

2007 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Report for Idaho

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 Idaho

	Count	Percent
Total	26192	100.0%
Idaho	176	.7%
All Others	26016	99.3%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	176	100.0%	25781	100.0%	25957	100.0%
Male	82	46.6%	9278	36.0%	9360	36.1%
Female	94	53.4%	16503	64.0%	16597	63.9%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	160	100.0%	23638	100.0%	23798	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.3%	915	3.9%	917	3.9%
Black (Not Hispanic)	3	1.9%	899	3.8%	902	3.8%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	4	2.5%	935	4.0%	939	3.9%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	1	.6%	161	.7%	162	.7%
White (Not Hispanic)	150	93.8%	20728	87.7%	20878	87.7%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	161	100.0%	24114	100.0%	24275	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	48	29.8%	6837	28.4%	6885	28.4%
Associate's degree from PA school	3	1.9%	1451	6.0%	1454	6.0%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	61	37.9%	10155	42.1%	10216	42.1%
Master's degree from PA school	72	44.7%	9445	39.2%	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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Count	176	25966	26142
Mean	40.1	41.2	41.2
Standard deviation	10.4	11.0	11.0
10th p-tile	29.0	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	31.3	32.0	32.0
Median	38.0	39.0	39.0
75th p-tile	47.8	50.0	50.0
90th p-tile	56.0	57.0	57.0

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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Count	176	25967	26143
Mean	31.7	30.5	30.5
Standard deviation	6.7	6.8	6.8
10th p-tile	25.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	27.0	26.0	26.0
Median	29.0	28.0	28.0
75th p-tile	36.0	34.0	34.0
90th p-tile	42.0	41.0	41.0

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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Count	176	26016	26192
Mean	8.4	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	7.7	9.2	9.2
10th p-tile	1.0	2.0	2.0
25th p-tile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	6.0	7.0	7.0
75th p-tile	11.0	16.0	16.0
90th p-tile	20.3	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents

Table 2.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents by Clinical Practice Status

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	176	100.0%	26016	100.0%	26192	100.0%
In clinical practice	170	96.6%	23804	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Not in clinical practice	6	3.4%	2212	8.5%	2218	8.5%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	176	100.0%	26016	100.0%	26192	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	170	96.6%	23804	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			23	.1%	23	.1%
Clinically practicing NP	1	.6%	173	.7%	174	.7%
Other clinically practicing provider	1	.6%	191	.7%	192	.7%
PA educator	13	7.4%	1189	4.6%	1202	4.6%
Other health professions educator	2	1.1%	356	1.4%	358	1.4%
Health care professional-administrator	4	2.3%	490	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	1	.6%	97	.4%	98	.4%
Health care professional-other	1	.6%	465	1.8%	466	1.8%
Other non-health professional	1	.6%	237	.9%	238	.9%
Student in post-graduate PA program	1	.6%	126	.5%	127	.5%
Medical student			39	.1%	39	.1%
Other student			65	.2%	65	.2%
Not employed by choice	2	1.1%	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			165	.6%	165	.6%
Other	2	1.1%	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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	170	100.0%	23789	100.0%	23959	100.0%
One	140	82.4%	20117	84.6%	20257	84.5%
Two	27	15.9%	2948	12.4%	2975	12.4%
Three	2	1.2%	449	1.9%	451	1.9%
More than three			123	.5%	123	.5%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	1	.6%	152	.6%	153	.6%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23520	100.0%	23689	100.0%
Self-employed	9	5.3%	667	2.8%	676	2.9%
Solo physician practice	27	16.0%	2955	12.6%	2982	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group	48	28.4%	7304	31.1%	7352	31.0%
Multi-specialty physician group	21	12.4%	3045	12.9%	3066	12.9%
University hospital			2045	8.7%	2045	8.6%
Other hospital	20	11.8%	3336	14.2%	3356	14.2%
Freestanding urgent care center	9	5.3%	433	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	1	.6%	438	1.9%	439	1.9%
Community health center	21	12.4%	1349	5.7%	1370	5.8%
Medical staffing agency			78	.3%	78	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org	1	.6%	420	1.8%	421	1.8%
Integrated health system	2	1.2%	340	1.4%	342	1.4%
Corrections system	2	1.2%	205	.9%	207	.9%
Other	8	4.7%	824	3.5%	832	3.5%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23316	100.0%	23485	100.0%
Not government employed	147	87.0%	21196	90.9%	21343	90.9%
Air Force	1	.6%	129	.6%	130	.6%
Army	1	.6%	315	1.4%	316	1.3%
Navy			91	.4%	91	.4%
Coast Guard			18	.1%	18	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	9	5.3%	482	2.1%	491	2.1%
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ			31	.1%	31	.1%
Indian Health Service			93	.4%	93	.4%
Federal Public Health Service	3	1.8%	102	.4%	105	.4%
Other Federal Government	2	1.2%	105	.5%	107	.5%
State Government	5	3.0%	515	2.2%	520	2.2%
Local Government	1	.6%	239	1.0%	240	1.0%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23355	100.0%	23524	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	1	.6%	523	2.2%	524	2.2%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	2	1.2%	2421	10.4%	2423	10.3%
Outpatient unit of hospital	16	9.5%	1735	7.4%	1751	7.4%
Hospital emergency room	12	7.1%	2355	10.1%	2367	10.1%
Hospital operating room	5	3.0%	1524	6.5%	1529	6.5%
Other unit of hospital	1	.6%	322	1.4%	323	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	15	8.9%	820	3.5%	835	3.5%
Other FQHC	3	1.8%	454	1.9%	457	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	6	3.6%	541	2.3%	547	2.3%
Freestanding urgent care facility	14	8.3%	658	2.8%	672	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility	2	1.2%	81	.3%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	25	14.8%	2771	11.9%	2796	11.9%
Single-specialty physician group practice	44	26.0%	5171	22.1%	5215	22.2%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	14	8.3%	2181	9.3%	2195	9.3%
HMO facility	1	.6%	316	1.4%	317	1.3%
Nursing home or LTC facility			199	.9%	199	.8%
University/college student health facility	2	1.2%	136	.6%	138	.6%
School-based health facility			84	.4%	84	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	1	.6%	450	1.9%	451	1.9%
Correctional facility	2	1.2%	226	1.0%	228	1.0%
Industrial facility/work site	1	.6%	118	.5%	119	.5%
Retail Outlet			39	.2%	39	.2%
Mobile health unit			28	.1%	28	.1%
Patients' homes			35	.1%	35	.1%
Other	2	1.2%	167	.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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	168	98.8%	23282	99.0%	23450	99.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	14	8.2%	5310	22.6%	5324	22.5%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	34	20.0%	8157	34.7%	8191	34.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	30	17.6%	4937	21.0%	4967	21.0%
Hospital emergency room	38	22.4%	7211	30.7%	7249	30.6%
Hospital operating room	32	18.8%	5172	22.0%	5204	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	10	5.9%	2001	8.5%	2011	8.5%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	22	12.9%	1093	4.6%	1115	4.7%
Other FQHC	4	2.4%	638	2.7%	642	2.7%
Other community health center/facility	10	5.9%	838	3.6%	848	3.6%
Freestanding urgent care facility	19	11.2%	1080	4.6%	1099	4.6%
Freestanding surgical facility	15	8.8%	1126	4.8%	1141	4.8%
Solo practice physician office	27	15.9%	3169	13.5%	3196	13.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	52	30.6%	6724	28.6%	6776	28.6%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	17	10.0%	2987	12.7%	3004	12.7%
HMO facility	1	.6%	460	2.0%	461	1.9%
Nursing home or LTC facility	7	4.1%	1172	5.0%	1179	5.0%
University/college student health facility	2	1.2%	255	1.1%	257	1.1%
School-based health facility	2	1.2%	197	.8%	199	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	2	1.2%	780	3.3%	782	3.3%
Correctional facility	4	2.4%	366	1.6%	370	1.6%
Industrial facility/work site	2	1.2%	217	.9%	219	.9%
Retail Outlet			46	.2%	46	.2%
Mobile health unit	1	.6%	90	.4%	91	.4%
Patients' homes	7	4.1%	328	1.4%	335	1.4%
Other	4	2.4%	567	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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23646	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Family/general medicine	65	38.5%	5867	24.8%	5932	24.9%
General internal medicine	13	7.7%	1630	6.9%	1643	6.9%
Emergency medicine	14	8.3%	2436	10.3%	2450	10.3%
General pediatrics	4	2.4%	575	2.4%	579	2.4%
General surgery	2	1.2%	652	2.8%	654	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties	10	5.9%	2688	11.4%	2698	11.3%
Pediatric subspecialties	1	.6%	371	1.6%	372	1.6%
Surgical subspecialties	31	18.3%	5264	22.3%	5295	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	6	3.6%	555	2.3%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	5	3.0%	569	2.4%	574	2.4%
Other	18	10.7%	3039	12.9%	3057	12.8%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23646	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Addiction medicine			66	.3%	66	.3%
Allergy	1	.6%	126	.5%	127	.5%
Anesthesiology			60	.3%	60	.3%
Dermatology	5	3.0%	822	3.5%	827	3.5%
Emergency medicine	14	8.3%	2436	10.3%	2450	10.3%
Family practice w/o urgent care	31	18.3%	3549	15.0%	3580	15.0%
Family practice wt urgent care	34	20.1%	2318	9.8%	2352	9.9%
Genetics			7	.0%	7	.0%
Geriatrics			159	.7%	159	.7%
Obstetrics/gynecology	6	3.6%	555	2.3%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	5	3.0%	569	2.4%	574	2.4%
Ophthalmology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Pain management	2	1.2%	273	1.2%	275	1.2%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab	2	1.2%	168	.7%	170	.7%
Psychiatry	3	1.8%	240	1.0%	243	1.0%
Public health	1	.6%	48	.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	2	1.2%	652	2.8%	654	2.7%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic	2	1.2%	746	3.2%	748	3.1%
Surg: colon & rectal			26	.1%	26	.1%
Surg: hand	3	1.8%	51	.2%	54	.2%
Surg: neurology	1	.6%	572	2.4%	573	2.4%
Surg: oncology			58	.2%	58	.2%
Surg: orthopedics	15	8.9%	2396	10.1%	2411	10.1%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology	3	1.8%	229	1.0%	232	1.0%
Surg: pediatric			31	.1%	31	.1%
Surg: plastic	2	1.2%	182	.8%	184	.8%
Surg: thoracic			38	.2%	38	.2%
Surg: transplant			67	.3%	67	.3%
Surg: trauma			106	.4%	106	.4%
Surg: urology	1	.6%	284	1.2%	285	1.2%
Surg: vascular	2	1.2%	142	.6%	144	.6%
Surg: bariatric			62	.3%	62	.3%
Surg: spine	2	1.2%	170	.7%	172	.7%
Surg: other			104	.4%	104	.4%
General pediatrics	4	2.4%	575	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	1	.6%	17	.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	13	7.7%	1630	6.9%	1643	6.9%
IM: cardiology	3	1.8%	913	3.9%	916	3.8%
IM: critical care			105	.4%	105	.4%
IM: endocrinology	2	1.2%	130	.5%	132	.6%
IM: gastroenterology	1	.6%	405	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	2	1.2%	141	.6%	143	.6%
IM: neurology			143	.6%	143	.6%
IM: pulmonology	2	1.2%	120	.5%	122	.5%
IM: rheumatology			74	.3%	74	.3%
IM: oncology			405	1.7%	405	1.7%
IM: other			69	.3%	69	.3%
Other	4	2.4%	522	2.2%	526	2.2%

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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	168	23585	23753
Mean	7.5	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	7.4	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.0	3.0	3.0
Median	5.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	10.0	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	17.2	25.0	25.0

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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	169	23380	23549
Mean	3.5	4.8	4.8
Standard deviation	4.5	5.8	5.8
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	.0	1.0	1.0
Median	2.0	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	5.0	6.0	6.0
90th percentile	10.0	12.0	12.0

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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	168	23358	23526
Mean	5.4	6.6	6.6
Standard deviation	6.4	7.3	7.3
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	3.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	7.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	13.0	17.0	17.0

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	168	100.0%	23200	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Northeast			5398	23.3%	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	168	100.0%	4117	17.7%	4285	18.3%

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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	168	100.0%	23200	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Alaska			141	.6%	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	3.2%	731	3.1%
Guam			7	.0%	7	.0%
Hawaii			59	.3%	59	.3%
Iowa			339	1.5%	339	1.5%
Idaho	168	100.0%			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	3.0%	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*

		Idaho		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		166	100.0%	22388	100.0%	22554	100.0%
Not metro	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area	6	3.6%	983	4.4%	989	4.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	9	5.4%	538	2.4%	547	2.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area	13	7.8%	829	3.7%	842	3.7%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	11	6.6%	648	2.9%	659	2.9%
	NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area	1	.6%	136	.6%	137	.6%
	NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area	3	1.8%	230	1.0%	233	1.0%
	Metro	Metro, >1M Population			10892	48.7%	10892
	Metro, 250K-1M Population	71	42.8%	5502	24.6%	5573	24.7%
	Metro, <250K Population	52	31.3%	2630	11.7%	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*

		Idaho		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		169	100.0%	23621	100.0%	23790	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures		118	69.8%	13832	58.6%	13950	58.6%
First assisting at surgery		34	20.1%	5636	23.9%	5670	23.8%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting		41	24.3%	9006	38.1%	9047	38.0%
Serve on the quality assurance committee		17	10.1%	1896	8.0%	1913	8.0%
Serve on the utilization review committee		5	3.0%	753	3.2%	758	3.2%
Participate in the conduct of clinical trials		15	8.9%	2732	11.6%	2747	11.5%
Serve on formulary/pharmaceutical selection committee		5	3.0%	597	2.5%	602	2.5%
Decision making about procurement of medical/surgical equipment/supplies		42	24.9%	4520	19.1%	4562	19.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs		16	9.5%	2174	9.2%	2190	9.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs		40	23.7%	4234	17.9%	4274	18.0%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff		20	11.8%	2006	8.5%	2026	8.5%
Precept PA students		72	42.6%	8333	35.3%	8405	35.3%
Precept students of other health professions		54	32.0%	5693	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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	170	100.0%	23789	100.0%	23959	100.0%
32 or more hours	143	84.1%	20280	85.2%	20423	85.2%
Less than 32 hours	25	14.7%	3036	12.8%	3061	12.8%
Hours not reported	2	1.2%	473	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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	109	100.0%	13529	100.0%	13638	100.0%
See some inpatients	28	25.7%	5990	44.3%	6018	44.1%
See some outpatients	106	97.2%	11629	86.0%	11735	86.0%
See some other patients**	6	5.5%	822	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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	143	20280	20423
Mean	42.8	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	7.1	8.2	8.2
10th percentile	35.0	36.0	36.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	41.0	41.0
75th percentile	47.5	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	52.4	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*

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	1	1365	1366
Mean	50.0	43.0	43.0
Standard deviation	.	7.7	7.7
10th percentile	50.0	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	50.0	40.0	40.0
Median	50.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	50.0	45.0	45.0
90th percentile	50.0	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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	1	1365	1366
Mean	65.0	62.1	62.1
Standard deviation	.	40.9	40.9
10th percentile	65.0	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	65.0	35.0	35.0
Median	65.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	65.0	80.0	80.0
90th percentile	65.0	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*

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	58	5579	5637
Mean	37.7	38.9	38.9
Standard deviation	3.9	5.3	5.3
10th percentile	32.0	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0	35.0
Median	38.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	40.0	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

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	58	5579	5637
Mean	82.8	93.4	93.3
Standard deviation	29.8	39.6	39.5
10th percentile	49.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	60.0	70.0	70.0
Median	80.0	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	100.0	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

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	142	100.0%	20186	100.0%	20328	100.0%
Do not take call	79	55.6%	12400	61.4%	12479	61.4%
Take some call	54	38.0%	6615	32.8%	6669	32.8%
Take call, hours unknown			96	.5%	96	.5%
Always on call	9	6.3%	1075	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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	38	100.0%	4503	100.0%	4541	100.0%
Emergency department call	10	26.3%	1121	24.9%	1131	24.9%
Surgical assisting call	14	36.8%	1334	29.6%	1348	29.7%
In-house call	9	23.7%	1451	32.2%	1460	32.2%
Other call	14	36.8%	2355	52.3%	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*

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	54	6615	6669
Mean	118.9	94.2	94.4
Standard deviation	121.5	85.7	86.0
10th percentile	12.0	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	37.5	32.0	32.0
Median	93.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	168.0	125.0	125.0
90th percentile	275.0	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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	130	100.0%	19299	100.0%	19429	100.0%
Salary	92	70.8%	15585	80.8%	15677	80.7%
Hourly wage	32	24.6%	3344	17.3%	3376	17.4%
Other type of base pay	2	1.5%	221	1.1%	223	1.1%
Do not receive base pay	4	3.1%	149	.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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	128	100.0%	18898	100.0%	19026	100.0%
Base Pay	126	98.4%	18630	98.6%	18756	98.6%
Surgical assisting fees	4	3.1%	386	2.0%	390	2.0%
Overtime pay	14	10.9%	2722	14.4%	2736	14.4%
Shift differential	1	.8%	949	5.0%	950	5.0%
Administrative pay	4	3.1%	481	2.5%	485	2.5%
Pay for on-call availability	7	5.5%	1259	6.7%	1266	6.7%
Pay for on-call services/events	9	7.0%	1143	6.0%	1152	6.1%
Bonus not based on productivity/performance	12	9.4%	3905	20.7%	3917	20.6%
Bonus based on productivity of practice	15	11.7%	2216	11.7%	2231	11.7%
Bonus based on own productivity/performance	40	31.3%	3548	18.8%	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*

	Idaho		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	53	100.0%	5645	100.0%	5698	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	14	26.4%	1335	23.6%	1349	23.7%
Bonus based on revenues	20	37.7%	2347	41.6%	2367	41.5%
Bonus based on relative value units	8	15.1%	1123	19.9%	1131	19.8%
Bonus based on profit	10	18.9%	1290	22.9%	1300	22.8%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	4	7.5%	1101	19.5%	1105	19.4%
Bonus based on quality of care	4	7.5%	819	14.5%	823	14.4%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	5	9.4%	961	17.0%	966	17.0%
Bonus based on other factors	7	13.2%	817	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*

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	131	19397	19528
Mean	\$82,857	\$86,237	\$86,214
Standard deviation	\$23,336	\$21,890	\$21,901
10th percentile	\$61,101	\$64,395	\$64,374
25th percentile	\$70,641	\$71,926	\$71,908
Median	\$77,548	\$82,239	\$82,223
75th percentile	\$94,064	\$96,011	\$96,010
90th percentile	\$109,269	\$112,933	\$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*

	Idaho	All Others	Total
Respondents	15	2125	2140
Mean	\$67,859	\$73,049	\$73,013
Standard deviation	\$11,110	\$13,023	\$13,015
10th percentile	\$44,508	\$60,141	\$60,136
25th percentile	\$62,724	\$65,663	\$65,663
Median	\$71,348	\$71,839	\$71,825
75th percentile	\$73,382	\$79,069	\$79,044
90th percentile	\$82,091	\$88,895	\$88,821

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

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