



**Nebraska Department of Health  
and Human Services**

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**Division of Public Health**

# Licensure Unit

## Annual Report

**FY 2009 July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

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# Licensure Unit Overview

## Mission:

***Protection of the public’s health, safety and wellbeing through regulation of individuals, facilities and programs.***

## Responsibilities:

1. Licensure, Certification and Registration of persons who provide Health and Health-related Services.
2. Licensure and Certification (to participate in Medicare/Medicaid) of Health Facilities and Services
3. Licensure of Agencies, Facilities and Programs that provide care to children
4. Administer Certificate of Need Act
5. Administer Credential Review Act and State Board of Health

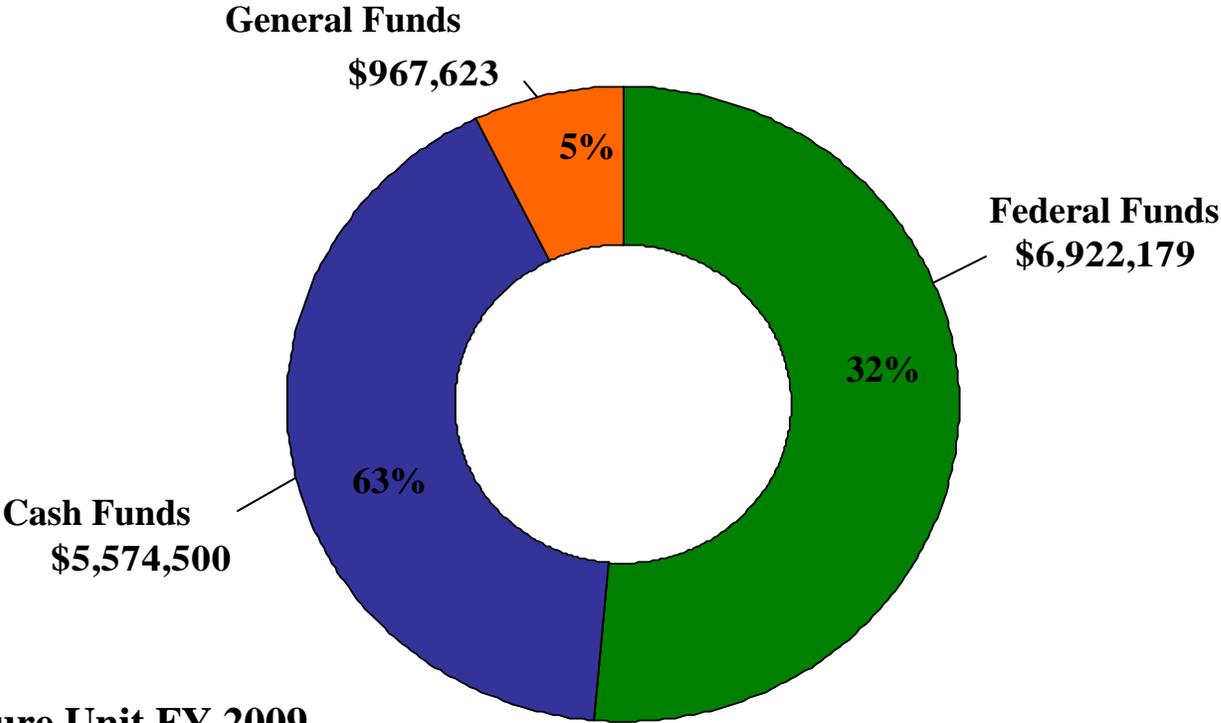
## Organizational Structure:

### Unit Administrator

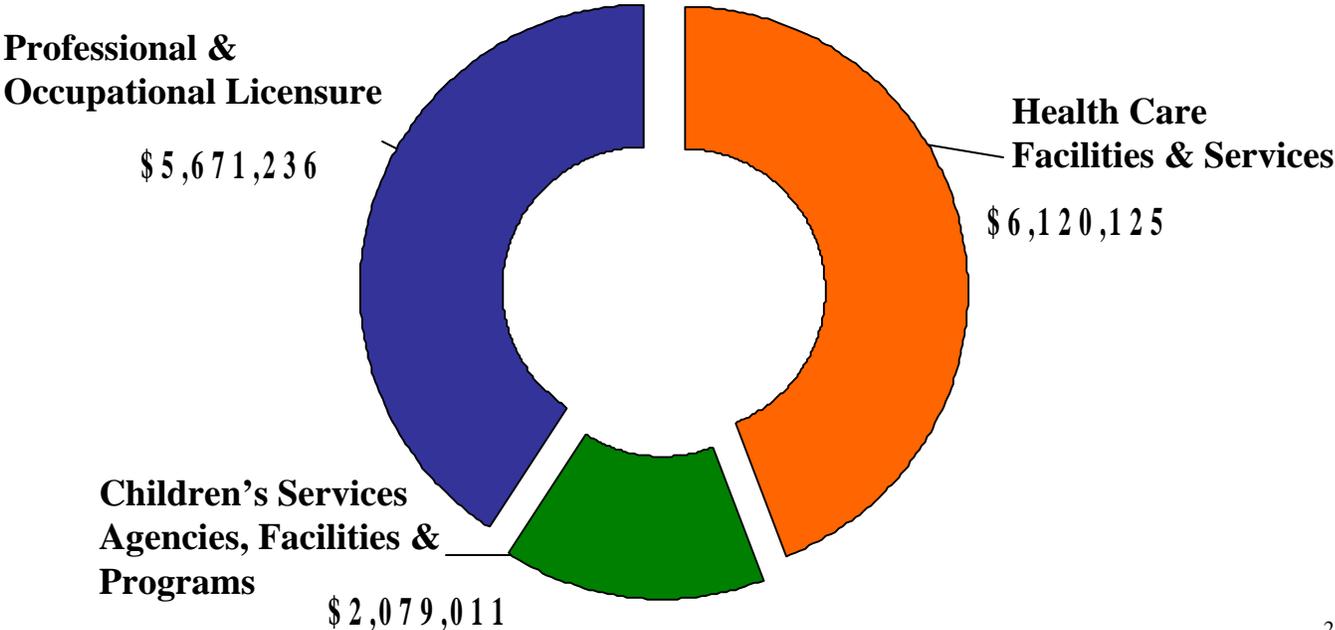
Professions & Occupations Credentialing <small>(listed below in alphabetical order)</small>	Healthcare Facilities & Services Licensing <small>(listed below in alphabetical order)</small>	Administrative Services	Children’s Services Agencies, Facilities & Programs	Research, Policy & Quality Improvement
Behavioral Health & Consumer Service	Acute Care	Accounting	Child Care Programs	Board of Health
Medical & Specialized Health	Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities	Budget	Child Caring Agencies	Credentials Review
Nursing & Nursing Support	Long Term Care	Certificate of Need	Child Placing Agencies	Quality Improvement
Rehabilitation & Community Services	Outpatient & In-Home Care Services	Information Systems	Group Homes	Research

# Financial Overview

**Licensure Unit Revenue Sources**  
**FY 2009 Total Revenue = \$13,464,000**



**Licensure Unit FY 2009**  
**Total Budget = \$13,870,372**



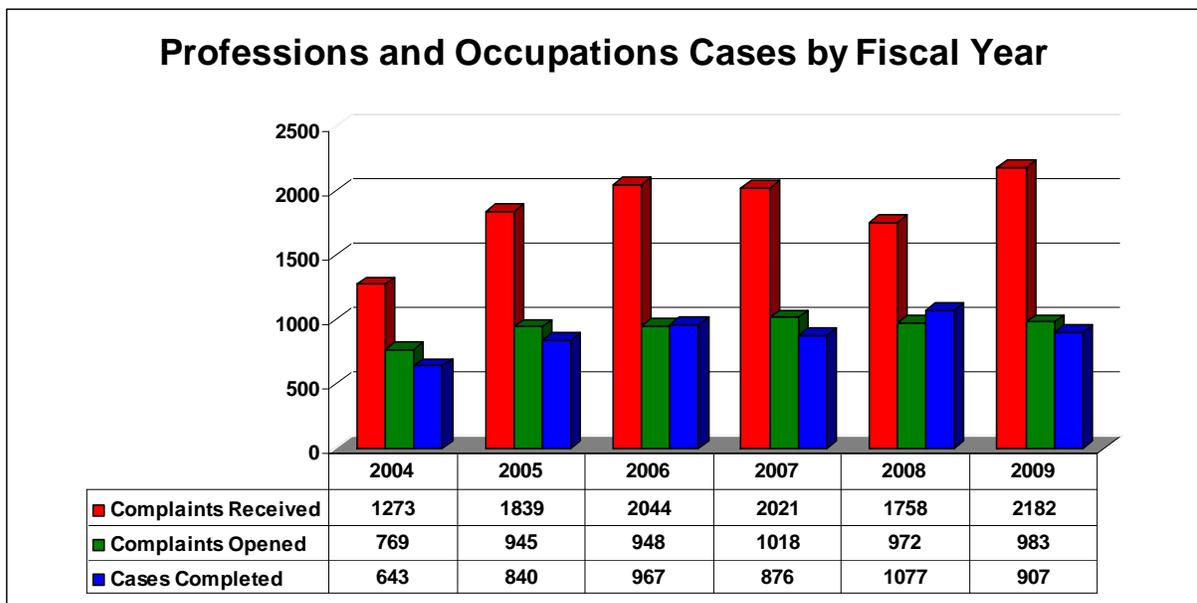
# Professions & Occupations Overview

## A. Active Credentials

Alcohol & Drug Counselor – 794	Asbestos - 646
Assisted Living Facility Administrator - 596	Athletic Training – 273
Audiology/Speech Language Pathology – 972	Body Art – 284
Chiropractic - 533	Cosmetology – 11,338
Dentistry – 4,019	Emergency Medical Care – 8,537
Environmental Health Specialist - 76	Funeral Directing & Embalming – 443
Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser & Fitter - 101	Lead – 214
Massage Therapy – 1,313	Medical Nutrition Therapy - 536
Medicine – 9,857	Mental Health Practice – 6,927
Nail Technology – 1,383	Nursing – 33,791
Nursing Home Administration - 641	Nursing Support – 49,653
Occupational Therapy – 1,863	Optometry – 770
Pharmacy – 7,054	Physical Therapy – 2,090
Podiatry - 91	Psychology – 612
Radiography – 2,740	Radon – 136
Respiratory Care – 1,290	Swimming Pool Operator – 604
Veterinary Medicine – 1,563	Water Operator – 5,696
Well Driller - 944	Total =158,380

B. Licenses Renewed = 61,465 with 30, 098 renewed online.

C. Complaint and Investigative Information

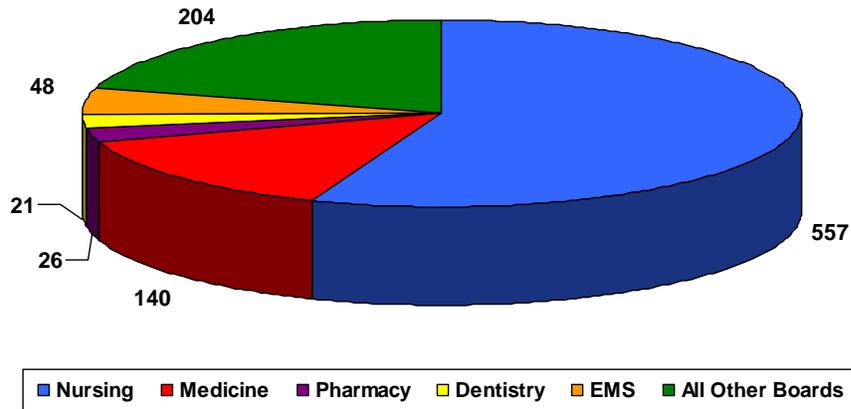


## Investigations Completed FY 09

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - 2	Board of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors - 14
Board of Cosmetology Examiners - 92	Board of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology - 5
Board of Certified RN Anesthetist - 4	Board of Chiropractic - 13
Board of Dentistry - 29	Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming - 1
Board of Emergency Medical Services - 50	Board of Medicine and Surgery - 91
Board of Massage Therapy - 13	Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration - 4
Board of Mental Health Practice - 45	Board of Optometry - 1
Board of Nursing - 445	Board of Pharmacy - 44
Board of Occupational Therapy Practice - 3	Board of Physician Assistants - 11
Board of Physical Therapy - 3	Board of Podiatry - 3
Board of Psychologist - 1	Board of Respiratory Care Practice - 7
Board of Hearing Aid - 4	Board of Radiography - 1
Board of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery - 21	<b>Total = 907</b>

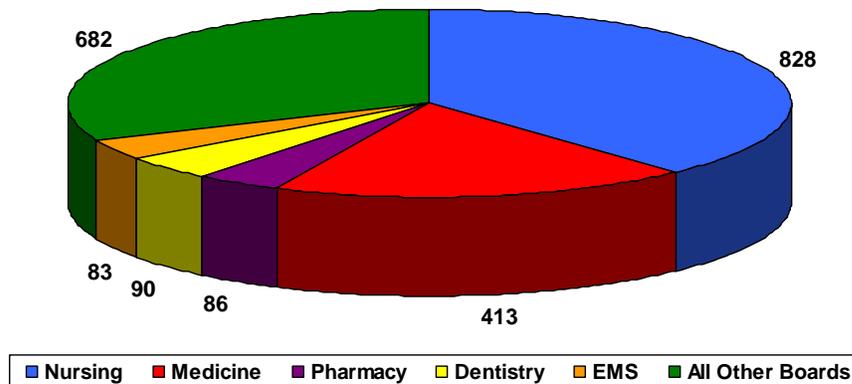
### Mandatory Reports Received = 996

Arranged by Licensure Board



### Complaints Received = 2,182

Arranged by Licensure Board



D. Disciplinary Actions - arranged by Licensure Board  
 TOTAL = 658

	Dentistry	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards
Probation	2	63	10	15	5	142
Suspension	1	50	3	4	-	5
Voluntary Surrender	1	16	2	6	-	15
Revocation	1	32	-	4	-	15
Censure	3	64	2	5	6	49
Civil Penalty	2	25	1	2	5	55
Limitation	-	9	6	-	-	2
Stayed Action	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entries to Nurse Aide registry	-	-	-	-	-	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>313</b>

E. Non- Disciplinary Actions – Assurance of Compliance  
 TOTAL = 157

	Dentistry	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards
Assurance of Compliance	2	71	27	2	5	50

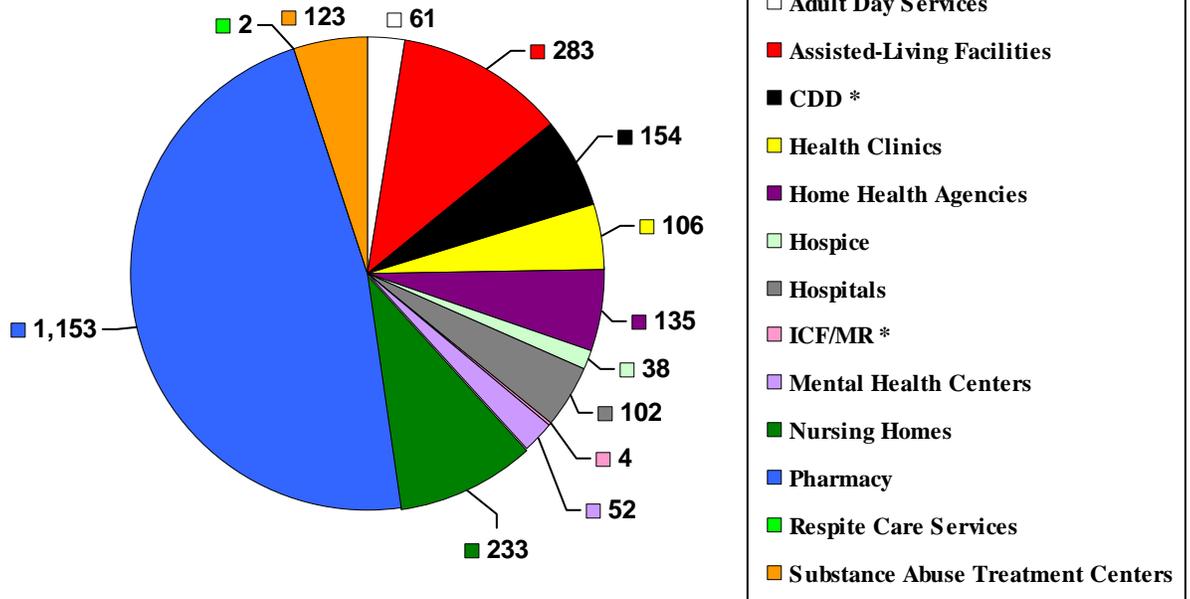
Reference: The following Boards are included in the “All Other Boards” Category  
 Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors, Board of Podiatry, Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration, Board of Athletic Training, Board of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, Board of Physical Therapy, Board of Optometry Board of Cosmetology Examiners, Board of Chiropractic, Board of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, Physician Assistant Committee, Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Council, Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee, Board of Massage Therapy, Board of Emergency Medical Services, Board of Registration of Environmental Health Specialist, Board of Psychologist, Nursing Home Advisory Council, Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers & Fitters, Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of Respiratory Care Practice, Nebraska Center for Nursing Board, Board of Mental Health Practice, Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

# Healthcare Facilities & Services Overview

## A. Active Licenses

### Health Care Facilities and Services

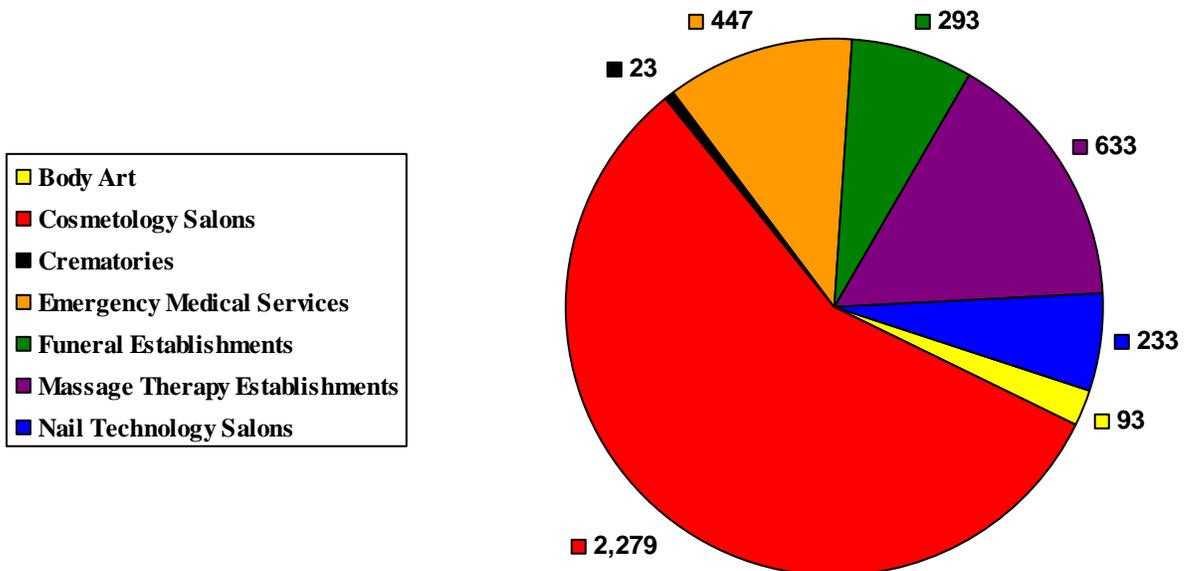
Currently Licensed = 2,030



\* Centers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities  
 \* Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded

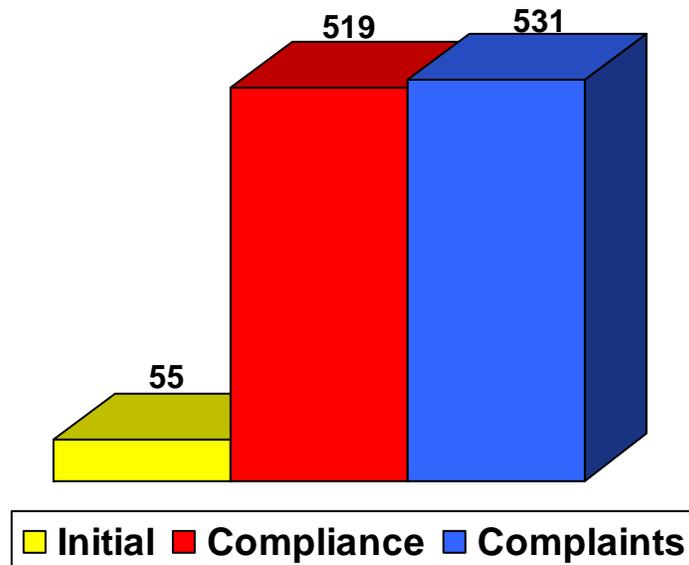
### Community Service Facilities

Currently Licensed = 3,829



## B. Inspections

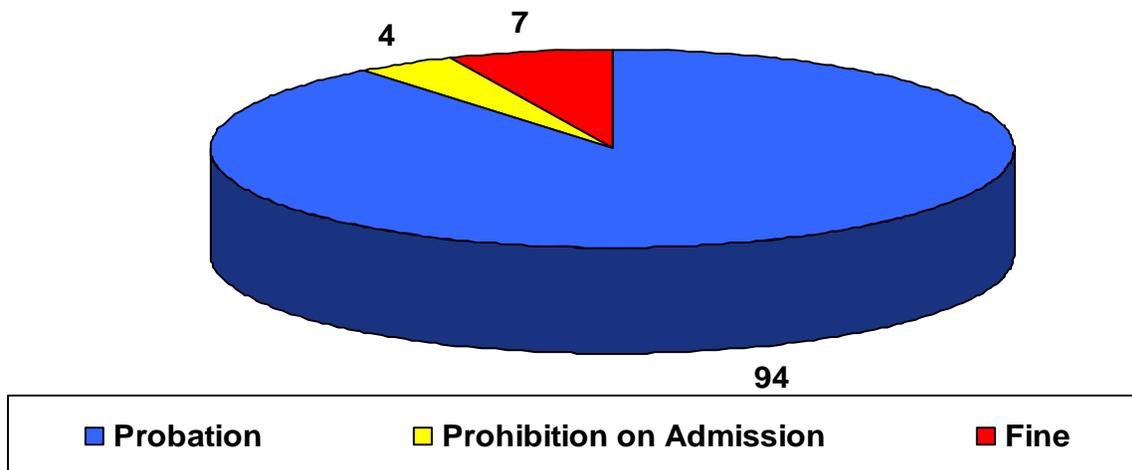
Inspections for Health Care Facilities and Services occur prior to issuing licenses and thereafter compliance inspections occur by randomly selecting up to 25% of such facilities and services in each licensure category on an annual basis. Complaints against health care facilities and services are also investigated.



Source: Office of Support Services  
June 30, 2009

## C. Disciplinary Actions

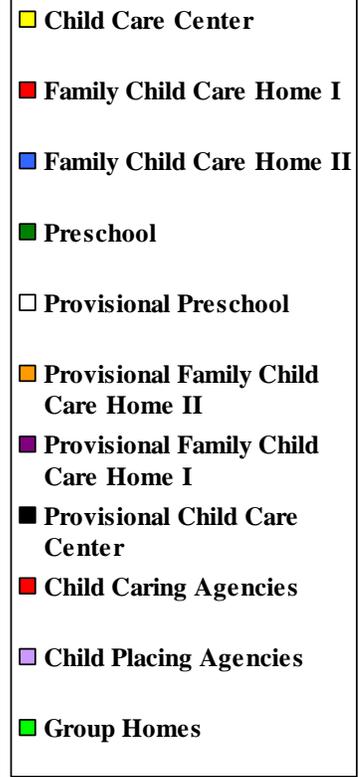
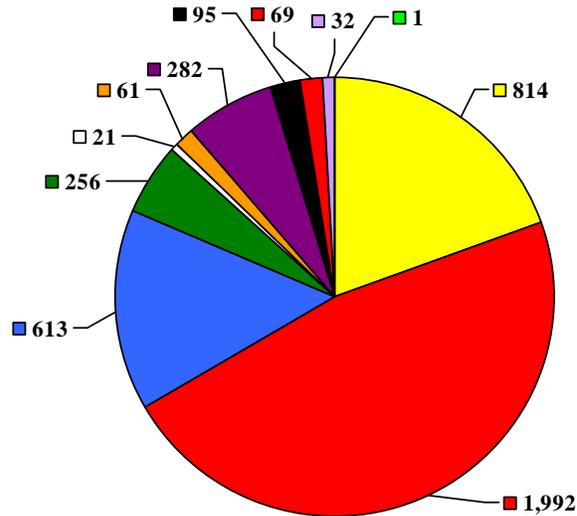
TOTAL = 105



Source: Offices Support Services  
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# Children's Services Agencies, Facilities & Programs

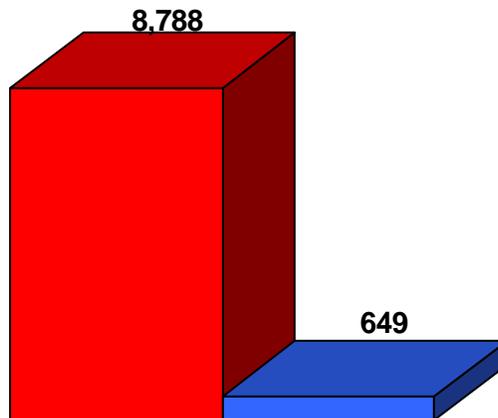
## A. Active Licenses



- Provisional Licenses are issued for the first year of operation to all Child Care providers.
- Operating Licenses are issued after completion of the provisional Licensure year. Operational Licenses are non-expiring.

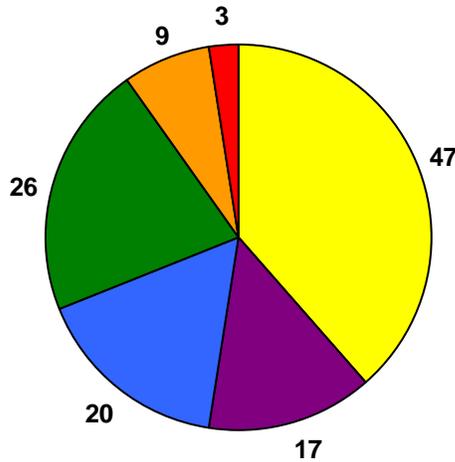
## B. Inspections

Inspections for Child Care Programs occur within 60 days of issuing a license and compliance inspections occur at least once a year for programs with less than thirty children and at least twice a year for programs with thirty or more children. Additionally complaints against Child Care providers are investigated.



### C. Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 122



### D. Non-Disciplinary Actions

Corrective Action Status can be imposed upon a program when there are violations that are correctable within a relatively short time period and do not pose a serious threat of harm to children

