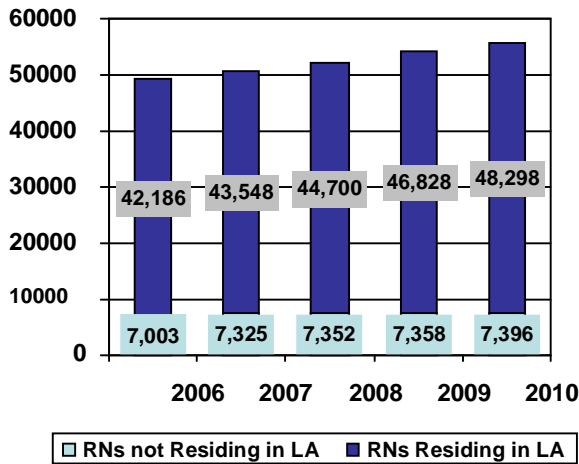
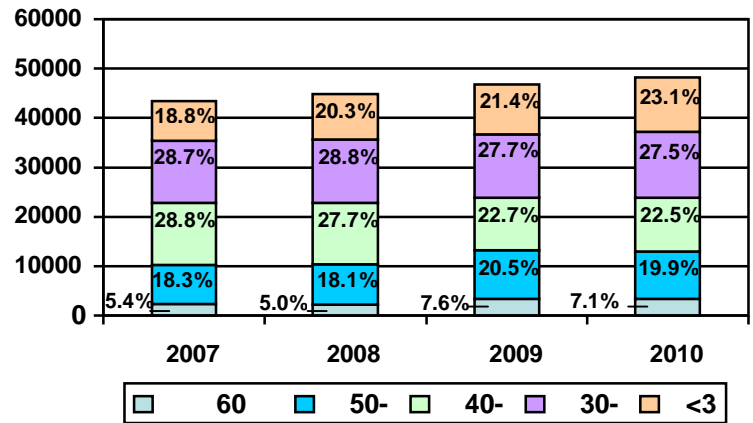


## Registered Nurses in Louisiana 2010 Snapshot

**Registered Nurses Holding an Active LA License 2006-2010**

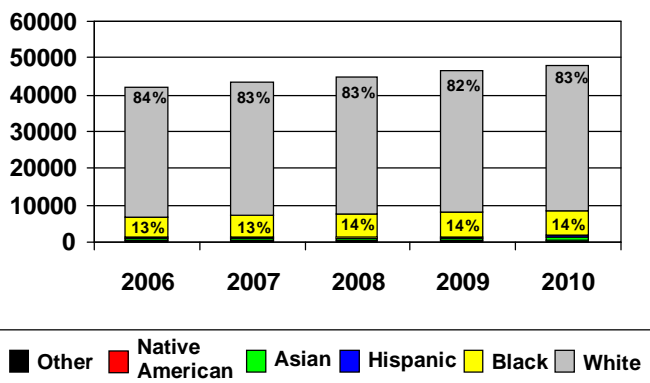


**Age of Licensed Registered Nurses in LA**

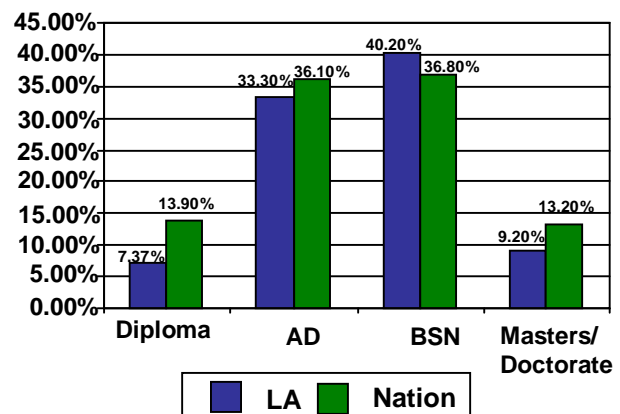


In 2010, 55,712 nurses held a license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in Louisiana; 48,298 (87%) lived in Louisiana and 7,396 lived outside of Louisiana (i.e., Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas). The average age of RNs licensed in Louisiana in 2010 was 41 years as compared to 44 years in 2009, while the nationwide average age is 47 years (HRSA BHP, 2010).

**Racial Distribution of Registered Nurses in LA**

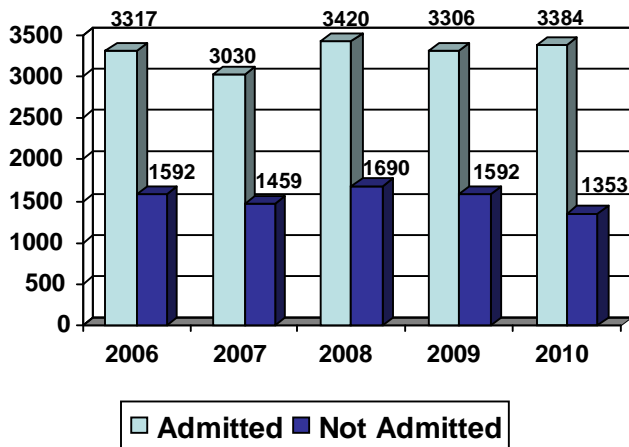


**Highest Degree Held by Registered Nurses Residing in LA**

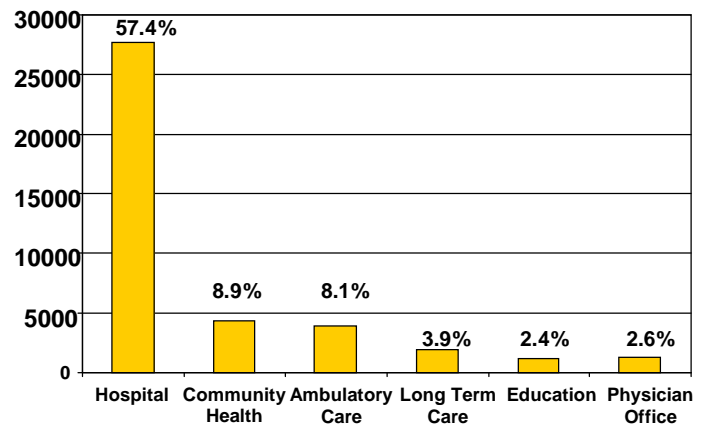


In 2010, 83% of licensed RNs in Louisiana were White and 14% were Black which is comparable to the national statistics (72.4% White, 12.9% Black) but not Louisiana's population which is 62.6% White and 32.1% Black (U.S. Census, 2010). In terms of gender distribution, females (89%) continue to outnumber males (11%) in nursing, yet in Louisiana, 51.4% of the population is female and 48.6% is male. Louisiana, in terms of highest degree held by RNs, falls slightly below the nation in terms of the RN workforce that is prepared at the baccalaureate or higher degree level (Louisiana-49.4%; U.S.-50.0%).

## Qualified Applicants Admitted to Pre-Registered Nurse Licensure Programs in LA



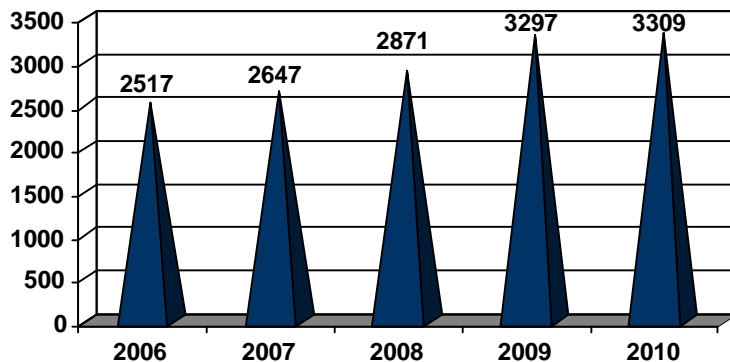
## Employers of Registered Nurses



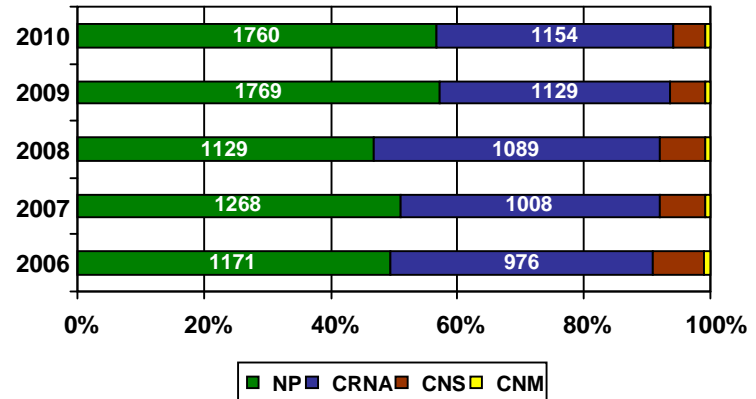
More than 54,000 qualified applications to professional nursing programs were turned away in 2009, including more than 9,500 applications to master's and doctoral degree programs (AACN, 2010). The primary reason given by Schools of Nursing for not accepting all qualified students was a shortage of qualified faculty.

Although hospitals continue to be the major employer of RNs, over the previous 5 years there has been a significant increase in the number of RNs working in home health/ community health, ambulatory care and long term care.

## Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Residing in LA



## Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Residing in LA by Role



In 2010, 53% (1,760) of all advanced practice registered nurses licensed and residing in Louisiana were nurse practitioners, 35% (1,154) were certified nurse anesthetists, 4.8% (158) clinical nurse specialists, and 0.8% (28) certified nurse midwives. A key recommendation from the IOM report on the future of nursing indicates that registered nurses that are allowed to practice to the full extent of their education and training will play a pivotal role in caring for the 32 million uninsured non-elderly Americans that will be added to the health insurance rosters.

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