

# LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Source: Department of Health (360) 236-4800; Internet Homepage: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/>

As of June 30	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
<u>Licensed</u>						
Acupuncture	320	458	648	841	950	1,046
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	2,486	2,871	3,123	3,412	3,706	4,058
Audiologist <sup>1</sup>	157	257	279	348	363	395
Chiropractor	2,011	2,138	2,223	2,320	2,164	2,291
Dental Hygienist	3,570	3,815	4,049	4,359	4,706	5,014
Dentist	4,692	4,953	5,214	5,585	5,876	5,826
Denturist	95	93	97	123	142	158
Dispensing Optician	897	903	929	942	879	927
Hearing Instrument Fitter/Dispenser	409	329	313	321	275	271
Licensed Practical Nurse	15,069	14,624	14,167	14,153	14,401	14,592
Marriage & Family Therapist <sup>2</sup>	--	--	--	907	914	999
Massage Therapist	6,596	7,774	9,211	10,362	11,987	13,468
Mental Health Counselor <sup>2</sup>	--	--	--	3,919	4,094	4,349
Midwife	119	108	115	97	90	89
Naturopathic Physician	338	398	472	577	727	843
Nursing Home Administrator	651	640	600	552	447	451
Occupational Therapist	2,004	2,114	2,098	2,212	2,355	2,512
Occupational Therapy Assistant	517	584	548	537	542	573
Ocularist	9	6	6	13	10	7
Optometrist	1,287	1,339	1,415	1,436	1,519	1,559
Orthotics/Prosthetics	--	150	205	202	211	228
Osteopathic Physician	658	682	713	771	816	1,000
Osteopathic Physician Assistant	47	49	37	42	34	36
Pharmacist	6,087	6,548	7,183	7,016	7,299	7,814
Physical Therapist	3,562	3,678	3,809	4,146	4,511	4,878
Physician	17,532	18,249	18,953	20,911	21,173	23,520
Physician Assistant	1,068	1,266	1,424	1,605	1,810	2,022
Podiatrist	269	289	300	312	285	311
Psychologist	1,487	1,539	1,620	1,706	1,893	2,063
Registered Nurse	60,197	61,145	63,016	65,247	68,459	73,894
Respiratory Care Practitioner	1,891	2,039	2,035	2,098	2,196	2,286
Social Worker <sup>2</sup>	--	--	2	2,763	2,852	3,035
Speech-Language Pathologist	473	664	459	1,068	1,281	1,532
Veterinarian	2,641	2,681	2,715	2,744	2,828	2,955
Veterinary Technician	597	700	817	930	1,101	1,246
<u>Certified</u>						
Chemical Dependency Professional	--	--	2,378	2,540	2,559	2,687
Dietitian/Nutritionist	707	738	807	948	1,055	1,201
Health Care Assistant	8,059	9,340	10,143	11,803	13,082	15,424
Nursing Assistant	29,395	31,555	33,080	32,186	35,359	38,429
Pharmacy Technician	3,847	4,532	5,270	6,156	7,120	8,155
Radiological Technician	3,005	3,325	3,684	4,313	4,704	5,358
Sex Offender Treatment Provider	151	143	140	143	152	160
<u>Registered</u>						
Chiropractic X-Ray Technician	208	217	202	209	217	257
Counselor	15,753	16,301	15,724	15,820	16,966	18,317
Dispensing Optician Apprentice	--	--	--	855	854	992
Hypnotherapist	314	295	340	363	408	503
Nurse Technician	--	--	--	202	508	769
Nursing Assistant	11,395	13,555	15,080	21,134	23,573	26,671
Nursing Pool Operator	80	83	158	198	167	164
Pharmacy Assistant	--	--	1,232	3,108	3,624	5,099
Pharmacy Intern	--	--	--	698	700	1,037
Recreational Therapist	--	--	--	17	134	148
Surgical Technologist	--	--	1,227	1,507	1,732	2,237
Veterinarian Medication Clerk	169	206	235	299	357	393
X-Ray Technician	1,524	1,516	1,640	1,848	1,978	1,997

<sup>1</sup> Changed from certified to licensed in 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Became licensed in 2001. Previously were

combined as certified professions; individual counts not available prior to 2001. Table: ST11