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## Registered Nurse Vacancy Update

Since 2024-25, more than 1,200 registered nurses (RNs) have been hired to work in NL Health Services hospitals and facilities. Recruitment efforts are focused on addressing staffing needs across all zones, including filling vacancies and supporting the nursing workforce over the long term.

### RN Vacancy Rates at NL Health Services

| Date | Number of Vacancies | Vacancy Rate |
|---|---|---|
| February 1, 2026 | 269 | 4.6% |
| April 1, 2026 | 281 | 4.8% |
| July 1, 2026 | 316 | 5.2% |
| October 1, 2026 | 276 | 4.6% |