Iowa Nursing Workforce: Relevant Facts*

Licensed RNs in Iowa: 45,400

Age of RNs in Iowa:
- 48% of licensed RNs in Iowa are 58 years old or older
- 29% of Iowa’s RNs are younger than 38 years old

Highest Degree Held by Nurses in Iowa:
- ADN/Diploma = 60%
- BSN = 26%
- Masters in Nursing = 5%
- PhD or DNP = 0.6%
- Bachelor’s or Masters in another field = 8%

Trends in Educational Preparation of Nursing Workforce:
- Number of graduates from BSN & ADN programs in Iowa has increased steadily over past 10 years.
- Ratio of ADN graduates to BSN graduates over past 10 years = 2:1
- Graduations from Master’s programs increased steadily over past 7 years from 85 in 2003-2004 to 187 in 2009-2010
- Graduation from PhD programs has remained flat over past 7 years
- Number of DNP graduates increased to 17 in 2009-2010 with recent launch of three DNP programs

Nursing Programs in Iowa:
- Associate Degree = 17
- Baccalaureate = 19 (includes some that are RN-BSN only)
- Clinical Nurse Leader = 2
- Masters = 8
- Post Masters Certificate = 5
- DNP = 3
- PhD = 1

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