







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.



-  **8,175** Number of nurses who have earned the CNL since 2006
-  **1,342** California has the highest number of Active certified CNLs
-  **75%** 2020 Pass Rate for all 1st Timers

CNL Certification Exam Data

The following table indicates the pass rate for the new CNL exam administered April 20, 2020 – August 31, 2020.

NEW CNL EXAM ADMINISTERED (Spring & Summer) April 20, 2020 - August 31, 2020	CANDIDATES (Students & Faculty)	CANDIDATES 1st TIME (Students & Faculty)	STUDENTS ONLY	1st TIME STUDENTS	FACULTY ONLY	1st TIME FACULTY
TOTAL CANDIDATES	571	487	557	476	14	11
PASSED	405	363	393	353	12	10
FAILED	166	124	164	123	2	1
PASS RATE	71%	75%	71%	74%	86%	91%

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.



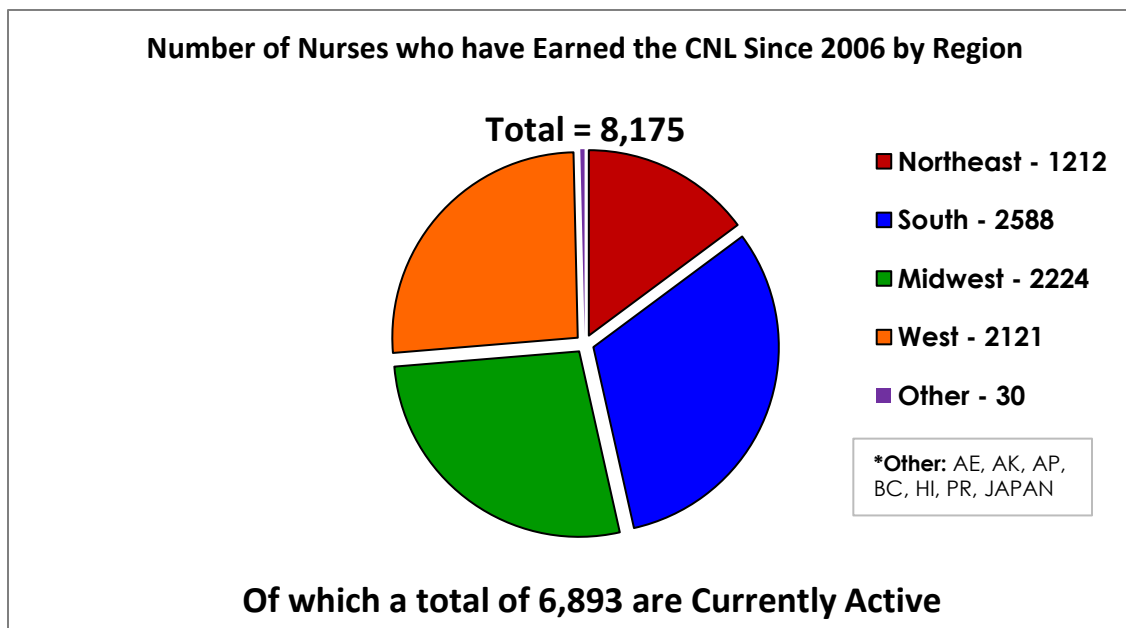
CNL Certification Exam Data (2010-2019)

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	761	324	1085	70%
2018	809	321	1130	72%
2019	858	317	1175	73%
OVERALL TOTALS	6740	2838	9578	70%

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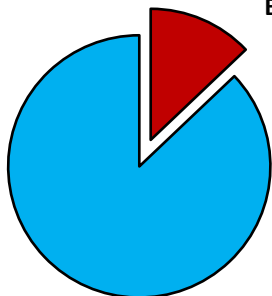
Earned CNL Certification Since 2006 by Region



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

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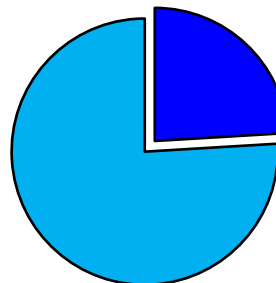
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Northeast Region



■ # Earned CNL in the Northeast - 1212
■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 8175

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

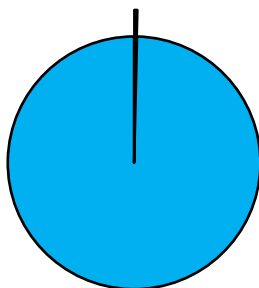
Earned CNL Since 2006 - South Region



■ # Earned CNL in the South - 2588
■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 8175

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

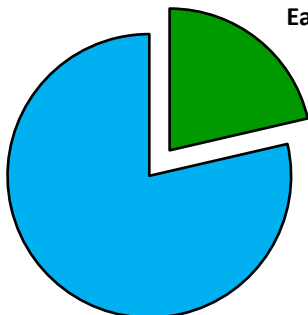
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Other



■ # Earned CNL in Other Areas - 30
■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 8175

Other: AE, AK, AP, AU, BC, HI, IRL, ON, PR, JAPAN

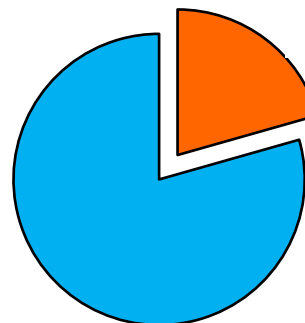
Earned CNL Since 2006 - Midwest Region



■ # Earned CNLs in the Midwest - 2224
■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 8175

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

Earned CNL Since 2006 - West Region

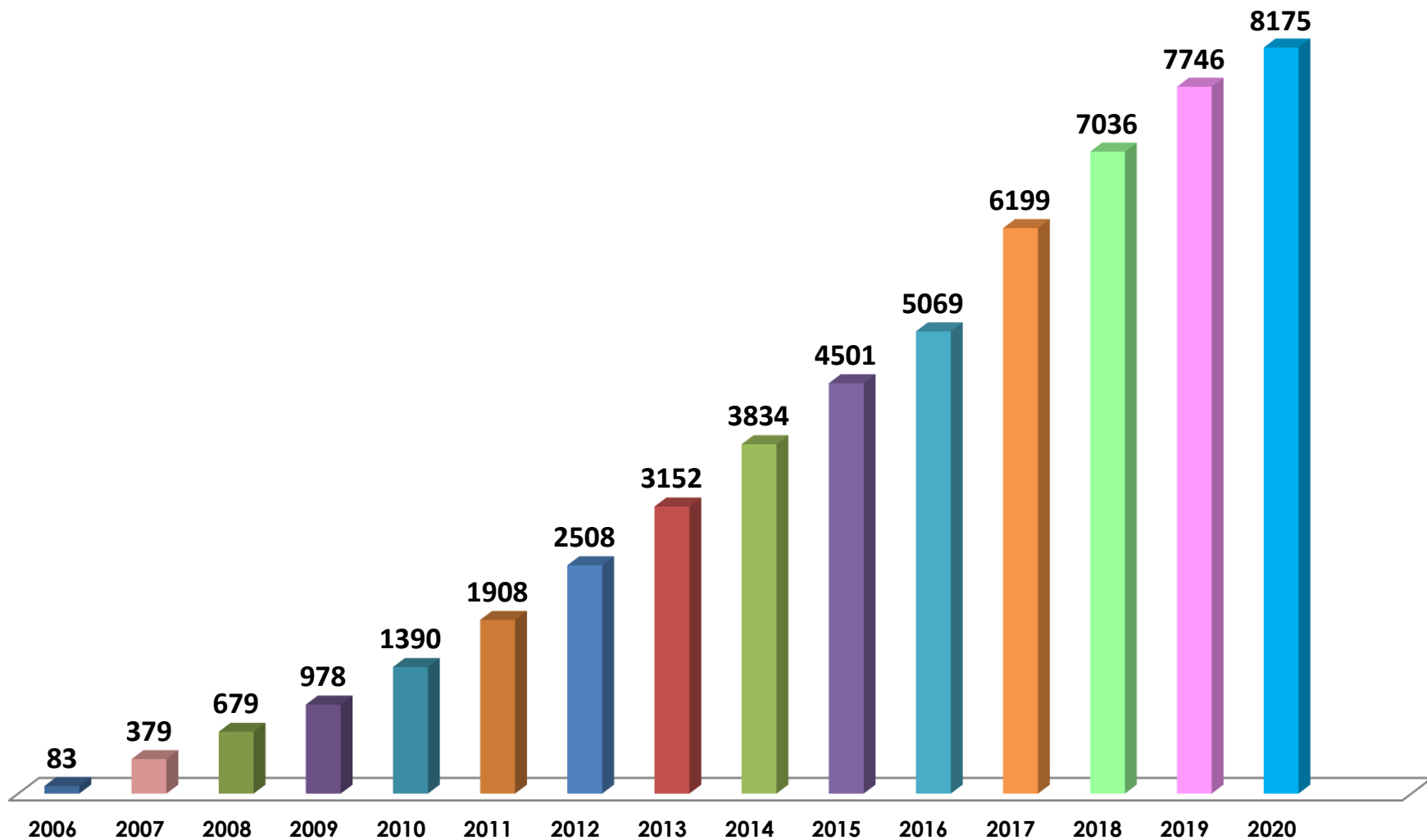


■ # Earned CNL in the West - 2121
■ # Earned CNL Nationally - 8175

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

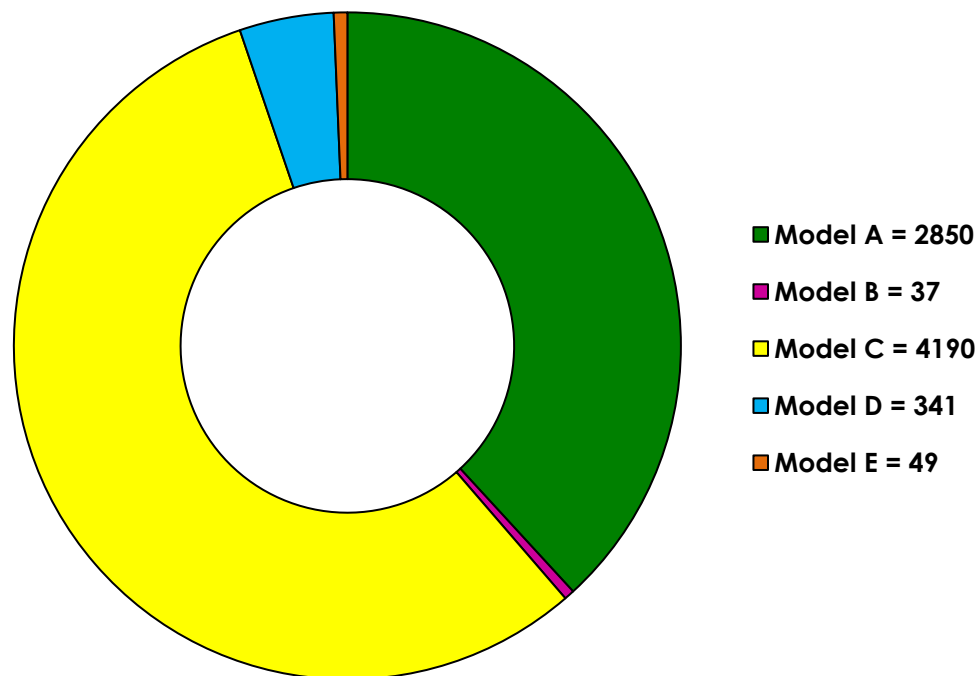


Total Number of Nurses who are CNL certified





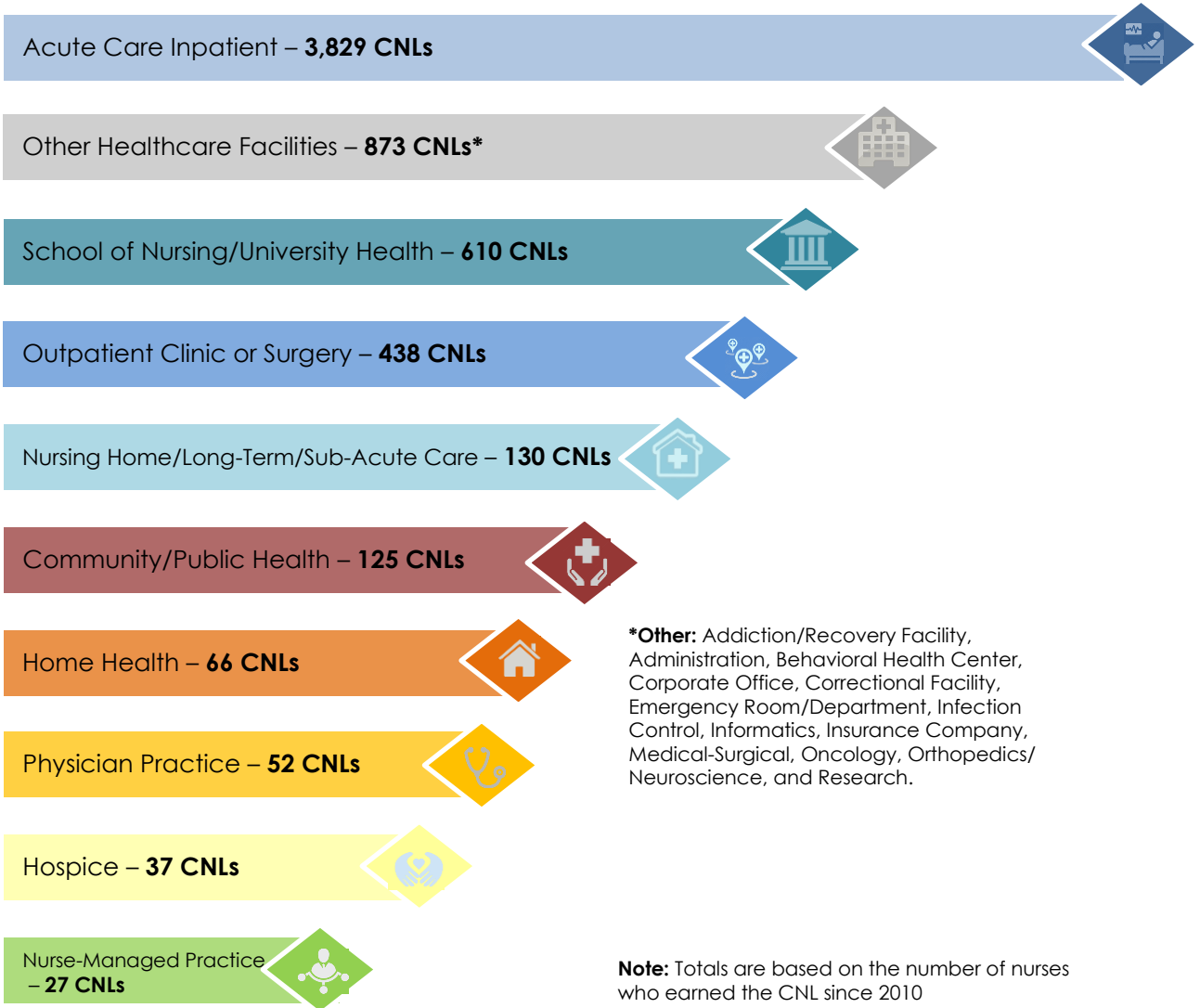
Earned CNL per Program Model as Provided by the Program Director since 2010



- **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



***Other:** Addiction/Recovery Facility, Administration, Behavioral Health Center, Corporate Office, Correctional Facility, Emergency Room/Department, Infection Control, Informatics, Insurance Company, Medical-Surgical, Oncology, Orthopedics/Neuroscience, and Research.

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

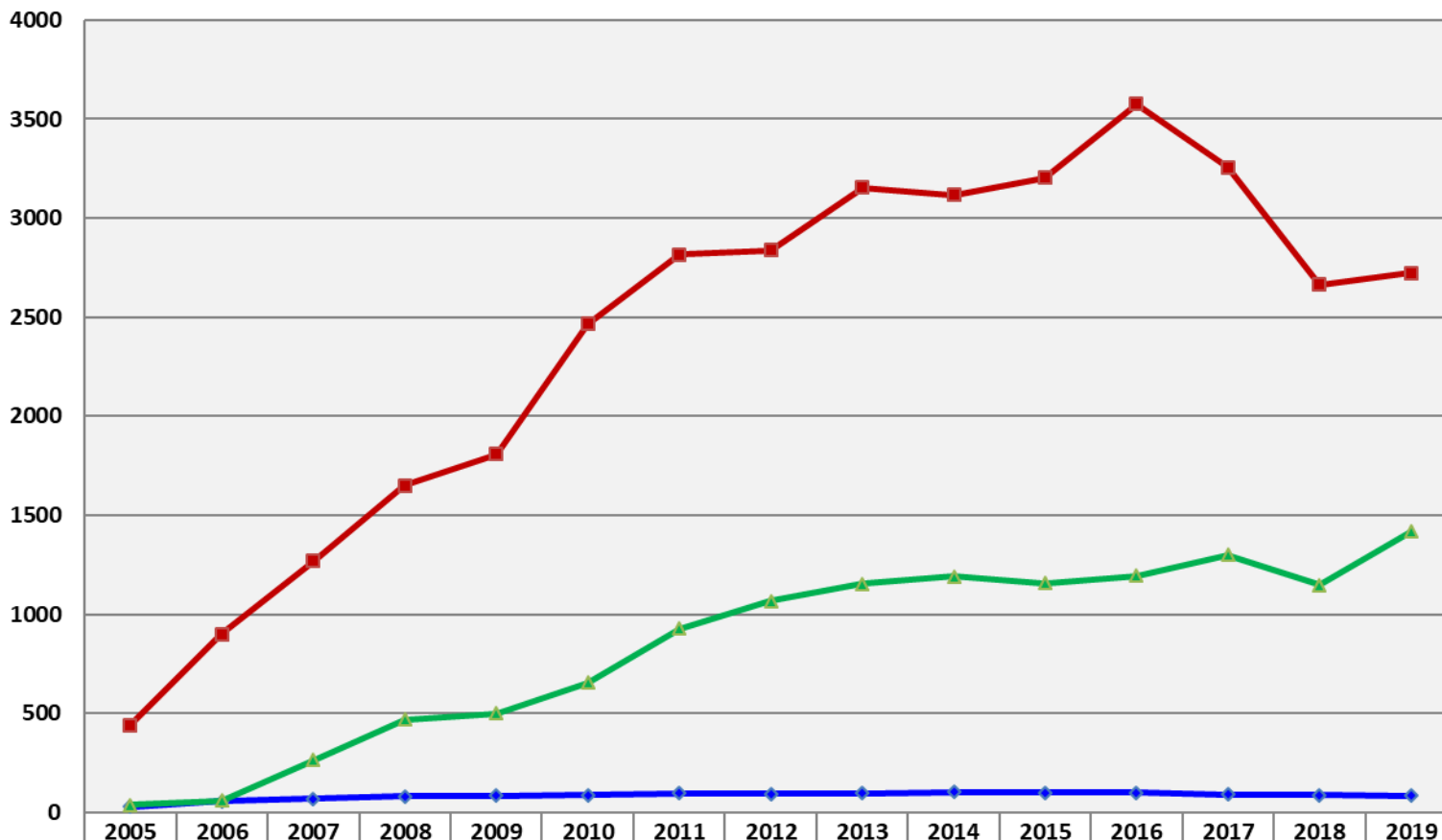
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STATE	ACTIVE CNLs
Alabama - AL	154
Alaska - AK	8
Arizona - AZ	32
Arkansas - AR	24
California - CA	1342
Colorado - CO	57
Connecticut - CT	143
Delaware - DE	7
District of Columbia - DC	32
Florida - FL	209
Georgia - GA	319
Hawaii - HI	7
Idaho - ID	13
Illinois - IL	857
Indiana - IN	33
Iowa - IA	78
Kansas - KS	31
Kentucky - KY	45
Louisiana - LA	21
Maine - ME	38
Maryland - MD	220
Massachusetts - MA	129
Michigan - MI	127
Minnesota - MN	33
Mississippi - MS	16
Missouri - MO	161

STATE	ACTIVE CNLs
Montana - MT	22
Nebraska - NE	20
Nevada - NV	40
New Hampshire - NH	207
New Jersey - NJ	199
New Mexico - NM	9
New York - NY	134
North Carolina - NC	186
North Dakota - ND	1
Ohio - OH	382
Oklahoma - OK	18
Oregon - OR	61
Pennsylvania - PA	169
Rhode Island - RI	13
South Carolina - SC	83
South Dakota - SD	20
Tennessee - TN	122
Texas - TX	383
Utah - UT	7
Vermont - VT	21
Virginia - VA	298
Washington - WA	118
West Virginia - WV	3
Wisconsin - WI	227
Wyoming - WY	2
Other - PR, International	12



Enrollment and Graduations of CNL Students 2005-2019



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
◆ CNL Programs	28	56	70	81	83	88	97	93	95	102	100	99	91	87	84
■ Enrolled Students	440	899	1270	1650	1808	2465	2817	2838	3155	3115	3202	3574	3255	2664	2722
▲ Graduates	36	60	265	467	499	654	926	1066	1153	1190	1158	1194	1298	1148	1416

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