

## Crisis? What Crisis? Nevada's Health Care Workforce – Implications for Health Reform and Public Health

### Nevada Health Care Workforce and Ranking Among US States – 2006

Health Profession	Number per 100,000 Nevada Residents	Number per 100,000 US Residents	Nevada Rank Among US States
Medicine			
Total Physicians (MD)	216	304	46
Physicians in Patient Care	173	239	46
Physicians in Primary Care	73	99	46
Physicians in General/Family Practice	23	30	23
Nonfederal Physicians in Medical Specialties	66	99	39
Physicians in Internal Medicine	38	52	33
Physicians in Surgical Specialties	37	53	50
Physicians in General Surgery	8	12	50
Physicians in Obstetrics and Gynecology	21	27	41
Physicians in Ophthalmology	4	6	41
Physicians in Orthopedic Surgery	6	8	44
Physicians in Anesthesiology	14	14	13
Physicians in Psychiatry	7	14	46
Osteopathic Physicians (DO)	17	18	19
Nursing			
Registered Nurses	564	809	49
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	106	241	47
Allied Health and Other Health Professions			
Dentists	45	60	42
Podiatrists	2	3	20
Chiropractors	25	29	35
Physician Assistants in Clinical Practice	17	22	38
Physical Therapists	29	52	50
Pharmacists	83	80	26
Optometrists	7	8	30
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	42	66	40

Source: Morgan, KO and S Morgan. *Health Care State Rankings 2008: Health Care Across America*. (2008).  
Washington DC: CQ Press.

## Number of Licensed Health Professionals per 100,000 Population in Nevada by Region – 2008

Licensed Health Care Occupation	Number of Licensed Health Professionals per 100,000 Population – 2008		
	Rural & Frontier Counties	Urban Counties	Nevada – Total
Advanced Practitioners of Nursing (APN)	14.6	19.1	18.6
Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors	78.4	41.4	45.4
Allopathic Physicians (MD)	76.7	170.2	160.3
Chiropractors	13.2	21.7	20.8
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)	284.1	216.0	223.3
Dentists	35.4	54.8	52.7
Dispensing Opticians	2.8	8.8	8.2
Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), All Types of Licensees	615.5	198.8	244.3
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)	82.6	105.1	102.7
Medical Laboratory Personnel, All Types of Licensees	280.0	338.7	332.5
Occupational Therapists (OT)	10.1	16.7	16.0
Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA)	3.5	8.6	8.1
Optician Apprentices	4.2	5.8	5.7
Optometrists	9.7	11.4	11.3
Osteopathic Physicians (DO)	11.4	17.6	17.0
Pharmacists (2006)	46.5	80.3	76.7
Pharmaceutical Technicians (2006)	81.9	120.4	116.3
Physical Therapists (PT)	28.8	42.3	40.8
Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA)	3.5	8.6	8.1
Physician Assistants (PA)	16.3	15.8	15.9
Podiatrists	3.5	8.6	8.1
Primary Care Physicians (MD & DO)	50.3	79.4	76.3
Psychiatrists	1.7	6.7	6.2
Psychologists	7.3	11.9	11.4
Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH)	30.9	37.2	36.5
Registered Nurses (RN)	448.9	665.1	642.2
Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)	4.9	2.3	2.6
Registered Nurses w/ EMS Certification (RN/EMS)	16.3	15.8	15.9
Respiratory Therapists (RT)	25.7	33.7	32.8
Social Workers, All Types of Licensees	66.0	73.3	72.6
Speech-Language Pathologists	13.2	19.6	18.9

Source: Packham, JF and MT Griswold. *Nevada Rural and Frontier Health Data Book*, 2009 Edition. Reno (February 2009). NV: Nevada Office of Rural Health.