



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, 2008	
Total active RN licenses*	80,209
With Washington addresses†	63,354 (80.0%)
With Oregon addresses†	3,297 (4.2%)
With Idaho addresses†	1,465 (1.8%)
Actively licensed RNs with advanced practice licenses and Washington addresses	3,589 (4.5%)

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

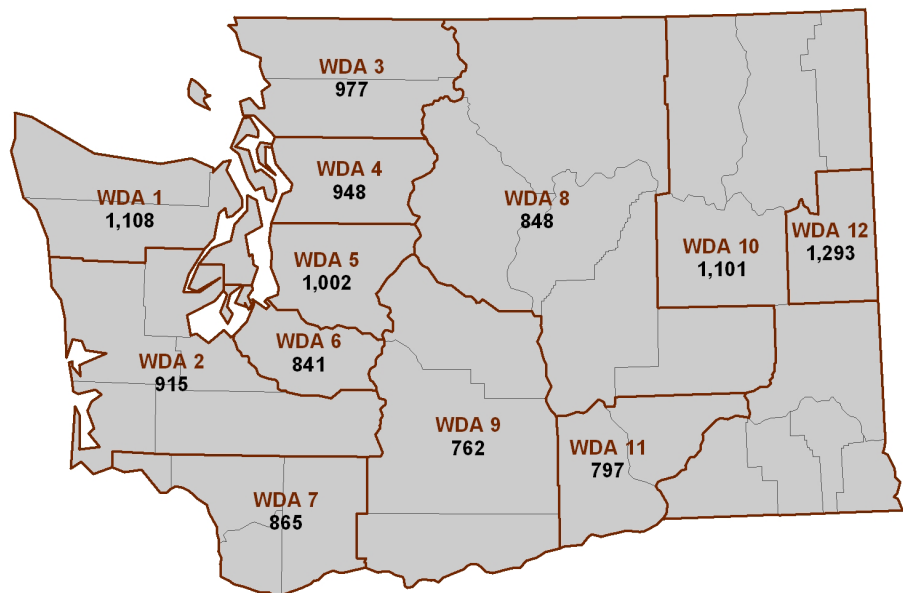
RNs with Active Licenses per 100,000 Population

Washington (2008) 962
 U.S. (2004) 991

Number of RNs with active licenses by WDA in 2008

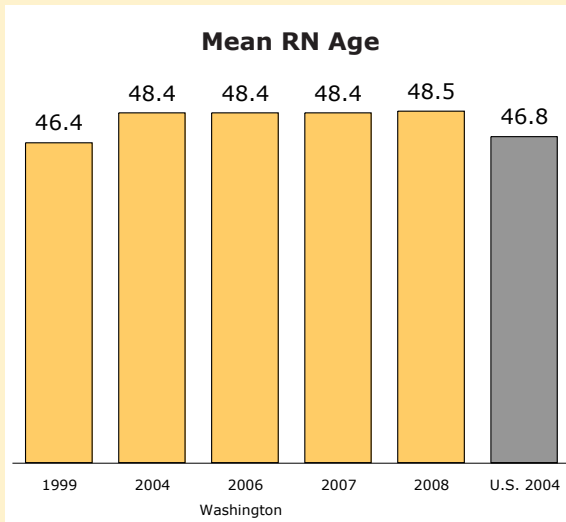
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- 2 4,292
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- 5 18,882
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- 10 2,247
- 11 1,878
- 12 5,933

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

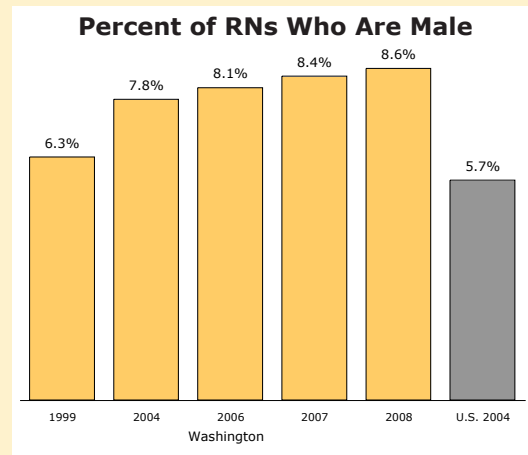


* Location determined by license mailing address.

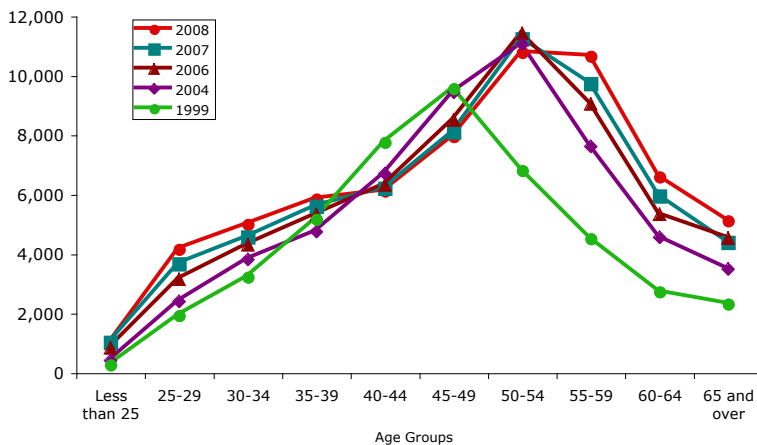
RN Age



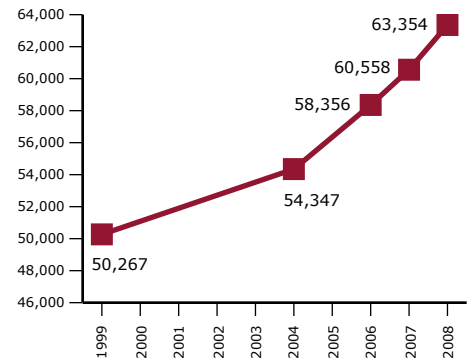
RN Gender



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



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



* Ages 18 through 75.

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Washington State RN data are from the Washington State Department of Health, Health Professions Licensing Data System, 2008 (September), 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 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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