60 hours	7%
	75 hours	37%
	120 hours	18%
	More than 120 hours	39%
Age	Number of respondents	(726)
	17 to 20 years	12%
	21 to 30 years	25%
	31 to 40 years	20%
	41 to 50 years	21%
	51 to 60 years	16%
	Over 60 years	7%
	Mean age 38.48 years	
Gender	Number of respondents	(738)
	Female	94%
	Male	6%

FINDINGS – JOB CHARACTERISTICS

Tenure on current job	Number of respondents	(743)
	Less than one year	19%
	More than one year, but less than three years	29%
	3 to 5 years	19%
	6 to 10 years	14%
	11 to 20 years	14%
	More than 20 years	6%

Job title	Number of respondents	(744)
	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	68%
	CNA plus CMA (Certified Med Aide)	15%
	Home Health Aide (HHA)	7%
	CNA plus title other than CMA	9%
	Health Care Technician	2%
	Other	5%
	Totals more than 100% due to multiple responses	

Job status	Number of respondents	(723)
	Full time	68%
	Part time	23%
	On call	4%
	Pool	3%
	Other	1%

**Job status:
Statistically significant difference**

The following is a statistically significant difference:

- CNAs who work part time are more likely to be age 60 or over.

FINDINGS – WORK PLACE CHARACTERISTICS

Site of job	Number of respondents	(720)
Nursing home		74%
Home care		7%
Hospital		14%
Assisted living		3%
Adult day center		0%
Other		2%
Job at a union facility?	Number of respondents	(729)
Yes		8%
No		91%
If yes, which union?	Number of respondents	(56)
AFSCME		27%
Service Employees International Union		18%
Teamsters		7%
Other		5%
No answer		43%

Rural/Urban facility	Number of respondents	(621)
Rural		63%
Urban		37%

**Rural/urban facility:
Statistically significant
differences –**

- The following are statistically significant differences related to rural vs. urban facilities.
- CNAs who have been on the job for less than one year are more likely than those with longer tenure to work at facilities in urban counties.
 - CNAs who work in nursing homes rather than hospitals or other places are more likely to work in rural counties.
 - CNAs who work at for-profit rather than not-for-profit nursing homes are more likely to work in rural counties.
 - CNAs who are over sixty are more likely than younger CNAs to work in rural counties.

For-profit/Not-for-profit facility (Nursing homes only)	Number of respondents	(515)
For-profit		44%
Not-for-profit		56%

FINDINGS – WORKING CONDITIONS

Number residents/patients assigned per day

	Number of respondents	(498)
1 to 5 residents/patients		6%
6 to 10 residents/patients		23%
11 to 15 residents/patients		21%
16 to 20 residents/patients		18%
Over 20 residents/patients		33%
Mean 20.7 residents/patients per day		
Median 16 residents/patients per day		

Satisfaction with number hours worked in a typical week

	Number of respondents	(735)
Too many hours		9%
Just about right		84%
Not enough hours		7%

Number of days per week asked to “work over” on main CNA job

	Number of respondents	(508)
0 days		48%
1 day		18%
2 days		17%
3 days		9%
4 days		5%
5 days		2%
More than 5 days		1%
Mean 1.2 days	Median 1 day	

Number of CNA jobs worked		Number of respondents	(717)
	1 job		89%
	2 jobs		9%
	3 or more jobs		3%
	Mean 1.3 CNA jobs	Median 1 CNA job	

Number of days asked to “work over” on additional CNA job		Number of respondents	(60)
	1 day		28%
	2 days		35%
	3 days		18%
	4 or more days		18%

Number of additional non-CNA jobs		Number of respondents	(651)
	0 jobs		77%
	1 job		20%
	2 or more jobs		4%

Number of hours in typical week for the following:		Number of respondents	(563)
Main CNA job	0 to 8 hours		7%
	9 to 16 hours		8%
	17 to 32 hours		24%
	33 to 40 hours		51%
	More than 40 hours		10%

Additional CNA jobs	0 to 8 hours	79%
	9 to 16 hours	12%
	17 to 32 hours	8%
	33 to 40 hours	1%
	More than 40 hours	0%
Non-CNA jobs	0 to 8 hours	65%
	9 to 16 hours	11%
	17 to 32 hours	14%
	33 to 40 hours	7%
	More than 40 hours	3%

FINDINGS – WAGES AND BENEFITS

Regular hourly pay main CNA job	Number of respondents	(700)
Up to \$6.50		1%
\$6.51 to \$7.00		1%
\$7.01 to \$7.50		5%
\$7.51 to \$8.00		12%
\$8.01 to \$8.50		13%
\$8.51 to \$9.00		15%
\$9.01 to \$9.50		16%
\$9.51 to \$10.00		11%
\$10.01 to \$10.50		11%
\$10.51 to \$11.00		7%
\$11.01 to \$11.50		3%
\$11.51 to \$12.00		3%
\$12.01 to \$12.50		1%
\$12.51 to \$13.00		2%
\$13.01 to \$13.50		0%
\$13.51 to \$14.00		<1%
\$14.01 to \$14.50		<1%
\$14.51 to \$15.00		<1%
\$15.01 to \$15.50		<1%
Mean hourly wage \$9.31		
Median hourly wage \$9.16		
Seventy three percent (73%) earn under \$10.00		
Ninety six percent (96%) earn under \$12.00		

**Regular hourly pay
on main CNA job:
Statistically significant differences**

- CNAs who earn \$10.00 per hour are more likely to have been a CNA for a longer time (11 years or more) than other CNAs.
- CNAs who earn \$11.00 or more per hour are more likely than CNAs paid less to have more than 120 hours of training.
- CNAs who are paid \$10.00 or more per hour are more likely to have been on their current job over 10 years.
- CNAs who work in nursing homes are more likely to earn \$8.00 to \$10.00 than are those working in other settings.
- CNAs who work in home care are more likely to earn \$8.00 or less per hour.
- CNAs who work at hospitals are more likely to earn \$10.00 or more per hour.
- CNAs who work full time are more likely to earn \$9.00 to \$11.00 per hour while CNAs who work part time are more likely to earn under \$9.00.
- CNAs who work in urban counties are more likely to earn \$10.00 or more per hour while CNAs who work in rural counties are more likely to earn \$9.00 or less per hour.
- The older a CNA is, the higher the hourly pay rate is. Older CNAs tend to be paid at higher hourly rates than younger CNAs.

**Overtime hourly pay
on main CNA job**

	Number of respondents	(511)
Up to \$10.00		11%
\$10.01 to \$12.00		17%
\$12.01 to \$14.00		33%
\$14.01 to \$16.00		26%
\$16.01 to \$18.00		8%
Over \$18.00		5%
Mean overtime hourly rate	\$13.43	
Median overtime hourly rate	\$13.42	

Benefits offered at main CNA job

	Number of respondents	(744)
Health insurance		77%
Paid sick time		59%
Paid vacation		82%
Pension		32%
Dental insurance		51%
Long term disability insurance		31%
Totals more than 100% due to multiple responses		

Statistically significant differences – Benefits offered on main CNA job

- CNAs who work at not-for-profit nursing homes are more likely to be offered **health insurance, paid sick time, dental insurance, and pension** than are CNAs who work at for-profit nursing homes.
- See the table below for details.

Benefits offered at main CNA job

	Not-for-profit	For-profit
Health insurance	82%	74%
Paid sick time	67%	51%
Pension	37%	17%
Dental insurance	55%	43%
Paid vacation*	86%	87%
Long term disability insurance*	29%	23%

* There is not a statistically significant difference between not-for-profit and for-profit on these benefits.

If health insurance is offered, do you take it?

	Number of respondents
(694)	
Yes	42%
No	58%

If no, why not?

Cost/affordability	41%
Have alternate	37%
Not eligible	13%
Dissatisfied with health insurance	3%
Minor	1%
Medicare	1%

If yes, who pays for it?

CNA pays for all of it.	26%
Employer pays for all of it.	10%
CNA and employer share the cost	64%

If yes, level of satisfaction with coverage.

Very satisfied	15%
Satisfied	49%
Not satisfied	28%
Don't know	8%