



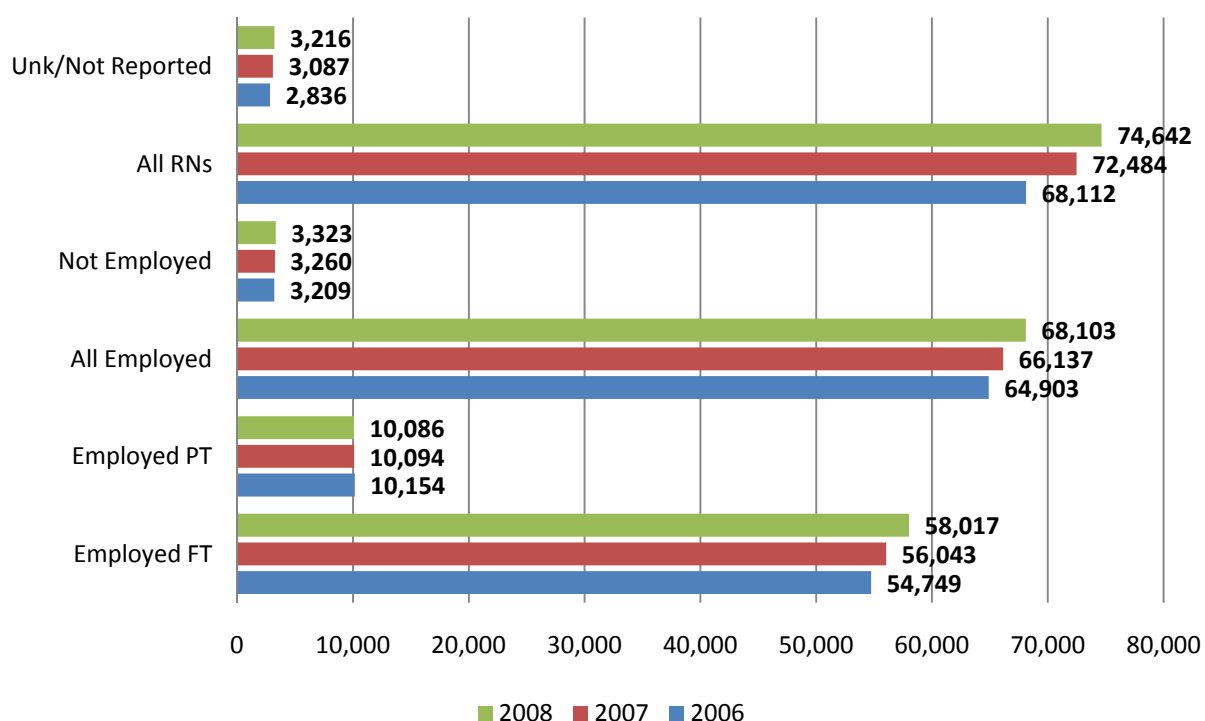
**The Registered Nurse Population
in Tennessee
through June 2008**

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Registered Nurses in Tennessee

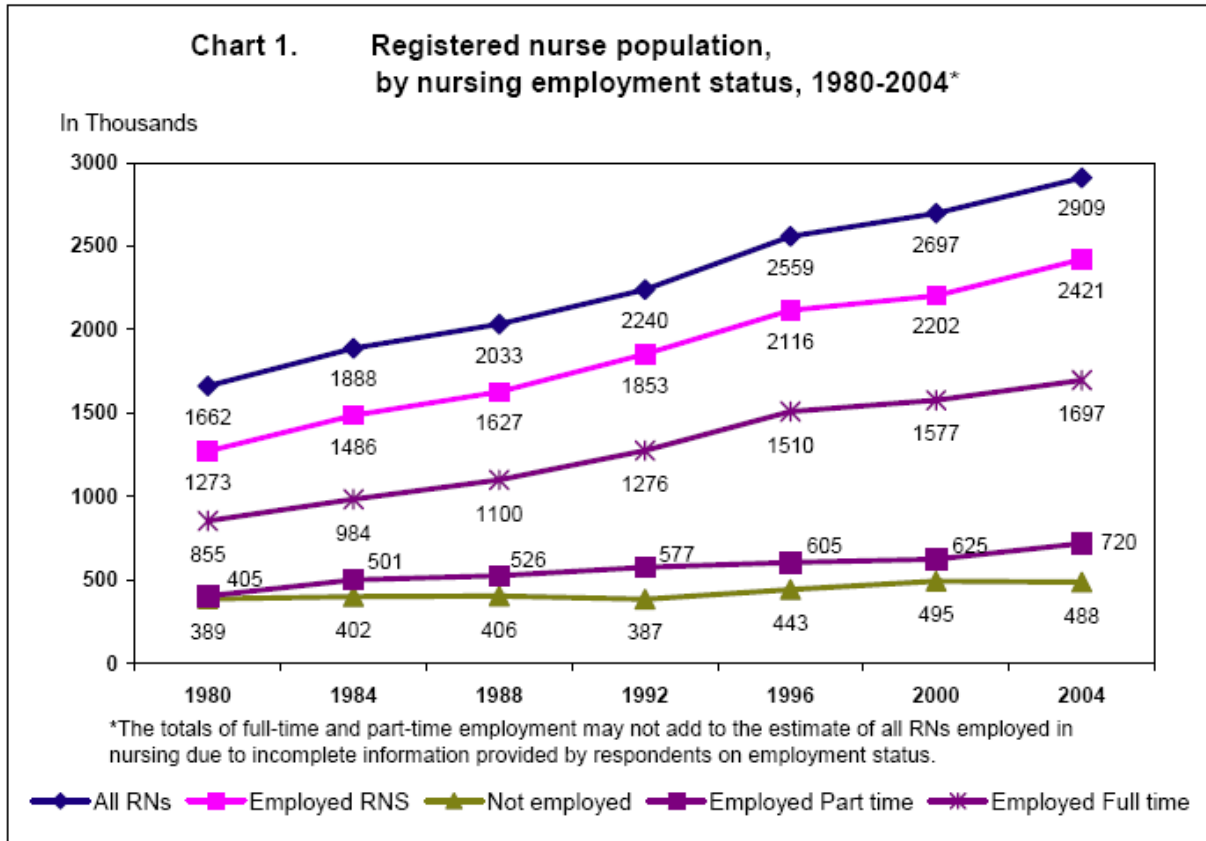
The Tennessee Board of Nursing (BON) provides data to the Tennessee Center for Nursing (TCN) annually on the cumulative population of nurses licensed in the State of Tennessee. The list is provided shortly after the end of the second quarter of each year. The following information includes RNs with an active license status in Tennessee.

Chart 1. Registered Nurse Population, by Employment Status in TN as of June 2008



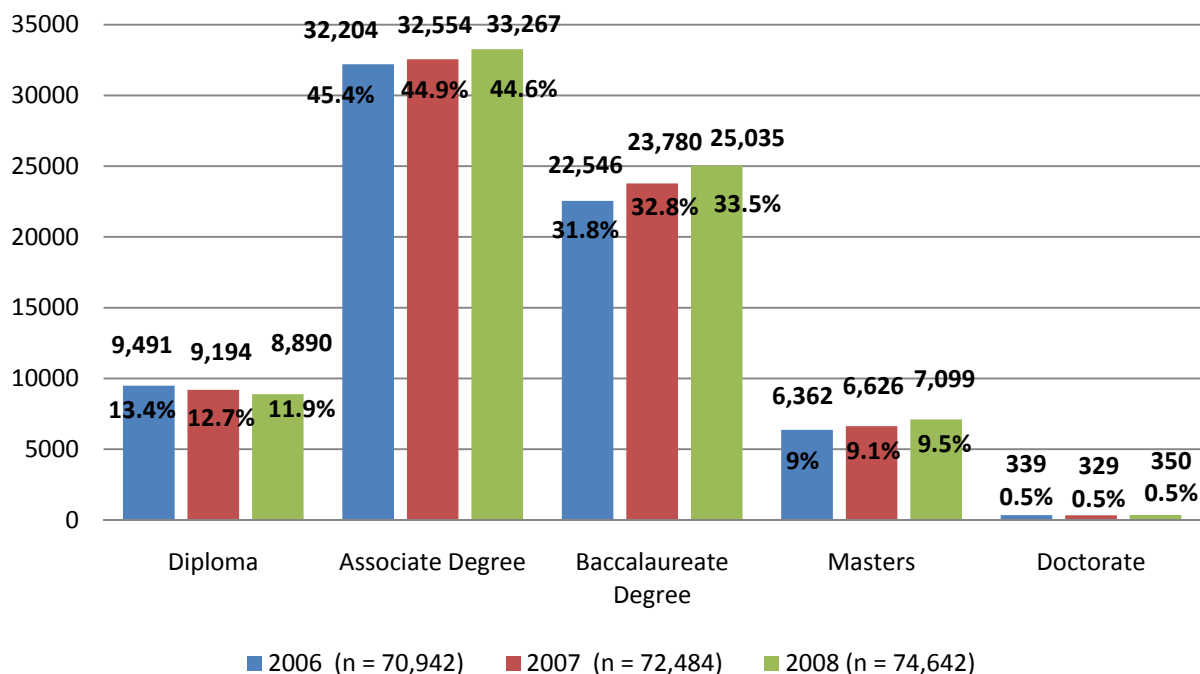
According to the most current national data available, in 2004, 83.2% of RNs with active licenses were employed in nursing versus 91.2% of those in Tennessee in June, 2008 (a 3% increase from 2007). Nationally, 58.3% of active RNs were employed full time, 24.8% employed part time and 16.8% were not employed in 2004. In Tennessee, 77.7% of active RNs were employed full time (a 3.5% increase from 2007), 13.5% were part time (a decrease of 0.1% from 2007), and 4.5% were not employed (a 1.9% increase from 2007).

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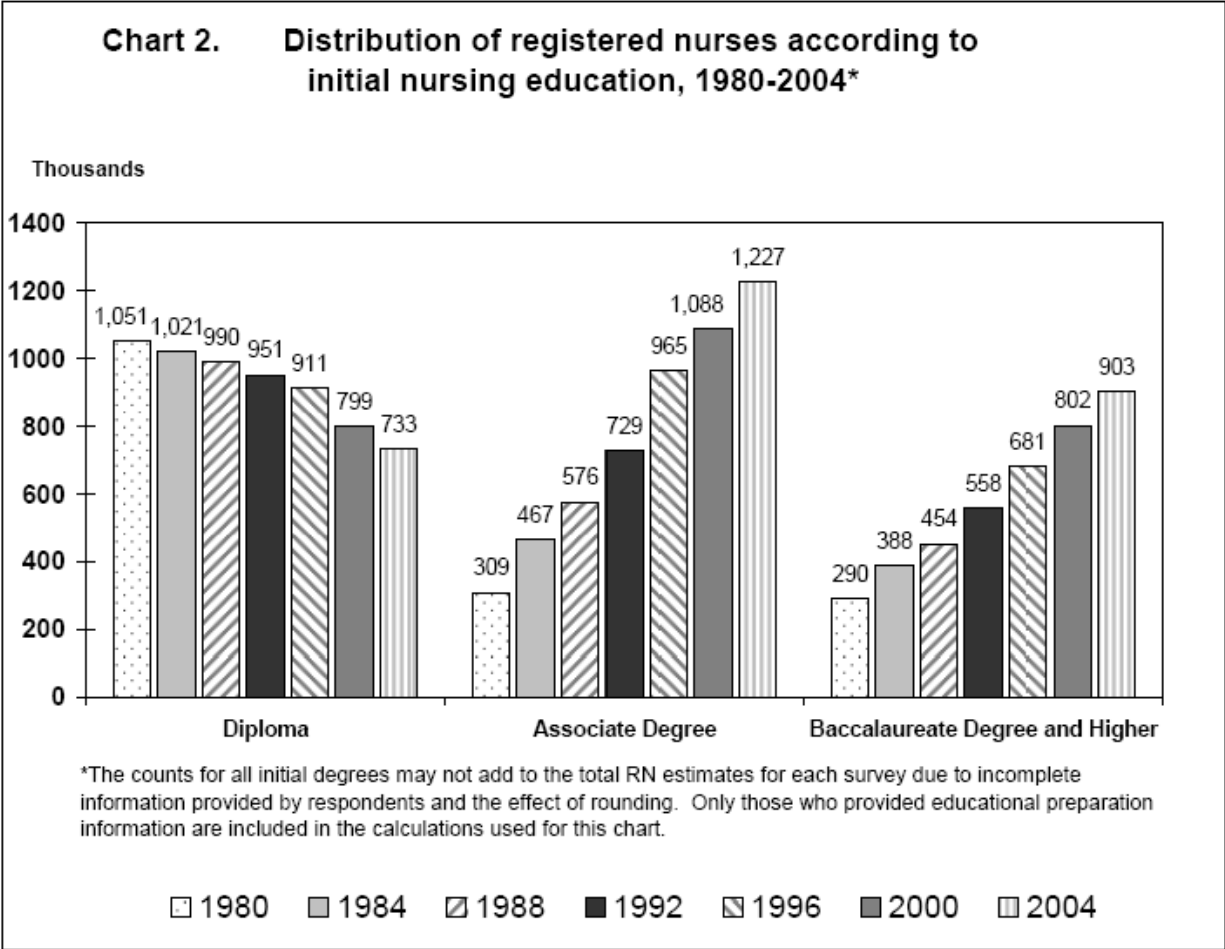
EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

Chart 2. Distribution of RNs According to Basic Nursing Education in Tennessee, 2006, 07 & 08



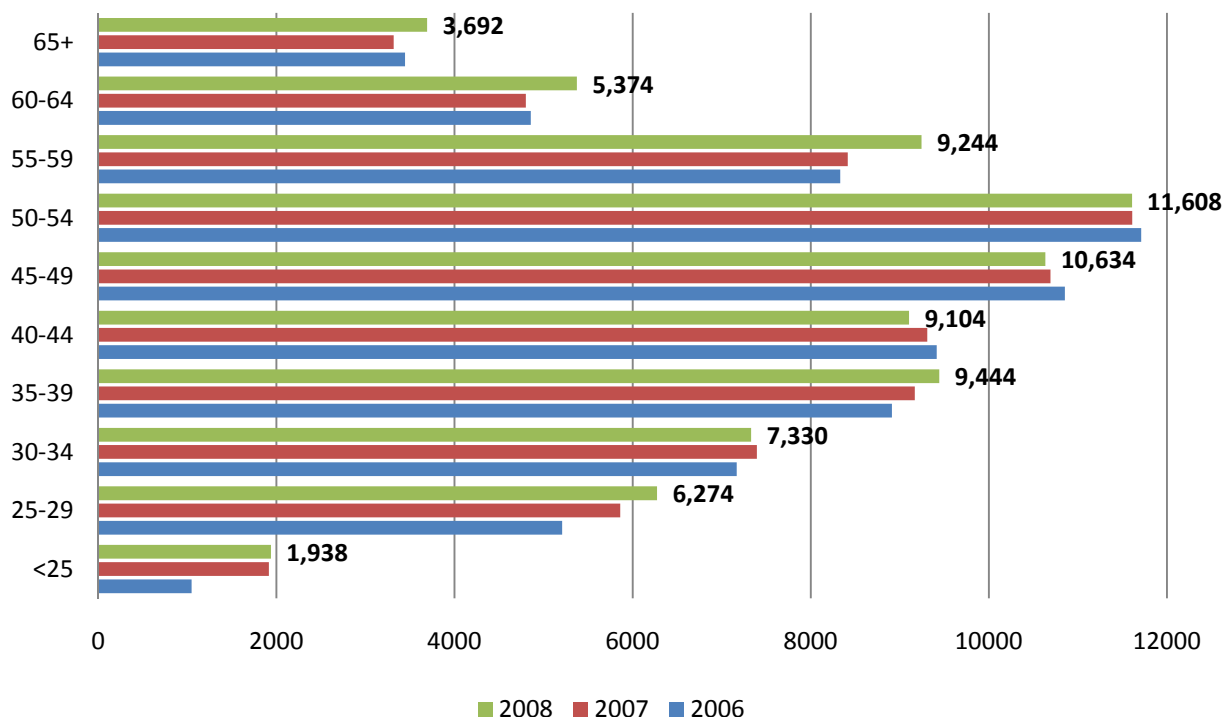
According to the national nursing survey, in 2004, 25.6% of active nurses reported having a diploma, 43.9% reported having an Associate Degree and 31.5% reported having a Baccalaureate Degree or higher. In Tennessee, 11.9% of active RNs reporting having a diploma (a 3.3% decrease from 2007), 44.6% an Associate Degree (a 2.2% increase from 2007), and 43% a Baccalaureate Degree or higher (a 5.7% increase from 2007).

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AGE

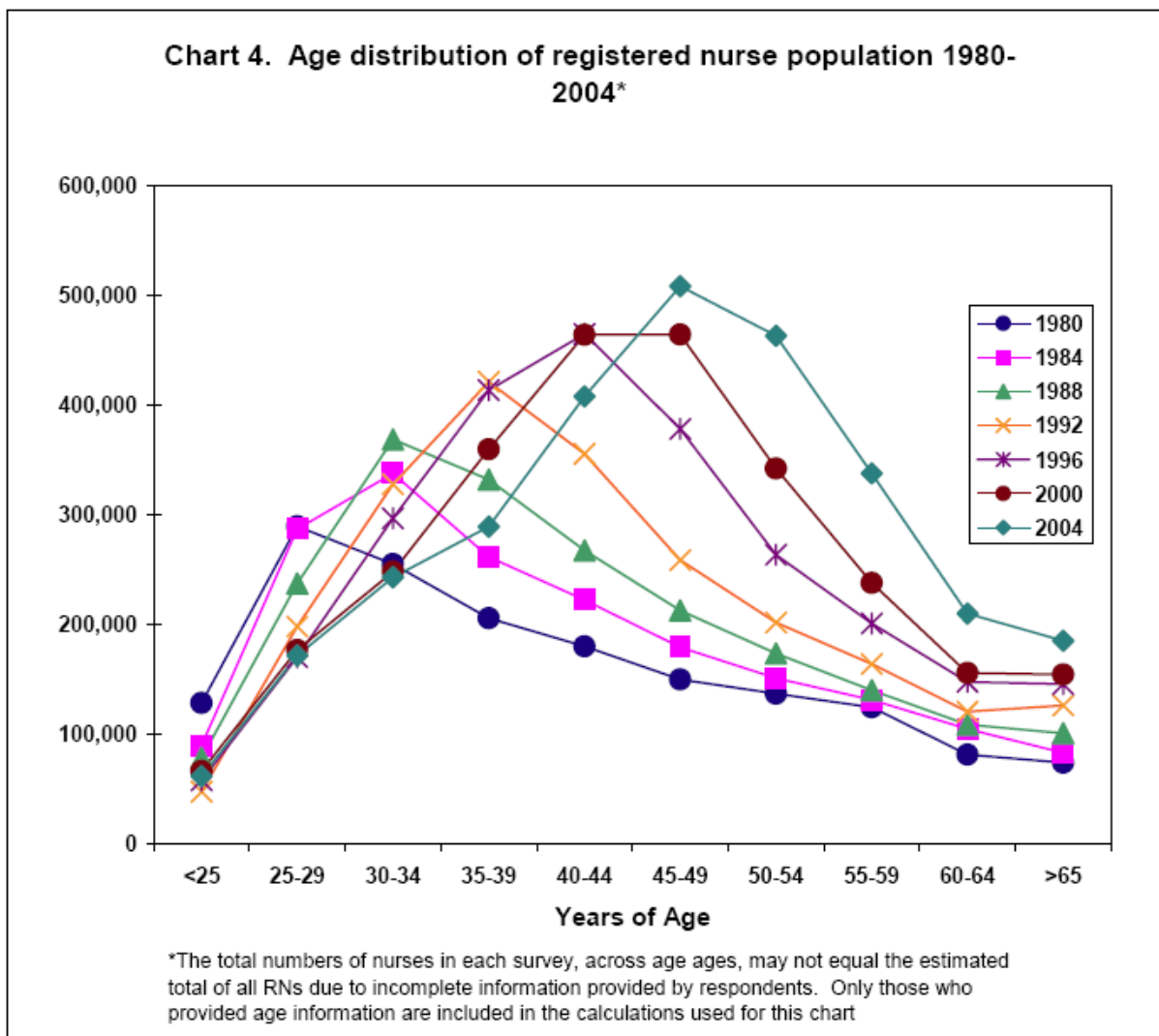
Chart 4. Age Distribution of the RN Population in Tennessee, 2006, 07 & 08



The average age of the RN population in the US is 46.8 (2004) versus Tennessee's 45.5 (2008), which is slightly higher than the 2007 average age by 0.2 (45.3), and slightly less than in 2006 (45.8). In Tennessee, almost 30% of the registered nurse population is over the age of 50 versus 41% nationally. 10.7% of TN RNs are under the age of 30 compared to 8% nationally.

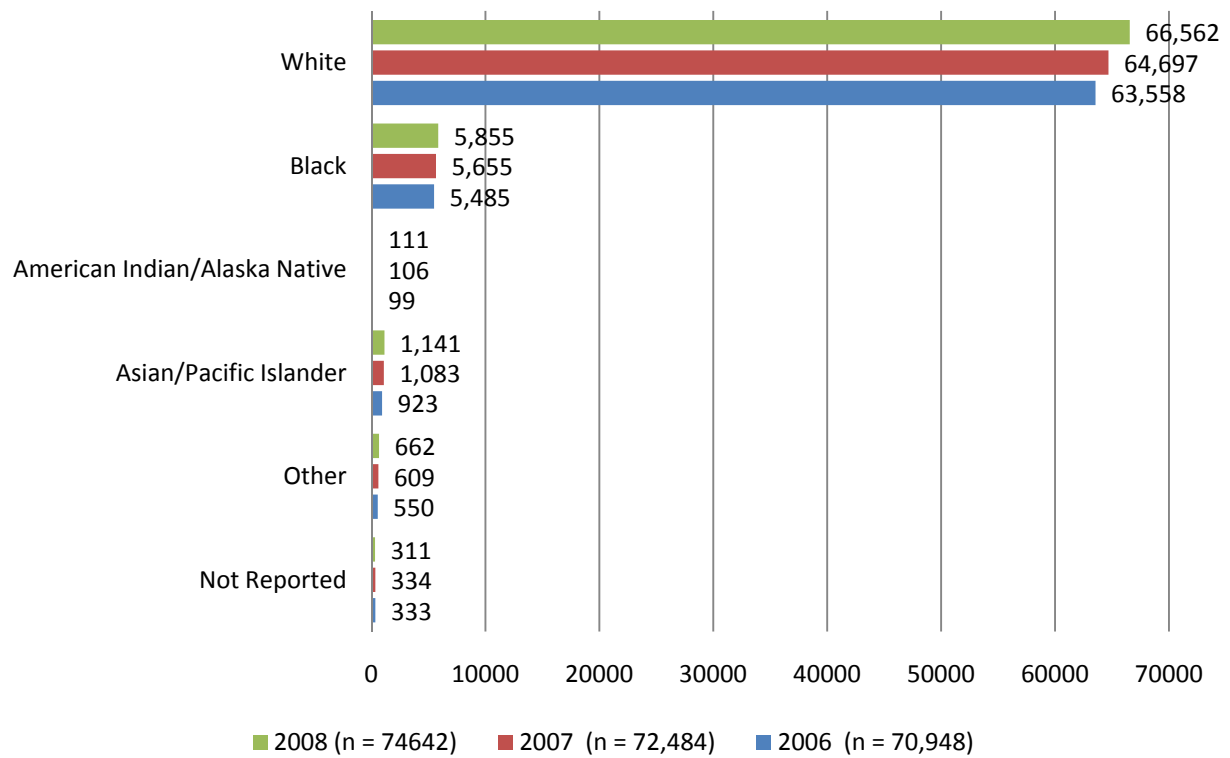
Nationally, men still comprise a very small percentage (5.8%) of the total RN population, but comprise a somewhat higher percentage in Tennessee (9%).

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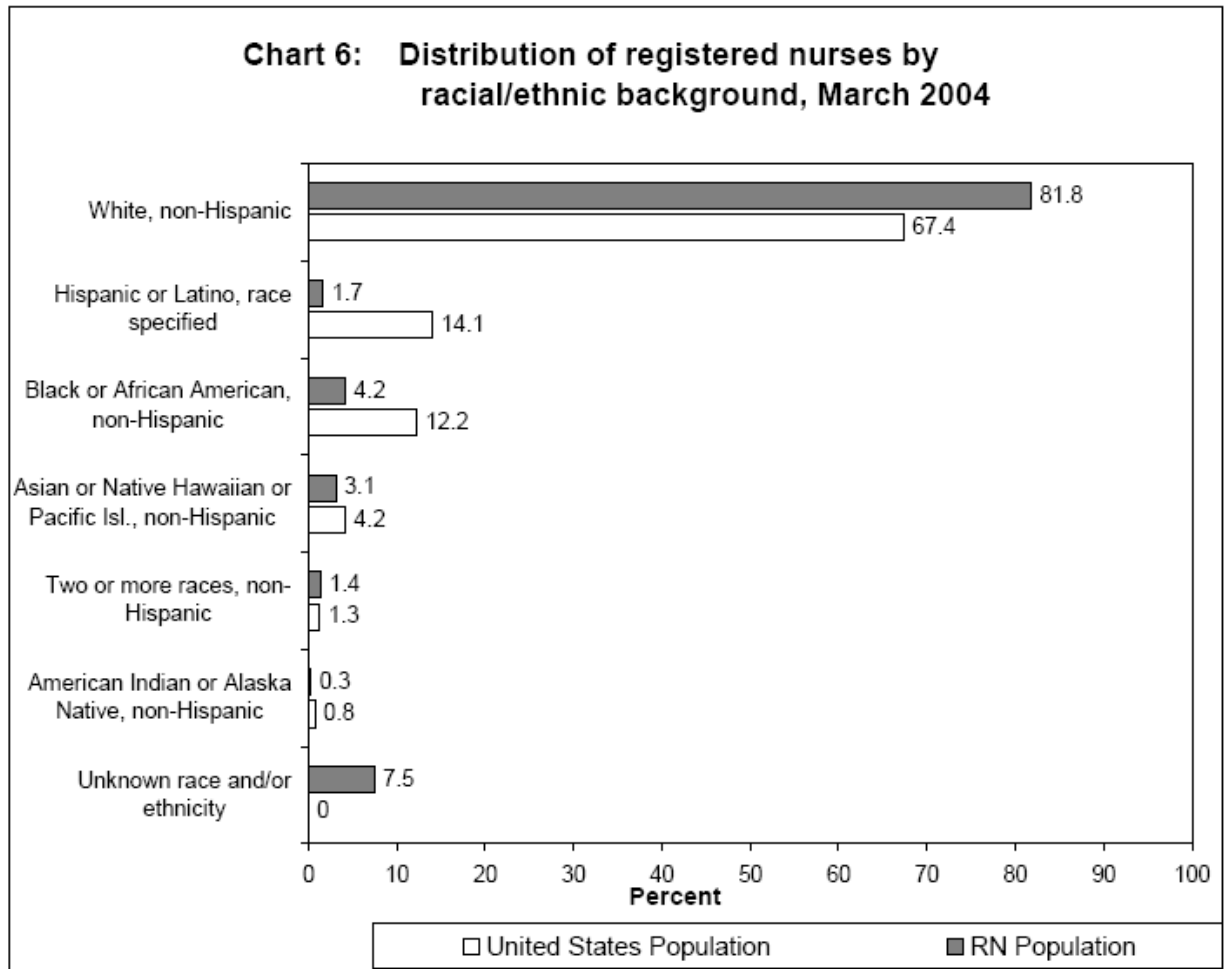


RACIAL / ETHNIC BACKGROUND

**Chart 5. Distribution of RNs by Racial/Ethnic Background in TN
2006, 07 & 08**

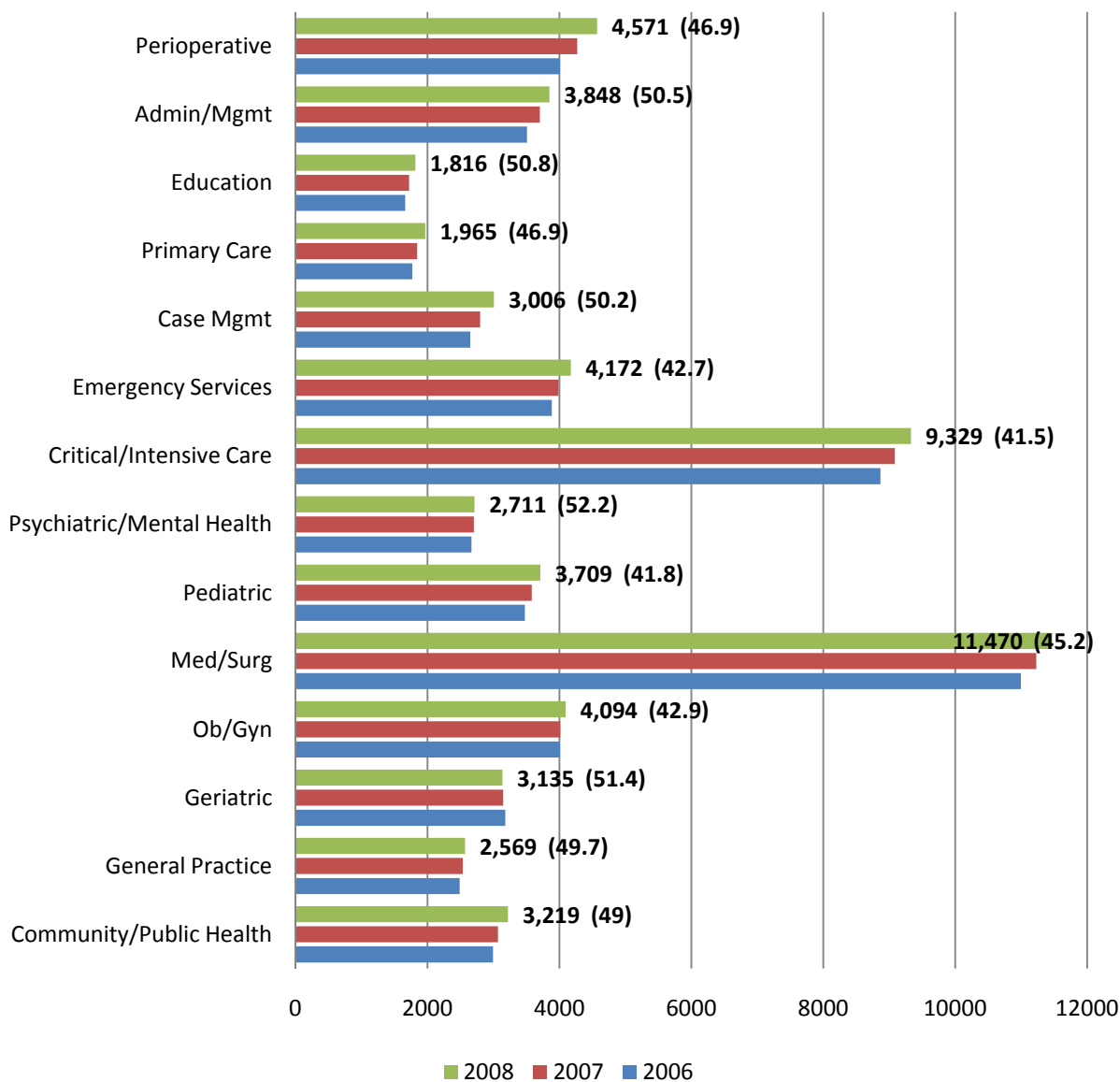


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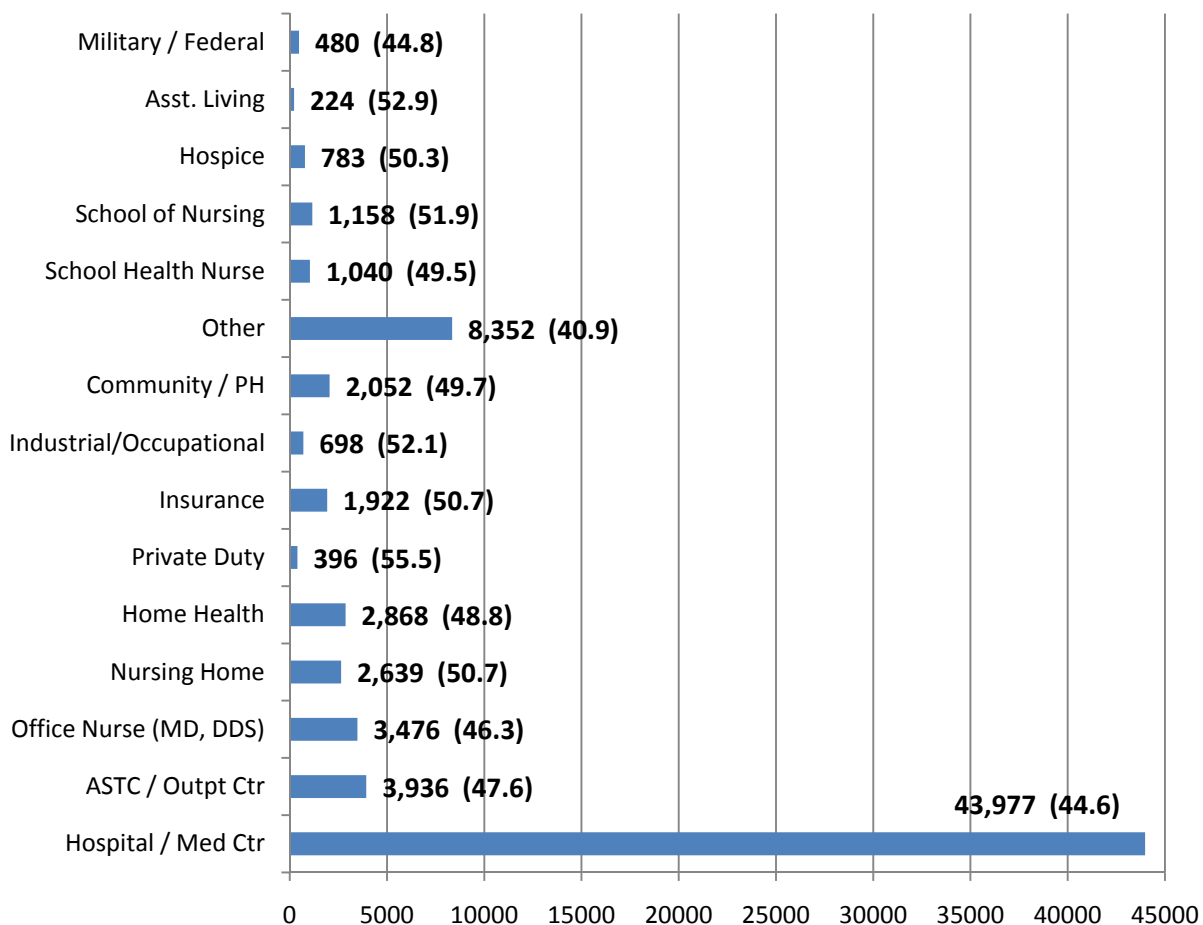
EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

**Chart 6. Distribution of RNs by Employment Specialty in TN
2006, 07 & 08 (Avg Age)**

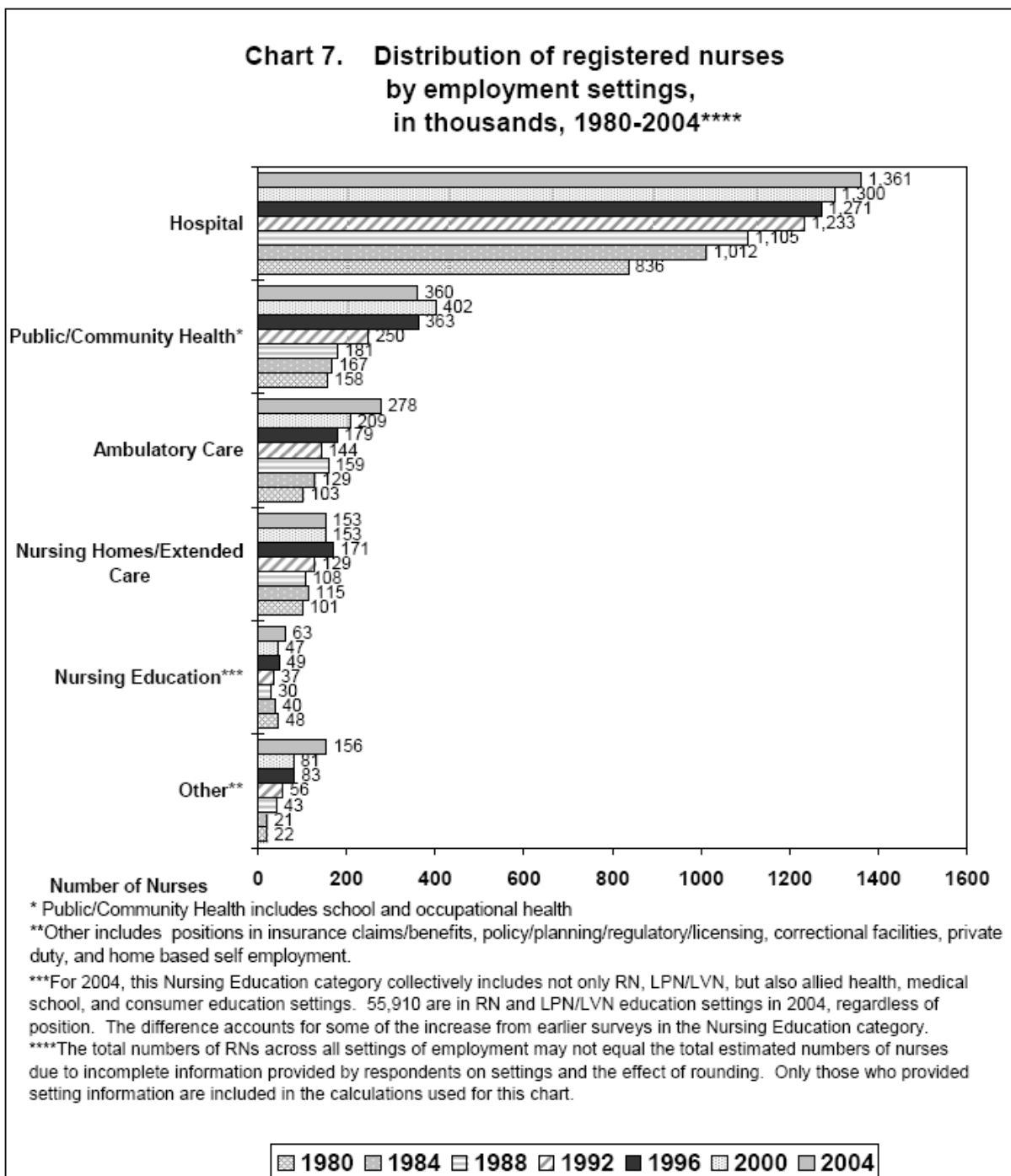


** Excludes “Other” (n=14,724 in 2008) and “Not reported” (n=303 in 2008) categories.

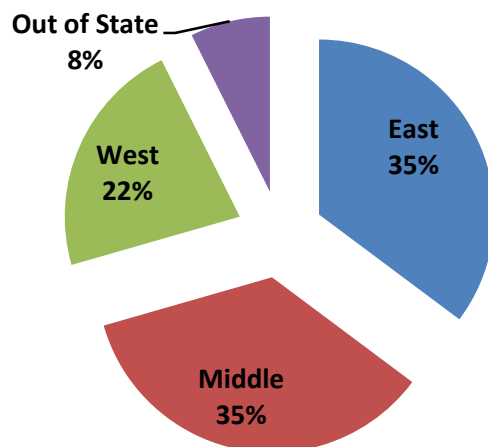
RNs in TN by Employment Field (with Average Age in parentheses) in 2008



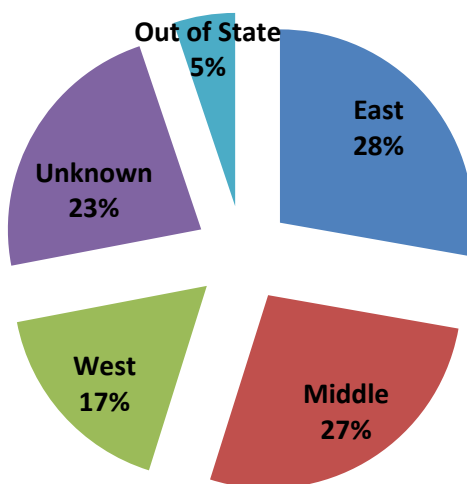
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TN Grand Division RNs Live 2008

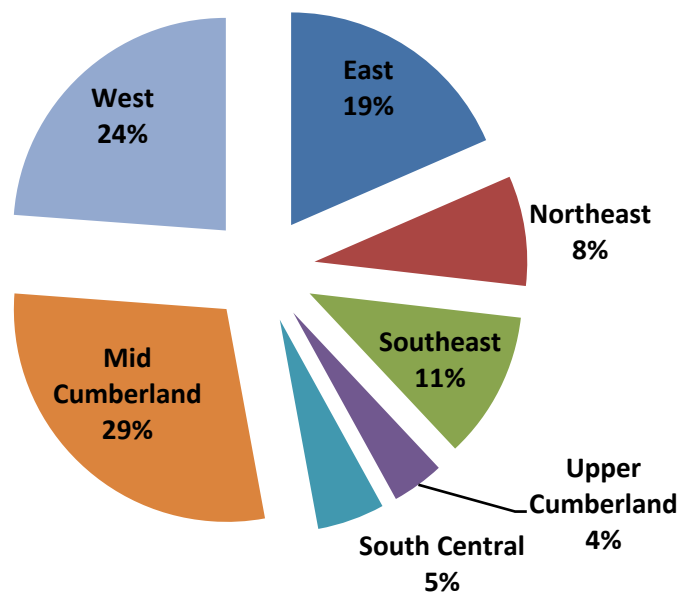


TN Grand Division RNS Practice 2008



There were 5,393 (8%) RNs that reported out of state addresses for residence and 3,654 (5%) reported out of state addresses for practice. For place of residence 1,566 RNs did not report addresses and for place of practice 16,144 (23%) RNs left practice address information blank and another 3,948 did not report this information.

Region of Residence for TN RNs 2008



Region of Practice for TN RNs 2008

