

Division of Public Health

Licensure Unit

Annual Report

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Licensure Unit Overview

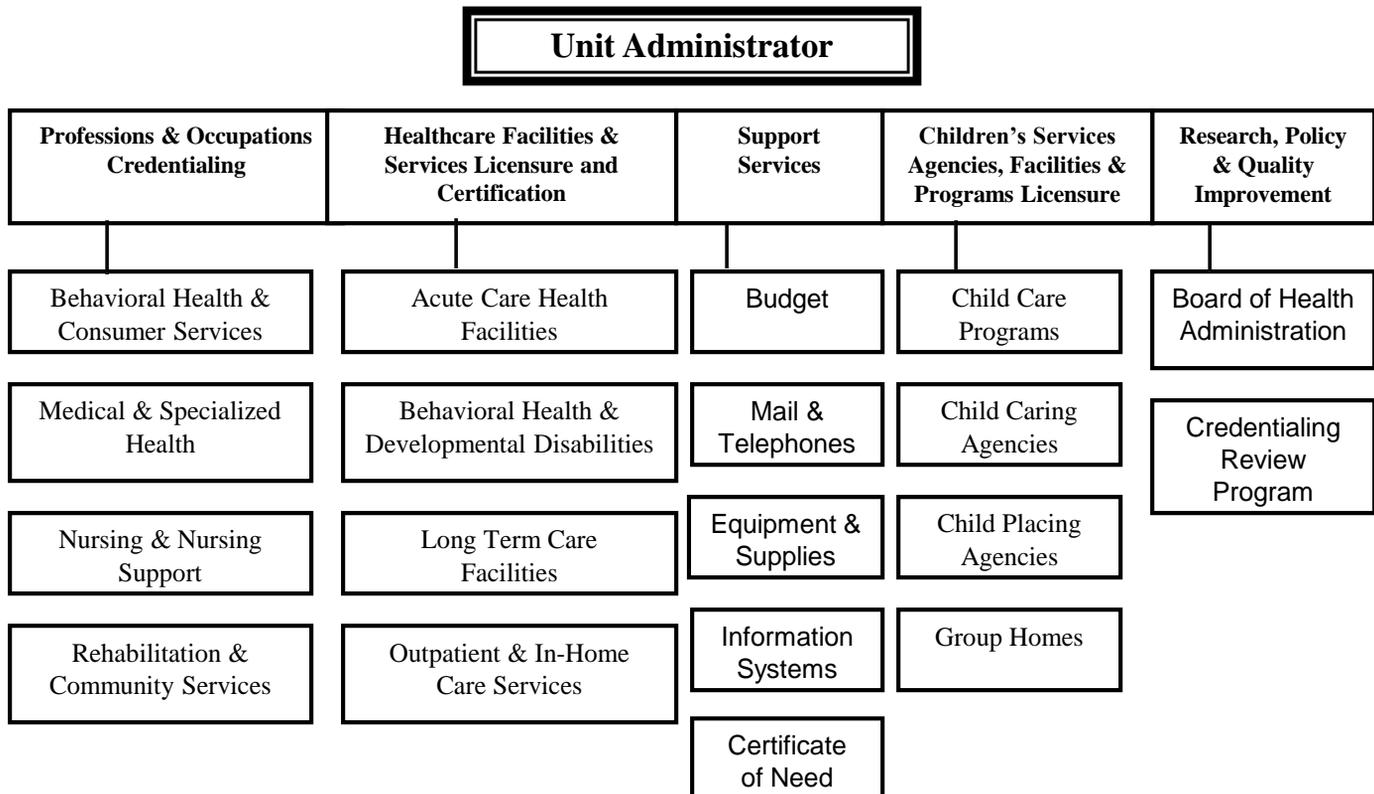
Mission:

Protection of the public's health, safety and well-being through regulation of individuals, facilities and programs.

Responsibilities:

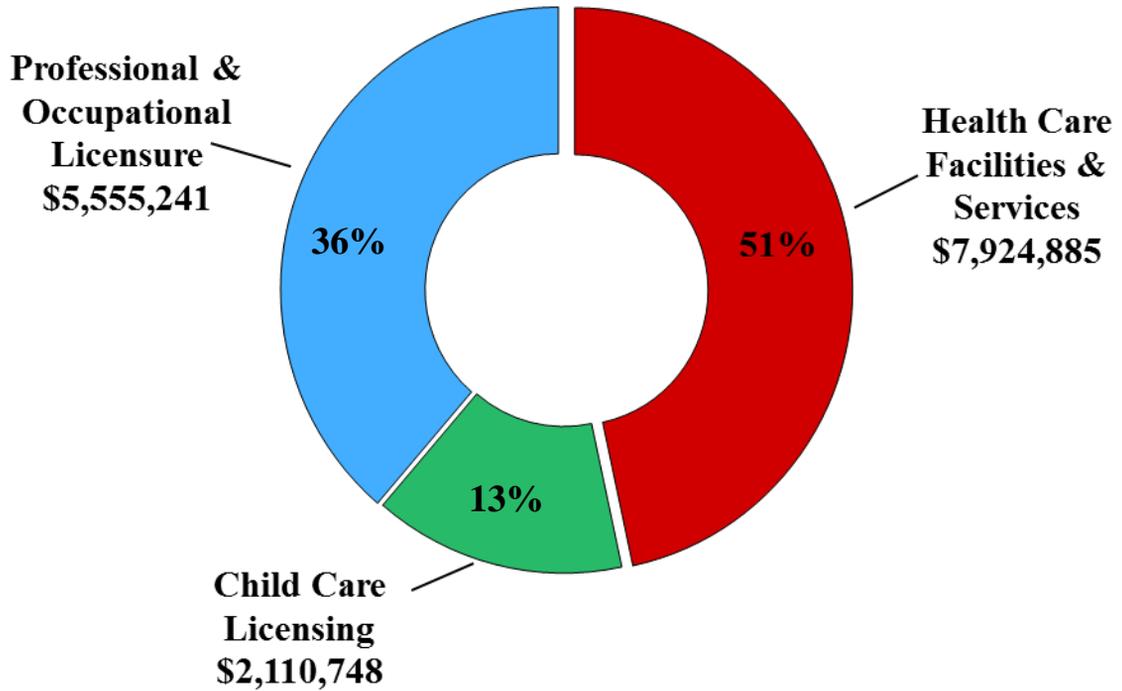
1. Licensure, Certification and Registration of Persons who Provide Health and Health-Related Services.
2. Licensure and Certification (to participate in Medicare/Medicaid) of Healthcare Facilities and Services
3. Licensure of Children's Services Agencies, Facilities and Programs
4. Administration of the State Board of Health and the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act
5. Administration of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act

Organizational Structure:

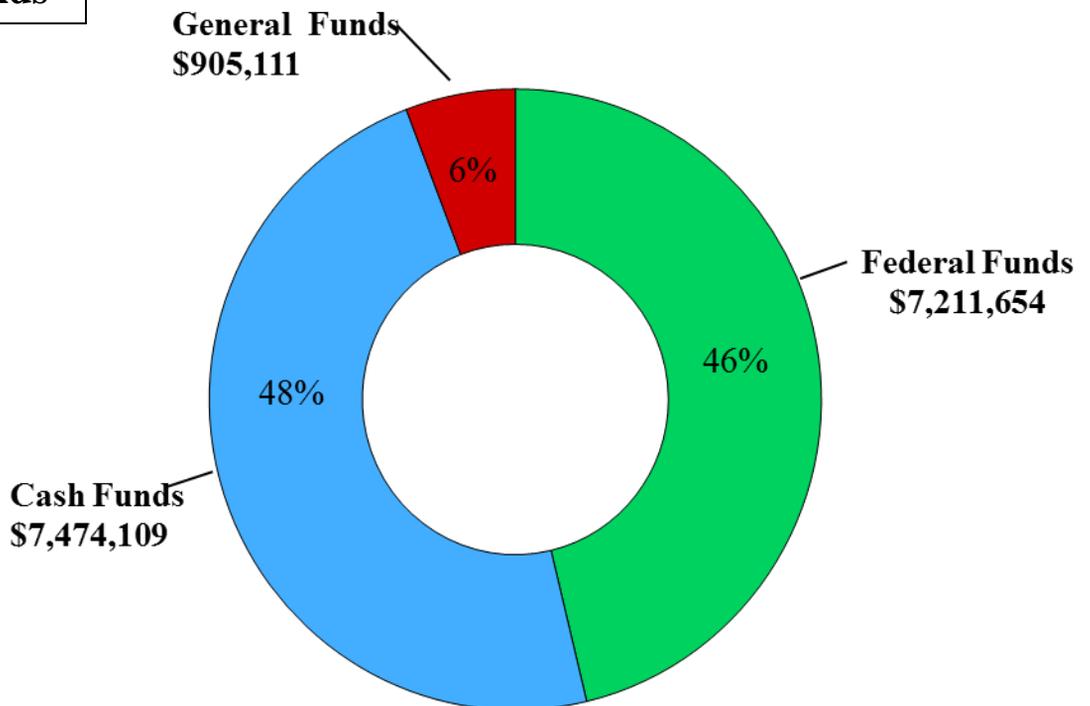


Licensure Unit Financial Overview – FY 2013

Total Budget – \$15,590,874



Source of Funds



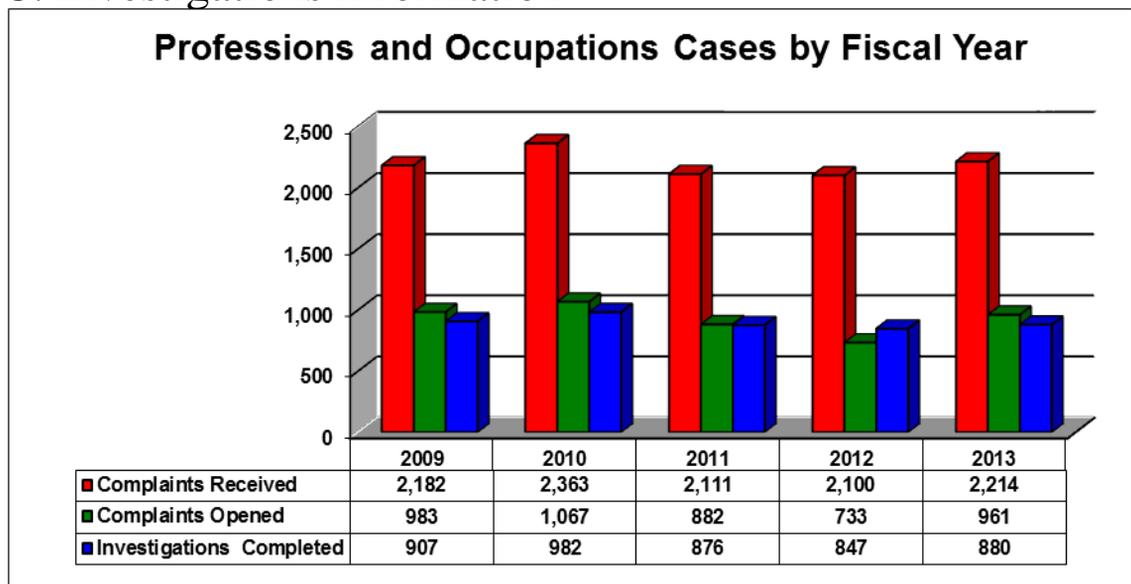
Professions & Occupations Overview

A. Active Licenses

Alcohol & Drug Counselor – 982	Asbestos – 845
Assisted Living Facility Administrator – 887	Athletic Training – 337
Audiology/Speech Language Pathology – 1,012	Body Art – 457
Chiropractic – 633	Cosmetology – 9,642
Dentistry – 4,443	Emergency Medical Care – 8,494
Environmental Health Specialist – 69	Funeral Directing & Embalming – 433
Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser & Fitter - 110	Lead – 156
Massage Therapy – 1,428	Medical Nutrition Therapy – 607
Medicine – 10,335	Mental Health Practice – 7,422
Nail Technology – 1,377	Nursing – 37,100
Nursing Home Administration – 716	Nursing Support – 52,644
Occupational Therapy – 2,437	Optometry – 806
Pharmacy – 8,249	Physical Therapy – 2,514
Podiatry – 102	Psychology – 668
Radiography – 2,610	Radon – 189
Respiratory Care – 1,330	Swimming Pool Operator – 2,017
Veterinary Medicine – 1,780	Water Operator – 4,336
Well Driller – 942	TOTAL = 168,109

B. Licenses Renewed = 62,269; 54,164 renewed online.

C. Investigations Information

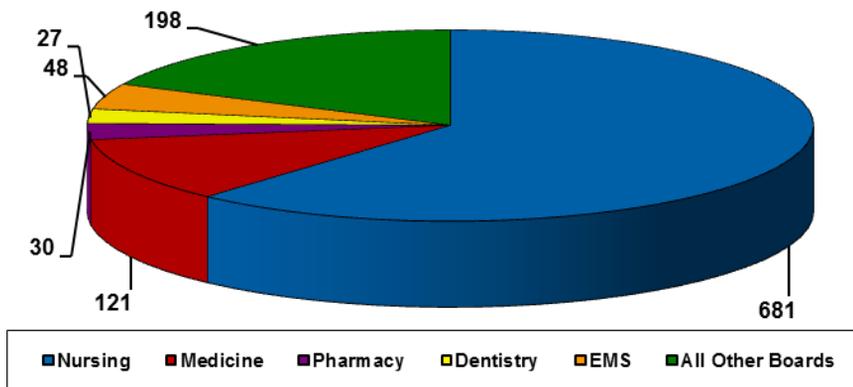


Investigations Completed FY 13

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – 29	Board of Alcohol & Drug Counseling – 9
Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – 1	Board of Chiropractic – 10
Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art – 114	Board of Dentistry – 44
Board of Emergency Medical Services – 48	Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – 5
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists – 0	Board of Massage Therapy – 25
Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy – 0	Board of Medicine and Surgery – 80
Board of Mental Health Practice – 40	Board of Nursing – 375
Board of Nursing Home Administration – 5	Board of Occupational Therapy – 0
Board of Optometry – 0	Board of Pharmacy – 39
Board of Physical Therapy – 8	Board of Physician Assistants - 17
Board of Podiatry – 3	Board of Psychology – 7
Board of Medical Radiography – 2	Board of Respiratory Care Practice – 4
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery – 15	All Other Boards – 294
TOTAL = 880	

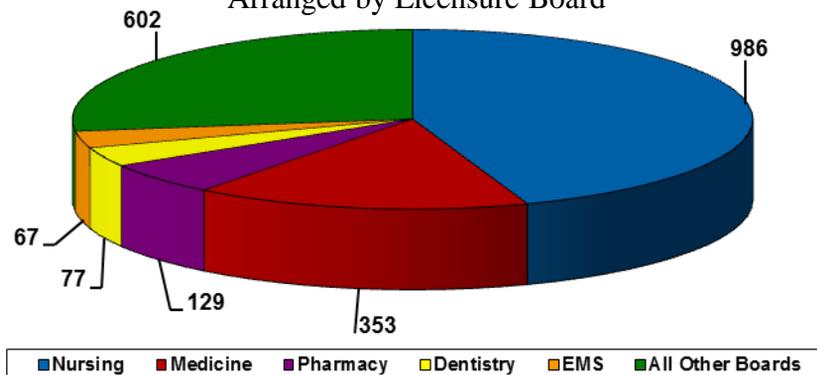
Mandatory Reports Received=1,105

Arranged by Licensure Board



Complaints Received = 2,214

Arranged by Licensure Board



Disciplinary Actions
 Arranged by Licensure Board
 TOTAL = 737

	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards	Total By Disciplinary Action
Probation	16	39	11	7	6	195	274
Suspension	0	38	7	1	4	30	80
Voluntary Surrender	8	17	3	1	2	8	39
Revocation	7	10	0	3	3	58	81
Censure	5	32	10	1	9	27	84
Civil Penalty	1	16	7	0	2	76	102
Limitation	2	0	5	0	0	0	7
Other Violations	-	2	1	-	3	-	6
Entries to Nurse Aide & Med Aide Registry	-	-	-	-	-	64	64
Total By Profession	39	154	44	13	29	458	737

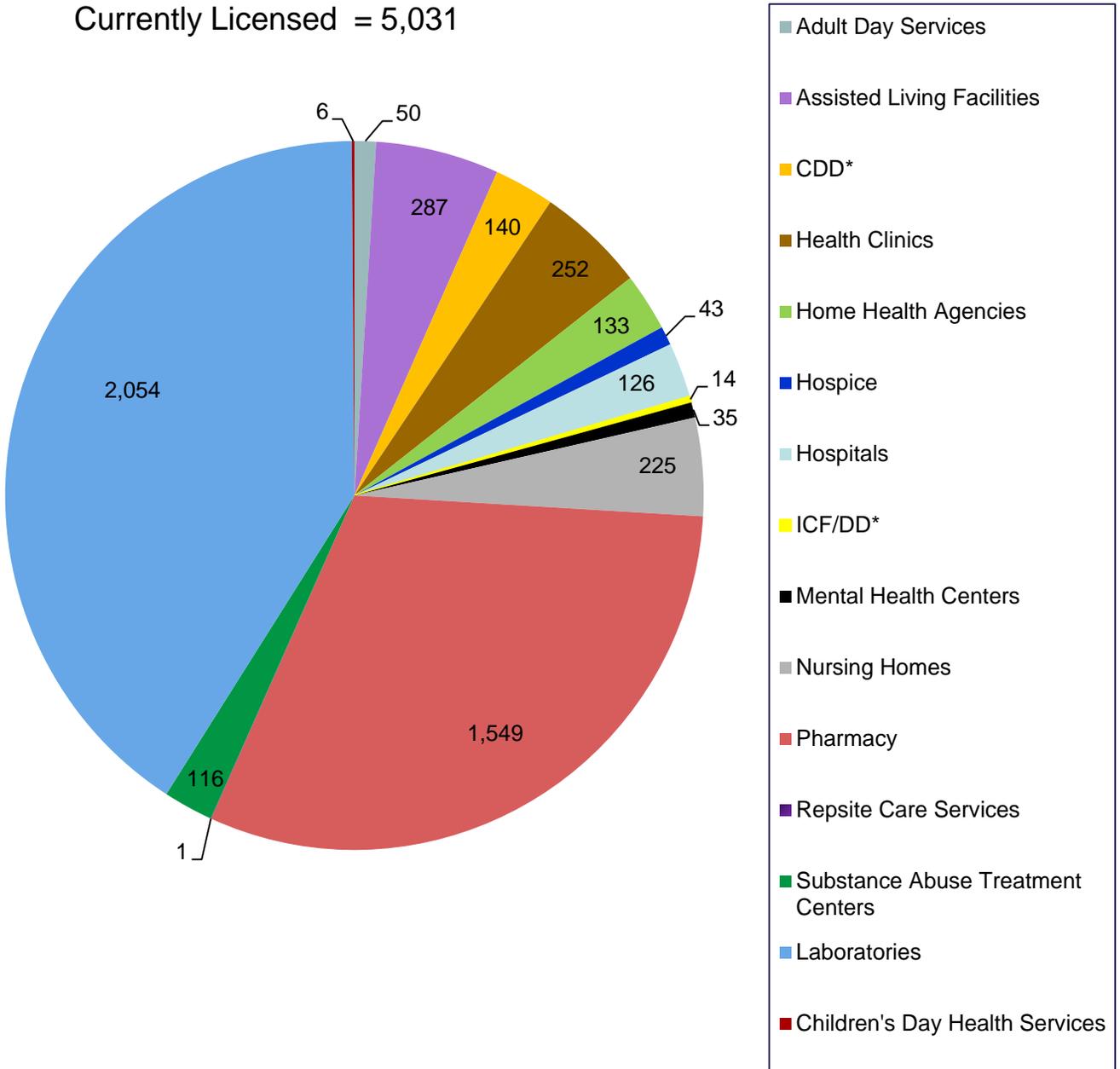
Non-Disciplinary Actions
 Assurance of Compliance
 TOTAL = 90

	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Pharmacy	All Other Boards
Assurance of Compliance	9	42	17	3	4	15

State Healthcare Facilities & Services Overview

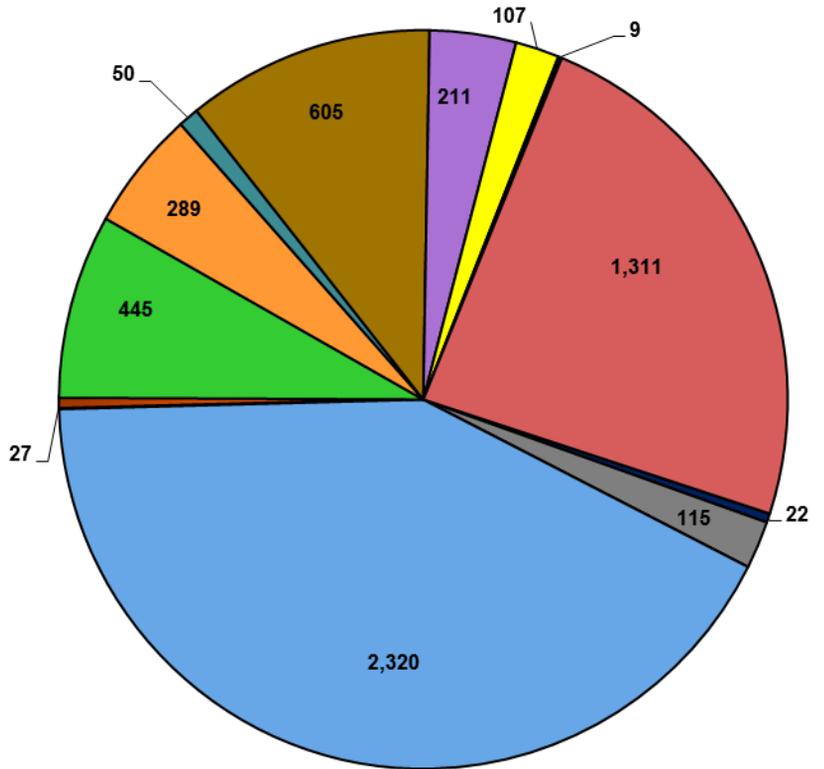
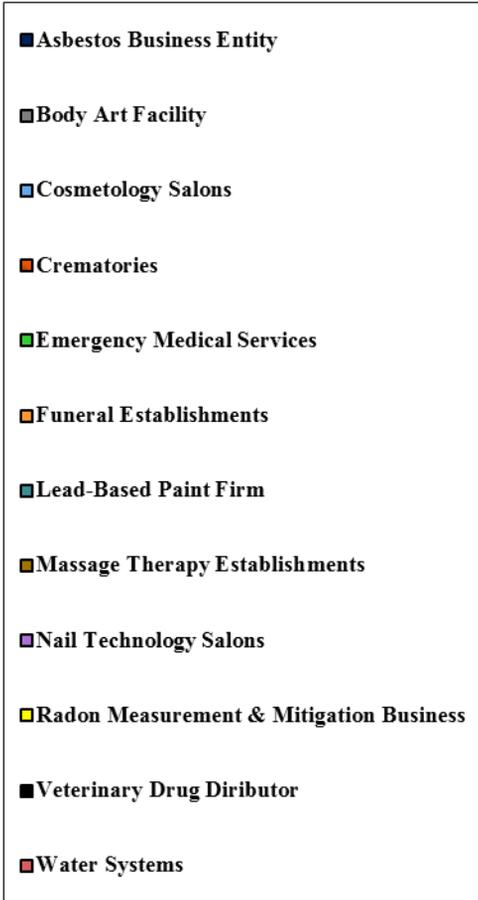
Type of Licenses

Health Care Facilities and Services
Currently Licensed = 5,031



*Centers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
*Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

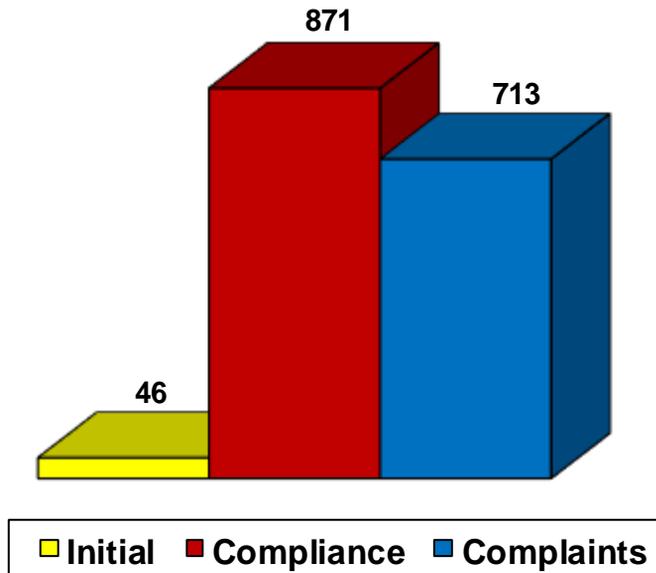
Community Service Facilities
Currently Licensed = 5,511



B. Inspections

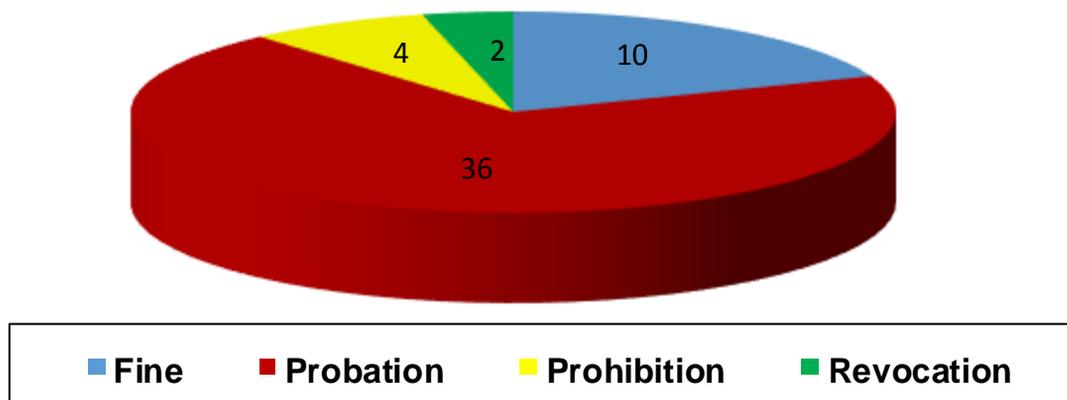
Inspections for Health Care Facilities and Services occur prior to issuing licenses and thereafter compliance inspections occur by randomly selecting up to 25% of such facilities and services in each licensure category on an annual basis. Complaints against health care facilities and services are also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

TOTAL = 1,630



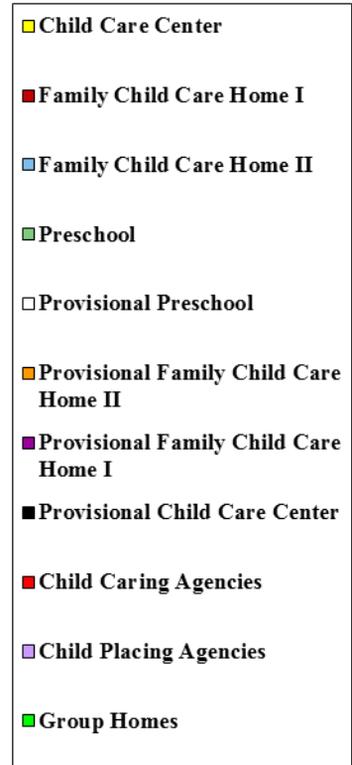
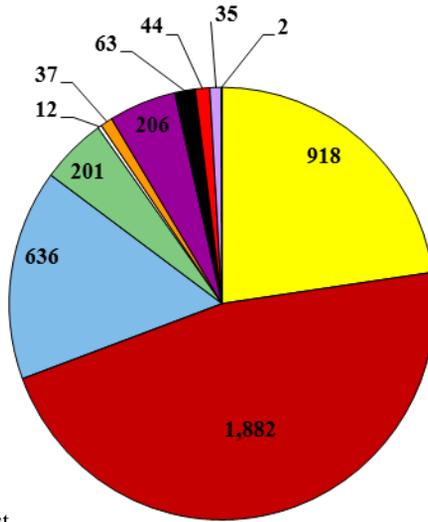
C. Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 52



Children's Services Agencies, Facilities & Programs

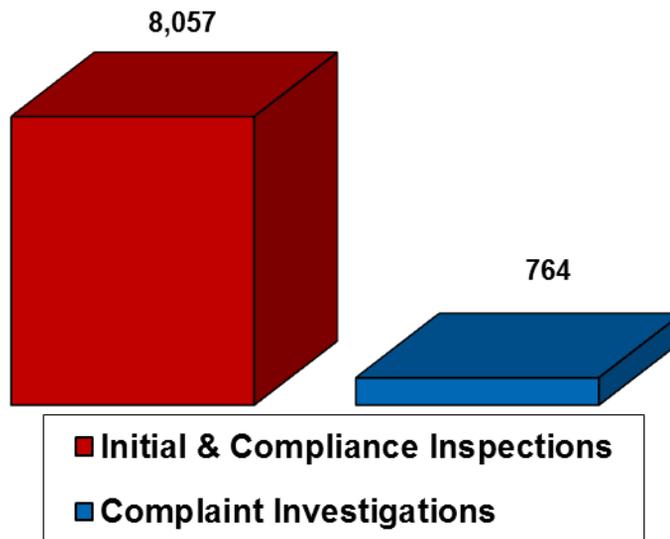
A. Type of Licenses - TOTAL = 4,036



- 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. Operating Licenses are non-expiring.

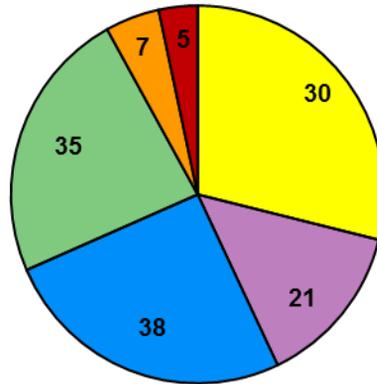
B. Inspections - TOTAL = 8,821

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

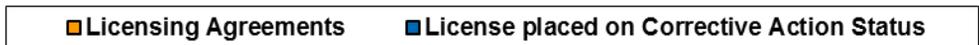
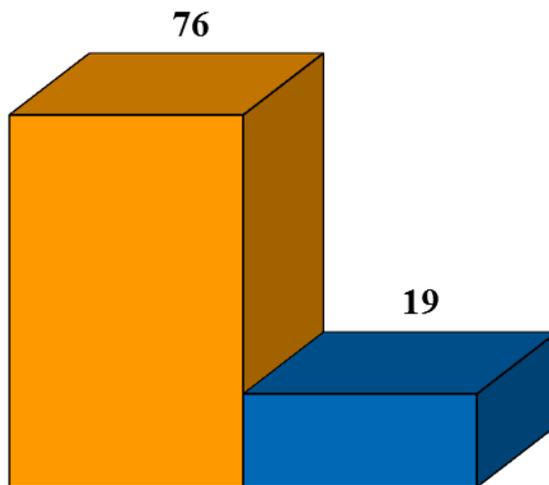
TOTAL = 136



D. Non-Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 95

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.



State Board of Health

Professional Board Appointments

- There were 58 applicants; 33 interviews conducted; and 15 members appointed to 14 different professional boards.

Rules and Regulations

- Approved two sets of Regulations and reviewed seven sets of Regulations.

Credentialing Review

Credentialing Reviews were conducted on proposals from the following professions:

- Nurse Practitioners to eliminate the requirement of a practice agreement with a physician.
- Acupuncturists to eliminate the requirement that each new new client must be prescreened by a physician before services can be provided by an acupuncturist.
- Optometrists to include minor surgical procedures, oral immunosuppressants, and oral steroids, and injection of medications into the eyelid.
- Dentists to update requirements for administering dental anesthesia.