National LPN Practice Analysis

Table 1. Employing Facilities		
Type of Facility/Organization	**2003 (n=1001) %**	**2000 (n=920) %**
Hospital	42.4	34.4
Long-term care	44.5	48
Community-based care	10.3	15.7
Other	2.9	1.9

Table 2. Employment Setting Characteristics		
Setting Characteristic	**2003 (n=1001) %**	**2000 (n=920) %**
Number of Hospital or Nursing Home Beds		
Under 100 beds	25.3	29.7
100-299 beds	40.7	45.4
300-499 beds	10.7	10.8
500 or more beds	7.9	8.4
Don't know	3.4	5.6
Work in nonhospital or nursing home setting*	12	
Location of Employment Setting		
Urban/metropolitan area	40.9	43.2
Suburban	29.8	27.1
Rural	29.4	29.6
Population of Employment Setting		
Less than 5,000*	8.3	
5,000 to 19,999	19.1	20.8^
20,000 to 49,999	15.3	19.5
50,000 to 99,999	11.8	15.5
100,000 to 500,000	12.6	9.7
Greater than 500,000	7.8	10.3
Don't know	25.2	24.2

*Category not on 2000 survey

^20.8% < 20,000

Table 3. Practice Settings		
Practice Setting*	**2003 (n=1001) %**	**2000 (n=920) %**
Critical care (e.g., ICU, Ccu, step-down units, pediatric/neonatal intensive care, emergency department, postanesthesia recovery, etc.)	6.7	4.5
Medical/Surgical unit of any of its subspecialties	29.7	23.3
Pediatrics or nursery	3.7	5.4
Labor and delivery	0.5	1
Postpartum unit	1.7	2.5
Psychiatry or any of its subspecialties	4.2	2.7
Operating room, including outpatient surgery and surgicenters	0.3	0.2
Nursing home, skilled or intermediate care	43.7	47.6
Other long-term care (e.g., residential care, developmental disability/mental retardatio care, etc.)	7.3	5.9
Rehabilitation	7.8	4.6
Subacute unit	2.5	3.4
Transitional care unit	2.5	1.4
Physician's/dentist's office	5	7
Occupational health	0.3	0.3
Outpatient clinic	1.5	2.5
Home health, including visiting nurse associations	3.4	4.5
Public Health	0.5	0.4
Students/school health	0.1	0.7
Hospice care	2.9	1.2
Prison	0.7	0.9
Other	3.8	4.9

*Survey participants could select more than one setting to describe their practices