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Deputy Sherlock,
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PQ 26089/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses per community health network, and per 10,000 of population, across each community health network from 2018 to 2020, in tabular form.

- Marie Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 26089/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Public Health Nurses are healthcare professionals who provide a range of nursing services in the community. The service aims to be one of quality and responsive to patient's needs, placing community-based services as the central focus of patients.

The data requested is not collated nationally by community health networks, however, I have attached the Public Health Nurse wte employment report from January 2018, 2019 and 2020 which is broken down by Health Region for your information.

The latest population data available by Health Region is from 2022 census and outlined in the table below.

Health Region	2022 Population
HSE Dublin & North East (A)	1,187,082
HSE Dublin & Midlands(B)	1,077,639
HSE Dublin & South East (C)	971,093
HSE South West (D)	740,614
HSE Midwest (E)	413,059
HSE North & North West (F)	759,652

Appendix 1 – Public Health Nurse WTE Employment Report 2018 to 2020

I trust this is of assistance.

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General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

Health Region (KD)	IHA (KD)	WTE JAN 2018	Employee count JAN 2018	WTE JAN 2019	Employee count JAN 2019	WTE JAN 2020	Employee count JAN 2020
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth Meath	91	115	91	113	94	122
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	45	49	49	56	48	56
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North County	69	82	68	80	65	79
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North City and West	104	122	107	124	107	129
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City and West	83	99	90	106	80	98
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West	46	54	45	52	40	50
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow	56	66	56	67	55	68
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Midlands	105	118	108	120	109	120
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny and Tipperary South	85	104	83	100	83	99
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford Wexford	78	93	85	101	90	107
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South and Wicklow	120	133	121	137	112	132
HSE South West	Cork North and East	93	110	92	113	88	110
HSE South West	Kerry	2	2	2	2	1	1
HSE South West	Cork South and West	76	93	78	99	78	97
HSE Midwest	Clare and Limerick County	86	104	85	104	88	112
HSE Midwest	Limerick City and Tipperary North	37	43	39	46	41	48
HSE West & North West	Donegal	66	76	68	77	68	77
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim	39	44	39	46	40	46
HSE West & North West	Mayo	49	55	53	59	55	59
HSE West & North West	Galway Roscommon	129	149	130	154	139	165