**Table 1: Characteristics of Registered Nurses Providing Direct Patient Care**

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|  | **Nurses in direct patient care** | | |  |
|  | **Total**  (n=532) | **Hospitals**  (n=349) | **Outpatient settings**  (n=183) |  |
|  | **Percent** | | | **p-value** |
| **Gender** | | | |  |
| Female | 95 | 93 | 98 | .009 |
| Male | 5 | 7 | 2 |  |
| **Age** | | | |  |
| Mean Age | 49 | 47 | 52 | <.0001 |
| Less than 35 years | 17 | 20 | 10 | <.0001 |
| 35 – 49 | 32 | 35 | 27 |  |
| 50 and over | 51 | 45 | 63 |  |
| **Race** | | | |  |
| White | 80 | 76 | 86 | .102 |
| Black | 7 | 7 | 6 |  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 10 | 12 | 7 |  |
| Native American | <1 | 1 | <1 |  |
| Mixed racial background | <1 | 1 | <1 |  |
| Other | 2 | 3 | <1 |  |
| Hispanic | 3 | 3 | 3 | .965 |
| **Highest Degree Received** | | | |  |
| Diploma in nursing | 9 | 7 | 14 | .029 |
| Associated degree in nursing | 23 | 21 | 27 |  |
| Baccalaureate degree in nursing | 34 | 36 | 29 |  |
| Master’s or Doctorate degree in nursing | 9 | 9 | 9 |  |
| Decline to answer | 26 | 21 | 24 |  |
| **Employment** | | | |  |
| Mean days worked per week | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.1 | .023 |
| Mean hours worked per week | 35.2 | 35.9 | 33.6 | .001 |
| **Income as an RN** | | | |  |
| Less than $49,999 | 31 | 24 | 44 | <.0001 |
| $50,000-$74,999 | 33 | 35 | 28 |  |
| $75,000-$99,999 | 19 | 22 | 13 |  |
| More than $100,000 | 8 | 10 | 4 |  |
| Decline to answer | 9 | 8 | 10 |  |
| **Location of Work Setting** | | | |  |
| Urban | 48 | 56 | 32 | <.0001 |
| Suburban | 44 | 38 | 56 |  |
| Rural | 8 | 6 | 12 |  |