

Table 1. Annual Nursing and Midwifery Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Census (Note: the annual census figures include approx. 800 nursing students as WTE per annum)		
December of Year:	Total WTE	Change
2007	39,006	N/A
2008	38,108	-898
2009	37,466	-1,540
2010	36,503	-2,503
2011	35,902	-3,104
2012	34,637	-4,369
2013	33,768	-5,238
2014	34,505	-4,502
2015	35,353	-3,653
2016	35,835	-3,171
2017	36,777	-2229

Table 2. The International Council of Nursing (ICN) has collected data on the purchasing Power Parity of nurses working in the public-sector hospitals in 8 countries including Ireland. These figures show that Irish nurses and midwives are better off financially if they move overseas			
Canada	54,536	Denmark	37,537
USA	46,834	Sweden	34,025
Australia	42,446	New Zealand	33,502
Japan	40,951	Ireland	32,718

Table 3. Comparisons between nurses/midwives pay and other public servants in Ireland.							
Grade	After 1 Year	After 5 Years	After 10 Years	After 15 Years	% Increase After 5 Years	% Increase After 10 Years	% Increase After 15 Years
Teacher*	€ 37,430	€ 42,261	€ 49,999	€ 58,081	12.91%	33.58%	55.17%
Resp. Technician	€ 37,052	€ 42,936	€ 49,355	€ 52,843	15.88%	33.20%	42.62%
O/T and other AHPs***	€ 37,410	€ 42,539	€ 48,114	€ 51,543	13.71%	28.61%	37.78%
Radiographer	€ 35,869	€ 40,850	€ 46,284	€ 49,544	13.89%	29.04%	38.12%
Garda**	€ 31,382	€ 41,495	€ 47,793	€ 49,512	32.23%	52.29%	57.77%
Staff Nurse	€ 30,802	€ 36,023	€ 42,644	€ 45,248	16.95%	38.45%	46.90%

* Using scale of those appointed after 1/1/2011

** Using scale post Oct 2013 scale with LRA

*** Allied Health Professionals