Registered Nurses (RNs) in Washington: Demographics and Employment Characteristics

- There are 52,497 licensed RNs in Washington State.
- There are 9.2 RNs/1,000 Washington State residents. (Nationally there are 7.8 employed RNs/1,000 residents.)
- 85.1% of Washington State RNs who responded to a survey at licensing said that they were actively working with their license. (The 2000 HRSA Nurse Sample Survey found 81.7% of RNs nationally are employed.)
- In rural Washington locations, there are 8.0 RNs/1,000 residents.
- In urban Washington locations, there are 9.6 RNs/1,000 residents.

Data are from a 1999 Washington State professional licensing survey.

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