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**PQ 32759/25 (Health) - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of public health nurses, by funded WTE and filled WTE; the number of public health nurses per community health network; the number of public health nurses per 10,000 of population; and the number of public health nurses per integrated healthcare area, from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Marie Sherlock**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) reports on direct employment in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies. Staff are reported on the basis of staff category and staff group. Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest published information is routinely published [here](#).

The table below provides information on the numbers of Public Health Nurse Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) employed per region and Integrated Health Authority (IHA) for the dates specified.

Public Health Nurse WTE by Region & IHA 2020 - 2025	WTE DEC 2020	WTE DEC 2021	WTE DEC 2022	WTE DEC 2023	WTE DEC 2024	WTE MAY 2025
<b>Overall Regions</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,492</b>
Dublin South City and West	84	78	59	61	57	48
Dublin South West	43	41	49	36	34	40
Kildare West Wicklow	50	56	56	61	59	60
Midlands	108	102	112	111	115	111
<b>HSE Dublin &amp; Midlands</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>259</b>
Cavan Monaghan	48	46	49	52	50	49
Louth Meath	93	102	108	104	100	101
Dublin North City and West	110	112	106	103	108	109
Dublin North County	72	69	65	68	67	64
Regional Support Functions		1	1			
<b>HSE Dublin &amp; North East</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>324</b>
Carlow Kilkenny and Tipperary South	88	87	86	85	91	93
Waterford Wexford	88	81	79	75	75	76
Dublin South and Wicklow	112	110	99	98	98	94
Regional Support Functions						
<b>HSE Dublin &amp; South East</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>263</b>
Limerick City and Tipperary North	38	40	40	43	42	43
Clare and Limerick County	89	89	86	83	89	90
<b>HSE Midwest</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>133</b>
Cork North and East	97	91	81	81	81	77
Kerry	51	49	47	46	53	54
Cork South and West	80	77	88	81	82	80
Regional Support Functions	0	0				
<b>HSE South West</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>211</b>

Donegal	67	63	61	63	67	66
Sligo Leitrim	37	41	43	47	49	43
Mayo	57	51	58	60	60	60
Galway Roscommon	143	137	129	130	132	132
<b>HSE West &amp; North West</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>301</b>
IHAs - Centre	3	2	2	3	2	2
IHAs - People	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HSE Centre</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

The following link from the Central Statistics provides information in relation to the population in each of the health regions in the [HSE Health Regions 2022 - Central Statistics Office](#)

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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