

2007 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Report for Kentucky

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 Kentucky

	Count	Percent
Total	26192	100.0%
Kentucky	314	1.2%
All Others	25878	98.8%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	312	100.0%	25645	100.0%	25957	100.0%
Male	98	31.4%	9262	36.1%	9360	36.1%
Female	214	68.6%	16383	63.9%	16597	63.9%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	293	100.0%	23505	100.0%	23798	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	1.4%	913	3.9%	917	3.9%
Black (Not Hispanic)	9	3.1%	893	3.8%	902	3.8%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	3	1.0%	936	4.0%	939	3.9%
Amer Indian/Alaskan			162	.7%	162	.7%
White (Not Hispanic)	277	94.5%	20601	87.6%	20878	87.7%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	300	100.0%	23975	100.0%	24275	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	56	18.7%	6829	28.5%	6885	28.4%
Associate's degree from PA school	5	1.7%	1449	6.0%	1454	6.0%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	169	56.3%	10047	41.9%	10216	42.1%
Master's degree from PA school	111	37.0%	9406	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Count	314	25828	26142
Mean	39.6	41.2	41.2
Standard deviation	10.3	11.0	11.0
10th p-tile	28.0	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	31.0	32.0	32.0
Median	37.0	39.0	39.0
75th p-tile	48.0	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Count	314	25829	26143
Mean	30.0	30.5	30.5
Standard deviation	6.9	6.8	6.8
10th p-tile	24.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	25.0	26.0	26.0
Median	27.5	28.0	28.0
75th p-tile	33.0	34.0	34.0
90th p-tile	41.0	41.0	41.0

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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Count	314	25878	26192
Mean	9.6	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	8.1	9.2	9.2
10th p-tile	1.0	2.0	2.0
25th p-tile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	7.0	7.0	7.0
75th p-tile	13.0	16.0	16.0
90th p-tile	23.5	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	314	100.0%	25878	100.0%	26192	100.0%
In clinical practice	280	89.2%	23694	91.6%	23974	91.5%
Not in clinical practice	34	10.8%	2184	8.4%	2218	8.5%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	314	100.0%	25878	100.0%	26192	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	280	89.2%	23694	91.6%	23974	91.5%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			23	.1%	23	.1%
Clinically practicing NP	4	1.3%	170	.7%	174	.7%
Other clinically practicing provider	4	1.3%	188	.7%	192	.7%
PA educator	13	4.1%	1189	4.6%	1202	4.6%
Other health professions educator	2	.6%	356	1.4%	358	1.4%
Health care professional-administrator	3	1.0%	491	1.9%	494	1.9%
Health care professional-researcher	4	1.3%	245	.9%	249	1.0%
Health care professional-forensics			35	.1%	35	.1%
Health care professional-public health			98	.4%	98	.4%
Health care professional-other	6	1.9%	460	1.8%	466	1.8%
Other non-health professional	1	.3%	237	.9%	238	.9%
Student in post-graduate PA program	2	.6%	125	.5%	127	.5%
Medical student	1	.3%	38	.1%	39	.1%
Other student			65	.3%	65	.2%
Not employed by choice	14	4.5%	563	2.2%	577	2.2%
Employed, seeking PA job	2	.6%	86	.3%	88	.3%
Unemployed, seeking PA job	2	.6%	221	.9%	223	.9%
Unemployed, seeking non-PA job	1	.3%	35	.1%	36	.1%
Retired	1	.3%	164	.6%	165	.6%
Other	6	1.9%	279	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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	280	100.0%	23679	100.0%	23959	100.0%
One	238	85.0%	20019	84.5%	20257	84.5%
Two	34	12.1%	2941	12.4%	2975	12.4%
Three	6	2.1%	445	1.9%	451	1.9%
More than three	1	.4%	122	.5%	123	.5%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	1	.4%	152	.6%	153	.6%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	276	100.0%	23413	100.0%	23689	100.0%
Self-employed	7	2.5%	669	2.9%	676	2.9%
Solo physician practice	37	13.4%	2945	12.6%	2982	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group	91	33.0%	7261	31.0%	7352	31.0%
Multi-specialty physician group	51	18.5%	3015	12.9%	3066	12.9%
University hospital	17	6.2%	2028	8.7%	2045	8.6%
Other hospital	33	12.0%	3323	14.2%	3356	14.2%
Freestanding urgent care center	7	2.5%	435	1.9%	442	1.9%
Freestanding surgical center			19	.1%	19	.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility	1	.4%	52	.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	11	4.0%	1359	5.8%	1370	5.8%
Medical staffing agency	3	1.1%	75	.3%	78	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org	4	1.4%	417	1.8%	421	1.8%
Integrated health system	3	1.1%	339	1.4%	342	1.4%
Corrections system			207	.9%	207	.9%
Other	11	4.0%	821	3.5%	832	3.5%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	272	100.0%	23213	100.0%	23485	100.0%
Not government employed	250	91.9%	21093	90.9%	21343	90.9%
Air Force			130	.6%	130	.6%
Army	7	2.6%	309	1.3%	316	1.3%
Navy			91	.4%	91	.4%
Coast Guard			18	.1%	18	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	8	2.9%	483	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			105	.5%	105	.4%
Other Federal Government	1	.4%	106	.5%	107	.5%
State Government	5	1.8%	515	2.2%	520	2.2%
Local Government	1	.4%	239	1.0%	240	1.0%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	274	100.0%	23250	100.0%	23524	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	3	1.1%	521	2.2%	524	2.2%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	15	5.5%	2408	10.4%	2423	10.3%
Outpatient unit of hospital	23	8.4%	1728	7.4%	1751	7.4%
Hospital emergency room	28	10.2%	2339	10.1%	2367	10.1%
Hospital operating room	17	6.2%	1512	6.5%	1529	6.5%
Other unit of hospital	5	1.8%	318	1.4%	323	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	15	5.5%	820	3.5%	835	3.5%
Other FQHC	3	1.1%	454	2.0%	457	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	5	1.8%	542	2.3%	547	2.3%
Freestanding urgent care facility	8	2.9%	664	2.9%	672	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility			83	.4%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	35	12.8%	2761	11.9%	2796	11.9%
Single-specialty physician group practice	68	24.8%	5147	22.1%	5215	22.2%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	34	12.4%	2161	9.3%	2195	9.3%
HMO facility			317	1.4%	317	1.3%
Nursing home or LTC facility	3	1.1%	196	.8%	199	.8%
University/college student health facility			138	.6%	138	.6%
School-based health facility	1	.4%	83	.4%	84	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	4	1.5%	447	1.9%	451	1.9%
Correctional facility			228	1.0%	228	1.0%
Industrial facility/work site	3	1.1%	116	.5%	119	.5%
Retail Outlet			39	.2%	39	.2%
Mobile health unit			28	.1%	28	.1%
Patients' homes			35	.2%	35	.1%
Other	4	1.5%	165	.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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	272	98.6%	23178	99.0%	23450	99.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	66	23.9%	5258	22.5%	5324	22.5%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	87	31.5%	8104	34.6%	8191	34.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	68	24.6%	4899	20.9%	4967	21.0%
Hospital emergency room	74	26.8%	7175	30.6%	7249	30.6%
Hospital operating room	42	15.2%	5162	22.0%	5204	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	30	10.9%	1981	8.5%	2011	8.5%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	21	7.6%	1094	4.7%	1115	4.7%
Other FQHC	6	2.2%	636	2.7%	642	2.7%
Other community health center/facility	10	3.6%	838	3.6%	848	3.6%
Freestanding urgent care facility	11	4.0%	1088	4.6%	1099	4.6%
Freestanding surgical facility	12	4.3%	1129	4.8%	1141	4.8%
Solo practice physician office	39	14.1%	3157	13.5%	3196	13.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	87	31.5%	6689	28.6%	6776	28.6%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	43	15.6%	2961	12.6%	3004	12.7%
HMO facility	2	.7%	459	2.0%	461	1.9%
Nursing home or LTC facility	18	6.5%	1161	5.0%	1179	5.0%
University/college student health facility	2	.7%	255	1.1%	257	1.1%
School-based health facility	2	.7%	197	.8%	199	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	9	3.3%	773	3.3%	782	3.3%
Correctional facility	2	.7%	368	1.6%	370	1.6%
Industrial facility/work site	4	1.4%	215	.9%	219	.9%
Retail Outlet			46	.2%	46	.2%
Mobile health unit	1	.4%	90	.4%	91	.4%
Patients' homes	5	1.8%	330	1.4%	335	1.4%
Other	4	1.4%	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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	279	100.0%	23536	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Family/general medicine	72	25.8%	5860	24.9%	5932	24.9%
General internal medicine	20	7.2%	1623	6.9%	1643	6.9%
Emergency medicine	29	10.4%	2421	10.3%	2450	10.3%
General pediatrics	12	4.3%	567	2.4%	579	2.4%
General surgery	8	2.9%	646	2.7%	654	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties	37	13.3%	2661	11.3%	2698	11.3%
Pediatric subspecialties	6	2.2%	366	1.6%	372	1.6%
Surgical subspecialties	42	15.1%	5253	22.3%	5295	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	7	2.5%	554	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	12	4.3%	562	2.4%	574	2.4%
Other	34	12.2%	3023	12.8%	3057	12.8%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	279	100.0%	23536	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Addiction medicine	1	.4%	65	.3%	66	.3%
Allergy			127	.5%	127	.5%
Anesthesiology			60	.3%	60	.3%
Dermatology	6	2.2%	821	3.5%	827	3.5%
Emergency medicine	29	10.4%	2421	10.3%	2450	10.3%
Family practice w/o urgent care	45	16.1%	3535	15.0%	3580	15.0%
Family practice wt urgent care	27	9.7%	2325	9.9%	2352	9.9%
Genetics			7	.0%	7	.0%
Geriatrics	2	.7%	157	.7%	159	.7%
Obstetrics/gynecology	7	2.5%	554	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	12	4.3%	562	2.4%	574	2.4%
Ophthalmology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Pain management	7	2.5%	268	1.1%	275	1.2%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab			170	.7%	170	.7%
Psychiatry	2	.7%	241	1.0%	243	1.0%
Public health	2	.7%	47	.2%	49	.2%
Radiation oncology	1	.4%	56	.2%	57	.2%
Radiology	2	.7%	34	.1%	36	.2%
Interventional radiology	4	1.4%	191	.8%	195	.8%
Hospital medicine	2	.7%	231	1.0%	233	1.0%
General surgery	8	2.9%	646	2.7%	654	2.7%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic	6	2.2%	742	3.2%	748	3.1%
Surg: colon & rectal			26	.1%	26	.1%
Surg: hand	1	.4%	53	.2%	54	.2%
Surg: neurology	7	2.5%	566	2.4%	573	2.4%
Surg: oncology			58	.2%	58	.2%
Surg: orthopedics	20	7.2%	2391	10.2%	2411	10.1%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology	3	1.1%	229	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	.5%	106	.4%
Surg: urology	4	1.4%	281	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	1	.4%	103	.4%	104	.4%
General pediatrics	12	4.3%	567	2.4%	579	2.4%
Ped: adolescent medicine	1	.4%	52	.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	1	.4%	17	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: hematology/oncology			7	.0%	7	.0%
Ped: infectious disease			5	.0%	5	.0%
Ped: neonatal-perinatal	3	1.1%	88	.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	1	.4%	79	.3%	80	.3%
General internal medicine	20	7.2%	1623	6.9%	1643	6.9%
IM: cardiology	17	6.1%	899	3.8%	916	3.8%
IM: critical care			105	.4%	105	.4%
IM: endocrinology	3	1.1%	129	.5%	132	.6%
IM: gastroenterology	6	2.2%	400	1.7%	406	1.7%
IM: hematology/oncology	1	.4%	55	.2%	56	.2%
IM: immunology			4	.0%	4	.0%
IM: infectious disease	1	.4%	122	.5%	123	.5%
IM: nephrology	1	.4%	142	.6%	143	.6%
IM: neurology	1	.4%	142	.6%	143	.6%
IM: pulmonology	1	.4%	121	.5%	122	.5%
IM: rheumatology	2	.7%	72	.3%	74	.3%
IM: oncology	3	1.1%	402	1.7%	405	1.7%
IM: other	1	.4%	68	.3%	69	.3%
Other	5	1.8%	521	2.2%	526	2.2%

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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	278	23475	23753
Mean	8.5	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	7.9	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	7.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	12.0	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	22.0	25.0	25.0

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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	273	23276	23549
Mean	4.8	4.8	4.8
Standard deviation	5.8	5.8	5.8
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	3.0	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	7.0	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	274	23252	23526
Mean	6.0	6.6	6.6
Standard deviation	6.5	7.3	7.3
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	4.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	8.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	13.5	17.0	17.0

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	272	100.0%	23096	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Northeast			5398	23.4%	5398	23.1%
Southeast	272	100.0%	5345	23.1%	5617	24.0%
North Central			4926	21.3%	4926	21.1%
South Central			3142	13.6%	3142	13.4%
West			4285	18.6%	4285	18.3%

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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	272	100.0%	23096	100.0%	23368	100.0%
Alaska			141	.6%	141	.6%
Alabama			142	.6%	142	.6%
Arkansas			37	.2%	37	.2%
Arizona			567	2.5%	567	2.4%
California			1712	7.4%	1712	7.3%
Colorado			628	2.7%	628	2.7%
Connecticut			498	2.2%	498	2.1%
District Of Columbia			83	.4%	83	.4%
Delaware			84	.4%	84	.4%
Florida			1306	5.7%	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	.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	100.0%			272	1.2%
Louisiana			169	.7%	169	.7%
Massachusetts			556	2.4%	556	2.4%
Maryland			543	2.4%	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	1.6%	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	1.4%	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	.4%	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*

		Kentucky		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		264	100.0%	22290	100.0%	22554	100.0%
Not metro	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area	13	4.9%	976	4.4%	989	4.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	14	5.3%	533	2.4%	547	2.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area	20	7.6%	822	3.7%	842	3.7%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	33	12.5%	626	2.8%	659	2.9%
	NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area	4	1.5%	133	.6%	137	.6%
	NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area	6	2.3%	227	1.0%	233	1.0%
	Metro	Metro, >1M Population	59	22.3%	10833	48.6%	10892
	Metro, 250K-1M Population	88	33.3%	5485	24.6%	5573	24.7%
	Metro, <250K Population	27	10.2%	2655	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*

		Kentucky		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		278	100.0%	23512	100.0%	23790	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures		160	57.6%	13790	58.7%	13950	58.6%
First assisting at surgery		50	18.0%	5620	23.9%	5670	23.8%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting		102	36.7%	8945	38.0%	9047	38.0%
Serve on the quality assurance committee		13	4.7%	1900	8.1%	1913	8.0%
Serve on the utilization review committee		8	2.9%	750	3.2%	758	3.2%
Participate in the conduct of clinical trials		30	10.8%	2717	11.6%	2747	11.5%
Serve on formulary/pharmaceutical selection committee		4	1.4%	598	2.5%	602	2.5%
Decision making about procurement of medical/surgical equipment/supplies		55	19.8%	4507	19.2%	4562	19.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs		16	5.8%	2174	9.2%	2190	9.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs		42	15.1%	4232	18.0%	4274	18.0%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff		19	6.8%	2007	8.5%	2026	8.5%
Precept PA students		82	29.5%	8323	35.4%	8405	35.3%
Precept students of other health professions		62	22.3%	5685	24.2%	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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	280	100.0%	23679	100.0%	23959	100.0%
32 or more hours	238	85.0%	20185	85.2%	20423	85.2%
Less than 32 hours	36	12.9%	3025	12.8%	3061	12.8%
Hours not reported	6	2.1%	469	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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	161	100.0%	13477	100.0%	13638	100.0%
See some inpatients	68	42.2%	5950	44.1%	6018	44.1%
See some outpatients	143	88.8%	11592	86.0%	11735	86.0%
See some other patients**	18	11.2%	810	6.0%	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	238	20185	20423
Mean	43.8	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	7.2	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	48.3	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	51.1	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*

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	11	1355	1366
Mean	41.7	43.0	43.0
Standard deviation	5.9	7.8	7.7
10th percentile	33.0	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	48.0	45.0	45.0
90th percentile	51.6	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	11	1355	1366
Mean	77.0	61.9	62.1
Standard deviation	80.5	40.5	40.9
10th percentile	21.0	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	25.0	35.0	35.0
Median	50.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	100.0	80.0	80.0
90th percentile	264.0	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*

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	70	5567	5637
Mean	38.3	38.9	38.9
Standard deviation	3.8	5.3	5.3
10th percentile	35.0	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0	35.0
Median	39.5	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	42.0	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

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	70	5567	5637
Mean	89.4	93.3	93.3
Standard deviation	36.4	39.5	39.5
10th percentile	45.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	70.0	70.0	70.0
Median	90.0	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	100.0	110.0	110.0
90th percentile	125.0	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

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	237	100.0%	20091	100.0%	20328	100.0%
Do not take call	176	74.3%	12303	61.2%	12479	61.4%
Take some call	54	22.8%	6615	32.9%	6669	32.8%
Take call, hours unknown	1	.4%	95	.5%	96	.5%
Always on call	6	2.5%	1078	5.4%	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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	25	100.0%	4516	100.0%	4541	100.0%
Emergency department call	7	28.0%	1124	24.9%	1131	24.9%
Surgical assisting call	8	32.0%	1340	29.7%	1348	29.7%
In-house call	12	48.0%	1448	32.1%	1460	32.2%
Other call	17	68.0%	2352	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*

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	54	6615	6669
Mean	108.4	94.2	94.4
Standard deviation	92.5	86.0	86.0
10th percentile	12.0	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	39.0	32.0	32.0
Median	95.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	154.5	125.0	125.0
90th percentile	200.0	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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	227	100.0%	19202	100.0%	19429	100.0%
Salary	195	85.9%	15482	80.6%	15677	80.7%
Hourly wage	28	12.3%	3348	17.4%	3376	17.4%
Other type of base pay	3	1.3%	220	1.1%	223	1.1%
Do not receive base pay	1	.4%	152	.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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	224	100.0%	18802	100.0%	19026	100.0%
Base Pay	223	99.6%	18533	98.6%	18756	98.6%
Surgical assisting fees	2	.9%	388	2.1%	390	2.0%
Overtime pay	20	8.9%	2716	14.4%	2736	14.4%
Shift differential	9	4.0%	941	5.0%	950	5.0%
Administrative pay	6	2.7%	479	2.5%	485	2.5%
Pay for on-call availability	8	3.6%	1258	6.7%	1266	6.7%
Pay for on-call services/events	8	3.6%	1144	6.1%	1152	6.1%
Bonus not based on productivity/performance	45	20.1%	3872	20.6%	3917	20.6%
Bonus based on productivity of practice	24	10.7%	2207	11.7%	2231	11.7%
Bonus based on own productivity/performance	50	22.3%	3538	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*

	Kentucky		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	77	100.0%	5621	100.0%	5698	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	30	39.0%	1319	23.5%	1349	23.7%
Bonus based on revenues	35	45.5%	2332	41.5%	2367	41.5%
Bonus based on relative value units	14	18.2%	1117	19.9%	1131	19.8%
Bonus based on profit	19	24.7%	1281	22.8%	1300	22.8%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	11	14.3%	1094	19.5%	1105	19.4%
Bonus based on quality of care	4	5.2%	819	14.6%	823	14.4%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	5	6.5%	961	17.1%	966	17.0%
Bonus based on other factors	7	9.1%	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*

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	228	19300	19528
Mean	\$80,121	\$86,286	\$86,214
Standard deviation	\$21,505	\$21,896	\$21,901
10th percentile	\$60,735	\$64,444	\$64,374
25th percentile	\$67,415	\$71,954	\$71,908
Median	\$75,503	\$82,273	\$82,223
75th percentile	\$89,791	\$96,089	\$96,010
90th percentile	\$101,329	\$113,035	\$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*

	Kentucky	All Others	Total
Respondents	24	2116	2140
Mean	\$69,004	\$73,058	\$73,013
Standard deviation	\$12,455	\$13,017	\$13,015
10th percentile	\$54,330	\$60,192	\$60,136
25th percentile	\$63,011	\$65,756	\$65,663
Median	\$66,416	\$71,862	\$71,825
75th percentile	\$76,034	\$79,074	\$79,044
90th percentile	\$88,522	\$88,847	\$88,821

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

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