In a 2009 RN licensure survey report, results indicated an increase in the number of RNs nurses renewing their Indiana licenses.

- In 2009, 88,852 RNs renewed their Indiana licenses.
- A majority (95.3%) of the survey respondents indicated that they were actively working in a paid position related to nursing. Of those, 53,525 respondents were actively working in Indiana.
- 56.3% are employed in a hospital setting.
- The percentage of registered nurses aged 45 and older has grown from 42.7% in 1997 to 53.7% in 2009.
- 29.9% were age 45-54, 19.7% 55-64, and 4.1% over age 65.
- 51.3% of respondents age 55-64 anticipate retirement in the next 4-9 years and 12.4% of age 65 and older anticipate retirement in less than one year.
- The percent of respondents with master’s degrees in nursing almost doubled from 1997 (4.4%) to 2009 (8.2%).
- The highest nursing degrees obtained were 8.4% Diploma graduates, 45.1% ADN, 37.9% Bachelors, 8.2% Masters, and 4% PhD.
- In Indiana, over 2,500 qualified students are turned away every year from nursing schools due in part to the shortage of nursing faculty.
- In the next 10 years, 61% of currently employed full-time nurse faculty have or will reach retirement age.
- 37% of current Indiana RN faculty will reach retirement age by 2015; 59% by 2020.
- With the current trends, the estimated shortage of RNs in Indiana by 2020 will be 22,076.