

2007 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Report for Nevada

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 Nevada

	Count	Percent
Total	26192	100.0%
Nevada	183	.7%
All Others	26009	99.3%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	182	100.0%	25775	100.0%	25957	100.0%
Male	85	46.7%	9275	36.0%	9360	36.1%
Female	97	53.3%	16500	64.0%	16597	63.9%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	166	100.0%	23632	100.0%	23798	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12	7.2%	905	3.8%	917	3.9%
Black (Not Hispanic)	4	2.4%	898	3.8%	902	3.8%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	7	4.2%	932	3.9%	939	3.9%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	2	1.2%	160	.7%	162	.7%
White (Not Hispanic)	141	84.9%	20737	87.7%	20878	87.7%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	165	100.0%	24110	100.0%	24275	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	62	37.6%	6823	28.3%	6885	28.4%
Associate's degree from PA school	8	4.8%	1446	6.0%	1454	6.0%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	68	41.2%	10148	42.1%	10216	42.1%
Master's degree from PA school	58	35.2%	9459	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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Count	181	25961	26142
Mean	41.8	41.2	41.2
Standard deviation	11.0	11.0	11.0
10th p-tile	30.0	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	33.0	32.0	32.0
Median	39.0	39.0	39.0
75th p-tile	52.0	50.0	50.0
90th p-tile	59.0	57.0	57.0

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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Count	181	25962	26143
Mean	31.9	30.5	30.5
Standard deviation	6.3	6.8	6.8
10th p-tile	26.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	27.0	26.0	26.0
Median	30.0	28.0	28.0
75th p-tile	34.5	34.0	34.0
90th p-tile	40.0	41.0	41.0

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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Count	183	26009	26192
Mean	10.1	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	9.2	9.2	9.2
10th p-tile	2.0	2.0	2.0
25th p-tile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	7.0	7.0	7.0
75th p-tile	14.0	16.0	16.0
90th p-tile	26.6	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	183	100.0%	26009	100.0%	26192	100.0%
In clinical practice	171	93.4%	23803	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Not in clinical practice	12	6.6%	2206	8.5%	2218	8.5%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	183	100.0%	26009	100.0%	26192	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	171	93.4%	23803	91.5%	23974	91.5%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			23	.1%	23	.1%
Clinically practicing NP	4	2.2%	170	.7%	174	.7%
Other clinically practicing provider	2	1.1%	190	.7%	192	.7%
PA educator	8	4.4%	1194	4.6%	1202	4.6%
Other health professions educator			358	1.4%	358	1.4%
Health care professional-administrator	2	1.1%	492	1.9%	494	1.9%
Health care professional-researcher			249	1.0%	249	1.0%
Health care professional-forensics	1	.5%	34	.1%	35	.1%
Health care professional-public health			98	.4%	98	.4%
Health care professional-other	6	3.3%	460	1.8%	466	1.8%
Other non-health professional	1	.5%	237	.9%	238	.9%
Student in post-graduate PA program			127	.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	.5%	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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	171	100.0%	23788	100.0%	23959	100.0%
One	137	80.1%	20120	84.6%	20257	84.5%
Two	29	17.0%	2946	12.4%	2975	12.4%
Three	1	.6%	450	1.9%	451	1.9%
More than three	2	1.2%	121	.5%	123	.5%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	2	1.2%	151	.6%	153	.6%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	23520	100.0%	23689	100.0%
Self-employed	13	7.7%	663	2.8%	676	2.9%
Solo physician practice	27	16.0%	2955	12.6%	2982	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group	50	29.6%	7302	31.0%	7352	31.0%
Multi-specialty physician group	13	7.7%	3053	13.0%	3066	12.9%
University hospital	1	.6%	2044	8.7%	2045	8.6%
Other hospital	13	7.7%	3343	14.2%	3356	14.2%
Freestanding urgent care center	8	4.7%	434	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	13	7.7%	426	1.8%	439	1.9%
Community health center	11	6.5%	1359	5.8%	1370	5.8%
Medical staffing agency			78	.3%	78	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org	8	4.7%	413	1.8%	421	1.8%
Integrated health system	1	.6%	341	1.4%	342	1.4%
Corrections system	1	.6%	206	.9%	207	.9%
Other	10	5.9%	822	3.5%	832	3.5%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	167	100.0%	23318	100.0%	23485	100.0%
Not government employed	150	89.8%	21193	90.9%	21343	90.9%
Air Force	4	2.4%	126	.5%	130	.6%
Army			316	1.4%	316	1.3%
Navy			91	.4%	91	.4%
Coast Guard			18	.1%	18	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	6	3.6%	485	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	2	1.2%	103	.4%	105	.4%
Other Federal Government	1	.6%	106	.5%	107	.5%
State Government	3	1.8%	517	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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	167	100.0%	23357	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)	6	3.6%	2417	10.3%	2423	10.3%
Outpatient unit of hospital	5	3.0%	1746	7.5%	1751	7.4%
Hospital emergency room	19	11.4%	2348	10.1%	2367	10.1%
Hospital operating room	8	4.8%	1521	6.5%	1529	6.5%
Other unit of hospital			323	1.4%	323	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	5	3.0%	830	3.6%	835	3.5%
Other FQHC	4	2.4%	453	1.9%	457	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	3	1.8%	544	2.3%	547	2.3%
Freestanding urgent care facility	12	7.2%	660	2.8%	672	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility	1	.6%	82	.4%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	25	15.0%	2771	11.9%	2796	11.9%
Single-specialty physician group practice	39	23.4%	5176	22.2%	5215	22.2%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	13	7.8%	2182	9.3%	2195	9.3%
HMO facility	10	6.0%	307	1.3%	317	1.3%
Nursing home or LTC facility	3	1.8%	196	.8%	199	.8%
University/college student health facility	1	.6%	137	.6%	138	.6%
School-based health facility			84	.4%	84	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	4	2.4%	447	1.9%	451	1.9%
Correctional facility	2	1.2%	226	1.0%	228	1.0%
Industrial facility/work site			119	.5%	119	.5%
Retail Outlet	5	3.0%	34	.1%	39	.2%
Mobile health unit			28	.1%	28	.1%
Patients' homes			35	.1%	35	.1%
Other	1	.6%	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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	166	97.6%	23284	99.0%	23450	99.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	20	11.8%	5304	22.6%	5324	22.5%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	28	16.5%	8163	34.7%	8191	34.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	9	5.3%	4958	21.1%	4967	21.0%
Hospital emergency room	31	18.2%	7218	30.7%	7249	30.6%
Hospital operating room	21	12.4%	5183	22.0%	5204	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	5	2.9%	2006	8.5%	2011	8.5%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	6	3.5%	1109	4.7%	1115	4.7%
Other FQHC	8	4.7%	634	2.7%	642	2.7%
Other community health center/facility	8	4.7%	840	3.6%	848	3.6%
Freestanding urgent care facility	14	8.2%	1085	4.6%	1099	4.6%
Freestanding surgical facility	11	6.5%	1130	4.8%	1141	4.8%
Solo practice physician office	29	17.1%	3167	13.5%	3196	13.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	44	25.9%	6732	28.6%	6776	28.6%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	21	12.4%	2983	12.7%	3004	12.7%
HMO facility	11	6.5%	450	1.9%	461	1.9%
Nursing home or LTC facility	6	3.5%	1173	5.0%	1179	5.0%
University/college student health facility	1	.6%	256	1.1%	257	1.1%
School-based health facility	1	.6%	198	.8%	199	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	5	2.9%	777	3.3%	782	3.3%
Correctional facility	4	2.4%	366	1.6%	370	1.6%
Industrial facility/work site	1	.6%	218	.9%	219	.9%
Retail Outlet	5	2.9%	41	.2%	46	.2%
Mobile health unit	2	1.2%	89	.4%	91	.4%
Patients' homes	3	1.8%	332	1.4%	335	1.4%
Other	7	4.1%	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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	168	100.0%	23647	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Family/general medicine	58	34.5%	5874	24.8%	5932	24.9%
General internal medicine	13	7.7%	1630	6.9%	1643	6.9%
Emergency medicine	18	10.7%	2432	10.3%	2450	10.3%
General pediatrics	4	2.4%	575	2.4%	579	2.4%
General surgery			654	2.8%	654	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties	15	8.9%	2683	11.3%	2698	11.3%
Pediatric subspecialties			372	1.6%	372	1.6%
Surgical subspecialties	24	14.3%	5271	22.3%	5295	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	4	2.4%	557	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	4	2.4%	570	2.4%	574	2.4%
Other	28	16.7%	3029	12.8%	3057	12.8%

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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	168	100.0%	23647	100.0%	23815	100.0%
Addiction medicine			66	.3%	66	.3%
Allergy			127	.5%	127	.5%
Anesthesiology			60	.3%	60	.3%
Dermatology	11	6.5%	816	3.5%	827	3.5%
Emergency medicine	18	10.7%	2432	10.3%	2450	10.3%
Family practice w/o urgent care	28	16.7%	3552	15.0%	3580	15.0%
Family practice wt urgent care	30	17.9%	2322	9.8%	2352	9.9%
Genetics	1	.6%	6	.0%	7	.0%
Geriatrics	2	1.2%	157	.7%	159	.7%
Obstetrics/gynecology	4	2.4%	557	2.4%	561	2.4%
Occupational medicine	4	2.4%	570	2.4%	574	2.4%
Ophthalmology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Pain management	6	3.6%	269	1.1%	275	1.2%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab	1	.6%	169	.7%	170	.7%
Psychiatry	1	.6%	242	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	4	2.4%	744	3.1%	748	3.1%
Surg: colon & rectal			26	.1%	26	.1%
Surg: hand			54	.2%	54	.2%
Surg: neurology	6	3.6%	567	2.4%	573	2.4%
Surg: oncology			58	.2%	58	.2%
Surg: orthopedics	8	4.8%	2403	10.2%	2411	10.1%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology			232	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	.6%	284	1.2%	285	1.2%
Surg: vascular			144	.6%	144	.6%
Surg: bariatric	1	.6%	61	.3%	62	.3%
Surg: spine	4	2.4%	168	.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			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	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	1	.6%	131	.6%	132	.6%
IM: gastroenterology	8	4.8%	398	1.7%	406	1.7%
IM: hematology/oncology	2	1.2%	54	.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	1	.6%	404	1.7%	405	1.7%
IM: other			69	.3%	69	.3%
Other	6	3.6%	520	2.2%	526	2.2%

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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	168	23585	23753
Mean	9.0	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	8.9	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	1.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.3	3.0	3.0
Median	6.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	12.0	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	26.0	25.0	25.0

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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	168	23381	23549
Mean	2.9	4.8	4.8
Standard deviation	3.9	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	4.0	6.0	6.0
90th percentile	8.0	12.0	12.0

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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	168	23358	23526
Mean	5.4	6.6	6.6
Standard deviation	6.6	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	14.0	17.0	17.0

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

	Nevada		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

	Nevada		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	.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	100.0%			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*

		Nevada		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		162	100.0%	22392	100.0%	22554	100.0%
Not metro	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area	4	2.5%	985	4.4%	989	4.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	4	2.5%	543	2.4%	547	2.4%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area	9	5.6%	833	3.7%	842	3.7%
	NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	1	.6%	658	2.9%	659	2.9%
	NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area			137	.6%	137	.6%
	NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area	1	.6%	232	1.0%	233	1.0%
	Metro	Metro, >1M Population	104	64.2%	10788	48.2%	10892
	Metro, 250K-1M Population	31	19.1%	5542	24.7%	5573	24.7%
	Metro, <250K Population	8	4.9%	2674	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*

		Nevada		All Others		Total	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents		168	100.0%	23622	100.0%	23790	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures		105	62.5%	13845	58.6%	13950	58.6%
First assisting at surgery		25	14.9%	5645	23.9%	5670	23.8%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting		37	22.0%	9010	38.1%	9047	38.0%
Serve on the quality assurance committee		11	6.5%	1902	8.1%	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		10	6.0%	2737	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		33	19.6%	4529	19.2%	4562	19.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs		13	7.7%	2177	9.2%	2190	9.2%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs		33	19.6%	4241	18.0%	4274	18.0%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff		15	8.9%	2011	8.5%	2026	8.5%
Precept PA students		45	26.8%	8360	35.4%	8405	35.3%
Precept students of other health professions		29	17.3%	5718	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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	171	100.0%	23788	100.0%	23959	100.0%
32 or more hours	143	83.6%	20280	85.3%	20423	85.2%
Less than 32 hours	24	14.0%	3037	12.8%	3061	12.8%
Hours not reported	4	2.3%	471	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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	99	100.0%	13539	100.0%	13638	100.0%
See some inpatients	29	29.3%	5989	44.2%	6018	44.1%
See some outpatients	90	90.9%	11645	86.0%	11735	86.0%
See some other patients**	5	5.1%	823	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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	143	20280	20423
Mean	44.0	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	7.6	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	48.0	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	58.0	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*

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	7	1359	1366
Mean	43.4	43.0	43.0
Standard deviation	5.0	7.8	7.7
10th percentile	36.0	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	45.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	48.0	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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	7	1359	1366
Mean	60.4	62.1	62.1
Standard deviation	32.9	41.0	40.9
10th percentile	15.0	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	22.0	35.0	35.0
Median	66.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	90.0	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*

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	56	5581	5637
Mean	39.4	38.9	38.9
Standard deviation	4.5	5.3	5.3
10th percentile	35.0	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	36.0	35.0	35.0
Median	40.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	45.3	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

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	56	5581	5637
Mean	107.0	93.2	93.3
Standard deviation	45.4	39.4	39.5
10th percentile	57.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	80.0	70.0	70.0
Median	100.0	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	125.0	110.0	110.0
90th percentile	168.0	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

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	142	100.0%	20186	100.0%	20328	100.0%
Do not take call	94	66.2%	12385	61.4%	12479	61.4%
Take some call	33	23.2%	6636	32.9%	6669	32.8%
Take call, hours unknown			96	.5%	96	.5%
Always on call	15	10.6%	1069	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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	17	100.0%	4524	100.0%	4541	100.0%
Emergency department call	3	17.6%	1128	24.9%	1131	24.9%
Surgical assisting call	5	29.4%	1343	29.7%	1348	29.7%
In-house call	5	29.4%	1455	32.2%	1460	32.2%
Other call	8	47.1%	2361	52.2%	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*

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	33	6636	6669
Mean	114.2	94.3	94.4
Standard deviation	130.3	85.8	86.0
10th percentile	22.8	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	30.0	32.0	32.0
Median	50.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	174.0	125.0	125.0
90th percentile	249.0	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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	128	100.0%	19301	100.0%	19429	100.0%
Salary	95	74.2%	15582	80.7%	15677	80.7%
Hourly wage	26	20.3%	3350	17.4%	3376	17.4%
Other type of base pay	4	3.1%	219	1.1%	223	1.1%
Do not receive base pay	3	2.3%	150	.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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	127	100.0%	18899	100.0%	19026	100.0%
Base Pay	123	96.9%	18633	98.6%	18756	98.6%
Surgical assisting fees	5	3.9%	385	2.0%	390	2.0%
Overtime pay	13	10.2%	2723	14.4%	2736	14.4%
Shift differential	3	2.4%	947	5.0%	950	5.0%
Administrative pay	2	1.6%	483	2.6%	485	2.5%
Pay for on-call availability	10	7.9%	1256	6.6%	1266	6.7%
Pay for on-call services/events	4	3.1%	1148	6.1%	1152	6.1%
Bonus not based on productivity/performance	24	18.9%	3893	20.6%	3917	20.6%
Bonus based on productivity of practice	16	12.6%	2215	11.7%	2231	11.7%
Bonus based on own productivity/performance	34	26.8%	3554	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*

	Nevada		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	51	100.0%	5647	100.0%	5698	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	11	21.6%	1338	23.7%	1349	23.7%
Bonus based on revenues	23	45.1%	2344	41.5%	2367	41.5%
Bonus based on relative value units	11	21.6%	1120	19.8%	1131	19.8%
Bonus based on profit	13	25.5%	1287	22.8%	1300	22.8%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	16	31.4%	1089	19.3%	1105	19.4%
Bonus based on quality of care	10	19.6%	813	14.4%	823	14.4%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	18	35.3%	948	16.8%	966	17.0%
Bonus based on other factors	7	13.7%	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*

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	130	19398	19528
Mean	\$102,522	\$86,105	\$86,214
Standard deviation	\$29,926	\$21,797	\$21,901
10th percentile	\$72,846	\$64,310	\$64,374
25th percentile	\$81,990	\$71,865	\$71,908
Median	\$96,136	\$82,144	\$82,223
75th percentile	\$111,043	\$95,892	\$96,010
90th percentile	\$139,409	\$112,748	\$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*

	Nevada	All Others	Total
Respondents	14	2126	2140
Mean	\$83,084	\$72,947	\$73,013
Standard deviation	\$21,490	\$12,923	\$13,015
10th percentile	\$69,447	\$60,130	\$60,136
25th percentile	\$71,439	\$65,601	\$65,663
Median	\$73,333	\$71,804	\$71,825
75th percentile	\$84,968	\$79,032	\$79,044
90th percentile	\$128,080	\$88,707	\$88,821

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

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