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Explanatory notes:

Over the 10 year period 2006 to 2015, the total number of nurses on the register has grown from 196 914 to 278 617 – i.e. a net increase of 81 703 (+41%).

- The Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife category has grown by 35 559 practitioners (+35%).
- The Enrolled Nurse/Enrolled Midwife category has grown by 30 995 practitioners (+79%).
- The Enrolled Nursing Auxiliary category has grown by 15 149 practitioners (+27%).

During the same period, the population of South Africa increased by 16% from approximately 47.391 million in 2006 (mid-year estimate) to 54.957 million in 2015 (mid-year estimate).

Population figures: Statistics South Africa (mid-year population estimates)
Nursing figures as at 31 December each year
Excludes persons residing outside South Africa

**RN / RM** = Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives
**EN / EM** = Enrolled Nurses and Enrolled Midwives
**ENA** = Enrolled Nursing Auxiliaries

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Growth in Students/Pupils

Explanatory notes:

This chart reflects persons entering the nursing profession (as students/pupils) for the first time and does not include those busy with bridging or supplementary basic programmes.

When seeking to interpret the information in this chart please remember two important considerations:

1. These figures represent changing populations – there are complete intakes each year followed by terminations (for various reasons) and completions of large groups (usually from previous years).
2. The normal duration of training is different for the three categories – 4 years for Students, 2 years for Pupils and 1 year for Pupil Nursing Auxiliaries.

Figures as at 31 December each year

Students = Student Nurses and Midwives
Pupils = Pupil Nurses
PNA’s = Pupil Nursing Auxiliaries

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