Data Snapshot
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Race and Ethnicity of Washington State Health Professionals Compared with State Population

Race/ethnicity data are from a 1999 Washington State professional licensing survey. 1998 state population data are from the Washington State Office of Financial Management. Missing data on race/ethnicity were 8.4% for physicians, 9.0% for dentists, 10.2% for dental hygienists, 15% for physician assistants, and 34.3% for nurse practitioners. Total percentages for each profession may not equal 100% because respondents had the option of choosing “other.”

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