

2007 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Report for Alaska

Introduction

The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) was founded in 1968 and is the only national organization representing physician assistants (PAs) in all medical specialties. The Academy educates the general public about the PA profession, assures competency of PAs through active involvement in the accreditation of PA programs, provides continuing education, and conducts PA-related research. The Academy works to promote quality, cost-effective health care, and the professional and personal growth of PAs.

From 1990 to 1995, the AAPA conducted a census survey of its members. Beginning in 1996, the census survey was expanded to include those PAs who were not members of AAPA. While the survey instrument and the data collection process have undergone some revisions since the inception of the census, the general approach and data elements have remained much the same.

The data collection effort for the 2007 AAPA Physician Assistant Census was conducted between February 20 and September 15, 2007. The 2007 Census was available online as well as on paper; 2007 was the second year that this survey was available to be completed online.

A link to the online version of the survey was posted on the home page of the AAPA web site and an email with a link to the survey was sent between February 20 and March 1, 2007 to the 46,967 PAs for whom a valid email address was available. Between May 18 and May 24, 2007, reminder emails were sent to the 31,250 individuals who had not responded by May 16 (and for whom email address was available). Finally, reminder messages with a link to the online survey were sent to AAPA members with valid email addresses via AAPA's monthly E-News in March and June.

The paper version of the survey was mailed on March 20, 2007 to all individuals, both AAPA members and non-members, who were believed to be eligible to practice as PAs in the United States as of December 31, 2006 and for whom address information was available, but the paper version of the survey was not sent to individuals from whom an online response had been received prior to March 12, 2007, or to individuals who had indicated on a previous Census that they were retired or working as a physician. Paper surveys were mailed to 61,883 people. A second copy of the paper survey was mailed on June 19, 2007, to 47,542 individuals who had not completed a survey, either online or paper, prior to June 13.

In total, 9,473 PAs were invited to participate in the 2007 Census – accounting for 92.7 percent of the 75,260 individuals eligible to practice as PAs. Completed surveys were received from 26,192 people, representing 34.8 percent of all individuals eligible to practice as PAs and 37.7 percent of the PAs who were invited to participate. Of the 28,439 AAPA members invited to participate, 17,480 (61.5%) responded; of the 41,034 non-members who were invited to participate, 8,712 (21.2%) responded.

This document presents the responses received on the Census survey and also includes certain static information derived from the AAPA Masterfile, such as sex, race, educational attainment, and age. It should be noted that these data have not been weighted or adjusted to account for non-response, the number of usable responses for each item varies due to item non-response, and that the percentages displayed may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

To facilitate locating specific items of interest, an index of the subjects addressed by the tables is provided in addition to a list of tables.

Highlights of National Statistics

Section I. Characteristics of Respondents and Non-Respondents

Sex: Females accounted for 64 percent of the respondents to this year's census.

Ethnicity: White PAs comprise 88 percent of the respondents.

PA Education: Just under half (42%) of respondents hold a bachelor's level PA degree; 39 percent of respondents hold a master's level PA degree.

Age: The mean age of census respondents is 41 years (median = 39), the mean age at time of graduation from PA school was 31 years (median = 28), and the mean number of years since graduation from PA school for census respondents is 11 (median = 7).

Section II. Professional Status of Respondents

Practice Status: The vast majority of respondents (92%) are in clinical practice.

Current Profession: Five percent of respondents reported working as a PA educator. This was the most common professional activity other than providing clinical services as a PA.

Section III: Information about Respondents in Clinical Practice

Number of Clinical PA Jobs: Eighty-five percent of respondents reported working exactly one clinical PA job; 15 percent work more than one clinical PA job concurrently.

Employer Type: More than four in ten respondents (44%) are employed by a single or multi-specialty physician group practice while 23 percent are employed by hospitals and 13 percent are employed by solo physician offices.

Government Employment: About nine percent of respondents work for some type of government agency. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is the single largest government employer of PAs accounting for about two percent of respondents; state governments collectively employ three percent of this year's respondents.

Primary Work Setting: The most prevalent "primary" work setting, reported by 38 percent of respondents, is a hospital; the hospital departments cited most frequently as primary settings are hospital inpatient units (10%), hospital emergency rooms (10%), hospital outpatient units (7%), and hospital operating rooms (7%). Physician group practices are the primary work setting for 31 percent of respondents; 22 percent report working in a single-specialty group practice and nine percent report working in a multi-specialty group practice. Other settings reported as the primary work setting by large numbers of PAs include solo-practice physician offices (12%), and Federally Qualified Health Centers or community health facilities (8%).

Work Settings where Clinical Services are Provided over the Course of a Typical Month:

Respondents were asked to indicate all of the settings where they provide clinical services for their primary clinical employer over the course of a typical month. The specific work settings reported by at least 20 percent of respondents are hospital inpatient units (35%), hospital emergency rooms (31%), single-specialty physician group practices (29%), hospital intensive care/critical care units (23%), hospital operating rooms (22%), and hospital outpatient units (21%).

Primary Specialty of Practice: While PAs practice in over 60 different specialty fields, 37 percent of this year's respondents reported that their primary specialty was one of the primary care fields: family/general medicine (25%), general internal medicine (7%), general pediatrics (2%), and obstetrics/gynecology (2%). Other prevalent specialties for PAs include general surgery/surgical subspecialties (25%), emergency medicine (10%), the subspecialties of internal medicine (11%) and dermatology (4%).

Years in Clinical Practice, Years in Position, and Years in Specialty: The mean number of years respondents have been in clinical practice is 9 (median = 6), the mean number of years respondents have worked in their current position is 5 (median = 3), and the mean number of years respondents have worked in their current specialty is 7 (median = 4).

Geographic Distribution: The states with the largest numbers of clinically practicing respondents are: New York (8%), California (7%), Texas (6%), Pennsylvania (6%), Florida (6%), North Carolina (5%), and Michigan (5%).

Metropolitan Status of Work Site: Fifteen percent of respondents work in counties that are non-metropolitan.

Functions and Responsibilities: PAs can perform a variety of functions for their primary employers. More than half (59%) reported performing minor surgical procedures, thirty-eight percent of respondents reported that they manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting and about one-quarter (24%) reported first-assisting at surgery. Nine percent of respondents reported supervising other PAs, and one in five (18%) reported supervising other clinical staff. More than one-third of respondents (35%) indicated that they precept PA students; one-fourth (24%) reported precepting students of other health professions.

Work Status: The majority of clinically practicing respondents (85%) work full-time, defined as more than 32 hours per week, for their primary clinical employer.

Section IV. Information about Respondents in Clinical Practice Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Their Primary Clinical Job

Hours Worked: The mean number of hours worked by the respondents who work more than 32 hours in a typical week is 44 the median is 41 hours.

Patient Visits/Encounters: Due to the variety of work settings and specialty fields in which PAs practice, the types of patients PAs treat are quite varied. The vast majority (86%) of census respondents who work full-time see some outpatients in their primary job; the mean number of patient visits provided per week by PAs who see outpatients exclusively is 93. Over one-third of respondents who work full-time (44%) see some inpatients in their primary job; the mean number of patient encounters provided per week by respondents who see inpatients exclusively is 62. Six percent of respondents report seeing patients who can not be classified as inpatients or outpatients.

Taking Call: Four in ten respondents (39%) reported taking call for their primary employer. The mean number of hours on call per month for those PAs who reported taking some call but who were not always on call is 94.

Base Pay: The majority of respondents (81%) reported receiving their base pay in the form of a salary; 17 percent indicated that they receive an hourly wage.

Compensation: Respondents reported receiving several additional forms of compensation from their primary employer. The most common form of additional compensation was a bonus not based on performance or productivity, reported by 21 percent of respondents. Nineteen percent of respondents reported receiving a bonus based on their own productivity or performance while 14 percent reported receiving overtime pay. Just under half (42%) of those who reported receiving incentive pay based on productivity or performance indicated that the incentive was based on revenue.

Annual Income: The median total annual income from primary employer for respondents who work at least 32 hours per week for their primary employer and who are not self-employed is \$82,223; the mean is \$86,214. The comparable figures for respondents who graduated in 2006 are \$71,825 and \$73,013, respectively.

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Section I: Characteristics of 2007 AAPA Census Respondents

Table 1.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by Whether Work State or State of Preferred Mailing Address was Alaska

	Count	Percent
Total	26192	100.0%
Alaska	159	.6%
All Others	26033	99.4%

Table 1.2: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by Sex

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	159	100.0%	25798	100.0%	25957	100.0%
Male	88	55.3%	9272	35.9%	9360	36.1%
Female	71	44.7%	16526	64.1%	16597	63.9%

Table 1.3: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by Race

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	135	100.0%	23663	100.0%	23798	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.5%	915	3.9%	917	3.9%
Black (Not Hispanic)	3	2.2%	899	3.8%	902	3.8%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	5	3.7%	934	3.9%	939	3.9%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	8	5.9%	154	.7%	162	.7%
White (Not Hispanic)	117	86.7%	20761	87.7%	20878	87.7%

Table 1.4: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by PA Degrees Held

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	150	100.0%	24125	100.0%	24275	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	71	47.3%	6814	28.2%	6885	28.4%
Associate's degree from PA school	4	2.7%	1450	6.0%	1454	6.0%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	64	42.7%	10152	42.1%	10216	42.1%
Master's degree from PA school	34	22.7%	9483	39.3%	9517	39.2%

*Percentages sum to more than 100 because some PAs received multiple degree types.

Table 1.5: Summary Measures of Age for Census Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Count	158	25984	26142
Mean	47.3	41.1	41.2
Standard deviation	9.7	11.0	11.0
10th p-tile	31.9	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	40.8	32.0	32.0
Median	50.0	39.0	39.0
75th p-tile	54.0	50.0	50.0
90th p-tile	60.1	57.0	57.0

Table 1.6: Summary Measures of Age During Year of Graduation from PA School for Census Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Count	158	25985	26143
Mean	34.4	30.5	30.5
Standard deviation	7.1	6.8	6.8
10th p-tile	26.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	29.0	26.0	26.0
Median	33.0	28.0	28.0
75th p-tile	38.3	34.0	34.0
90th p-tile	45.1	41.0	41.0

Table 1.7: Summary Measures of Years since Graduation from PA School for Census Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Count	159	26033	26192
Mean	13.0	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	9.1	9.2	9.2
10th p-tile	2.0	2.0	2.0
25th p-tile	6.0	3.0	3.0
Median	12.0	7.0	7.0
75th p-tile	19.0	16.0	16.0
90th p-tile	27.0	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents**Table 2.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents by Clinical Practice Status**

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	159	100.0%	26033	100.0%	26192	100.0%
In clinical practice	144	90.6%	23830	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Not in clinical practice	15	9.4%	2203	8.5%	2218	8.5%

Table 2.2: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents by Current Professional Status*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	159	100.0%	26033	100.0%	26192	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	144	90.6%	23830	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Clinically practicing physician or resident	1	.6%	22	.1%	23	.1%
Clinically practicing NP	3	1.9%	171	.7%	174	.7%
Other clinically practicing provider			192	.7%	192	.7%
PA educator	5	3.1%	1197	4.6%	1202	4.6%
Other health professions educator	10	6.3%	348	1.3%	358	1.4%
Health care professional-administrator	8	5.0%	486	1.9%	494	1.9%
Health care professional-researcher			249	1.0%	249	1.0%
Health care professional-forensics			35	.1%	35	.1%
Health care professional-public health			98	.4%	98	.4%
Health care professional-other	1	.6%	465	1.8%	466	1.8%
Other non-health professional	5	3.1%	233	.9%	238	.9%
Student in post-graduate PA program			127	.5%	127	.5%
Medical student			39	.1%	39	.1%
Other student	1	.6%	64	.2%	65	.2%
Not employed by choice	2	1.3%	575	2.2%	577	2.2%
Employed, seeking PA job			88	.3%	88	.3%
Unemployed, seeking PA job	1	.6%	222	.9%	223	.9%
Unemployed, seeking non-PA job			36	.1%	36	.1%
Retired	2	1.3%	163	.6%	165	.6%
Other	2	1.3%	283	1.1%	285	1.1%

*Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Section III: Information about Respondents in Clinical Practice

Table 3.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Number of Concurrent PA Jobs

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	144	100.0%	23815	100.0%	23959	100.0%
One	120	83.3%	20137	84.6%	20257	84.5%
Two	14	9.7%	2961	12.4%	2975	12.4%
Three	3	2.1%	448	1.9%	451	1.9%
More than three	2	1.4%	121	.5%	123	.5%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	5	3.5%	148	.6%	153	.6%

Table 3.2: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Type of Primary Employer

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	140	100.0%	23549	100.0%	23689	100.0%
Self-employed	12	8.6%	664	2.8%	676	2.9%
Solo physician practice	12	8.6%	2970	12.6%	2982	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group	16	11.4%	7336	31.2%	7352	31.0%
Multi-specialty physician group	19	13.6%	3047	12.9%	3066	12.9%
University hospital			2045	8.7%	2045	8.6%
Other hospital	19	13.6%	3337	14.2%	3356	14.2%
Freestanding urgent care center	7	5.0%	435	1.8%	442	1.9%
Freestanding surgical center			19	.1%	19	.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility			53	.2%	53	.2%
Home health agency			7	.0%	7	.0%
Hospice			2	.0%	2	.0%
HMO			439	1.9%	439	1.9%
Community health center	29	20.7%	1341	5.7%	1370	5.8%
Medical staffing agency	1	.7%	77	.3%	78	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org			421	1.8%	421	1.8%
Integrated health system	4	2.9%	338	1.4%	342	1.4%
Corrections system	2	1.4%	205	.9%	207	.9%
Other	19	13.6%	813	3.5%	832	3.5%

Table 3.3: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Primary Employer's Government Affiliation

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	140	100.0%	23345	100.0%	23485	100.0%
Not government employed	89	63.6%	21254	91.0%	21343	90.9%
Air Force	4	2.9%	126	.5%	130	.6%
Army	7	5.0%	309	1.3%	316	1.3%
Navy			91	.4%	91	.4%
Coast Guard			18	.1%	18	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	2	1.4%	489	2.1%	491	2.1%
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ			31	.1%	31	.1%
Indian Health Service	32	22.9%	61	.3%	93	.4%
Federal Public Health Service	1	.7%	104	.4%	105	.4%
Other Federal Government	2	1.4%	105	.4%	107	.5%
State Government	2	1.4%	518	2.2%	520	2.2%
Local Government	1	.7%	239	1.0%	240	1.0%

Table 3.4: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Primary Work Setting

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	137	100.0%	23387	100.0%	23524	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital			524	2.2%	524	2.2%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	1	.7%	2422	10.4%	2423	10.3%
Outpatient unit of hospital	11	8.0%	1740	7.4%	1751	7.4%
Hospital emergency room	8	5.8%	2359	10.1%	2367	10.1%
Hospital operating room	3	2.2%	1526	6.5%	1529	6.5%
Other unit of hospital			323	1.4%	323	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	19	13.9%	816	3.5%	835	3.5%
Other FQHC	18	13.1%	439	1.9%	457	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	9	6.6%	538	2.3%	547	2.3%
Freestanding urgent care facility	7	5.1%	665	2.8%	672	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility			83	.4%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	12	8.8%	2784	11.9%	2796	11.9%
Single-specialty physician group practice	12	8.8%	5203	22.2%	5215	22.2%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	18	13.1%	2177	9.3%	2195	9.3%
HMO facility			317	1.4%	317	1.3%
Nursing home or LTC facility			199	.9%	199	.8%
University/college student health facility			138	.6%	138	.6%
School-based health facility			84	.4%	84	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	5	3.6%	446	1.9%	451	1.9%
Correctional facility	2	1.5%	226	1.0%	228	1.0%
Industrial facility/work site	10	7.3%	109	.5%	119	.5%
Retail Outlet			39	.2%	39	.2%
Mobile health unit	1	.7%	27	.1%	28	.1%
Patients' homes			35	.1%	35	.1%
Other	1	.7%	168	.7%	169	.7%

Table 3.5: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Types of Practice Settings where Time is Spent For Primary Employer*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	137	99.3%	23313	99.0%	23450	99.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	2	1.4%	5322	22.6%	5324	22.5%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	12	8.7%	8179	34.7%	8191	34.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	20	14.5%	4947	21.0%	4967	21.0%
Hospital emergency room	21	15.2%	7228	30.7%	7249	30.6%
Hospital operating room	15	10.9%	5189	22.0%	5204	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	1	.7%	2010	8.5%	2011	8.5%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	26	18.8%	1089	4.6%	1115	4.7%
Other FQHC	20	14.5%	622	2.6%	642	2.7%
Other community health center/facility	13	9.4%	835	3.5%	848	3.6%
Freestanding urgent care facility	14	10.1%	1085	4.6%	1099	4.6%
Freestanding surgical facility	5	3.6%	1136	4.8%	1141	4.8%
Solo practice physician office	16	11.6%	3180	13.5%	3196	13.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	16	11.6%	6760	28.7%	6776	28.6%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	20	14.5%	2984	12.7%	3004	12.7%
HMO facility			461	2.0%	461	1.9%
Nursing home or LTC facility	2	1.4%	1177	5.0%	1179	5.0%
University/college student health facility			257	1.1%	257	1.1%
School-based health facility	1	.7%	198	.8%	199	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	7	5.1%	775	3.3%	782	3.3%
Correctional facility	3	2.2%	367	1.6%	370	1.6%
Industrial facility/work site	12	8.7%	207	.9%	219	.9%
Retail Outlet			46	.2%	46	.2%
Mobile health unit	2	1.4%	89	.4%	91	.4%
Patients' homes	6	4.3%	329	1.4%	335	1.4%
Other	7	5.1%	564	2.4%	571	2.4%

*Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Table 3.6: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by General Specialty Practiced for Primary Employer

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	144	100.0%	23671	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Family/general medicine	85	59.0%	5847	24.7%	5932	24.9%
General internal medicine	7	4.9%	1636	6.9%	1643	6.9%
Emergency medicine	11	7.6%	2439	10.3%	2450	10.3%
General pediatrics	1	.7%	578	2.4%	579	2.4%
General surgery			654	2.8%	654	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties			2698	11.4%	2698	11.3%
Pediatric subspecialties			372	1.6%	372	1.6%
Surgical subspecialties	16	11.1%	5279	22.3%	5295	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	2	1.4%	559	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	13	9.0%	561	2.4%	574	2.4%
Other	9	6.3%	3048	12.9%	3057	12.8%

Table 3.7: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Specialty Practiced for Primary Employer

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	144	100.0%	23671	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Addiction medicine			66	.3%	66	.3%
Allergy			127	.5%	127	.5%
Anesthesiology			60	.3%	60	.3%
Dermatology			827	3.5%	827	3.5%
Emergency medicine	11	7.6%	2439	10.3%	2450	10.3%
Family practice w/o urgent care	33	22.9%	3547	15.0%	3580	15.0%
Family practice wt urgent care	52	36.1%	2300	9.7%	2352	9.9%
Genetics			7	.0%	7	.0%
Geriatrics			159	.7%	159	.7%
Obstetrics/gynecology	2	1.4%	559	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	13	9.0%	561	2.4%	574	2.4%
Ophthalmology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Pain management			275	1.2%	275	1.2%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab	1	.7%	169	.7%	170	.7%
Psychiatry			243	1.0%	243	1.0%
Public health			49	.2%	49	.2%
Radiation oncology			57	.2%	57	.2%
Radiology			36	.2%	36	.2%
Interventional radiology			195	.8%	195	.8%
Hospital medicine			233	1.0%	233	1.0%
General surgery			654	2.8%	654	2.7%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic			748	3.2%	748	3.1%
Surg: colon & rectal			26	.1%	26	.1%
Surg: hand			54	.2%	54	.2%
Surg: neurology			573	2.4%	573	2.4%
Surg: oncology			58	.2%	58	.2%
Surg: orthopedics	14	9.7%	2397	10.1%	2411	10.1%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology	1	.7%	231	1.0%	232	1.0%
Surg: pediatric			31	.1%	31	.1%
Surg: plastic			184	.8%	184	.8%
Surg: thoracic			38	.2%	38	.2%
Surg: transplant			67	.3%	67	.3%
Surg: trauma			106	.4%	106	.4%
Surg: urology	1	.7%	284	1.2%	285	1.2%
Surg: vascular			144	.6%	144	.6%
Surg: bariatric			62	.3%	62	.3%
Surg: spine			172	.7%	172	.7%
Surg: other			104	.4%	104	.4%
General pediatrics	1	.7%	578	2.4%	579	2.4%
Ped: adolescent medicine			53	.2%	53	.2%
Ped: allergy			9	.0%	9	.0%
Ped: cardiology			19	.1%	19	.1%
Ped: critical care			22	.1%	22	.1%
Ped: endocrinology			10	.0%	10	.0%
Ped: gastroenterology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: hematology/oncology			7	.0%	7	.0%
Ped: infectious disease			5	.0%	5	.0%
Ped: neonatal-perinatal			91	.4%	91	.4%
Ped: nephrology			1	.0%	1	.0%
Ped: neurology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: pulmonology			14	.1%	14	.1%
Ped: rheumatology			2	.0%	2	.0%
Ped: oncology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Ped: other			80	.3%	80	.3%
General internal medicine	7	4.9%	1636	6.9%	1643	6.9%
IM: cardiology			916	3.9%	916	3.8%
IM: critical care			105	.4%	105	.4%
IM: endocrinology			132	.6%	132	.6%
IM: gastroenterology			406	1.7%	406	1.7%
IM: hematology/oncology			56	.2%	56	.2%
IM: immunology			4	.0%	4	.0%
IM: infectious disease			123	.5%	123	.5%
IM: nephrology			143	.6%	143	.6%
IM: neurology			143	.6%	143	.6%
IM: pulmonology			122	.5%	122	.5%
IM: rheumatology			74	.3%	74	.3%
IM: oncology			405	1.7%	405	1.7%
IM: other			69	.3%	69	.3%
Other	8	5.6%	518	2.2%	526	2.2%

Table 3.8: Summary Measures of Years in Clinical Practice as PA for Clinically Practicing Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	144	23609	23753
Mean	12.0	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	9.0	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	1.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	5.0	3.0	3.0
Median	11.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	17.0	13.0	14.0
90th percentile	26.0	25.0	25.0

Table 3.9: Summary Measures of Years in Current Position for Clinically Practicing Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	144	23405	23549
Mean	5.3	4.8	4.8
Standard deviation	5.3	5.8	5.8
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	4.0	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	8.8	6.0	6.0
90th percentile	11.0	12.0	12.0

Table 3.10: Summary Measures of Years in Current Specialty for Clinically Practicing Respondents

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	141	23385	23526
Mean	9.4	6.5	6.6
Standard deviation	8.1	7.2	7.3
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.0	1.0	1.0
Median	8.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	14.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	22.6	17.0	17.0

Table 3.11: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by AAPA Region in Which Employed

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	141	100.0%	23227	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Northeast			5398	23.2%	5398	23.1%
Southeast			5617	24.2%	5617	24.0%
North Central			4926	21.2%	4926	21.1%
South Central			3142	13.5%	3142	13.4%
West	141	100.0%	4144	17.8%	4285	18.3%

Table 3.12: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by State/Geographic Location in Which Employed

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	141	100.0%	23227	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Alaska	141	100.0%			141	.6%
Alabama			142	.6%	142	.6%
Arkansas			37	.2%	37	.2%
Arizona			567	2.4%	567	2.4%
California			1712	7.4%	1712	7.3%
Colorado			628	2.7%	628	2.7%
Connecticut			498	2.1%	498	2.1%
District Of Columbia			83	.4%	83	.4%
Delaware			84	.4%	84	.4%
Florida			1306	5.6%	1306	5.6%
Georgia			731	3.1%	731	3.1%
Guam			7	.0%	7	.0%
Hawaii			59	.3%	59	.3%
Iowa			339	1.5%	339	1.5%
Idaho			168	.7%	168	.7%
Illinois			715	3.1%	715	3.1%
Indiana			257	1.1%	257	1.1%
Kansas			295	1.3%	295	1.3%
Kentucky			272	1.2%	272	1.2%
Louisiana			169	.7%	169	.7%
Massachusetts			556	2.4%	556	2.4%
Maryland			543	2.3%	543	2.3%
Maine			203	.9%	203	.9%
Michigan			1095	4.7%	1095	4.7%
Minnesota			488	2.1%	488	2.1%
Missouri			221	1.0%	221	.9%
Mississippi			34	.1%	34	.1%
Montana			148	.6%	148	.6%
North Carolina			1158	5.0%	1158	5.0%
North Dakota			87	.4%	87	.4%
Nebraska			306	1.3%	306	1.3%
New Hampshire			155	.7%	155	.7%
New Jersey			359	1.5%	359	1.5%
New Mexico			156	.7%	156	.7%
Nevada			168	.7%	168	.7%
New York			1951	8.4%	1951	8.3%
Ohio			581	2.5%	581	2.5%
Oklahoma			362	1.6%	362	1.5%
Oregon			313	1.3%	313	1.3%
Pennsylvania			1420	6.1%	1420	6.1%
Rhode Island			93	.4%	93	.4%
South Carolina			261	1.1%	261	1.1%
South Dakota			175	.8%	175	.7%
Tennessee			361	1.6%	361	1.5%
Texas			1461	6.3%	1461	6.3%
Utah			236	1.0%	236	1.0%
Virginia			550	2.4%	550	2.4%
Vermont			79	.3%	79	.3%
Washington			685	2.9%	685	2.9%
Wisconsin			662	2.9%	662	2.8%
West Virginia			210	.9%	210	.9%
Wyoming			81	.3%	81	.3%

Table 3.13: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Metropolitan Status and Degree of Rurality of County of Primary Work Site*

		Alaska		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		139	100.0%	22415	100.0%	22554	100.0%
Not metro	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area			989	4.4%	989	4.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	7	5.0%	540	2.4%	547	2.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area			842	3.8%	842	3.7%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	32	23.0%	627	2.8%	659	2.9%
	NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area	5	3.6%	132	.6%	137	.6%
	NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area	10	7.2%	223	1.0%	233	1.0%
	Metro	Metro, >1M Population			10892	48.6%	10892
	Metro, 250K-1M Population	63	45.3%	5510	24.6%	5573	24.7%
	Metro, <250K Population	22	15.8%	2660	11.9%	2682	11.9%

Zip Code of primary work site was linked to County Rural-Urban Continuum Code from the Area Resource File obtained through the Bureau of Health Professions, US-DHHS.

Table 3.14: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents Who Perform Select Functions at Primary Clinical Job*

		Alaska		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		144	100.0%	23646	100.0%	23790	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures		104	72.2%	13846	58.6%	13950	58.6%
First assisting at surgery		15	10.4%	5655	23.9%	5670	23.8%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting		20	13.9%	9027	38.2%	9047	38.0%
Serve on the quality assurance committee		27	18.8%	1886	8.0%	1913	8.0%
Serve on the utilization review committee		8	5.6%	750	3.2%	758	3.2%
Participate in the conduct of clinical trials		5	3.5%	2742	11.6%	2747	11.5%
Serve on formulary/pharmaceutical selection committee		18	12.5%	584	2.5%	602	2.5%
Decision making about procurement of medical/surgical equipment/supplies		56	38.9%	4506	19.1%	4562	19.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs		18	12.5%	2172	9.2%	2190	9.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs		47	32.6%	4227	17.9%	4274	18.0%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff		23	16.0%	2003	8.5%	2026	8.5%
Precept PA students		40	27.8%	8365	35.4%	8405	35.3%
Precept students of other health professions		43	29.9%	5704	24.1%	5747	24.2%

*Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Table 3.15: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Hours Worked per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	144	100.0%	23815	100.0%	23959	100.0%
32 or more hours	122	84.7%	20301	85.2%	20423	85.2%
Less than 32 hours	14	9.7%	3047	12.8%	3061	12.8%
Hours not reported	8	5.6%	467	2.0%	475	2.0%

Section IV: Information about Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Their Primary Clinical Job

Table 4.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Patients Treated*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	77	100.0%	13561	100.0%	13638	100.0%
See some inpatients	10	13.0%	6008	44.3%	6018	44.1%
See some outpatients	74	96.1%	11661	86.0%	11735	86.0%
See some other patients**	4	5.2%	824	6.1%	828	6.1%

*Data represent only respondents who reported complete information about both hours and visits for all patient types. Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents may see multiple types of patients.

**Other patients are those who were not classified as either inpatients or outpatients.

Table 4.2: Summary Measures of Total Hours Worked per Week for Primary Clinical Employer by Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	122	20301	20423
Mean	45.1	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	11.5	8.2	8.2
10th percentile	36.0	36.0	36.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	41.0	41.0
75th percentile	50.0	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	60.0	55.0	55.0

Table 4.3: Summary Measures of Hours Providing Direct Inpatient Care per Week for Respondents Who See Inpatients Exclusively for a Minimum of 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	All Others	Total
Respondents	1366	1366
Mean	43.0	43.0
Standard deviation	7.7	7.7
10th percentile	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	45.0	45.0
90th percentile	50.0	50.0

*Excludes time spent performing tasks other than providing direct patient care to inpatients.

Table 4.4: Summary Measures of Inpatient Encounters per Week for Respondents Who See Inpatients Exclusively for a Minimum of 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	All Others	Total
Respondents	1366	1366
Mean	62.1	62.1
Standard deviation	40.9	40.9
10th percentile	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0
Median	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	80.0	80.0
90th percentile	100.0	100.0

Table 4.5: Summary Measures of Hours Providing Direct Outpatient Care per Week for Respondents Who See Outpatients Exclusively for a Minimum of 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	45	5592	5637
Mean	39.9	38.9	38.9
Standard deviation	7.3	5.3	5.3
10th percentile	34.0	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0	35.0
Median	40.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	47.0	45.0	45.0

*Excludes time spent performing tasks other than providing direct patient care to outpatients.

Table 4.6: Summary Measures of Outpatient Visits per Week for Respondents Who See Outpatients Exclusively for a Minimum of 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	45	5592	5637
Mean	71.2	93.5	93.3
Standard deviation	32.9	39.5	39.5
10th percentile	33.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	45.0	70.0	70.0
Median	70.0	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	90.0	110.0	110.0
90th percentile	120.0	140.0	140.0

Table 4.7 Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Whether Call is Taken

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	122	100.0%	20206	100.0%	20328	100.0%
Do not take call	71	58.2%	12408	61.4%	12479	61.4%
Take some call	28	23.0%	6641	32.9%	6669	32.8%
Take call, hours unknown			96	.5%	96	.5%
Always on call	23	18.9%	1061	5.3%	1084	5.3%

Table 4.8 Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Call Taken for Those Who Take Call and Reported Type*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	26	100.0%	4515	100.0%	4541	100.0%
Emergency department call	13	50.0%	1118	24.8%	1131	24.9%
Surgical assisting call	4	15.4%	1344	29.8%	1348	29.7%
In-house call	6	23.1%	1454	32.2%	1460	32.2%
Other call	15	57.7%	2354	52.1%	2369	52.2%

*Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Table 4.9: Summary Measures of Call Hours per Month for Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	28	6641	6669
Mean	119.9	94.2	94.4
Standard deviation	79.3	86.0	86.0
10th percentile	39.0	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	64.3	32.0	32.0
Median	95.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	168.0	125.0	125.0
90th percentile	254.0	200.0	200.0

*Includes only PAs who report taking call, but are not always on call.

Table 4.10: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Type of Base Pay Received*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	110	100.0%	19319	100.0%	19429	100.0%
Salary	82	74.5%	15595	80.7%	15677	80.7%
Hourly wage	19	17.3%	3357	17.4%	3376	17.4%
Other type of base pay	4	3.6%	219	1.1%	223	1.1%
Do not receive base pay	5	4.5%	148	.8%	153	.8%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.11: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Compensation Received*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	109	100.0%	18917	100.0%	19026	100.0%
Base Pay	104	95.4%	18652	98.6%	18756	98.6%
Surgical assisting fees	1	.9%	389	2.1%	390	2.0%
Overtime pay	13	11.9%	2723	14.4%	2736	14.4%
Shift differential	3	2.8%	947	5.0%	950	5.0%
Administrative pay	2	1.8%	483	2.6%	485	2.5%
Pay for on-call availability	4	3.7%	1262	6.7%	1266	6.7%
Pay for on-call services/events	3	2.8%	1149	6.1%	1152	6.1%
Bonus not based on productivity/performance	14	12.8%	3903	20.6%	3917	20.6%
Bonus based on productivity of practice	11	10.1%	2220	11.7%	2231	11.7%
Bonus based on own productivity/performance	15	13.8%	3573	18.9%	3588	18.9%

*Excludes self-employed PAs. Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Table 4.12: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Receive Incentive Pay Based on Productivity or Performance by Measures on Which Incentive is Based*

	Alaska		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	28	100.0%	5670	100.0%	5698	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	9	32.1%	1340	23.6%	1349	23.7%
Bonus based on revenues	15	53.6%	2352	41.5%	2367	41.5%
Bonus based on relative value units	3	10.7%	1128	19.9%	1131	19.8%
Bonus based on profit	3	10.7%	1297	22.9%	1300	22.8%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	3	10.7%	1102	19.4%	1105	19.4%
Bonus based on quality of care	1	3.6%	822	14.5%	823	14.4%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	1	3.6%	965	17.0%	966	17.0%
Bonus based on other factors			824	14.5%	824	14.5%

*Excludes self-employed PAs. Percentages sum to more than 100 because respondents were instructed to mark all that apply.

Table 4.13: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	112	19416	19528
Mean	\$95,444	\$86,161	\$86,214
Standard deviation	\$26,771	\$21,860	\$21,901
10th percentile	\$70,806	\$64,339	\$64,374
25th percentile	\$77,729	\$71,881	\$71,908
Median	\$89,826	\$82,187	\$82,223
75th percentile	\$104,853	\$95,952	\$96,010
90th percentile	\$127,825	\$112,794	\$112,889

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.14: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Graduated in 2006 and Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Alaska	All Others	Total
Respondents	13	2127	2140
Mean	\$76,944	\$72,989	\$73,013
Standard deviation	\$12,967	\$13,015	\$13,015
10th percentile	\$56,153	\$60,143	\$60,136
25th percentile	\$69,416	\$65,663	\$65,663
Median	\$78,046	\$71,808	\$71,825
75th percentile	\$80,971	\$78,989	\$79,044
90th percentile	\$99,324	\$88,732	\$88,821

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

**Due to federal regulations, income data for cohorts with fewer than 10 respondents have been omitted.