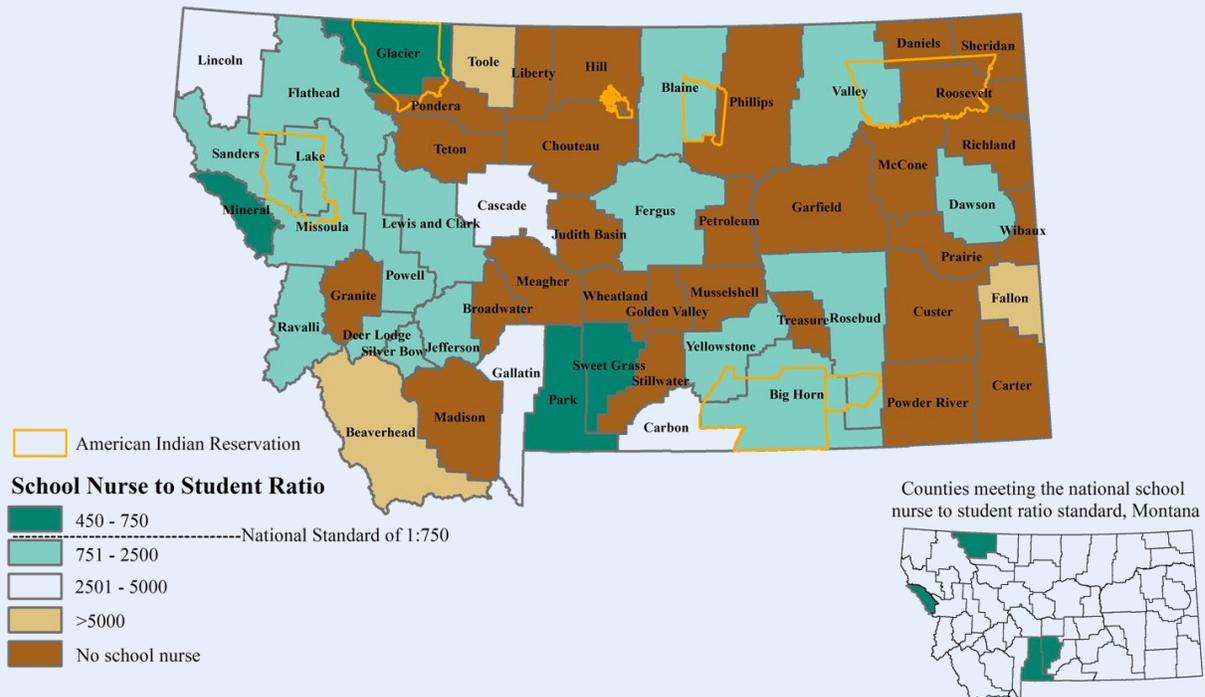


RN School Nurse to Student Ratio by County, MT School Nurse Survey, 2015



The Montana Association of School Nurses surveyed all school nurses in the state in 2009, 2012 and 2015 to monitor the availability of school nursing services and the work-load of school nurses throughout the state.

The ratio of RN school nurses to students in Montana in 2015 was 1 to 1728 while the national standard is 1 nurse to 750 students. This is an improvement from 2009 when the ratio in Montana was 1 nurse to 2300 students.

Four counties meet the national standard with a ratio below 1 to 750.

However, **28 counties had no RN school nurse in 2015**, an increase from 19 in 2009.

26% of students in Montana have no RN school nurse in their school district.

An RN School Nurse is a Registered Nurse whose specialized practice involves application of the nursing process to children and families in the school setting and who is employed at least 0.027 FTE or an RN Public Health Nurse who is employed by a local health department and provides for at least one hour per week in the school setting.

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