



Information Update

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Income Reported By PAs Who Graduated In 2005

Overview

Results of the 2006 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Survey indicate the mean total income for clinically practicing PAs who work full-time (32 or more hours per week) for their primary employer and who graduated in 2005 is \$71,004 (standard deviation of \$12,743); the median is \$69,517. A summary of the personal and practice characteristics of the new graduate respondents and a set of tables showing summary measures of their incomes in total, by region of the country, and by area of general specialty, are presented below.

Personal Characteristics

Sex: sixty-two percent of these new graduate respondents were female.

Race/Ethnicity: Eighty-two percent reported that they were White (Not Hispanic), six percent reported that they were Asian, five percent reported that they were Hispanic/Latino, and six percent reported that they were Black (Not Hispanic).

Age: The mean age of these respondents was 31 years; the median age was 28. The youngest ten percent were twenty-five years or younger; the oldest ten percent were forty years or older.

Practice Characteristics

Employer Type: A single or multi-specialty physician group practice employed 45 percent of these respondents. Twenty-three percent of the respondents were employed by hospitals, and 15 percent were employed by a solo physician practice.

Work Setting: The predominant work setting for the respondents was a solo or group practice office (46%). More than one-third of the respondents (37%) worked in a hospital, and another seven percent worked in some type of Federally Qualified Health Center or community health facility.

Hours Worked: The mean hours worked per week by the respondents who reported full-time employment was 45; the median was 44 hours per week.

Call: Thirty-eight percent of these respondents reported taking call. The mean hours on call per month for those who reported taking call was 89; the median was 70.

Income

Table 1. Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Graduated in 2005 and Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at their Primary Clinical Job*

	Total
Respondents	1869
Mean	\$71,004
Standard Deviation	\$12,743
10th percentile	\$58,040
25th percentile	\$63,653
Median	\$69,517
75th percentile	\$76,416
90th percentile	\$85,375

*Excludes self-employed PAs and part-time PA

Table 2. Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Clinical Job for Respondents Who Graduated in 2005, by Region *

	Northeast	Southeast	North Central	South Central	West	Total
Respondents	422	444	404	242	316	1869
Mean	\$69,120	\$70,117	\$69,744	\$72,794	\$75,043	\$71,004
Standard Deviation	\$12,870	\$12,482	\$10,435	\$12,849	\$14,213	\$12,743
10th percentile	\$55,853	\$57,694	\$59,245	\$60,250	\$60,729	\$58,040
25th percentile	\$61,822	\$63,482	\$63,532	\$64,733	\$66,599	\$63,653
Median	\$68,158	\$68,901	\$68,856	\$70,687	\$73,497	\$69,517
75th percentile	\$74,418	\$75,188	\$74,642	\$77,505	\$82,472	\$76,416
90th percentile	\$82,012	\$85,069	\$81,867	\$89,920	\$89,694	\$85,375

*Excludes self-employed PAs and part-time PAs.

Table 3. Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer at Primary Clinical Job for Respondents Who Graduated in 2005, by Area of General Specialty*

	Resp'ts	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th percentile	25th percentile	Median	75th percentile	90th percentile
Family/general medicine	417	\$66,899	\$10,225	\$55,622	\$60,953	\$65,504	\$73,172	\$79,458
General internal medicine	129	\$68,175	\$14,884	\$52,507	\$60,937	\$68,076	\$74,112	\$80,456
Emergency medicine	170	\$78,308	\$13,973	\$62,332	\$69,131	\$76,690	\$84,680	\$98,272
General pediatrics	44	\$68,104	\$11,293	\$55,896	\$60,831	\$66,283	\$73,221	\$83,282
General surgery	69	\$69,886	\$15,744	\$41,107	\$64,743	\$70,719	\$77,633	\$89,379
Internal medicine subspecialties	261	\$70,262	\$9,955	\$60,405	\$64,788	\$69,521	\$74,508	\$82,349
Pediatric subspecialties	34	\$68,775	\$9,485	\$57,524	\$63,412	\$67,998	\$73,423	\$82,093
Surgical subspecialties	471	\$74,097	\$13,356	\$61,744	\$66,673	\$71,582	\$79,229	\$90,496
Obstetrics and gynecology	36	\$63,968	\$10,172	\$51,906	\$58,741	\$64,941	\$70,413	\$75,737
Other	237	\$71,494	\$12,285	\$57,725	\$64,427	\$69,491	\$76,834	\$87,349
Total	1869	\$71,004	\$12,743	\$58,040	\$63,653	\$69,517	\$76,416	\$85,375

*Excludes self-employed PAs and part-time PAs.