

Erratum to: California's nurse-to-patient ratio law and occupational injury

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Authors would like to publish an erratum to correct the error in the abstract and Table 2. The percentage difference-in-differences estimate for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) values under the abstract and Table 2 are updated, and the corrected text and table are given below.

Results The most probable difference-in-differences estimate indicated that the California law was associated with 55.57 fewer occupational injuries and illnesses per 10,000

RNs per year, a value 31.6 % lower than the expected rate without the law. The most probable reduction for LPNs was 38.2 %. Analyses of CIs suggested that these reductions were unlikely to be due to chance.

Conclusions Despite significant data restrictions and corresponding methodological limitations, the evidence suggests that the law was effective in reducing occupational injury and illness rates for both RNs and LPNs. Whether these 31.6 and 38.2 % reductions are maintained over time remains to be seen.

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Table 2 Comparisons for licensed practical nurses

	Average injury rate ^a		Difference ("before"–"after" law)	95 % confidence interval for the difference	
	Before law	After law		Lower bound	Upper bound
Comparison #1: average injury rate 00–03 versus 05–08					
California	244.27	90.27	154.01	80.397	227.623
USA–California	167.86	107.07	60.78	44.058	77.502
Difference-in-difference (percent reduction from California "before" law)			93.23 (38.2 %)		
Comparison #2: average injury rate 01–03 versus 05–07					
California	209.18	97.00	112.17	39.908	184.432
USA–California	164.64	112.93	51.71	34.894	68.529
Difference-in-difference (percent reduction from California "before" law)			60.47 (28.9 %)		
Comparison #3: average injury rate 99–03 versus 05–09					
California	229.95	90.67	139.28	67.213	211.347
USA–California	171.00	103.67	68.33	51.509	85.151
Difference-in-difference (percent reduction from California "before" law)			70.95 (30.9 %)		

^a Average injury rates were calculated per 10,000 licensed practical nurses per year