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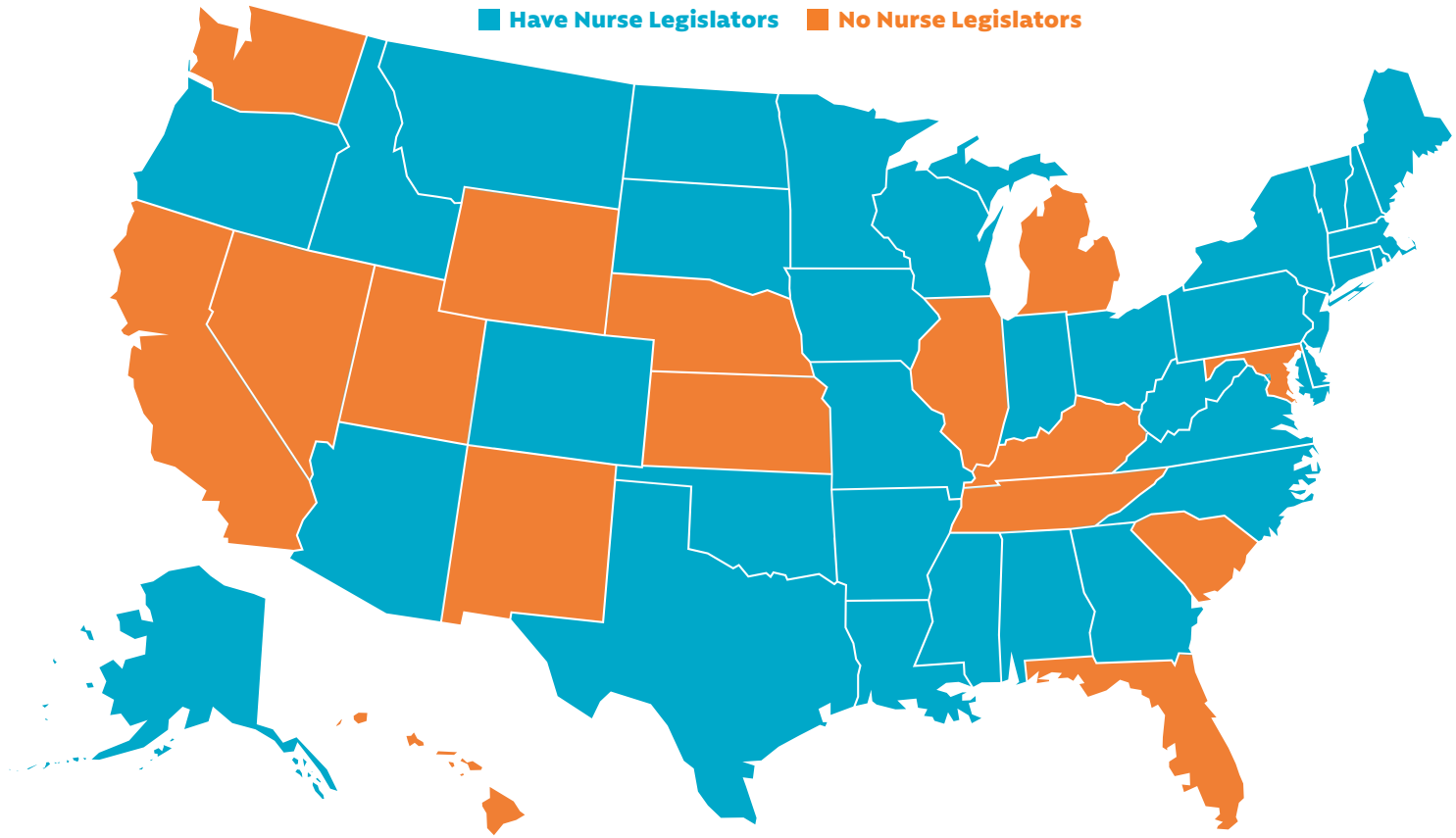
Nurses in US Legislators Continue to Decline

In a decade long downward trend at both the state and federal level, the number of nurse legislators in 2023 is 68. In 2012/2013, there were 97 nurse legislators in 39 States.[1] Today, we have just 68 nurse legislators (30% decrease) in 34 states (13% decrease). In 2015, there were six nurses serving in the U.S. Congress In 2023, there are three, a 50% decrease.[2]

2013	2023
97	68
NURSE LEGISLATORS	NURSE LEGISLATORS
REPRESENTING	REPRESENTING
39	34
STATES	STATES

US STATES WITH NURSE LEGISLATORS



NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS TWO NURSE LEGISLATORS

[1] American Nurses Association, 2013. Nurse State Legislators & Administrative Leaders Directory

[2] American Nurses Association, 2015. Nurses Currently Serving in Congress.

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