

# NURSE PRACTITIONERS

NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who have completed an advanced, accredited graduate-level education program in a specialty category of nursing and have passed a national certifying exam for that specialty. NPs evaluate, diagnose, treat and manage patients with acute and chronic illnesses while bringing a comprehensive perspective to health care.



**NP: Your Partner in Health**



**With a track record of quality health care delivery for more than 50 years...**

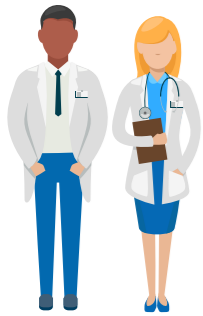


**and a growing need for health care providers especially in primary and psychiatric care...**



**NPs are a clear solution for patient-centered, accessible health care.**

## NP SCOPE OF PRACTICE



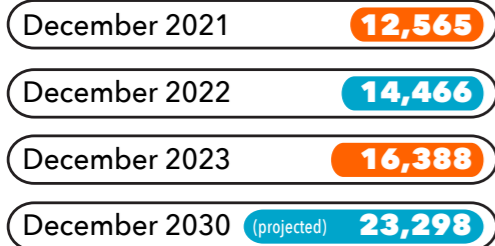
### U.S.

Full practice authority in 27 states  
Transition to practice (2-3 years) in 17 states

### VIRGINIA

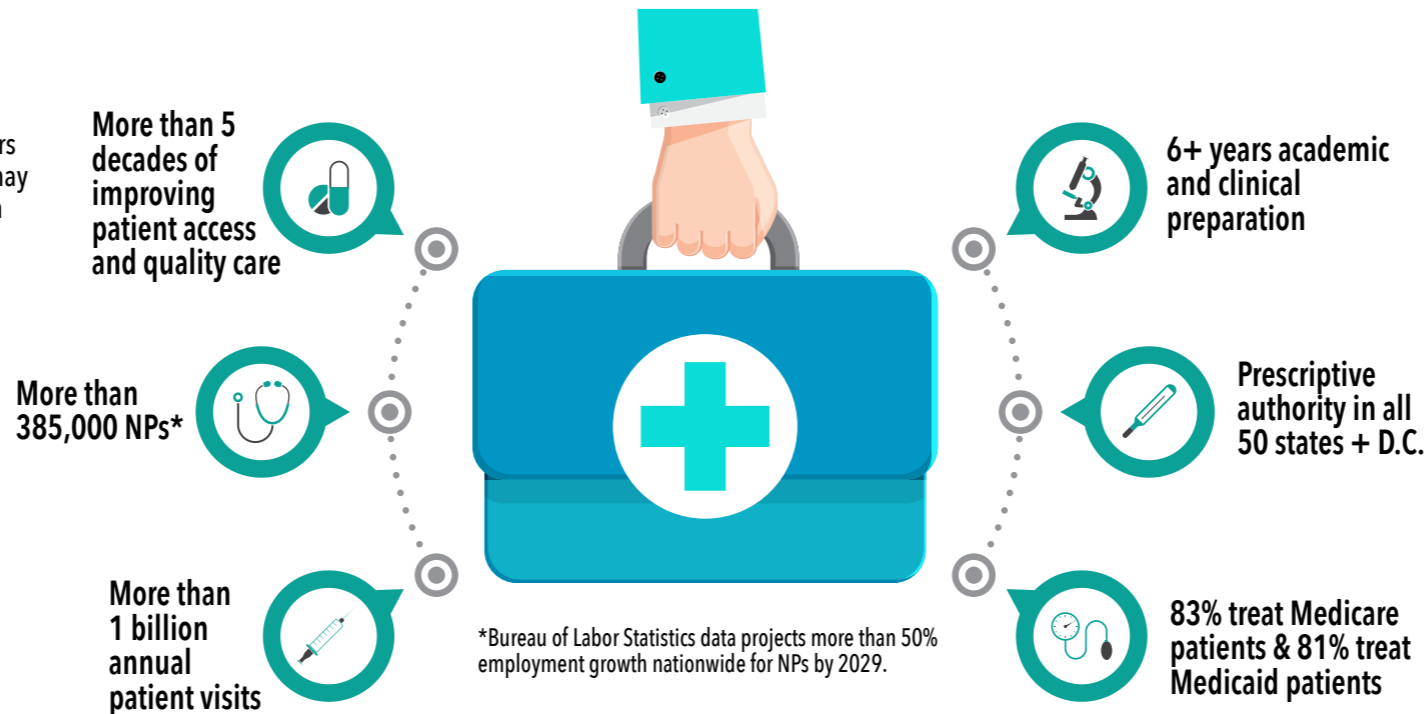
The ONLY state that requires 5 years transition to practice. Physicians may not have practice agreements with more than six NPs (10 psych NPs).

## VIRGINIA NP GROWTH

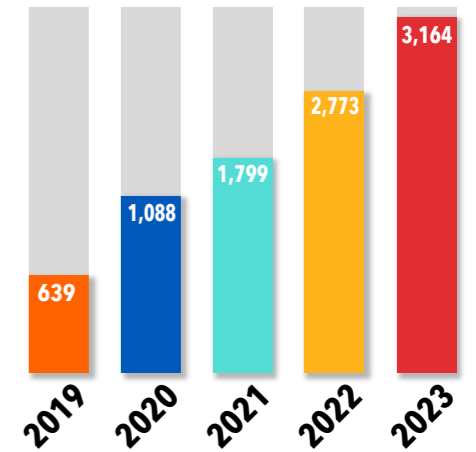


Prior to 2021, NP numbers included licensed NPs, CNMs and CRNAs. There is no data specifically for licensed NPs.

## NPs AT A GLANCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY



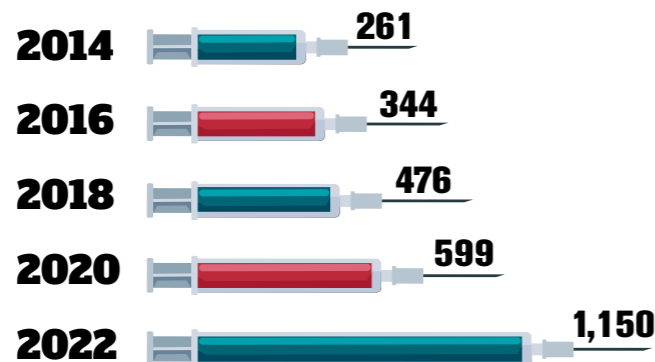
## VIRGINIA NPs WITH AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE LICENSURE\*



\* For NPs with multiple certifications (i.e. primary care & psych/mental health), current law requires them to have a mandated practice agreement with a physician for 5 years for each area in which they are certified before being eligible for autonomous practice licensure.

\*\* The transition to practice requirement was reduced to 2 years on July 1, 2021. It reverted to 5 years on July 1, 2022.

## VIRGINIA PSYCH/MENTAL HEALTH NP (PMHNP) GROWTH



## PRIMARY CARE ACCESS

More than 88% of NPs are prepared in primary care (family, adult & geriatric, women's health, pediatrics). Nearly 87% of NPs provide direct patient care.

Nearly 100 million Americans currently lack adequate access to primary care. By 2030, the Association of American Medical Colleges estimates there will be a shortage of 17,000-48,000 primary care physicians.



## SOURCES

American Association of Nurse Practitioners • Virginia Board of Nursing • Virginia Department of Health Professions

