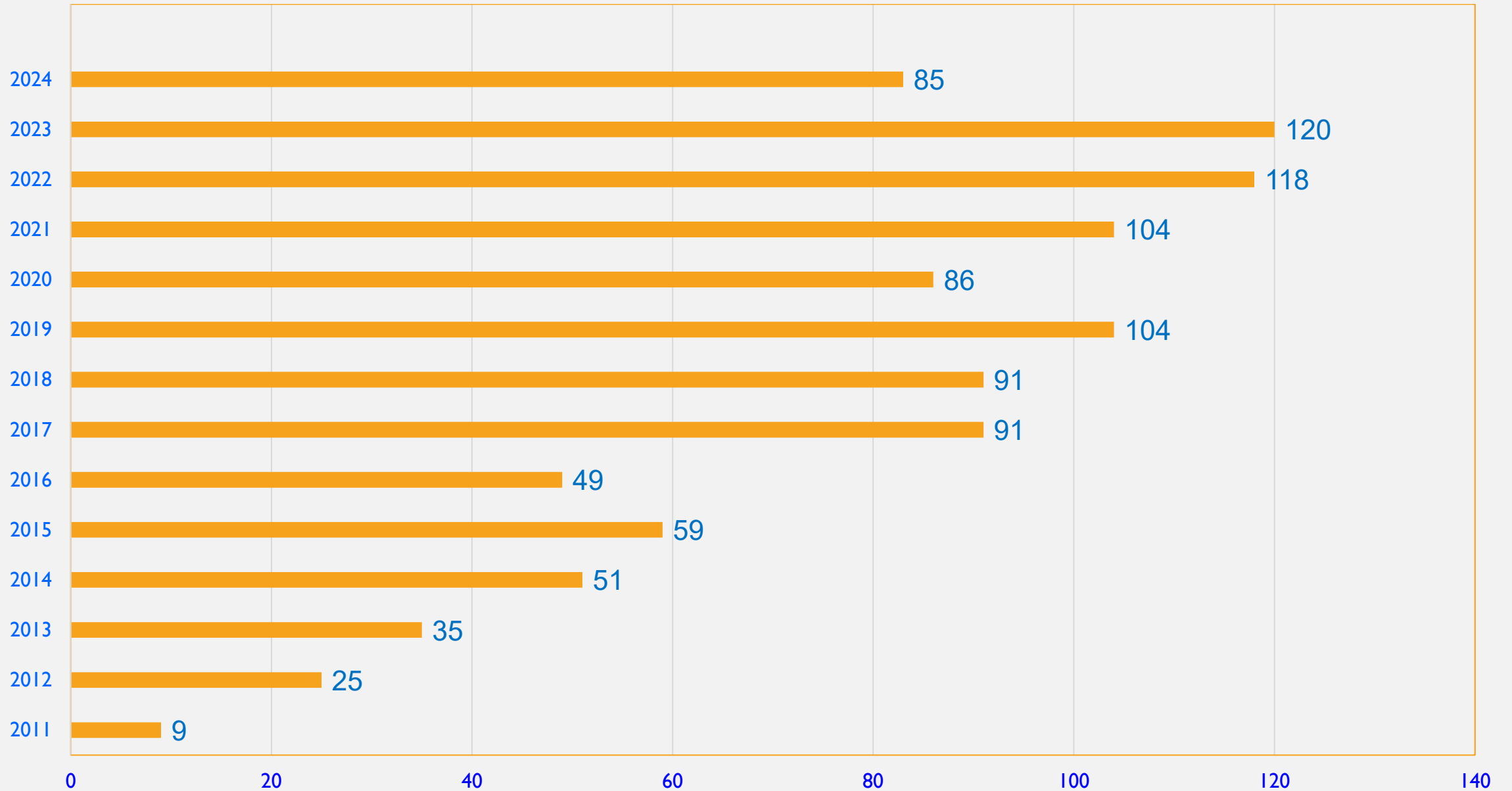


NCREHS BOARD UPDATE



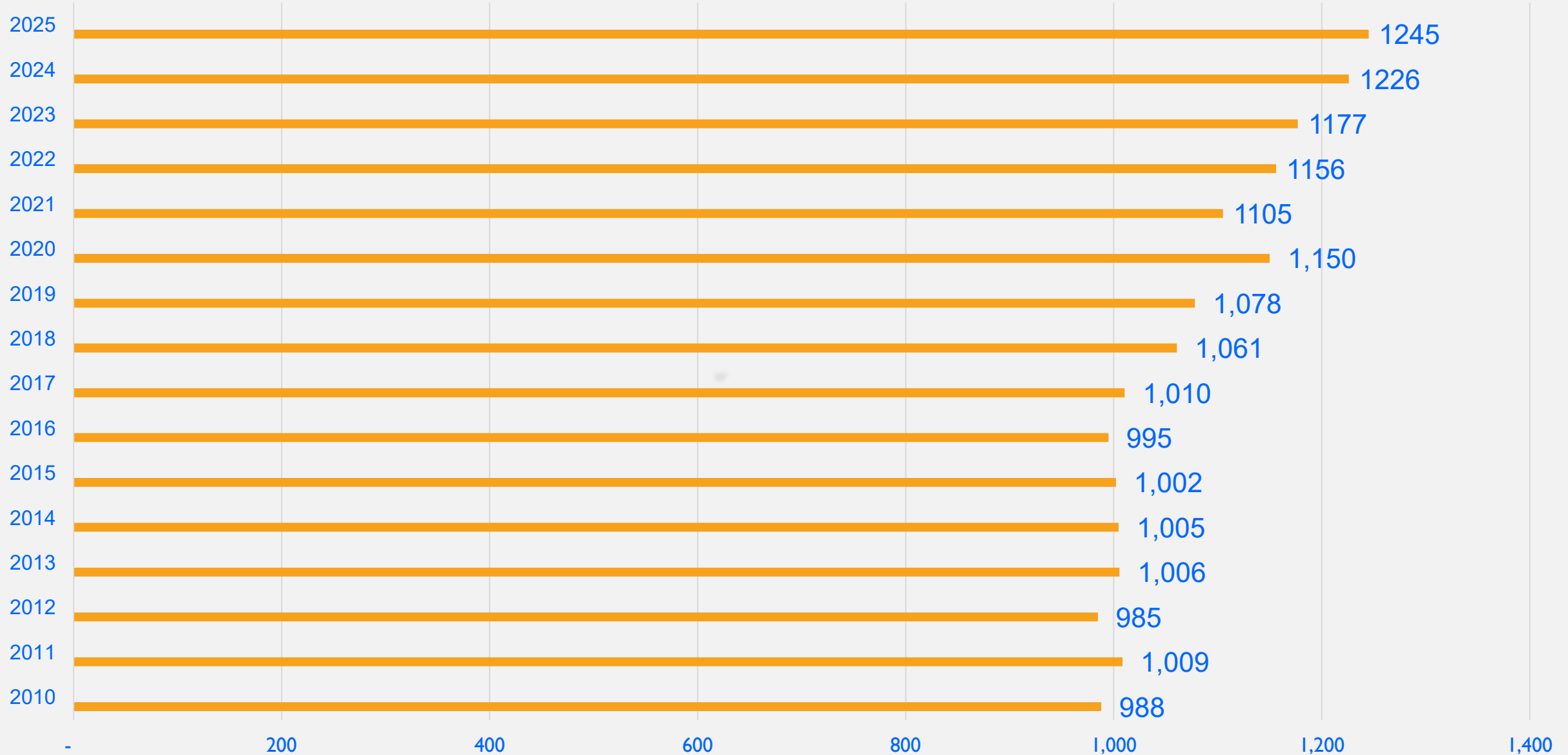
June 2025

OF REGISTRATIONS, ANNUAL



ACTIVE REGISTRATIONS

As of January 1 Each Year



NCREHS CREDENTIALING STANDARDS

- Session Law 2023-65, Effective 10/1/23
 - Modified § 90A-53 (a) and (b). Educational Requirements for Registered Environmental Health Specialists
 - Reduced intern periods for NCREHS registrants

NCREHS Registration Types and Credentialing Per [Session Law 2023-65](#)

Effective October 1, 2023

Registration Type	Applicant Degree Type	Eligible for Full NCREHS Credentials ⁽¹⁾	Science Hours Required	Eligible for NCREHS Exam
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Intern (REHSI)	Environmental Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree from National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) Accredited Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earliest – Upon meeting statutory requirements • Latest – 2 years after registration 	Minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum - After board approves registration • Maximum – 2 years
	Public Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earliest – 1 year after registration • Latest – 2 years after registration 		
	Non-Environmental Health or Public Health Bachelor's or Postgraduate Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earliest – 1 year after registration • Latest – 2 years after registration 		
Additional Registration Types for Those with Previous REHS Experience ⁽²⁾	Applicant with Previous Qualifying REHS Experience in North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earliest – Upon meeting statutory requirements • Latest – 2 years after registration 	Minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	Determined on a case-by-case basis
	Applicant with Previous Qualifying REHS Experience Outside of North Carolina			
	Military Applicant with Environmental Health Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)			
	Military Spouse Applicant			

Additional Registration Type, Effective May 1, 2024

Environmental Health Associate (REHSA)	Associate, Bachelor's, or Post Graduate Degree	Earliest - After 5 or more continuous years as a REHSA	Minimum of 15 semester hours or its equivalent 45 quarter hours in physical, biological, natural, life or health science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum – After board approves registration • Maximum – N/A
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(1) In addition, all applicants must (1) satisfactorily complete NC Centralized Training (CIT), a course in specialized instruction and training approved by the Board in the practice of environmental health, (2) attain NCREHS authorizations, and (3) pass the NCREHS exam

(2) Applications for previous experience applicant qualifications determined on a case-by-case basis. Contact rehs.board@dhhs.nc.gov for further information

NEARING THE END OF SECOND YEAR AFTER ENACTMENT

- Attaining authorizations AND passing full complement of exams is a lot to accomplish in 24 months
- If an intern is close to the end of their 2nd year and has not passed the exams
 - Board cannot “extend” the 2-year timeframe ***BUT there is an option for interns to reapply as “Intern with Previous Experience”***
 - Will receive new REHS #
 - All passing scores and active authorizations will move to new number
 - Once intern has passed the full exam, they will “fast track” to full REHS status

EH ASSOCIATE CREDENTIALING STANDARDS

- Session Law 2023-90, Effective 5/1/24
- § 90A-51(2d) established a **registered environmental health associate**
 - “Graduated with an associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree and earned a minimum of 15 semester hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences and satisfactorily completed general and specialized instruction and training in environmental health approved by the Department”
- During first year of enactment
 - Board received 4 Associate applications
 - One registrant remains active as an Associate

EH ASSOCIATE DUTIES

§ 90A-52(b)(2) A registered environmental health associate, directly reporting to a registered environmental health specialist, may perform all of the following duties in accordance with the rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health:

- a. Permitting and inspections of private water wells.
- b. Inspections of Category I food establishments, temporary food establishments, and limited food service establishments.
- c. Inspections of lodging establishments.
- d. Permitting and inspections of any Type II or Type III on-site wastewater systems, including system layouts and existing wastewater systems.
- e. Inspections of migrant housing.
- f. Inspections of private, public, and religious schools.
- g. Inspections of local confinement facilities.
- h. Inspections of residential care facilities.

BOARD ACTIVITY

- **Remaining 2025 essay/interview exam dates**
 - **2 essay/interview exam dates with AM and PM sessions remaining for 2025**
 - July 30, WCU Campus
 - October 22, Mebane
- **Updating REHS Exam Essay and Interview Questions**

The Board appreciates your
continued dedication to the
profession!

Questions?