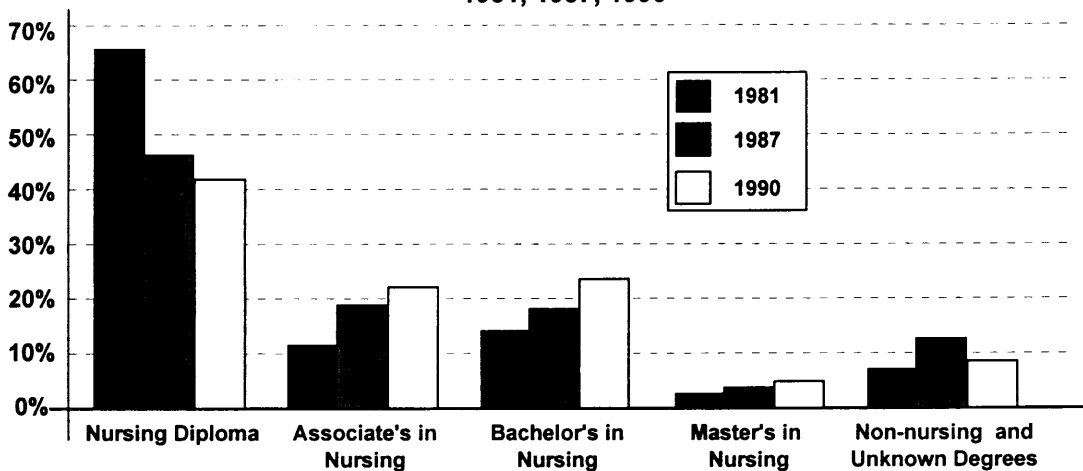


REGISTERED NURSES (RNs)

Maine - 1990

- ➔ In 1990, 8,956 registered nurses reported that they were working as nurses in Maine: 5,447 were working full time; 3,509 were working part time.
- ➔ The population to registered nurse ratio in Maine has been improving over the past decade. In 1981 there were 177 Maine citizens for each active nurse; in 1990, there were 137.
- ➔ As a profession, Maine nurses are aging. In 1981, 58% of Maine working nurses were 35 years old or older; in 1987, this percentage grew to 64%. In 1990, more than 71% of Maine registered nurses were in this age group.
- ➔ An increasingly smaller number of registered nurses hold a nursing diploma as their highest degree; this decrease is offset by increases in baccalaureate and associate degree educated nurses.

HIGHEST DEGREE ACHIEVED BY ACTIVE MAINE NURSES
1981, 1987, 1990



- ➔ Of the 2,011 licensed registered nurses in Maine who were not practicing their profession, only 9% reported that they were seeking employment in nursing.
- ➔ Half of these inactive professionals left nursing to retire or to address family responsibilities. An additional 16% left because of wages, time schedules, or adverse working conditions. 12% left for "other career opportunities", 8% left as the result of health problems, and the remaining 14% left for other and unknown reasons.
- ➔ 40% of Maine's licensed *inactive* RNs are younger than 45 years old.

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