Licensed vocational nurses (LVN) provide basic nursing care and work under the direction of registered nurses and doctors. LVNs work in many settings, including nursing homes and extended care facilities, hospitals, physicians’ offices, and private homes.2

As of June 2014, there were 94,762 LVNs as reported by the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians. The median age of LVNs is 43 years old. The median number of years of licensure is 11 years and the average time of licensure is 7 years. The percentage of LVNs from each age group is shown in the doughnut chart and the age and years of licensure is shown in the bar graph below.