

About the Field Strength and Students and Trainees Dashboards

The Field Strength and Students and Trainees Dashboards capture the total number National Health Service Corps (NHSC), Nurse Corps, Substance Use Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Loan Repayment Program (LRP), and Pediatric Specialty (PS) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) participants employed at a program approved site and scholarship program participants enrolled in health professions schools as of September 30 of a specific fiscal year. The data on the dashboard is updated annually.

There are five dashboard tabs: **BHW Annual Field Strength Explorer (State and County)**, **Students and Trainees (State and County)**, and **Glossary**.

BHW Annual Field Strength Explorer

This tab displays the current field strength of NHSC, Nurse Corps, STAR, and PS LRP programs dating back to 2019. It includes program participants for the following programs, who are fulfilling their service commitments at approved health care sites:

- NHSC Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP)
- NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (NHSC RC LRP)
- NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (NHSC SUD LRP)
- NHSC Scholarship Program (NHSC SP)
- NHSC Student to Service Loan Repayment Program (NHSC S2S LRP)
- NHSC State Loan Repayment Program (NHSC SLRP)
- Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program (NCLRP)
- Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program – Nurse Faculty (NCLRP - NF)
- Nurse Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP)
- Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP)
- Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program (PS LRP)

In exchange for loan repayment or scholarship support, all NHSC, Nurse Corps, STAR and PS participants are required to serve at approved sites in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). All STAR LRP providers serve in a mental health HPSA or an area with an overdose mortality rate higher than the national average for the year of their application. Certain NHSC LRP and NC LRP participants also provide care to maternity care populations at approved sites in a Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area (MCTA). Participant data is available at the state and county level.

Students and Trainees Dashboard

This tab displays participants in programs who are enrolled in health professions schools in preparation for future service. It includes these programs:

- Nurse Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP)
- NHSC Scholarship Program (NHSC SP)
- NHSC Student to Service Loan Repayment Program (NHSC S2S LRP)

NHSC and Nurse Corps Scholarship Programs award full scholarships to students pursuing medical, dental, and nursing degrees, in exchange for service in approved sites after completing training. The Students to Service Loan Repayment Program provides loan repayment assistance to students pursuing medical, dental, nursing and physician assistant degrees in their last year of school. In return, recipients commit to primary care as a practice focus and to working for three years in rural and urban areas of greatest need. Participant data is available at the state and county level.

Glossary

This tab provides definitions of programs and location terms used in the analysis of field strength.

Field Strength Inclusion Criteria

Field Strength refers to participants who are serving their NHSC, Nurse Corps, STAR LRP, and PS LRP service obligations and are employed at a program-approved site.

Participants included on the Students and Trainees Dashboard are not counted in the Field Strength until after they officially enter service.

For additional information on the BHW Programs, refer to:

- **National Health Service Corps (NHSC):** <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>
- **Nurse Corps Loan Repayment:** <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment#nclrp>
- **Nurse Corps Scholarship:** <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-scholarship#nurse-corps-sp>
- **Substance Use Treatment and Recovery (STAR):** <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/star-lrp>
- **Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment (PS LRP):** <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/pediatric-specialty-lrp>

On these dashboards, you can:

- View the breakdown of program participants across HPSA disciplines, clinical disciplines, and geographies.
- Analyze results for specific subsets of the data by filtering on various program, location, HPSA, MCTA, site type and other attributes.
- Analyze field strength results on a map of the United States.
- View the pipeline for Nurse Corps and NHSC Scholarship Programs to gain insight into disciplines and school locations of future field strength

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