

Ethnicity: White PAs comprise 88 percent of the respondents.

PA Education: Just under half (44%) of respondents hold a bachelor's level PA degree; 35 percent of respondents hold a master's level PA degree.

Age: The mean age of census respondents is 41 years (median = 40), the mean age at time of graduation from PA school was 31 years (median = 29), 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 (91%) are in clinical practice.

Current Profession: Four 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 22 percent are employed by hospitals and 13 percent are employed by solo physician offices.

Government Employment: About 9 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 just under two percent of this year's respondents.

Primary Work Setting: The most prevalent "primary" work setting, reported by 36 percent of respondents, is a hospital; the hospital departments cited most frequently as primary settings are hospital inpatient units (10%), hospital emergency rooms (9%), 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 9 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 (13%), 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 (34%), hospital emergency rooms (30%), single-specialty physician group practices (29%), hospital operating rooms (22%), hospital outpatient units (21%), and hospital intensive care/critical care units (22%).

Primary Specialty of Practice: While PAs practice in over 60 different specialty fields, 38 percent of this year's respondents reported that their primary specialty was one of the primary care fields: family/general medicine (27%), general internal medicine (7%), general pediatrics (3%), 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 (3%).

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 (8%), Texas (6%), Pennsylvania (6%), Florida (5%), North Carolina (5%), and Michigan (5%).

Metropolitan Status of Work Site: Sixteen 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 (60%) 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 (19%) reported supervising other clinical staff. More than one-third of respondents (36%) 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 (85%) 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 95. 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 64. Eleven percent of respondents report seeing patients who can not be classified as inpatients, outpatients, or nursing home patients, and six percent of full-time PAs reported seeing some nursing home patients in their primary job.

Taking Call: Four in ten respondents (40%) 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 (80%) reported receiving their base pay in the form of a salary; 18 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 or incentive pay based on the PA's productivity or performance, reported by 24 percent of respondents. Nineteen percent of respondents reported receiving a bonus based on something other than productivity or performance while 18 percent reported receiving

overtime pay. Almost half of those who reported receiving an incentive based on productivity or performance (44%) 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 \$80,356; the mean is \$84,396. The comparable figures for respondents who graduated in 2005 are \$69,517 and \$71,004, respectively.

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Section I: Characteristics of 2006 AAPA Census Respondents

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

	Count	Percent
Total	23436	100.0%
South Carolina	244	1.0%
All Others	23192	99.0%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	241	100.0%	22977	100.0%	23218	100.0%
Male	98	40.7%	8646	37.6%	8744	37.7%
Female	143	59.3%	14331	62.4%	14474	62.3%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	220	100.0%	20993	100.0%	21213	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	1.4%	745	3.5%	748	3.5%
Black (Not Hispanic)	13	5.9%	744	3.5%	757	3.6%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	3	1.4%	808	3.8%	811	3.8%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	2	.9%	166	.8%	168	.8%
White (Not Hispanic)	199	90.5%	18530	88.3%	18729	88.3%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	236	100.0%	21442	100.0%	21678	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	39	16.5%	6530	30.5%	6569	30.3%
Associate's degree from PA school	8	3.4%	1429	6.7%	1437	6.6%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	152	64.4%	9385	43.8%	9537	44.0%
Master's degree from PA school	60	25.4%	7440	34.7%	7500	34.6%

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

Table 1.5: Summary Measures of Age for Census Respondents

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	244	23146	23390
Mean	40.8	41.3	41.3
Standard deviation	11.1	10.9	10.9
10th p-tile	27.0	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	31.3	32.0	32.0
Median	39.0	40.0	40.0
75th p-tile	50.0	50.0	50.0
90th p-tile	57.0	57.0	57.0

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	244	23146	23390
Mean	30.6	30.6	30.6
Standard deviation	6.6	6.9	6.8
10th p-tile	24.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	25.3	26.0	26.0
Median	29.0	29.0	29.0
75th p-tile	34.8	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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	244	23192	23436
Mean	10.2	10.8	10.7
Standard deviation	9.5	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	14.8	17.0	17.0
90th p-tile	26.0	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	244	100.0%	23192	100.0%	23436	100.0%
In clinical practice	218	89.3%	21053	90.8%	21271	90.8%
Not in clinical practice	26	10.7%	2139	9.2%	2165	9.2%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	244	100.0%	23192	100.0%	23436	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	218	89.3%	21053	90.8%	21271	90.8%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			26	.1%	26	.1%
Clinically practicing NP			185	.8%	185	.8%
Other clinically practicing provider	3	1.2%	178	.8%	181	.8%
PA educator	10	4.1%	977	4.2%	987	4.2%
Other health professions educator	2	.8%	296	1.3%	298	1.3%
Health care professional-administrator			407	1.8%	407	1.7%
Health care professional-researcher			166	.7%	166	.7%
Health care professional-lawyer			11	.0%	11	.0%
Health care professional-public health	1	.4%	59	.3%	60	.3%
Health care professional-other	2	.8%	423	1.8%	425	1.8%
Other non-health professional	3	1.2%	242	1.0%	245	1.0%
Student in post-graduate PA program	2	.8%	121	.5%	123	.5%
Medical student	2	.8%	49	.2%	51	.2%
Other student	1	.4%	89	.4%	90	.4%
Not employed by choice	11	4.5%	569	2.5%	580	2.5%
Employed, seeking PA job			81	.3%	81	.3%
Unemployed, seeking PA job	4	1.6%	179	.8%	183	.8%
Unemployed, seeking non-PA job			35	.2%	35	.1%
Retired	1	.4%	186	.8%	187	.8%
Other	4	1.6%	246	1.1%	250	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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	218	100.0%	21053	100.0%	21271	100.0%
One	190	87.2%	17938	85.2%	18128	85.2%
Two	24	11.0%	2548	12.1%	2572	12.1%
Three	3	1.4%	372	1.8%	375	1.8%
More than three	1	.5%	79	.4%	80	.4%
Self-employed w/mult contracts			116	.6%	116	.5%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	217	100.0%	20708	100.0%	20925	100.0%
Self-employed	5	2.3%	540	2.6%	545	2.6%
Solo physician practice	41	18.9%	2656	12.8%	2697	12.9%
Single-specialty physician group	97	44.7%	6494	31.4%	6591	31.5%
Multi-specialty physician group	18	8.3%	2626	12.7%	2644	12.6%
University hospital	11	5.1%	1641	7.9%	1652	7.9%
Other hospital	19	8.8%	3011	14.5%	3030	14.5%
Freestanding urgent care center	8	3.7%	439	2.1%	447	2.1%
Freestanding surgical center			27	.1%	27	.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility	1	.5%	54	.3%	55	.3%
Home health agency			4	.0%	4	.0%
Hospice			2	.0%	2	.0%
HMO	1	.5%	436	2.1%	437	2.1%
Community health center	5	2.3%	1233	6.0%	1238	5.9%
Medical staffing agency	2	.9%	56	.3%	58	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org	3	1.4%	281	1.4%	284	1.4%
Integrated health system	1	.5%	245	1.2%	246	1.2%
Corrections system	1	.5%	216	1.0%	217	1.0%
Other	4	1.8%	747	3.6%	751	3.6%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	215	100.0%	20485	100.0%	20700	100.0%
Not government employed	192	89.3%	18659	91.1%	18851	91.1%
Air Force	2	.9%	97	.5%	99	.5%
Army	3	1.4%	273	1.3%	276	1.3%
Navy	5	2.3%	94	.5%	99	.5%
Coast Guard			12	.1%	12	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	6	2.8%	474	2.3%	480	2.3%
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ	1	.5%	35	.2%	36	.2%
Indian Health Service			74	.4%	74	.4%
Federal Public Health Service			79	.4%	79	.4%
Other Federal Government			96	.5%	96	.5%
State Government	5	2.3%	326	1.6%	331	1.6%
Local Government	1	.5%	266	1.3%	267	1.3%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	217	100.0%	20806	100.0%	21023	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital			446	2.1%	446	2.1%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	28	12.9%	2031	9.8%	2059	9.8%
Outpatient unit of hospital	14	6.5%	1437	6.9%	1451	6.9%
Hospital emergency room	20	9.2%	1962	9.4%	1982	9.4%
Hospital operating room	8	3.7%	1400	6.7%	1408	6.7%
Other unit of hospital	5	2.3%	286	1.4%	291	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	8	3.7%	766	3.7%	774	3.7%
Other FQHC	1	.5%	408	2.0%	409	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	3	1.4%	509	2.4%	512	2.4%
Freestanding urgent care facility	9	4.1%	604	2.9%	613	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility	2	.9%	81	.4%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	36	16.6%	2610	12.5%	2646	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group practice	62	28.6%	4555	21.9%	4617	22.0%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	11	5.1%	1911	9.2%	1922	9.1%
HMO facility	1	.5%	338	1.6%	339	1.6%
Nursing home or LTC facility	1	.5%	162	.8%	163	.8%
University/college student health facility			123	.6%	123	.6%
School-based health facility			77	.4%	77	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	1	.5%	387	1.9%	388	1.8%
Correctional facility	1	.5%	230	1.1%	231	1.1%
Industrial facility/work site			100	.5%	100	.5%
Mobile health unit			23	.1%	23	.1%
Patients' homes			27	.1%	27	.1%
Other	6	2.8%	333	1.6%	339	1.6%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	217	100.0%	20826	100.0%	21043	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	56	25.8%	4665	22.4%	4721	22.4%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	84	38.7%	6981	33.5%	7065	33.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	50	23.0%	4299	20.6%	4349	20.7%
Hospital emergency room	74	34.1%	6221	29.9%	6295	29.9%
Hospital operating room	43	19.8%	4585	22.0%	4628	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	25	11.5%	1881	9.0%	1906	9.1%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	8	3.7%	1028	4.9%	1036	4.9%
Other FQHC	2	.9%	589	2.8%	591	2.8%
Other community health center/facility	4	1.8%	792	3.8%	796	3.8%
Freestanding urgent care facility	11	5.1%	1000	4.8%	1011	4.8%
Freestanding surgical facility	12	5.5%	1056	5.1%	1068	5.1%
Solo practice physician office	44	20.3%	3003	14.4%	3047	14.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	85	39.2%	5985	28.7%	6070	28.8%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	18	8.3%	2607	12.5%	2625	12.5%
HMO facility	1	.5%	498	2.4%	499	2.4%
Nursing home or LTC facility	8	3.7%	1173	5.6%	1181	5.6%
University/college student health facility	1	.5%	268	1.3%	269	1.3%
School-based health facility	1	.5%	168	.8%	169	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	8	3.7%	650	3.1%	658	3.1%
Correctional facility	2	.9%	354	1.7%	356	1.7%
Industrial facility/work site			183	.9%	183	.9%
Mobile health unit			87	.4%	87	.4%
Patients' homes	1	.5%	353	1.7%	354	1.7%
Other	7	3.2%	555	2.7%	562	2.7%

*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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	215	100.0%	20783	100.0%	20998	100.0%
Family/general medicine	49	22.8%	5523	26.6%	5572	26.5%
General internal medicine	15	7.0%	1482	7.1%	1497	7.1%
Emergency medicine	21	9.8%	2024	9.7%	2045	9.7%
General pediatrics	4	1.9%	512	2.5%	516	2.5%
General surgery	5	2.3%	570	2.7%	575	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties	32	14.9%	2304	11.1%	2336	11.1%
Pediatric subspecialties	1	.5%	323	1.6%	324	1.5%
Surgical subspecialties	45	20.9%	4623	22.2%	4668	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	10	4.7%	475	2.3%	485	2.3%
Industrial/occupational medicine	1	.5%	494	2.4%	495	2.4%
Other	32	14.9%	2453	11.8%	2485	11.8%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	215	100.0%	20783	100.0%	20998	100.0%
Addiction medicine	1	.5%	76	.4%	77	.4%
Allergy	4	1.9%	117	.6%	121	.6%
Anesthesiology			56	.3%	56	.3%
Dermatology	11	5.1%	682	3.3%	693	3.3%
Emergency medicine	21	9.8%	2024	9.7%	2045	9.7%
Family practice w/o urgent care	28	13.0%	3233	15.6%	3261	15.5%
Family practice wt urgent care	21	9.8%	2290	11.0%	2311	11.0%
Genetics			4	.0%	4	.0%
Geriatrics	1	.5%	127	.6%	128	.6%
Obstetrics/gynecology	10	4.7%	475	2.3%	485	2.3%
Occupational medicine	1	.5%	494	2.4%	495	2.4%
Ophthalmology	1	.5%	23	.1%	24	.1%
Pain management	3	1.4%	220	1.1%	223	1.1%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab	2	.9%	163	.8%	165	.8%
Psychiatry			201	1.0%	201	1.0%
Public health	1	.5%	37	.2%	38	.2%
Radiation oncology			57	.3%	57	.3%
Radiology	1	.5%	70	.3%	71	.3%
Interventional radiology	3	1.4%	109	.5%	112	.5%
Hospital medicine	4	1.9%	235	1.1%	239	1.1%
General surgery	5	2.3%	570	2.7%	575	2.7%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic	5	2.3%	676	3.3%	681	3.2%
Surg: colon & rectal			25	.1%	25	.1%
Surg: hand			51	.2%	51	.2%
Surg: neurology	5	2.3%	513	2.5%	518	2.5%
Surg: oncology			61	.3%	61	.3%
Surg: orthopedics	25	11.6%	2199	10.6%	2224	10.6%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology			190	.9%	190	.9%
Surg: pediatric			23	.1%	23	.1%
Surg: plastic	1	.5%	154	.7%	155	.7%
Surg: thoracic			35	.2%	35	.2%
Surg: transplant	1	.5%	42	.2%	43	.2%
Surg: trauma	2	.9%	100	.5%	102	.5%
Surg: urology	5	2.3%	251	1.2%	256	1.2%
Surg: vascular	1	.5%	139	.7%	140	.7%
Surg: bariatric			52	.3%	52	.2%
Surg: other			112	.5%	112	.5%
General pediatrics	4	1.9%	512	2.5%	516	2.5%
Ped: adolescent medicine	1	.5%	47	.2%	48	.2%
Ped: allergy			5	.0%	5	.0%
Ped: cardiology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: critical care			21	.1%	21	.1%
Ped: endocrinology			11	.1%	11	.1%
Ped: gastroenterology			17	.1%	17	.1%
Ped: hematology/oncology			8	.0%	8	.0%
Ped: infectious disease			2	.0%	2	.0%
Ped: neonatal-perinatal			69	.3%	69	.3%
Ped: nephrology			2	.0%	2	.0%
Ped: neurology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: pulmonology			8	.0%	8	.0%
Ped: rheumatology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Ped: oncology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: other			75	.4%	75	.4%
General internal medicine	15	7.0%	1482	7.1%	1497	7.1%
IM: cardiology	10	4.7%	788	3.8%	798	3.8%
IM: critical care			82	.4%	82	.4%
IM: endocrinology			107	.5%	107	.5%
IM: gastroenterology	6	2.8%	379	1.8%	385	1.8%
IM: hematology/oncology			43	.2%	43	.2%
IM: immunology			2	.0%	2	.0%
IM: infectious disease			110	.5%	110	.5%
IM: nephrology	4	1.9%	123	.6%	127	.6%
IM: neurology	2	.9%	129	.6%	131	.6%
IM: pulmonology	2	.9%	85	.4%	87	.4%
IM: rheumatology	1	.5%	73	.4%	74	.4%
IM: oncology	5	2.3%	289	1.4%	294	1.4%
IM: other	2	.9%	94	.5%	96	.5%
Other			272	1.3%	272	1.3%

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	218	21017	21235
Mean	8.7	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	9.1	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	.0	1.0	1.0
25th percentile	2.0	3.0	3.0
Median	5.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	12.0	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	25.0	25.0	25.0

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	216	20488	20704
Mean	3.7	4.9	4.9
Standard deviation	4.5	5.8	5.8
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	.3	1.0	1.0
Median	2.5	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	5.0	6.0	6.0
90th percentile	9.0	13.0	13.0

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	211	19996	20207
Mean	5.0	6.5	6.5
Standard deviation	6.2	7.2	7.2
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	3.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	6.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	12.0	18.0	18.0

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	213	100.0%	20426	100.0%	20639	100.0%
Northeast			4692	23.0%	4692	22.7%
Southeast	213	100.0%	4686	22.9%	4899	23.7%
North Central			4344	21.3%	4344	21.0%
South Central			2768	13.6%	2768	13.4%
West			3936	19.3%	3936	19.1%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	213	100.0%	20426	100.0%	20639	100.0%
Alaska			123	.6%	123	.6%
Alabama			105	.5%	105	.5%
Arkansas			41	.2%	41	.2%
Arizona			505	2.5%	505	2.4%
California			1613	7.9%	1613	7.8%
Colorado			572	2.8%	572	2.8%
Connecticut			452	2.2%	452	2.2%
District Of Columbia			57	.3%	57	.3%
Delaware			61	.3%	61	.3%
Florida			1112	5.4%	1112	5.4%
Georgia			623	3.1%	623	3.0%
Guam			5	.0%	5	.0%
Hawaii			48	.2%	48	.2%
Iowa			309	1.5%	309	1.5%
Idaho			177	.9%	177	.9%
Illinois			594	2.9%	594	2.9%
Indiana			210	1.0%	210	1.0%
Kansas			282	1.4%	282	1.4%
Kentucky			258	1.3%	258	1.3%
Louisiana			140	.7%	140	.7%
Massachusetts			478	2.3%	478	2.3%
Maryland			480	2.3%	480	2.3%
Maine			188	.9%	188	.9%
Michigan			988	4.8%	988	4.8%
Minnesota			412	2.0%	412	2.0%
Missouri			208	1.0%	208	1.0%
Mississippi			29	.1%	29	.1%
Montana			129	.6%	129	.6%
North Carolina			1082	5.3%	1082	5.2%
North Dakota			84	.4%	84	.4%
Nebraska			283	1.4%	283	1.4%
New Hampshire			141	.7%	141	.7%
New Jersey			307	1.5%	307	1.5%
New Mexico			141	.7%	141	.7%
Nevada			140	.7%	140	.7%
New York			1710	8.4%	1710	8.3%
Ohio			515	2.5%	515	2.5%
Oklahoma			299	1.5%	299	1.4%
Oregon			288	1.4%	288	1.4%
Pennsylvania			1212	5.9%	1212	5.9%
Rhode Island			76	.4%	76	.4%
South Carolina	213	100.0%			213	1.0%
South Dakota			153	.7%	153	.7%
Tennessee			321	1.6%	321	1.6%
Texas			1264	6.2%	1264	6.1%
Utah			218	1.1%	218	1.1%
Virginia			467	2.3%	467	2.3%
Vermont			67	.3%	67	.3%
Washington			617	3.0%	617	3.0%
Wisconsin			588	2.9%	588	2.8%
West Virginia			181	.9%	181	.9%
Wyoming			73	.4%	73	.4%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	204	100.0%	19324	100.0%	19528	100.0%
Not metro						
NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area	14	6.9%	906	4.7%	920	4.7%
NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	8	3.9%	489	2.5%	497	2.5%
NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area	20	9.8%	785	4.1%	805	4.1%
NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	1	.5%	600	3.1%	601	3.1%
NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area	1	.5%	116	.6%	117	.6%
NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area			220	1.1%	220	1.1%
Metro						
Metro, >1M Population	6	2.9%	9318	48.2%	9324	47.7%
Metro, 250K-1M Population	119	58.3%	4590	23.8%	4709	24.1%
Metro, <250K Population	35	17.2%	2300	11.9%	2335	12.0%

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*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	216	100.0%	20554	100.0%	20770	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures	129	59.7%	12277	59.7%	12406	59.7%
First assisting at surgery	53	24.5%	4986	24.3%	5039	24.3%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting	94	43.5%	7718	37.5%	7812	37.6%
Serve on the quality assurance committee	9	4.2%	1674	8.1%	1683	8.1%
Serve on the utilization review committee	6	2.8%	641	3.1%	647	3.1%
Participate in the conduct of clinical trials	27	12.5%	2386	11.6%	2413	11.6%
Serve on formulary/pharmaceutical selection committee	5	2.3%	560	2.7%	565	2.7%
Decision making about procurement of medical/surgical equipment/supplies	41	19.0%	4029	19.6%	4070	19.6%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs	18	8.3%	1926	9.4%	1944	9.4%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs	44	20.4%	3855	18.8%	3899	18.8%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff	16	7.4%	1767	8.6%	1783	8.6%
Precept PA students	68	31.5%	7353	35.8%	7421	35.7%
Precept students of other health professions	48	22.2%	4997	24.3%	5045	24.3%

*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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	218	100.0%	21053	100.0%	21271	100.0%
32 or more hours	192	88.1%	17958	85.3%	18150	85.3%
Less than 32 hours	25	11.5%	2690	12.8%	2715	12.8%
Hours not reported	1	.5%	405	1.9%	406	1.9%

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*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	143	100.0%	12323	100.0%	12466	100.0%
See some inpatients	70	49.0%	5464	44.3%	5534	44.4%
See some outpatients	129	90.2%	10438	84.7%	10567	84.8%
See some nursing home patients	5	3.5%	696	5.6%	701	5.6%
See some other patients**	15	10.5%	1349	10.9%	1364	10.9%

*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 outpatients, inpatients, or nursing home patients.

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	192	17958	18150
Mean	44.1	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	8.1	8.0	8.0
10th percentile	36.0	36.0	36.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	41.0	41.0
75th percentile	50.0	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	55.0	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*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	8	1146	1154
Mean	43.9	43.2	43.2
Standard deviation	8.0	7.3	7.3
10th percentile	36.0	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	37.0	40.0	40.0
Median	42.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	48.8	48.0	48.0
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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	7	1074	1081
Mean	72.9	63.7	63.7
Standard deviation	10.7	42.7	42.6
10th percentile	60.0	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	60.0	35.0	35.0
Median	75.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	80.0	90.0	90.0
90th percentile	.	110.0	110.0

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*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	63	4718	4781
Mean	38.5	39.0	39.0
Standard deviation	4.6	5.4	5.4
10th percentile	32.4	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0	35.0
Median	40.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	45.0	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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	62	4656	4718
Mean	99.8	94.5	94.6
Standard deviation	47.9	39.8	39.9
10th percentile	50.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	63.8	70.0	70.0
Median	100.0	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	120.0	115.0	115.0
90th percentile	147.0	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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	191	100.0%	17778	100.0%	17969	100.0%
Do not take call	98	51.3%	10671	60.0%	10769	59.9%
Take some call	78	40.8%	6086	34.2%	6164	34.3%
Take call, hours unknown	4	2.1%	135	.8%	139	.8%
Always on call	11	5.8%	886	5.0%	897	5.0%

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*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	191	100.0%	17804	100.0%	17995	100.0%
Emergency department call	28	14.7%	1891	10.6%	1919	10.7%
Surgical assisting call	20	10.5%	2212	12.4%	2232	12.4%
In-house call	40	20.9%	2176	12.2%	2216	12.3%
Other call	50	26.2%	3740	21.0%	3790	21.1%
Do not take call	98	51.3%	10671	59.9%	10769	59.8%
Call taken, type not indicated	1	.5%	50	.3%	51	.3%

*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*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	78	6084	6162
Mean	79.0	94.3	94.1
Standard deviation	74.4	87.2	87.1
10th percentile	9.8	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	24.0	30.0	30.0
Median	60.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	120.0	130.0	130.0
90th percentile	168.0	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 Clinically Practicing Respondents by Types of Professional Liability Insurance Policies*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	191	100.0%	17804	100.0%	17995	100.0%
Personal policy funded by employer	96	50.3%	6005	33.7%	6101	33.9%
Personal policy, self-funded	7	3.7%	512	2.9%	519	2.9%
Rider on employer's policy, funded by employer	56	29.3%	8809	49.5%	8865	49.3%
Rider on employer's policy, self-funded	1	.5%	175	1.0%	176	1.0%
Other type of liability insurance	9	4.7%	550	3.1%	559	3.1%
No professional liability insurance coverage	4	2.1%	428	2.4%	432	2.4%
Don't know	21	11.0%	1987	11.2%	2008	11.2%

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

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	184	100.0%	16907	100.0%	17091	100.0%
No base pay			237	1.4%	237	1.4%
Salary	153	83.2%	13516	79.9%	13669	80.0%
Hourly wage	30	16.3%	3041	18.0%	3071	18.0%
Other base pay	1	.5%	113	.7%	114	.7%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.12: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Additional Compensation Received*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	178	100.0%	16331	100.0%	16509	100.0%
No additional pay	49	27.5%	5255	32.2%	5304	32.1%
Surgical assisting fees	2	1.1%	330	2.0%	332	2.0%
Overtime pay	10	5.6%	2885	17.7%	2895	17.5%
Administrative pay			433	2.7%	433	2.6%
Pay for on-call availability	7	3.9%	1441	8.8%	1448	8.8%
Pay for on-call services/events	7	3.9%	1456	8.9%	1463	8.9%
Bonus not based on performance	46	25.8%	3026	18.5%	3072	18.6%
Bonus based on performance of practice	17	9.6%	2189	13.4%	2206	13.4%
Bonus based on performance of PA	59	33.1%	3975	24.3%	4034	24.4%
Bonus based on something else	8	4.5%	870	5.3%	878	5.3%

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

Table 4.13: 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*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	69	100.0%	5140	100.0%	5209	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	9	13.0%	960	18.7%	969	18.6%
Bonus based on revenues	38	55.1%	2251	43.8%	2289	43.9%
Bonus based on relative value units	7	10.1%	752	14.6%	759	14.6%
Bonus based on profit	15	21.7%	1297	25.2%	1312	25.2%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	12	17.4%	970	18.9%	982	18.9%
Bonus based on quality of care	8	11.6%	784	15.3%	792	15.2%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	8	11.6%	807	15.7%	815	15.6%
Bonus based on other factors	3	4.3%	458	8.9%	461	8.9%

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

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	186	17160	17346
Mean	\$80,732	\$84,435	\$84,396
Standard deviation	\$18,963	\$22,003	\$21,975
10th percentile	\$62,132	\$62,476	\$62,472
25th percentile	\$67,427	\$70,054	\$70,016
Median	\$77,141	\$80,390	\$80,356
75th percentile	\$89,325	\$94,280	\$94,260
90th percentile	\$103,967	\$110,818	\$110,721

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.15: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Graduated in 2005 and Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	26	1843	1869
Mean	\$68,436	\$71,040	\$71,004
Standard deviation	\$10,767	\$12,768	\$12,743
10th percentile	\$55,851	\$58,044	\$58,040
25th percentile	\$62,107	\$63,673	\$63,653
Median	\$66,502	\$69,522	\$69,517
75th percentile	\$72,783	\$76,604	\$76,416
90th percentile	\$84,862	\$85,424	\$85,375

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.16: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Source of Funds for Types of Insurance*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total		
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Respondents	179	100.0%	16416	100.0%	16595	100.0%	
Professional Liability Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	173	96.6%	16026	97.6%	16199	97.6%
	Employer pays 50-94%	1	.6%	98	.6%	99	.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.6%	32	.2%	33	.2%
	Employer pays 0%	4	2.2%	260	1.6%	264	1.6%
Individual Health Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	86	52.1%	7279	48.0%	7365	48.1%
	Employer pays 50-94%	45	27.3%	5450	35.9%	5495	35.9%
	Employer pays 1-49%	11	6.7%	1066	7.0%	1077	7.0%
	Employer pays 0%	23	13.9%	1365	9.0%	1388	9.1%
Family Health Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	24	20.5%	2835	24.6%	2859	24.6%
	Employer pays 50-94%	25	21.4%	4140	35.9%	4165	35.8%
	Employer pays 1-49%	11	9.4%	1227	10.7%	1238	10.6%
	Employer pays 0%	57	48.7%	3319	28.8%	3376	29.0%
Dental Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	48	30.4%	4453	30.8%	4501	30.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	44	27.8%	4541	31.4%	4585	31.4%
	Employer pays 1-49%	16	10.1%	1442	10.0%	1458	10.0%
	Employer pays 0%	50	31.6%	4031	27.9%	4081	27.9%
Disability Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	60	39.7%	6212	43.9%	6272	43.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	18	11.9%	2558	18.1%	2576	18.0%
	Employer pays 1-49%	10	6.6%	1065	7.5%	1075	7.5%
	Employer pays 0%	63	41.7%	4331	30.6%	4394	30.7%
Term Life Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	48	32.7%	5489	40.8%	5537	40.7%
	Employer pays 50-94%	23	15.6%	1974	14.7%	1997	14.7%
	Employer pays 1-49%	16	10.9%	1309	9.7%	1325	9.7%
	Employer pays 0%	60	40.8%	4678	34.8%	4738	34.8%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.17: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Source of Funds for Select Expenses*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total		
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Respondents	158	100.0%	14921	100.0%	15079	100.0%	
Pension/Retirement Fund	Employer pays 95-100%	48	30.4%	3480	23.3%	3528	23.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	37	23.4%	3063	20.5%	3100	20.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%	48	30.4%	5777	38.7%	5825	38.6%
	Employer pays 0%	25	15.8%	2601	17.4%	2626	17.4%
DEA Registration Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	88	75.2%	10525	77.7%	10613	77.7%
	Employer pays 50-94%	2	1.7%	187	1.4%	189	1.4%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.9%	91	.7%	92	.7%
	Employer pays 0%	26	22.2%	2747	20.3%	2773	20.3%
NCCPA Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	119	69.2%	10275	64.7%	10394	64.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	5	2.9%	282	1.8%	287	1.8%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.6%	139	.9%	140	.9%
	Employer pays 0%	47	27.3%	5175	32.6%	5222	32.6%
AAPA Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	115	69.7%	9998	64.0%	10113	64.0%
	Employer pays 50-94%	4	2.4%	271	1.7%	275	1.7%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.6%	136	.9%	137	.9%
	Employer pays 0%	45	27.3%	5223	33.4%	5268	33.4%
State PA Chapter Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	99	61.9%	8102	56.7%	8201	56.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	3	1.9%	224	1.6%	227	1.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.6%	138	1.0%	139	1.0%
	Employer pays 0%	57	35.6%	5820	40.7%	5877	40.7%
Specialty Organization Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	70	53.8%	5303	46.4%	5373	46.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	2	1.5%	227	2.0%	229	2.0%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	.8%	129	1.1%	130	1.1%
	Employer pays 0%	57	43.8%	5782	50.5%	5839	50.5%
AAPA Annual Conference Registration Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	78	57.8%	7917	57.2%	7995	57.2%
	Employer pays 50-94%	14	10.4%	1128	8.2%	1142	8.2%
	Employer pays 1-49%	3	2.2%	616	4.5%	619	4.4%
	Employer pays 0%	40	29.6%	4177	30.2%	4217	30.2%
Credentialing Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	122	75.3%	11429	75.4%	11551	75.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	3	1.9%	349	2.3%	352	2.3%
	Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.2%	205	1.4%	207	1.4%
	Employer pays 0%	35	21.6%	3167	20.9%	3202	20.9%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.