

Safe Staffing Ratio Reference Guide

Proposed Legislated RN to Patient Ratios in New York Hospitals

RN to Patients	Type of Care
1:1	Trauma emergency Operating room Labor – 2 nd and 3 rd stage
1:2	Labor – 1 st stage All critical care (including emergency) All intensive care Post anesthesia care
1:3	Antepartum Emergency department Pediatrics Step-down and telemetry Newborn nursery Intermediate care nursery Post-partum mother/baby couplets (1:6 patients)
1:4	Non-critical antepartum Post-partum mother-only Medical-surgical Acute care psychiatric
1:5	Rehabilitation units Sub-acute patients
1:6	Well-baby nursery units

As proposed by A2954/S1032 in the SFY2019 legislative session.

Proposed Ratios in Nursing Homes

Registered Nurses	0.75 Hours per Patient Day
Licensed Practical Nurse	1.3 Hours per Patient Day
Certified Nursing Assistants	2.8 Hours per Patient Day

Table 1: California RN to Patient Staffing Ratios

Type of Care	RN to Patients
Intensive/Critical Care	1:2
Neo-natal Intensive Care	1:2
Operating Room	1:1
Post-anesthesia Recovery	1:2
Labor and Delivery	1:2
Antepartum	1:4
Postpartum couplets	1:4
Postpartum women only	1:6
Pediatrics	1:4
Emergency Room	1:4
ICU Patients in the ER	1:2
Trauma Patients in the ER	1:1
Step Down, Initial	1:4
Step Down, 2008	1:3
Telemetry, Initial	1:5
Telemetry, 2008	1:4
Medical/Surgical, Initial	1:6
Medical/Surgical, 2008	1:5
Other Specialty Care, Initial	1:5
Other Specialty Care, 2008	1:4
Psychiatric	1:6