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About the Field Strength Dashboards

The Field Strength Dashboards are interactive Tableau Dashboards which capture the total number National Health Service Corps (NHSC) participants employed at a program approved site as of 9/30 of a specific fiscal year. There are two dashboard tabs that comprise the Field Strength Dashboards: **BHW Annual Field Strength Explorer** and the **Field Strength Glossary**.

The **BHW Annual Field Strength Explorer** displays the field strength of NHSC programs as of 09/30/2019. The following programs are included:

- 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)

In exchange for loan repayment or scholarship support, all NHSC participants are awarded to serve at approved sites in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). There is also a geospatial component to the participant data, allowing for the analysis of field strength at the state level. The **Field Strength Glossary** provides definitions of programs, and location terms used in the analysis of field strength.

Inclusion Criteria

Field Strength refers to participants who are serving their NHSC contract and are employed at a program approved site, including participants on an approved suspension from service expected to return to their current site, and defaulted participants serving on a forbearance agreement. Unemployed participants, including participants with a future start date at a new site, and suspended participants expected to return to service unemployed or at a new site are excluded from the Field Strength.

For additional information on the NHSC Programs, please refer to the following page:

- National Health Service Corps (NHSC) - <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loans-scholarships/nhsc>

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, and site attributes
- Analyze field strength results on a map of the United States

Dashboard Data Source file and metadata: [XLSX](#)