

Washington State Data Snapshot

October 2007



Registered Nurses (RNs)

Registered nurses (RNs) in Washington State 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 RN Licenses, 2007	
Total active RN licenses*	74,955
With Washington addresses†	60,558 (81.7%)
With Oregon addresses†	2,995 (4.0%)
With Idaho addresses†	1,331 (1.8%)
Actively licensed RNs with advanced practice licenses and Washington addresses	3,372 (4.5%)
* Accessed from licensing files October 2007.	

RNs with Active Licenses per 100,000 Population

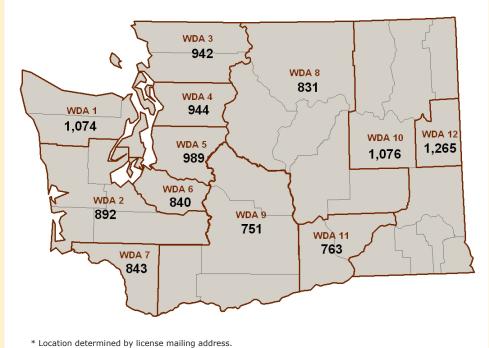
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Number of RNs with active licenses by WDA in 2007

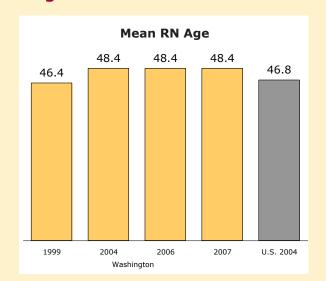
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Washington RNs with Active Licenses per 100,000 Population by Workforce Development Area (WDA),* 2007

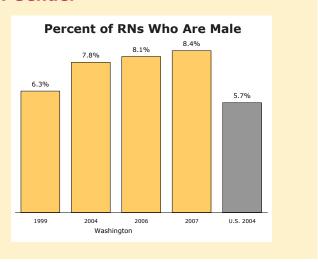
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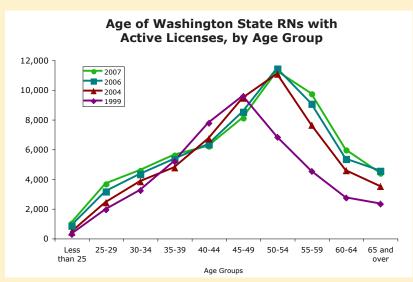


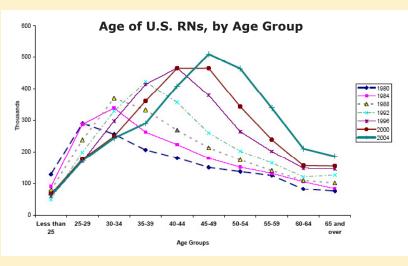
RN Age



RN Gender







Number of RNs with Active Licenses and Washington Addresses* from 1999 to 2007 62,000 60,558 60,000 58,356 58,000 56,000 54,000 54,347 52,000 50,000 50,267 48,000 46,000 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 * Ages 18 through 75.

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Data Sources:

Washington State RN data are from the Washington State Department of Health, Health Professions Licensing Data System, 2007 (October), 2006 (August), 2004, and 1999.

All data for U.S. RNs are from the 2004 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses. (Health Resources and Services Administration [2004]. The Registered Nurse Population: National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, March 2004 Preliminary Findings. Rockville, MD: DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration.)

General Washington population data for 2006 and 2007 are from CLARITAS, a proprietary database of demographic estimates derived from Census and supplemental data sources.

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