



Commission on Nurse Certification (CNC)

CNC is the autonomous certifying arm of the AACN who oversees the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) certification activities to assure communities of interest that certificants have met accepted standards of practice.

- 6,036** Number of nurses who have earned the CNL since 2006
- 1,086** California has the highest number of Active certified CNLs
- 73%** Pass rate for 1st timers in 2017

CNL Certification Exam Data (2017 – NEW EXAM)

The following table indicates the pass rate for the new CNL exam administered April 24 – August 31, 2017.

NEW CNL EXAM ADMINISTERED April 24 - August 31, 2017	CANDIDATES (Students & Faculty)	CANDIDATES 1st TIME (Students & Faculty)	STUDENTS ONLY	1st TIME STUDENTS	FACULTY ONLY	1st TIME FACULTY
TOTAL CANDIDATES	675	619	663	610	12	9
PASSED	472	451	461	442	11	9
FAILED	203	168	202	168	1	0
PASS RATE	70%	73%	70%	72%	92%	100%

Note: Aggregate data above includes candidates with outstanding RN license information who sat for the exam. These individuals are not officially certified and therefore the total number of candidates who have passed the exam may not reflect the actual number of certified CNLs.

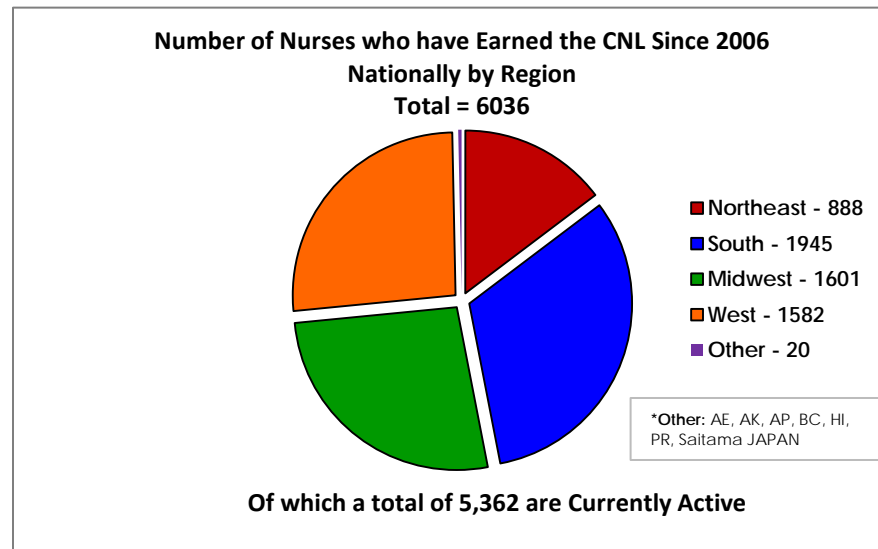


CNL Certification Exam Data (2010-2017)

The following table indicates the overall pass rate for the CNL exams administered since 2010.

YEAR	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL CANDIDATES	PASS RATE
2010	406	191	597	68%
2011	488	242	730	67%
2012	597	225	822	73%
2013	646	249	895	72%
2014	711	241	952	75%
2015	709	371	1080	66%
2016	755	357	1112	68%
2017 Old Exam (January 1 - April 23, 2017)	125	55	180	69%
TOTALS AND AVERAGE PASS RATE	4437	1931	6368	70%

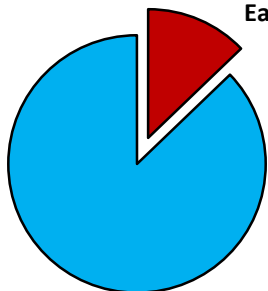
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Note: The total indicates the number of individuals who have earned Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Certification since 2006.

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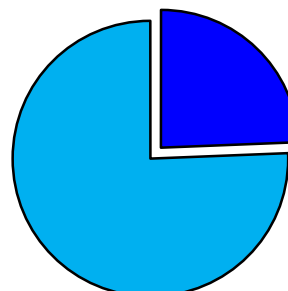
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Northeast Region



■ # Earned CNL in the Northeast - 888
 ■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 6036

Northeast Region: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

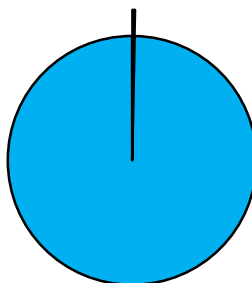
Earned CNL Since 2006 - South Region



■ # Earned CNL in the South - 1945
 ■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 6036

South Region: AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

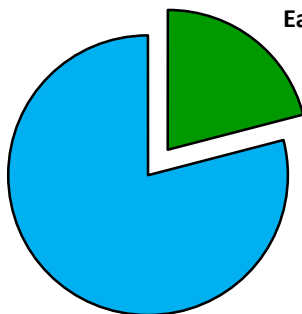
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Other



■ # Earned CNL in Other Areas - 20
 ■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 6036

Other: AE, AK, AP, BC, HI, PR, Saitama JAPAN

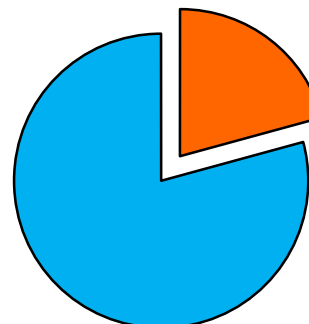
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Midwest Region



■ # Earned CNLs in the Midwest - 1601
 ■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 6036

Midwest Region: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, SD, WI, WY

Earned CNL Since 2006 - West Region

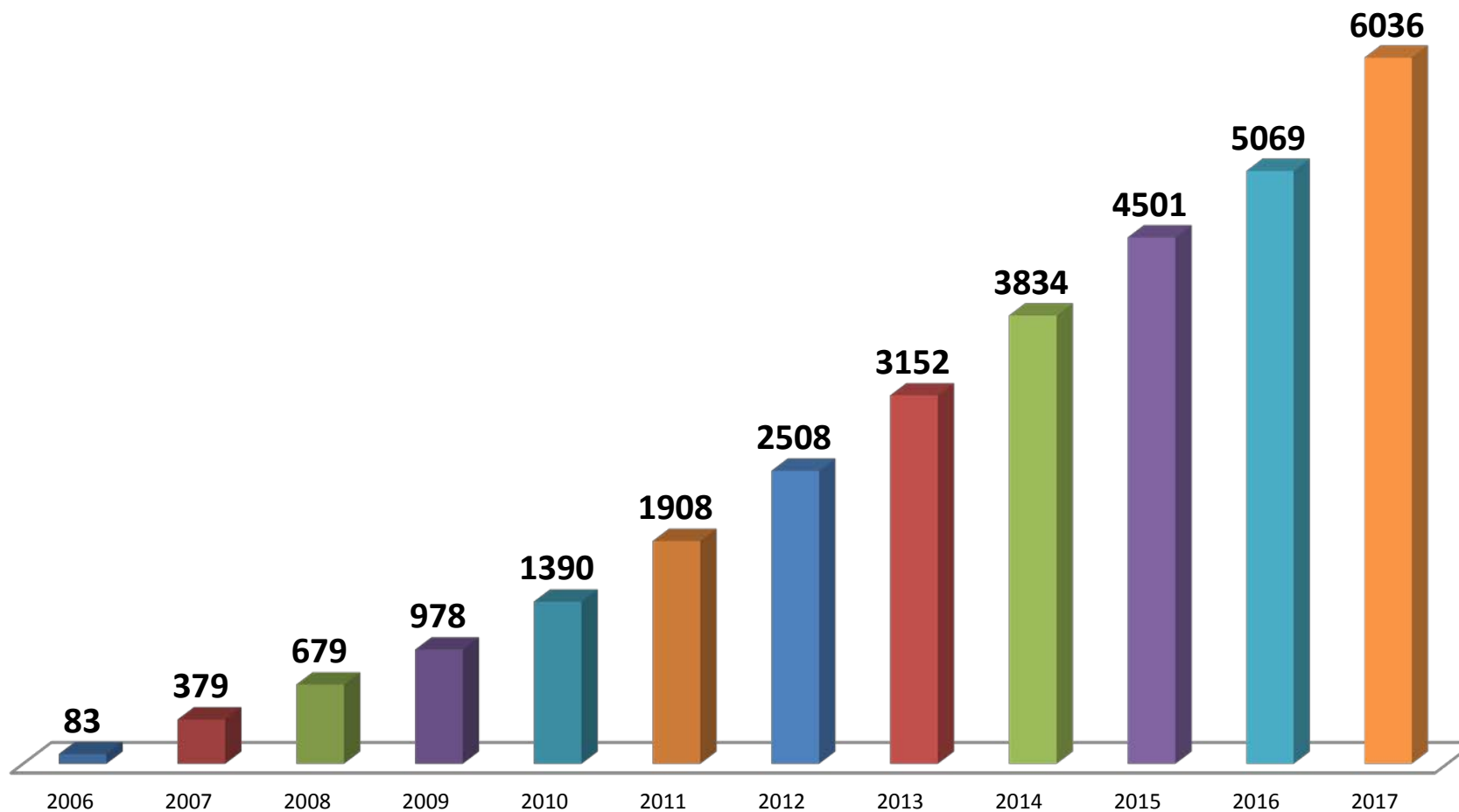


■ # Earned CNL in the West - 1582
 ■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 6036

West Region: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY

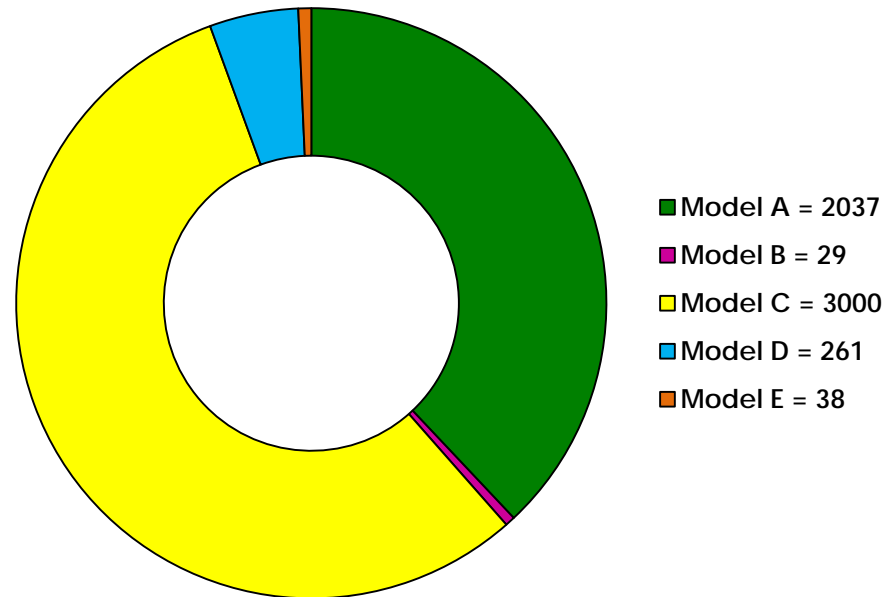


Nurses who Earned the CNL since 2006 by Year





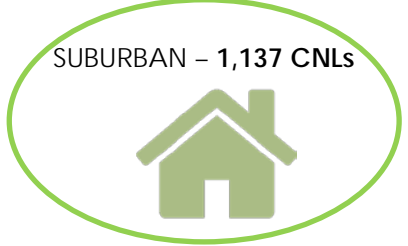
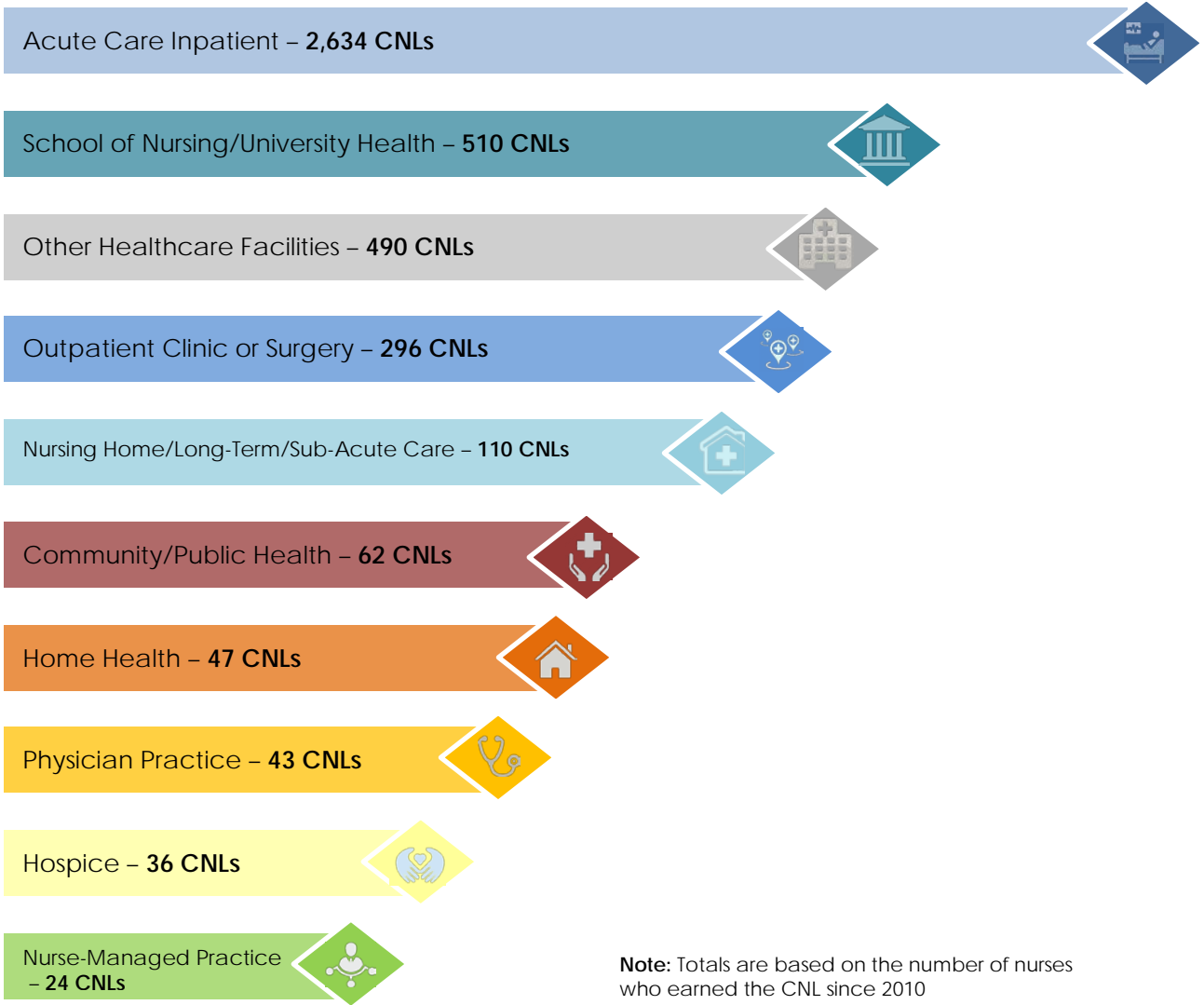
Earned CNL per Program Model as Provided by the Program Director since 2010



- **Model A:** Master's degree program designed for BSN graduates
- **Model B:** Master's degree program for BSN graduates that includes a post-BSN residency that awards master's credit
- **Model C:** Master's degree program designed for individuals with a baccalaureate degree in another discipline
- **Model D:** Master's degree program designed for ADN graduates (RN-MSN)
- **Model E:** Post-master's certificate program designed for individuals with a master's degree in nursing in another area of study



CNLs by Employment Setting and Type of Community



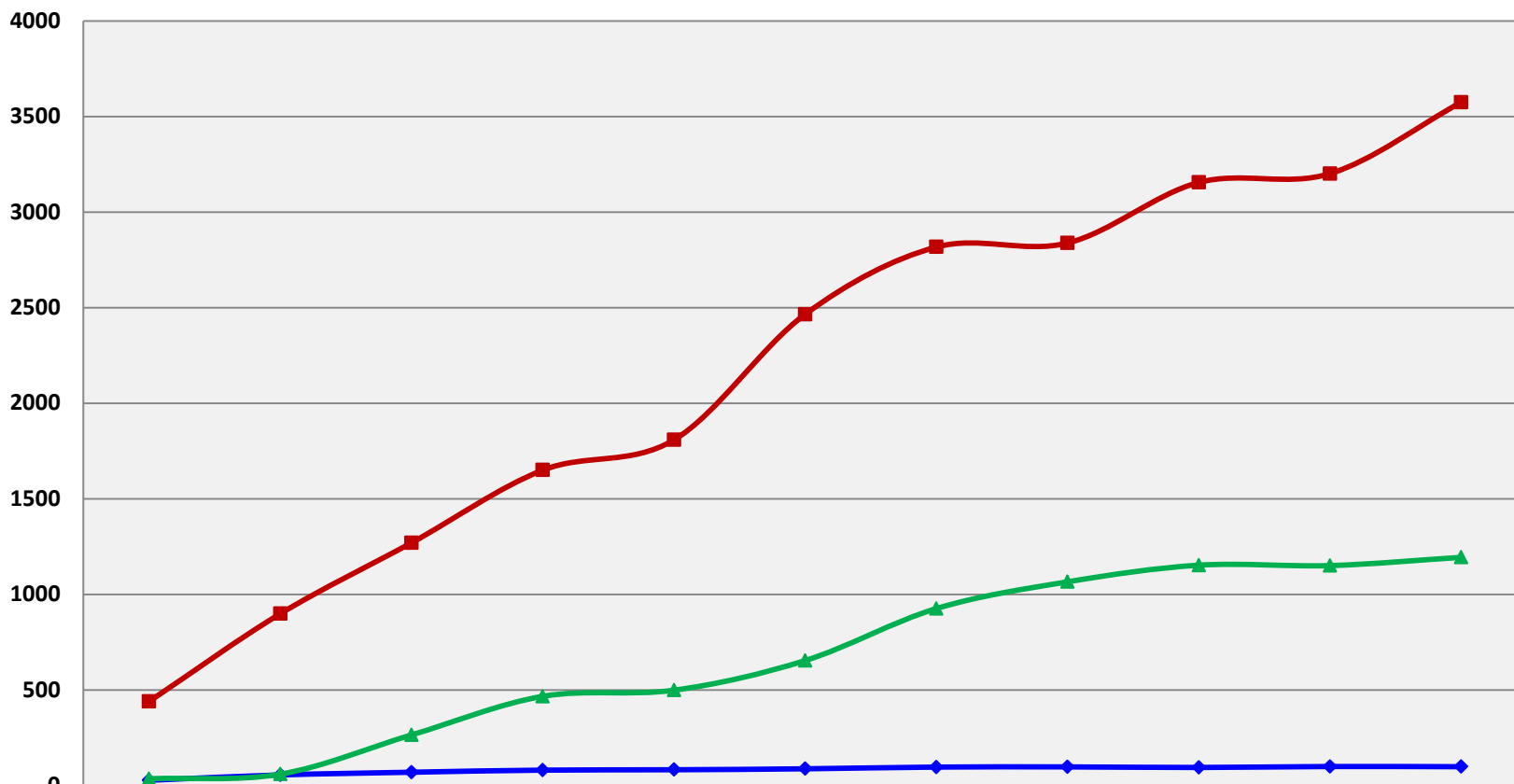
Note: Totals are based on the number of nurses who earned the CNL since 2010

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STATE	ACTIVE CNLs		STATE	ACTIVE CNLs
Alabama - AL	148		Montana - MT	21
Alaska - AK	5		Nebraska - NE	7
Arizona - AZ	22		Nevada - NV	35
Arkansas - AR	22		New Hampshire - NH	184
California - CA	1086		New Jersey - NJ	149
Colorado - CO	34		New Mexico - NM	10
Connecticut - CT	105		New York - NY	103
Delaware - DE	1		North Carolina - NC	127
District of Columbia - DC	10		North Dakota - ND	1
Florida - FL	209		Ohio - OH	356
Georgia - GA	265		Oklahoma - OK	19
Hawaii - HI	3		Oregon - OR	77
Idaho - ID	8		Pennsylvania - PA	117
Illinois - IL	541		Rhode Island - RI	13
Indiana - IN	23		South Carolina - SC	38
Iowa - IA	61		South Dakota - SD	17
Kansas - KS	30		Tennessee - TN	158
Kentucky - KY	36		Texas - TX	284
Louisiana - LA	8		Utah - UT	4
Maine - ME	36		Vermont - VT	10
Maryland - MD	148		Virginia - VA	204
Massachusetts - MA	107		Washington - WA	77
Michigan - MI	106		West Virginia - WV	1
Minnesota - MN	17		Wisconsin - WI	156
Mississippi - MS	21		Wyoming - WY	2
Missouri - MO	131		Other - PR, International	9



Enrollment and Graduations of CNL Students 2005-2016



	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
◆ CNL Programs	28	56	70	81	83	88	97	98	95	100	99
■ Enrolled Students	440	899	1270	1650	1808	2465	2817	2838	3155	3201	3574
▲ Graduates	36	60	265	467	499	654	926	1066	1153	1151	1194

AACN Institutional Data System (IDS). 2016