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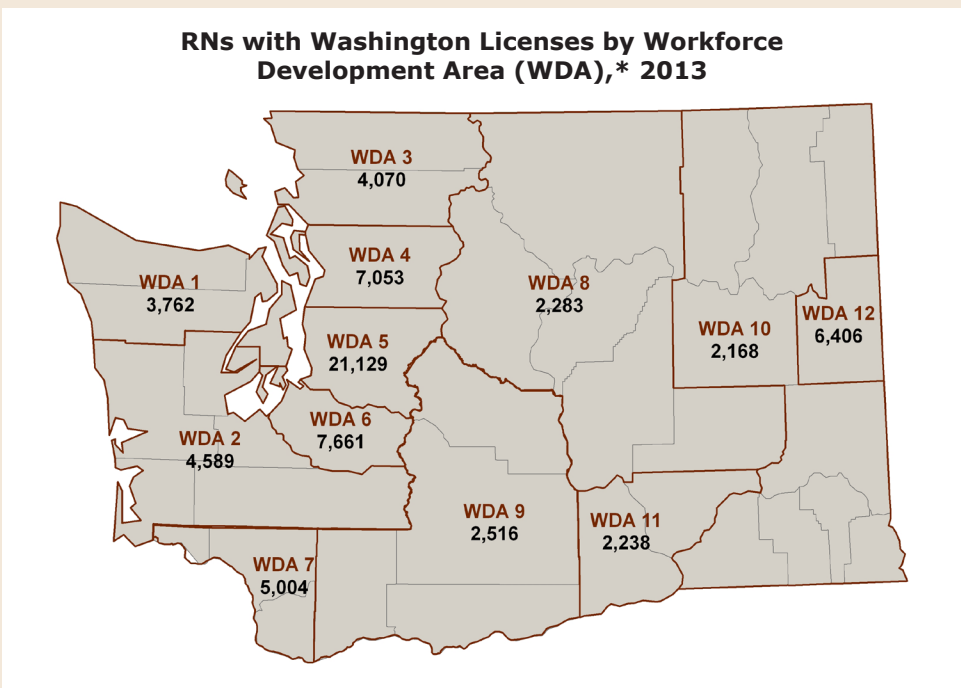*It's About Washington's Health*

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.
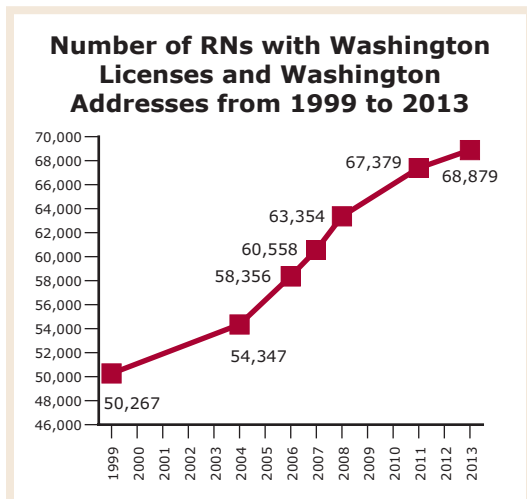
RNs with Washington Licenses by Workforce Development Area (WDA),* 2013

WDA	RNs
WDA 3	4,070
WDA 4	7,053
WDA 1	3,762
WDA 8	2,283
WDA 10	2,168
WDA 12	6,406
WDA 5	21,129
WDA 6	7,661
WDA 2	4,589
WDA 9	2,516
WDA 11	2,238
WDA 7	5,004

Licensed RNs per 100,000 Population

Year	Washington	U.S.
2013	1,010	—*
2011	1,001	—*
2008	962	997
2007	946	—*
2006	925	—*
2004	—*	991

* Data not available.

Number of RNs with Washington Licenses and Washington Addresses from 1999 to 2013

- 50,267 (1999)
- 54,347 (2004)
- 58,356
- 60,558
- 63,354
- 67,379
- 68,879

Characteristics of RNs with Washington Licenses by Workforce Development Area (WDA), 2013

WDA*	Licensed RNs	2012 Population	Number of RNs/100,000 Population	Average RN Age	% Male RNs
1	3,762	356,675	1,055	51.3	8.6%
2	4,589	488,670	939	49.7	10.6%
3	4,070	416,725	977	50.7	8.4%
4	7,053	722,900	976	48.4	9.1%
5	21,129	1,957,000	1,080	47.7	9.8%
6	7,661	808,200	948	47.7	10.0%
7	5,004	538,325	930	48.1	9.8%
8	2,283	263,575	866	48.6	11.2%
9	2,516	319,375	788	48.3	10.6%
10	2,168	208,225	1,041	49.3	11.4%
11	2,238	262,500	853	46.5	9.5%
12	6,406	475,600	1,347	48.8	12.2%

* Location determined by license mailing address. Counties comprising WDAs: 1 = Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap; 2 = Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston, Pacific, Lewis; 3 = Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan; 4 = Snohomish; 5 = King; 6 = Pierce; 7 = Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark; 8 = Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Adams; 9 = Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas; 10 = Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Whitman, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin; 11 = Benton, Franklin; 12 = Spokane.
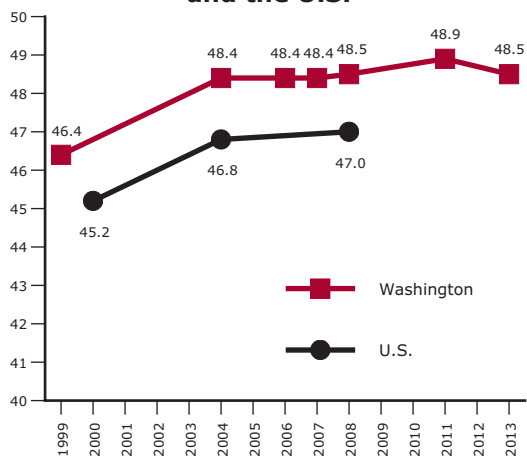
RNs with Washington Licenses*: Number and Percent by State and Advanced Practice Status

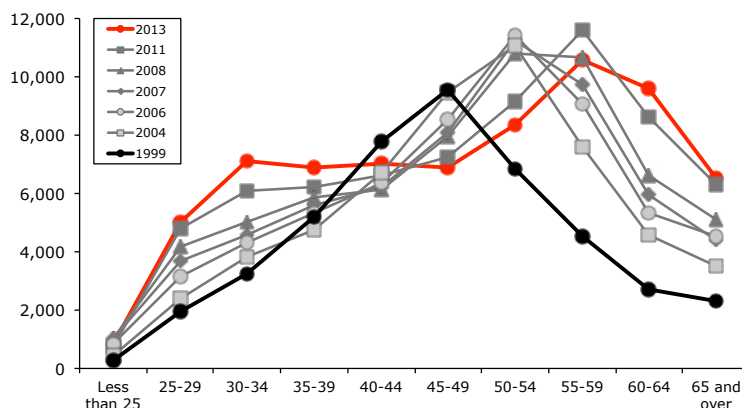|	2006	2007	2008	2011	2013
Total RN† licenses	71,048	74,955	80,209	80,615	83,447
With Washington addresses	58,356 (82.1%)	60,558 (81.7%)	63,354 (80.0%)	67,379 (83.6%)	68,879 (82.5%)
With Oregon addresses	2,610 (3.7%)	2,995 (4.0%)	3,297 (4.2%)	3,452 (4.3%)	3,971 (4.8%)
With Idaho addresses	1,256 (1.8%)	1,331 (1.8%)	1,465 (1.8%)	1,452 (1.8%)	1,539 (1.8%)
Licensed RNs who also have an advanced practice‡ license with Washington address	3,150 (4.4%)	3,372 (4.5%)	3,598 (4.5%)	3,589 (4.5%)	4,354 (5.2%)

* Accessed from licensing files April 2013, March 2011, September 2008, October 2007, and August 2006.
† Ages 18 through 75.
‡ Advanced practice RNs in Washington are required to maintain an RN license.

RN Age

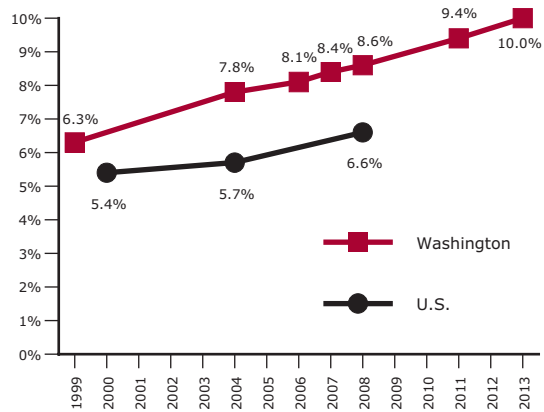**Average Age of RNs in Washington and the U.S.**
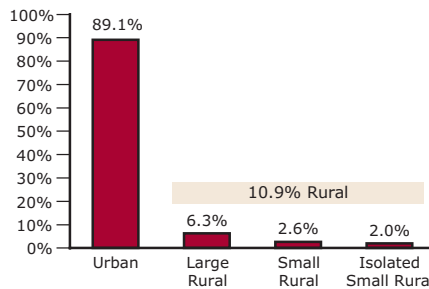

RNs with Washington Licenses, by Age Group

RN Gender

Percent of RNs Who Are Male in Washington and the U.S.

Urban-Rural Location of RNs in Washington

89.1% Urban
10.9% Rural
6.3% Large Rural
2.6% Small Rural
2.0% Isolated Small Rural

Data Sources:
Washington State RN data are from the Washington State Department of Health, Health Professions Licensing Data System, 2013 (April), 2011 (March), 2008 (September), 2007 (October), 2006 (August), 2004, and 1999. All data for U.S. RNs are from the Health Resources and Services Administration's 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/). General Washington population data are from the Washington State Office of Financial Management and are updated April 1 of each year (http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/april1/). The urban-rural location of each RN was determined using their license ZIP code and the Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes 2.0.