



Table 5.7: Distribution of RN Workforce by Age Group, 1980 – 2008

Age Group	1980	1990	2000	2004	2008
20s	321,316	252,890	247,123	233,437	288,184
30s	320,101	536,442	614,728	532,707	613,971
40s	224,468	419,766	935,866	916,956	791,932
50s	171,240	206,647	585,497	801,643	892,952
60s	36,716	46,372	313,675	395,450	389,796
Total # of RNs	1,073,841	1,462,117	2,696,890	2,880,193	2,976,835

Source: Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration. (1980-2004). *Findings from the National Survey of Registered Nurses*. Link: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/supplydemand/nursing/rnsamplesurvey/rnsurvey2004.pdf>. Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration. (2010). *Findings from the 2008 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses*. Link: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/rnsurveys/rnsurveyfinal.pdf>.

Data for Chart 5.10