The Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing: *Leading Change, Advancing Health* recommends that the proportion of nurses with a BSN be increased to 80% and the number of nurses with a doctorate be doubled by 2020.
The passage rate on the NCLEX-RN for graduates from Louisiana’s pre-RN licensure programs continues to exceed that of the nation in spite of the higher passing standard and the new test plan implemented in April 2013 by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.
### RN Supply

- **Registered Nurses Holding an Active LA License (2010-2014):**
  - 2010: 55,712
  - 2011: 57,788
  - 2012: 59,407
  - 2013: 60,508
  - 2014: 62,356

- **Average Age for RNs Licensed in LA**
  - National Average: 45 YRS-OLD
  - Resident: 50 YRS-OLD

- **Employment Distribution of Licensed Registered Nurses Residing in LA (2010-2014):**
  - Full-Time
  - Part-Time
  - Other
  - Not Employed

### Over the Past 5 Years

- **No. of RNs holding a license to practice nursing in LA:** +12%
- **No. of RNs licensed and residing in LA:** +11%
- **No. of Non Resident RNs that hold a license to practice in LA:** +16%

**Results:**
- 86% (53,731) of nurses licensed to practice in Louisiana also lived in LA
- 14% (8,599) reported home addresses outside of Louisiana

### Licensed Registered Nurses Residing in LA (2010-2014)

- 42,085 Licensed registered nurses residing in LA provide direct patient care

### Types of Positions Held by Licensed Registered Nurses Residing in Louisiana (2010-2014)

- **Staff Nurses:** 33,547 of RNs licensed in Louisiana in 2014 were employed as staff nurses with 13% increase over the past 5 years.
- **Nurse Managers:** 5,460 of the licensed RNs were nurse managers with 29% increase over the past 5 years.
- **Nurse Executives & Faculty:** 2,554 of the licensed RNs were Nurse Executives and Faculty.
- **Other:** 11,482 of the licensed RNs were APRNs, consultants, researchers, and other.

### Employers of Licensed Registered Nurses Residing in LA (2010-2014)

- **Public Health**
- **Community Health**
- **School Nurse**
- **Nurse Educator**
- **Long-Term Care**
- **Clinic/Ambulatory Care**
- **Home Health**
- **Hospital**

- **2013–14:** 2010–14
  - Staff Nurses: +11%
  - Nurse Managers: +21%
  - Clinic/Ambulatory Care: +8%
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The majority of APRNs were employed in hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician’s offices, rural clinics and private clinics in 2014.

2,819 of APRNs Residing in LA have Prescriptive Authority which represents a 66% increase since 2010.