



Good News in California!

Increase in the Percentage of RNs with a BSN or Higher Degree

On May 10, 2017, Director of the UCSF Health Workforce Research Center Joanne Spetz, PhD, FAAN, reported results of the 2016 California Sample Survey of Registered Nurses to the Board of Registered Nursing, which commissions this biannual survey of the RN workforce. The data show there was a 5.8% increase in the percentage of CA RNs with a BSN or higher degree between the years 2014-2016 – an impressive increase when you consider there was also growth in the sheer numbers of RNs in the state. **67.3% of RNs in CA hold a BSN or higher degree!** This is the result of a lot of work across the state, multiple collaborative partnerships between community colleges and universities, employer support for academic progression, and the leadership of organizations such as HealthImpact and the California Action Coalition over the last several years.

