



Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) in Washington are licensed through the State Department of Health. The following Washington statistics were calculated based on data from these license files, which contain licensee name, mailing address, age, and gender.

Washington LPN Licenses, 2008	
Total active LPN licenses*	15,202
With Washington addresses†	13,751 (91.3%)
With Oregon addresses†	243 (1.6%)
With Idaho addresses†	215 (1.4%)

* Accessed from licensing files, September 2008.
 † Age 18 through 75.

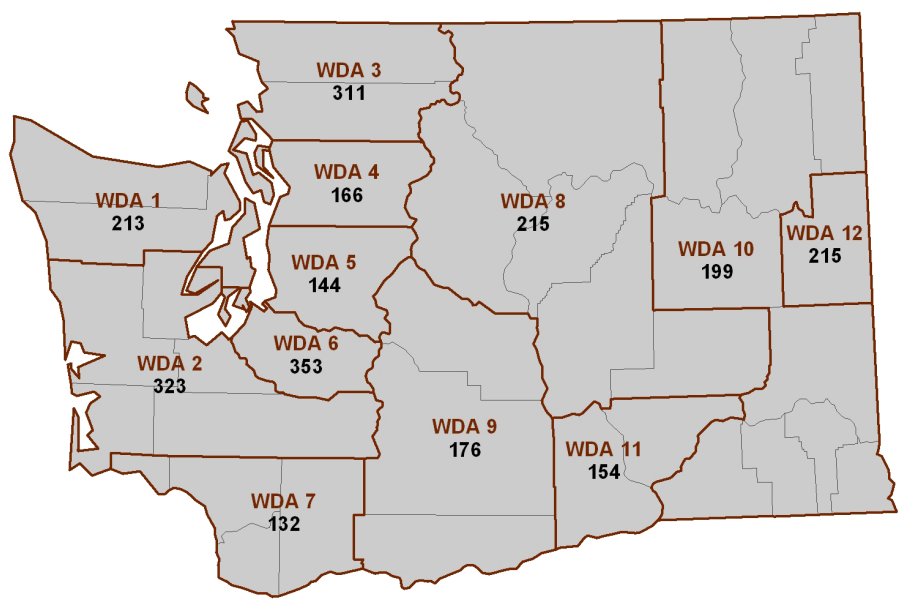
LPNs with Active Licenses per 100,000 Population

Washington (2008) 209
 U.S. (2001) 211

Number of LPNs with active licenses by WDA

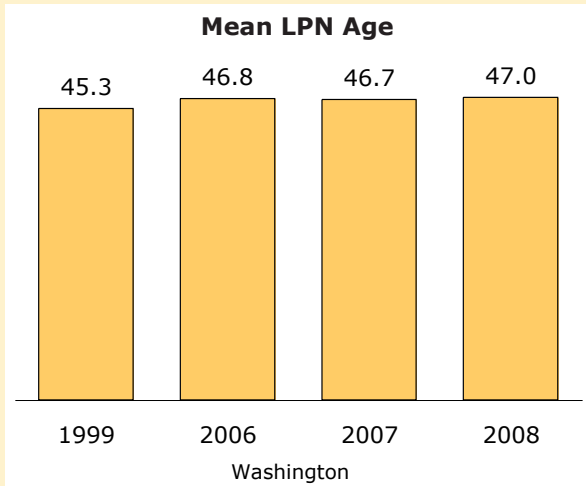
- 1 733
- 2 1,515
- 3 1,258
- 4 1,158
- 5 2,712
- 6 2,840
- 7 697
- 8 541
- 9 538
- 10 405
- 11 363
- 12 989

Washington LPNs with Active Licenses per 100,000 Population by Workforce Development Area (WDA),* 2008

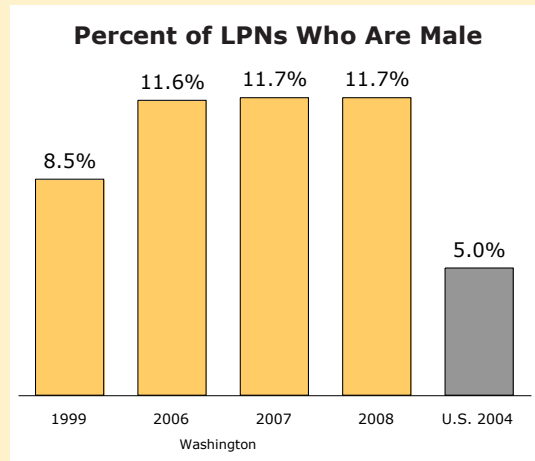


* Location determined by license mailing address.

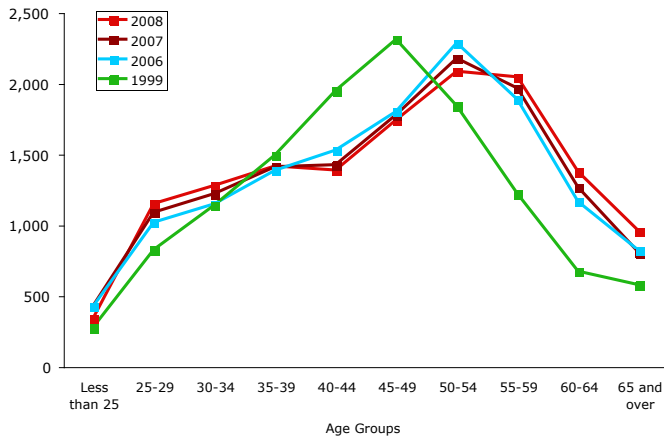
LPN Age



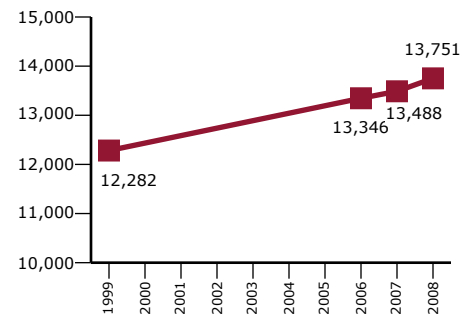
LPN Gender



Age of Washington State LPNs with Active Licenses, by Age Group

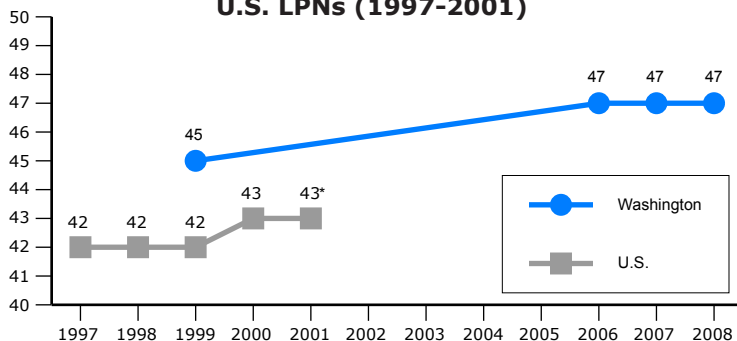


Number of LPNs with Active Licenses and Washington Addresses* from 1999 to 2008



* Ages 18 through 75.

Mean Age of LPNs with Active Licenses in Washington (1999-2008) Compared with U.S. LPNs (1997-2001)



* No comparable U.S. data available after 2001.

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Data Sources:

Washington State LPN data are from the Washington State Department of Health, Health Professions Licensing Data System, 2008 (September), 2007 (October), 2006 (September), and 1999.

All U.S. LPN statistics are from the Current Population Survey Outgoing Rotation Group files, as cited in the report: Seago JA, Spetz J, Chapman S, Dyer W, Grumbach K (2004 November). *Supply, Demand and Use of Licensed Practical Nurses*. Rockville, MD: DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions.

General Washington population data for 2008 are from the Washington State Office of Financial Management and are updated April 1 of each year (<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/april1/>).

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