

Division of Public Health

Licensure Unit

Annual Report

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Licensure Unit Overview

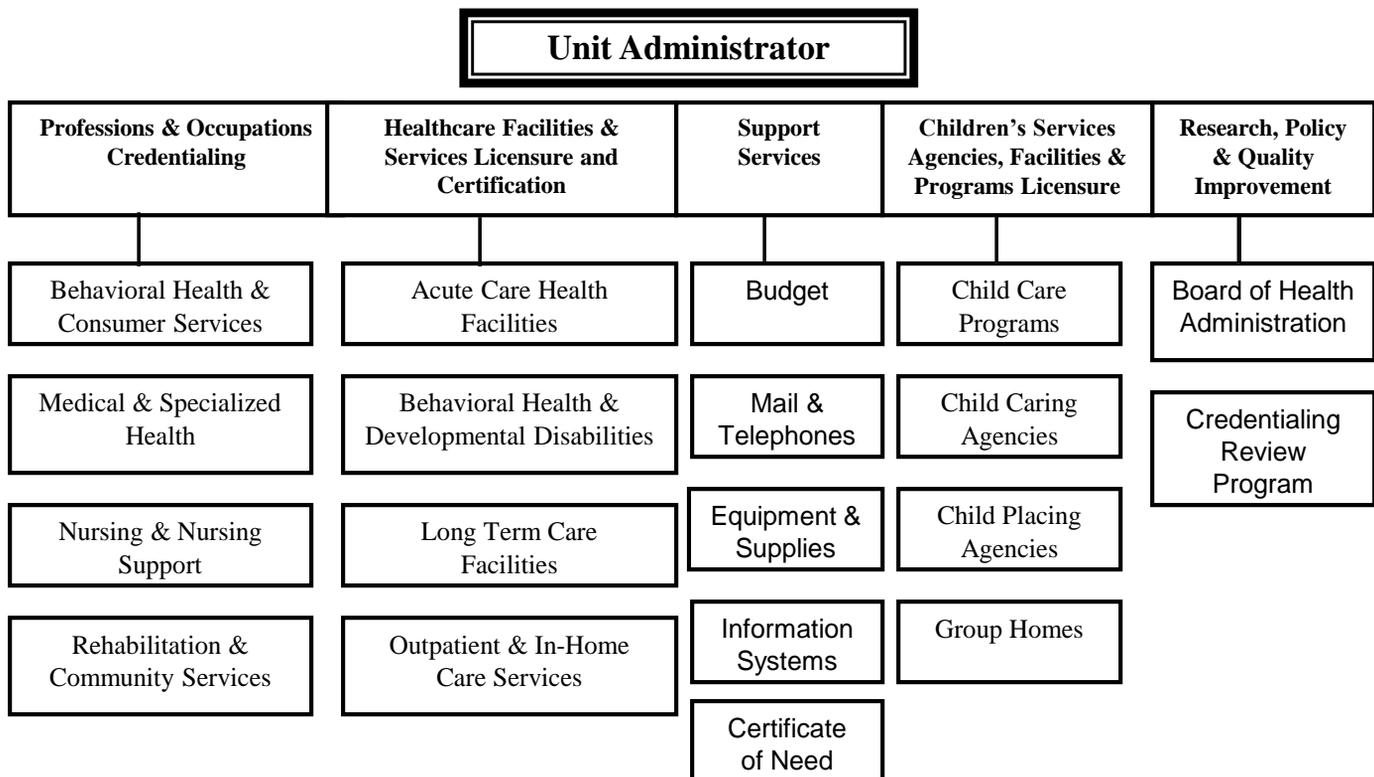
Mission

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

Responsibilities

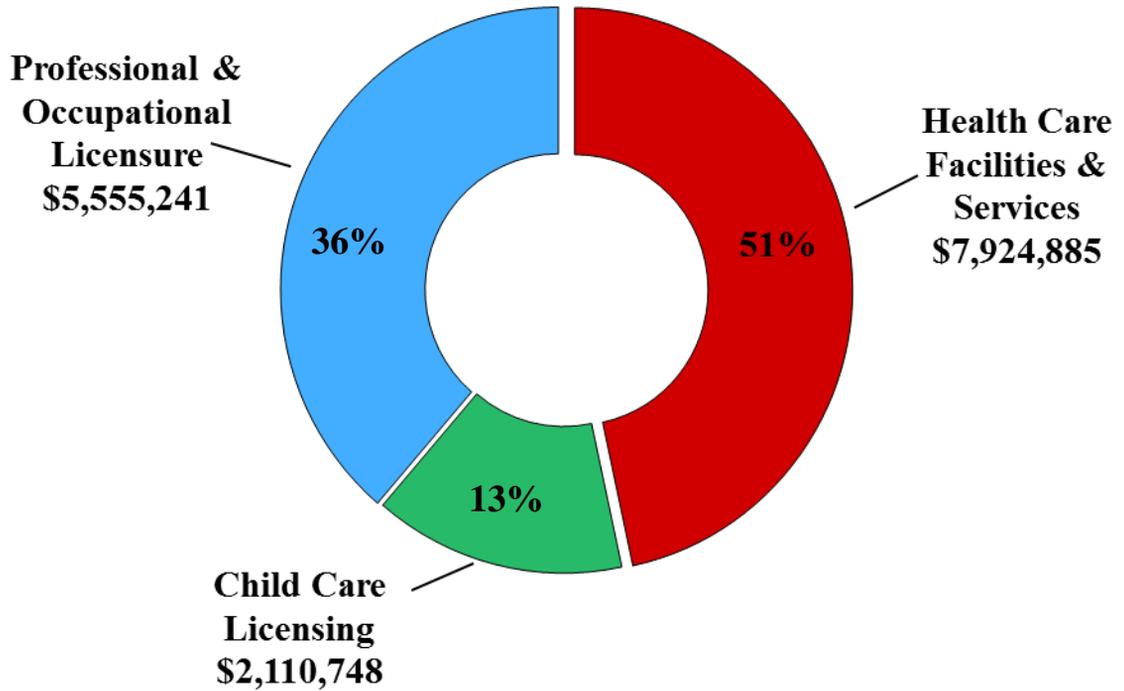
1. Licensure, Certification and Registration of Persons who Provide Health and Health-Related Services
2. Licensure and Certification (to participate in Medicare/Medicaid) of Health Care Facilities and Services
3. Licensure of Children's Services Agencies, Facilities and Programs
4. Administration of 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

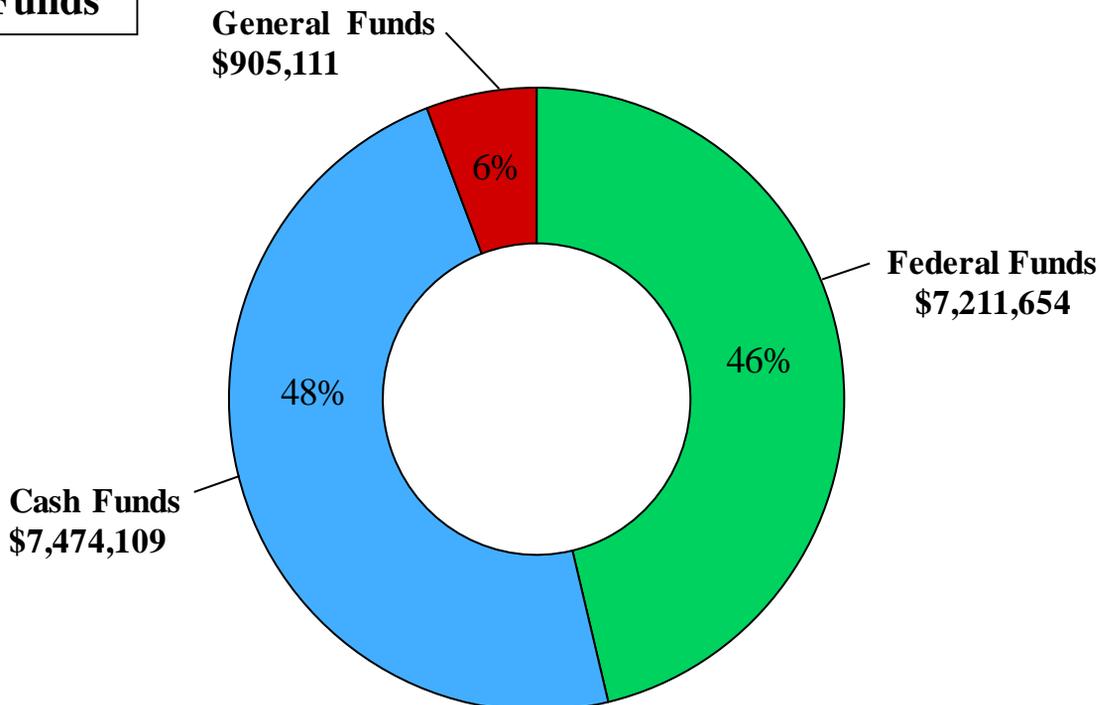


Licensure Unit Financial Overview – FY 2014

Total Budget – \$15,590,874



Source of Funds



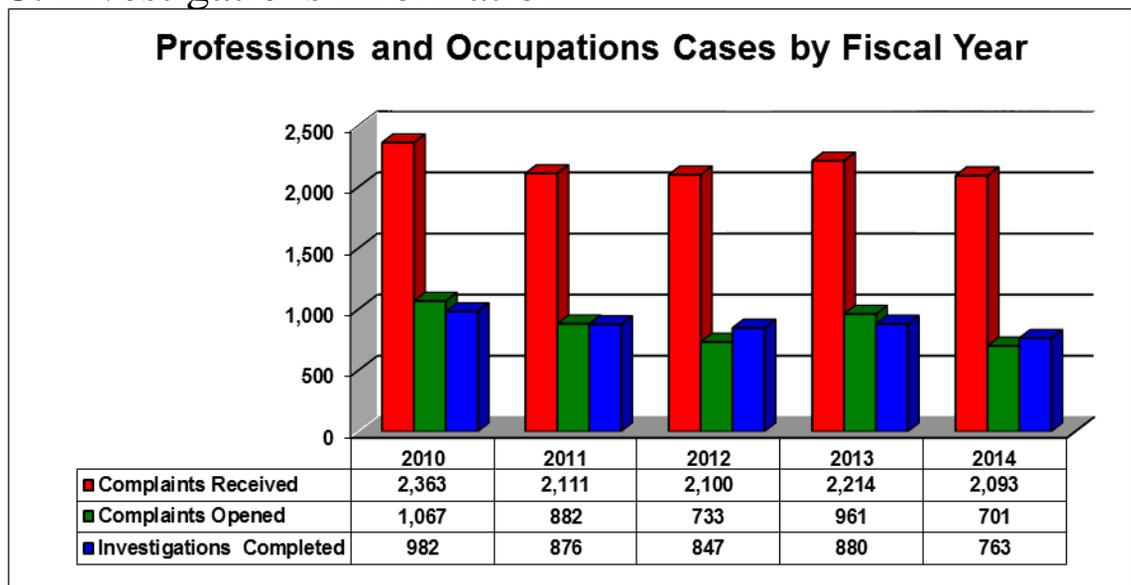
Professions & Occupations Overview

A. Active Licenses

Alcohol & Drug Counselor – 1,052	Asbestos – 850
Assisted Living Facility Administrator – 986	Athletic Training – 376
Audiology/Speech Language Pathology – 1,121	Body Art – 558
Chiropractic – 671	Cosmetology – 10,656
Dentistry – 4,732	Emergency Medical Care – 8,114
Environmental Health Specialist – 70	Funeral Directing & Embalming – 416
Hearing Aid Instrument Dispenser & Fitter - 117	Lead – 170
Massage Therapy – 1,341	Medical Nutrition Therapy – 573
Medicine – 11,130	Mental Health Practice – 7,963
Nail Technology – 1,232	Nursing – 38,147
Nursing Home Administration – 783	Nursing Support – 54,407
Occupational Therapy – 2,761	Optometry – 867
Pharmacy – 9,224	Physical Therapy – 2,528
Podiatry – 101	Psychology – 693
Radiography – 2,775	Radon – 236
Respiratory Care – 1,236	Swimming Pool Operator – 2,099
Veterinary Medicine – 1,720	Water Operator – 4,182
Well Driller – 994	TOTAL = 168,109

B. Licenses Renewed = 41,621; Online Renewal = 27,295

C. Investigations Information

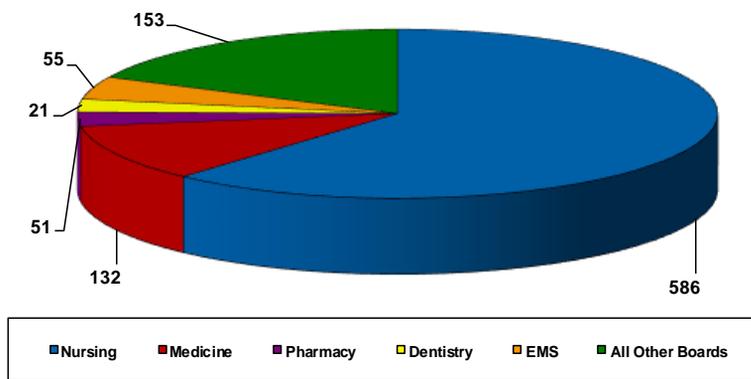


Investigations Completed FY 14

Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – 22	Board of Alcohol & Drug Counseling – 9
Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – 1	Board of Chiropractic – 11
Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art – 87	Board of Dentistry – 30
Board of Emergency Medical Services – 25	Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming – 5
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists – 1	Board of Massage Therapy – 21
Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy – 0	Board of Medicine and Surgery – 72
Board of Mental Health Practice – 43	Board of Nursing – 321
Board of Nursing Home Administration – 3	Board of Occupational Therapy – 1
Board of Optometry – 0	Board of Pharmacy – 50
Board of Physical Therapy – 10	Board of Physician Assistants – 11
Board of Podiatry – 2	Board of Psychology – 9
Board of Medical Radiography – 10	Board of Respiratory Care Practice – 4
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery – 14	All Other Boards – 190
	TOTAL = 763

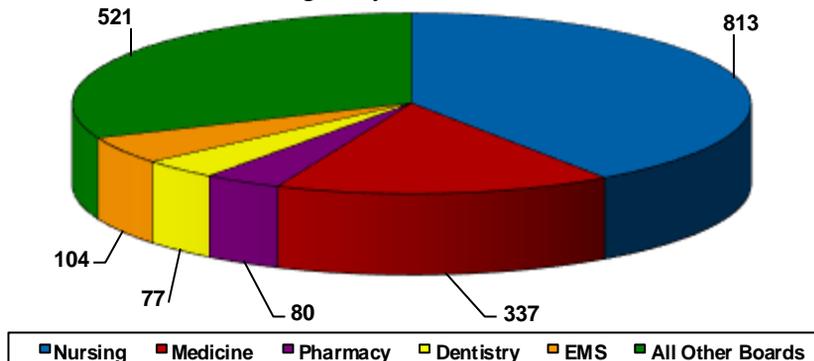
Mandatory Reports Received=1,031

Arranged by Licensure Board



Complaints Received = 1,932

Arranged by Licensure Board



Disciplinary Actions
Arranged by Licensure Board
TOTAL = 541

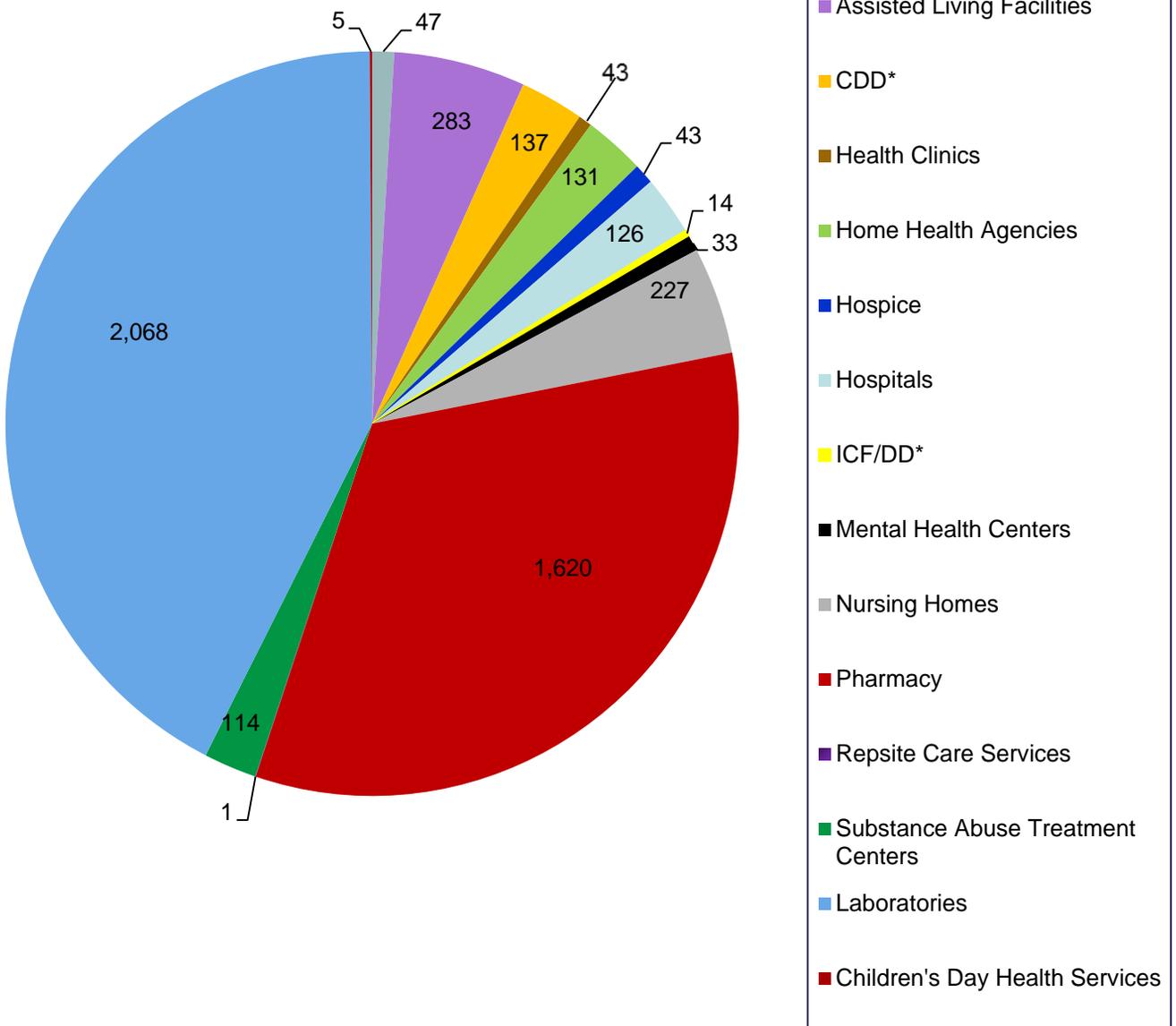
Disciplinary Actions	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Cosmetology	All Other Boards	Total By Disciplinary Action
Probation	21	52	10	6	59	71	219
Suspension	0	29	5	1	2	9	46
Voluntary Surrender	7	9	3	1	0	10	30
Revocation	0	6	1	7	5	5	24
Censure	8	38	5	3	13	15	82
Civil Penalty	7	33	5	1	8	38	92
Limitation	0	0	4	1	0	2	7
Other Violations	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Entries to Nurse Aide & Med Aide Registry	-	-	-	-	-	36	36
Total By Profession	43	167	33	20	87	191	541

Non-Disciplinary Actions
Assurance of Compliance
TOTAL = 80

	Mental Health	Nursing	Medicine	EMS	Cosmetology	All Other Boards
Assurance of Compliance	9	32	13	2	2	22

State Healthcare Facilities & Services Overview

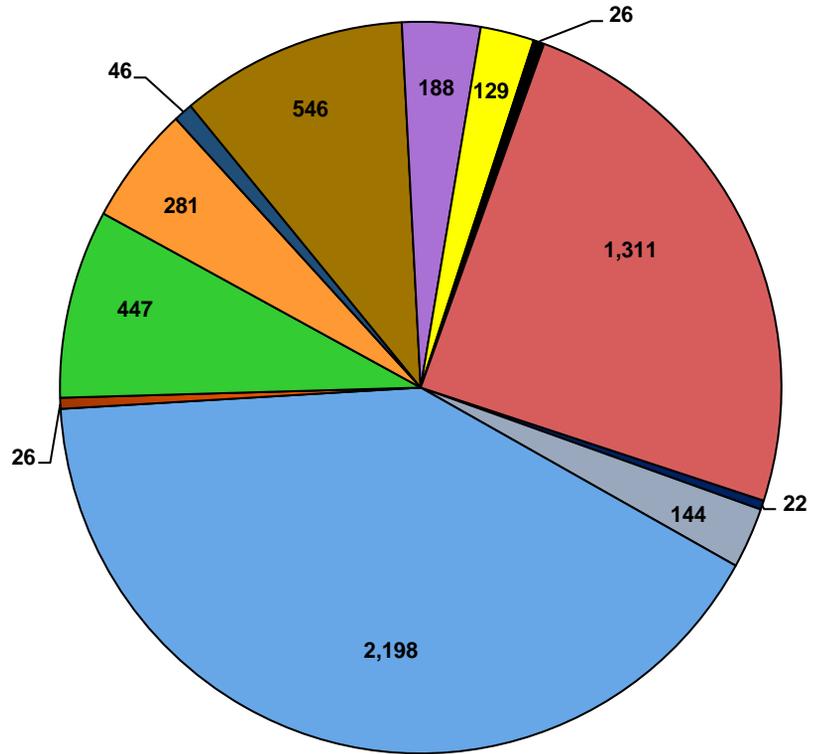
Type of Licenses Health Care Facilities and Services Currently Licensed = 5,031



Source: Licensure Unit
June 30, 2014

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

Community Service Facilities Currently Licensed = 5,511

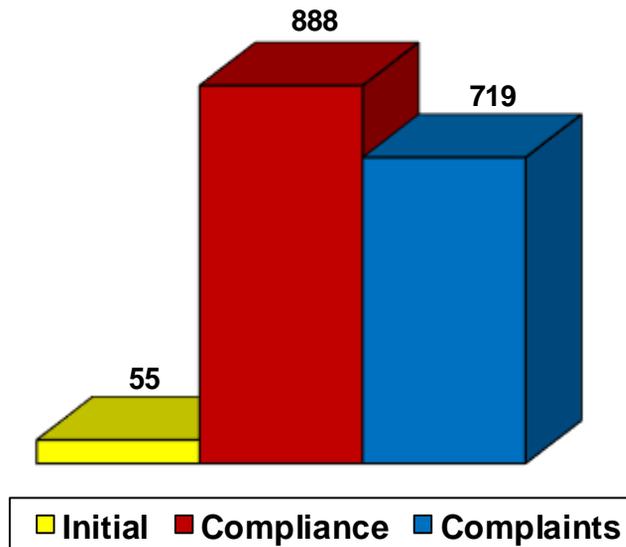


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B. Inspections

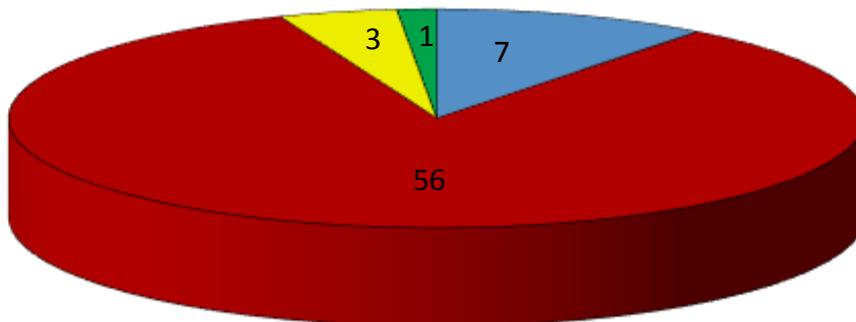
Inspections for Health Care Facilities and Services occur prior to issuing licenses and thereafter compliance inspections occur by randomly selecting up to 25% of such facilities and services in each licensure category on an annual basis. Complaints against health care facilities and services are also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

TOTAL = 1,662



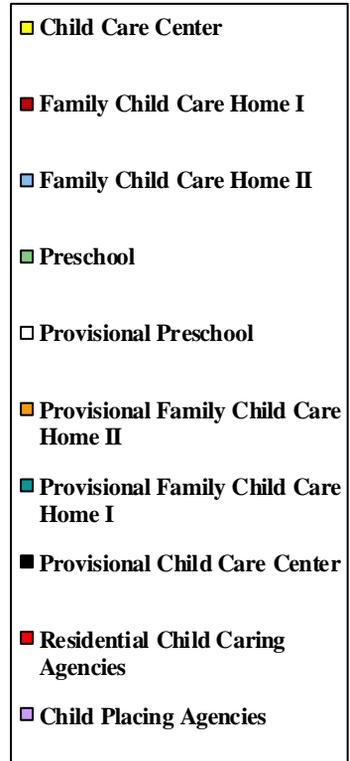
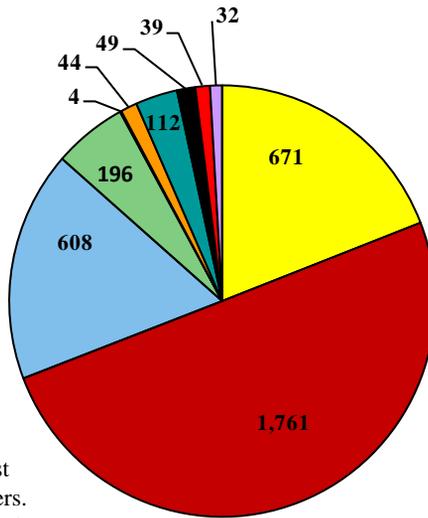
C. Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 67



Children's Services Agencies, Facilities & Programs

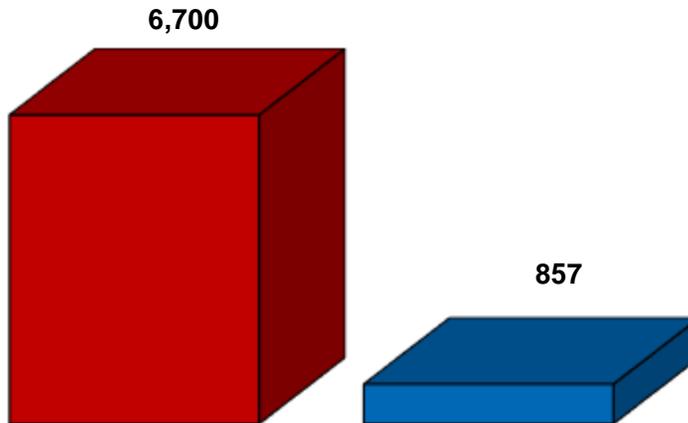
A. Type of Licenses - TOTAL = 3,516



- 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.

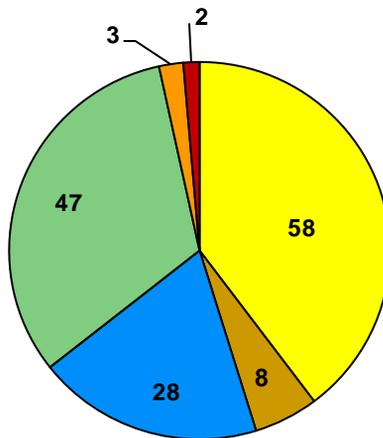
B. Inspections - TOTAL = 7,557

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

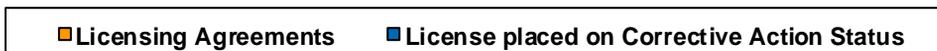
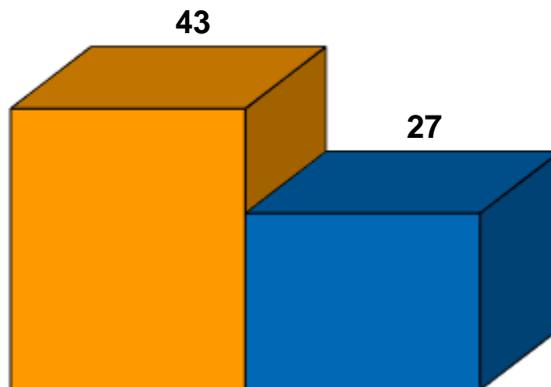
TOTAL = 146



D. Non-Disciplinary Actions

TOTAL = 70

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 26 professional and public members appointed to 19 Professional Boards. Interviews were held in September, March and June of 2014.

Rules and Regulations

- Approved four sets of Regulations and reviewed six sets of Regulations.

Credentialing Review

FY 14 Credentialing Reviews were conducted on proposals from the following professions:

- Dentists - to update dental anesthesia education and training.
- Optometrists - to expand the optometry scope of practice to include minor surgical procedures and the use of pharmaceutical agents.
- Nurse Practitioners – to eliminate the requirement for integrated Practice Agreements.
- Acupuncturists – to eliminate the pre-screening requirement for new clients.

The following review is ‘in progress’ and scheduled for completion in January 2015: Radiologic Practitioner Assistants