# Nursing Pay in the New Economy 

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## Overview

- Profile of RN Workforce
- Economic Trends

■Factors that Affect Pay
■Forms of Pay

- Collective Bargaining

■Work/Life Flexibility
■How to Analyze Pay

## What topics are of greatest interest to you?

## Breaking News

Healthcare Reform

- ANA Files Amicus Brief in Support of Health Insurance Requirement 11/22/10
- ANA believes nurse-led care coordination, inclusive leadership structures, and a continued focus on patient choice are key in ACOs
- See http://www.nursingworld.org/comments for ANA's specific regulatory comments
- "The Registered Nurse Population", U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, September 2010
- "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" Committee on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the Institute of Medicine; Institute of Medicine, released October 5, 2010
- Ensure nurses practice to full extent of education /training, improve education
- Opportunities for nurse leadership, full partners in redesign and improvement
- Improve data collection for workforce planning and policy


## Profile of RN Workforce

- Half of the RN population had a bachelor's or higher degree in nursing or a nursing-related field in 2008 while the other half's highest education level was a diploma or an ADN.
- 84.8\% of licensed RNs were employed in nursing
- 62.2\% work in hospitals, $90 \%$ under age 25 work in hospitals
- 19.1\% worked on-call
- Of RNs reporting a change in employer or position, over 73\% reported it was due to workplace issues like lack of good management or inadequate staffing.
- $27.5 \%$ worked overtime, averaging 7.5 hours per week
- Lawrence Associates found that the hours worked may decline substantially with increasing years of experience Nursing Education

*The Registered Nurse Population, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration, September 2010, estimated numbers.

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## Economic Trends

$\square$ SHRM Metro Economic Outlooks:

- NYC - education and healthcare growing
- Vacancy and Turnover
- Employment Projections


## Vacancy and Turnover 07-11

- National, Health Care and Social Assistance Industry Data from Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, BLS.gov
- 2011 rates are preliminary findings

| Month, Year | Hire <br> Rate | Job Openings Rate | Layoffs and Discharges Rate | Other Separations Rate | Quits <br> Rate | Total Separations Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan., 2011 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Jan., 2010 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Jan., 2009 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 1 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3 |
| Jan., 2008 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| Jan., 2007 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 3.6 |

- Lawrence Associates' survey: vacancy rate for RNs decreased slightly and turnover rates increased in 2010 compared to 2009.

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## 2008 RN Employment Projections

## Bureau of Labor Statistics

- 2008 RN Employment 2,618,700
- 2018 RN Projected Employment 3,200,200
- 2008 to 2018 change 22\%
- NYC 2008 to 2018 change 12.1\%*
- Long Island 2008 to 2018 change 14.5\%*
- Faster than the average for all occupations
- Growth rates for RNs differ by industry
- Highest - Offices of Physicians, 48\%
- Lowest - Hospitals, public and private, 17\%


## Nassau-Suffolk, NY Metropolitan Division Employment

Industry: Nursing \& Residential Care Facilities

| Year | February <br> Employment <br> (000's) |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2011 | 33.6 | Diff |
| 2010 | $32.27 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| 2009 | 32.5 | $2.77 \%$ |
| 2008 | 31.6 | $0.32 \%$ |
| 2007 | 31.5 | $-0.63 \%$ |
| 2006 | 31.7 | $3.47 \%$ |
| 2005 | 30.6 | $6.21 \%$ |
| 2004 | 28.7 | $4.53 \%$ |
| 2003 | 27.4 | $4.38 \%$ |
| 2002 | 26.2 | $4.20 \%$ |

## Factors that Affect Pay

Factors Affecting Wage and SalariesOrganization Size
Competitive Market

- Geographic Region

PerformanceScope of Work
Years of Experience


## Geographic Comparison of Market Jobs - RN



# fiternal \& External Equity Nursing, Long Island-Nassau-Suffolk, Median 



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## RN Hourly Rates by Years of Experience (Example Only)



## Wage and Salary Design Basics

Recruitment, Turnover/Retention
Competitors - Local

- Structured (Ranges, Internal and External Equity)
- Many Forms of Pay Over-and-Above Base
- Collectively Bargained
- Employee Engagement
- Performance, Years of Experience, Seniority
- Work/Life (It's not just about the compensation)


## Salary Budget Increases

Hospitals, All Sizes, National, Eastern U.S., NY State and NY Metro

|  |  | 2010 Actual Increases (\% (n)) |  |  | 2011 Projected Increases (\% (n)) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Region | Ees | General Increases / COLA | Merit Increases | Total Increases | General Increases / COLA | Merit Increases | Total Increases |
| National | Nonex Hrly <br> Nonunion | 1.7 (54) | 2.1 (149) | 2.5 (190) | 2.2 (43) | 2.6 (127) | 3.0 (165) |
|  | Exempt <br> Salaried | 1.8 (48) | 2.2 (161) | 2.4 (197) | 2.2 (38) | 2.7 (139) | 2.9 (171) |
| Eastern U.S. | Nonex Hrly <br> Nonunion | 2.2 (11) | 2.2 (39) | 2.6 (50) | 2.2 (8) | 2.7 (36) | 3.0 (45) |
|  | Exempt <br> Salaried | 2.2 (10) | 2.2 (42) | 2.4 (51) | 2.2 (7) | 2.7 (39) | 2.8 (46) |
| New York State | Nonex Hrly <br> Nonunion | * (*) | 2.1 (7) | 2.1 (8) | - --) | 2.8 (7) | 2.8 (7) |
|  | Exempt Salaried | * (*) | 2.5 (7) | 2.4 (9) | - (-) | 2.9 (8) | 2.9 (8) |
| New York (metro) | Nonex Hrly <br> Nonunion | * ${ }^{*}$ ) | 2.1 (8) | 2.1 (9) | * (*) | 2.2 (8) | 2.2 (9) |
|  | Exempt <br> Salaried | * (*) | 2.5 (8) | 2.4 (10) | * (*) | 2.4 (9) | 2.4 (10) |



## New York State, NYC and Roslyn, NY RN Pay

| Registered <br> Nurse | Base Salary |  |  | Total Compensation |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 Yr | 7 Yrs | 14 Yrs | 1 Yr | 7 Yrs | 14 Yrs |
| NY - statewide | $\$ 57,364$ | $\$ 71,929$ | $\$ 84,949$ | $\$ 58,126$ | $\$ 72,916$ | $\$ 86,121$ |
| Roslyn, NY | $\$ 59,338$ | $\$ 74,750$ | $\$ 88,168$ | $\$ 60,136$ | $\$ 75,786$ | $\$ 89,396$ |
| Manhattan, NY | $\$ 63,028$ | $\$ 78,259$ | $\$ 92,187$ | $\$ 63,857$ | $\$ 79,324$ | $\$ 93,451$ |


| Head Nurse | Base Salary |  |  | Total Compensation |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 Yr | 7 Yrs | 14 Yrs | 1 Yr | 7 Yrs | 14 Yrs |
| NY - statewide | $\$ 75,423$ | $\$ 92,221$ | $\$ 105,830$ | $\$ 77,112$ | $\$ 94,840$ | $\$ 109,258$ |
| Roslyn, NY | $\$ 78,363$ | $\$ 95,583$ | $\$ 109,629$ | $\$ 80,110$ | $\$ 98,289$ | $\$ 113,170$ |
| Manhattan, NY | $\$ 82,007$ | $\$ 99,929$ | $\$ 114,573$ | $\$ 83,811$ | $\$ 102,726$ | $\$ 118,240$ |

## Ratio of RN to Head Nurse Pay, Roslyn, NY

Ratio of RN to Head Nurse (7 yrs, Roslyn, NY)

|  | Base | Ratio to Head <br> Nurse |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Head Nurse | $\$ 95,583$ | $100 \%$ |
| RN | $\$ 74,750$ | $78 \%$ |

- Correspondingly, an RN would receive a 28\% increase to a Head Nurse


## Other Pay/Programs

- Merit Pay, Step Increases, Scale Movement
- Shift Differentials
- Bachelor's, Master's - Typically \$.50-\$1.50
- Preceptor's - Typically \$1.00-\$1.50
- Charge Pay - Typically \$.75-\$1.25
- Float Pay - Typically \$3.00-\$5.00
- Certification Pay - Typically \$1,500 - \$2,500 (lump sum)
- Hiring, Sign-on Bonus
- Tuition Forgiveness
- Compressed Workweek
- Bonus/incentives


## Forms of Pay

$\square$ Which of the following forms of pay do you report under the Hourly Wtd Average?

| Response: | Yes |  | No / No Response |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | \# Resp. | \% of Total | \# Resp. | \% of Total |
| Base or Step Rate <br> (including experience) | 48 | $82.8 \%$ | 10 | $17.2 \%$ |
| Competency Increment | 5 | $8.6 \%$ | 53 | $91.4 \%$ |
| Degree Pay/ Education | 12 | $20.7 \%$ | 46 | $79.3 \%$ |
| Certification Pay | 18 | $31.0 \%$ | 40 | $69.0 \%$ |
| Preceptor Pay | 7 | $12.1 \%$ | 51 | $87.9 \%$ |
| Charge Pay | 6 | $10.3 \%$ | 52 | $89.7 \%$ |
| Float Pay | 3 | $5.2 \%$ | 55 | $94.8 \%$ |
| Other | 1 | $1.7 \%$ | 57 | $98.3 \%$ |

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## Shift Differentials

- In one survey about half of surveyed hospitals report a minimum number of hours must be worked after the second/ third shift start time to be paid for entire shift
- Majority pay shift differentials as a dollar increment rather than as a percent of pay. Some pay combo rate.

2010 AHHRA Shift Differentials

| Position and Organization |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2ND } \\ \text { SHIFT \$ } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3RD } \\ \text { SHIFT \$ } \end{gathered}$ | WKND SHIFT \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Administrative Nursing Supervisor | \# Responses | 6 | 6 | 0 |
|  | Mean | \$2.50 | \$3.61 | \$. |
| 2. Assistant Head Nurse (or Assistant Nurse Manager) | \# Responses | 12 | 11 | 0 |
|  | Mean | \$2.39 | \$2.84 | \$. |
| 3. Nurse Manager - All | \# Responses | 7 | 7 | 0 |
|  | Mean | \$3.23 | \$3.99 | \$. |
| 6. Registered Nurse | \# Responses | 28 | 27 | 5 |
|  | Mean | \$2.57 | \$3.21 | \$2.54 |

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## Impact of Certification Pay

## PayScale Top Results for Certifications

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
- Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN)
- Registered Nurse Certified (RN-C)
- Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN)
- Certified Nurse, Operating Room (CNOR)
- Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Registered Nurse, Board Certified (RNBC)
- Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN)
- Advanced Practice Registered NurseBoard Certified (APRN-BC)
- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)
- Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN)
- Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)
- Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN)
- Certified Family Nurse Practitioner (CFNP)
- Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP)

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## Wound Ostomy Certification

## Incremental Value of WOC:

- WOCN Certification Board study of the value of this certification http://www.wocncb.org/enews/0409/section1.php\#1d . - \$75,000 vs. \$73,000

| Category | WOCNCB <br> Certified | Not WOCNCB <br> Certified |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Overall Job Satisfaction Rating: <br> "Very Satisfied" | $44.9 \%$ | $38.5 \%$ |
| Precepted a nurse in a WOC <br> program in the last two years | $36.3 \%$ | $5.2 \%$ |
| Median annual salary <br> compensation | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 73,000$ |

## Wound Ostomy Certification

PayScale, Median Salary by Job-Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse, National


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## Wound Ostomy Certification

PayScale, Median Salary by Certification -RN , National


## Collective Bargaining

- Pension plans are underfunded due to economic downturn, performance and loss of value.
- Decreased pay adjustments used to fund pension plans.


## Industry Collective Bargaining Trends

Healthcare practitioner and technical occupations (in thousands)*

| Year | Total | Union <br> Members | \% of Total | Represented <br> by Union | \% of Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2000 | 5349 | 693 | $13.0 \%$ | 810 | $15.1 \%$ |
| 2001 | 5534 | 695 | $12.6 \%$ | 803 | $14.5 \%$ |
| 2002 | 5825 | 725 | $12.4 \%$ | 822 | $14.1 \%$ |
| 2003 | 5961 | 733 | $12.3 \%$ | 853 | $14.3 \%$ |
| 2004 | 6052 | 762 | $12.6 \%$ | 882 | $14.6 \%$ |
| 2005 | 6175 | 782 | $12.7 \%$ | 892 | $14.4 \%$ |
| 2006 | 6383 | 800 | $12.5 \%$ | 904 | $14.2 \%$ |
| 2007 | 6558 | 883 | $13.5 \%$ | 992 | $15.1 \%$ |
| 2008 | 6813 | 928 | $13.6 \%$ | 1045 | $15.3 \%$ |
| 2009 | 7067 | 962 | $13.6 \%$ | 1096 | $15.5 \%$ |
| 2010 | 7188 | 957 | $13.3 \%$ | 1076 | $15.0 \%$ |

## Labor Activity in NY

| State | 2009 |  | Jan. 1 - June 30, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Petitions Filed | Percentage of Total | Number of Petitions Filed | Percentage of Total |
| California | 114 | 31.6\% | 29 | 17.0\% |
| New York | 49 | 13.6\% | 21 | 12.3\% |
| Pennsylvania | 17 | 4.7\% | 17 | 9.9\% |
| Connecticut | 8 | 2.2\% | 11 | 6.4\% |
| Minnesota | 18 | 5.0\% | 10 | 5.8\% |
| New Jersey | 18 | 5.0\% | 10 | 5.8\% |
| Texas | 1 | 0.3\% | 10 | 5.8\% |
| Florida | 4 | 1.1\% | 8 | 4.7\% |
| Massachusetts | 25 | 6.9\% | 8 | 4.7\% |
| Michigan | 21 | 5.8\% | 8 | 4.7\% |

- New York won 82\% (27/33) of Representation Certification (RC) elections in the health care sector in 2009
- New York won $67 \%$ (8/12) of RC elections in the health care sector in Jan. 1 - June 30, 2010


## Importance of Work Life Issues

- It's not just about the compensation, sometimes it's really about....
- Schedule (work hours)
- Relationship with supervisor/coworkers
- Benefits
- Training and Development Opportunities



## Work Schedule Flexibility

- Typically, 8 hour shifts with an evening shift at 3PM and the night shift at 11PM
- Also, 12 hour shifts starting at 7AM and 7PM
- Some 12 hour shifts starting at 11AM and 11PM
- Additional shifts depending on the position, department and other circumstances


## How to analyze pay?

 RN, Long Island, NY| Survey | Survey Position | Survey Cut | Aged <br> Average Base Salary | $\begin{gathered} \text { \# of } \\ \text { Orgs. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ERISalary <br> Assessor | Registered Nurse (General Duty Nurse; <br> Medical Staff Nurse; Staff Nurse) | Hospitals, Roslyn, NY | \$74,095 | NA |
| ERI Salary Assessor | Registered Nurse (General Duty Nurse; Medical Staff Nurse; Staff Nurse) | Hospitals, Manhattan, NY | \$77,306 | NA |
| ERI Salary Assessor | Registered Nurse (General Duty Nurse; Medical Staff Nurse; Staff Nurse) | Hospitals, New York statewide | \$70,515 | NA |
| Lawrence Associates | Registered Nurse | Long Island-NassauSuffolk | \$82,690 | 12 |
| BLS.gov | Registered Nurse | New York-Newark-Bridgeport, NY-NJ-CT-PA CSA | \$87,391 | NA |
| BLS.gov | Registered Nurse | National, General Medical and Surgical Hospitals | \$72,150 | NA |

## Analytic Tools

- Scope of responsibility?
$\square$ Job description, resume
- Quality and replicable survey?
- Number of responses?
$\square$ Geographic differences?
- Current pay?

Salary range?

| Base Range <br> Minimum | Base Range <br> Midpoint | Base Range <br> Maximum | Range <br> Spread |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 63,608$ | $\$ 82,690$ | $\$ 101,772$ | $60 \%$ |

## Frequently Asked Questions aka, Let's just pay more!!!

1. We are not paying enough. I cannot live without Jane Smith. Without her, the department would crumble. She has been taking on so much more responsibility and she is so busy all the time. I would like to make her a manager and give her a 20\% raise. What paperwork do I need to complete?
2. We are not paying enough. We just had 2 (or $3,4,5$ ) people leave in the last few months. Let's increase our salaries so people will stay. How soon can we do that?
3. We are not paying enough. We just made an offer to a candidate and she rejected it. We need this person. Why don't we just bring her in at what she wants (even though it's the same as our 20 year stellar employee)?
4. We are not paying enough. We just made an offer to a candidate and he rejected it. Why don't we just bump our incumbents up a little so we can pay the candidate what he wants?
5. We are not paying enough. One of my employees told me his friend at another hospital is making $\$ 10,000$ more than him for the exact same position. Can we match that?
6. We are not paying enough. Our most recent candidate who rejected our offer said he got an offer from another hospital for $\$ 5.00$ more per hour. Can we match that offer?

## Resources

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