

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 Dakota

	Count	Percent
Total	23436	100.0%
South Dakota	161	.7%
All Others	23275	99.3%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	161	100.0%	23057	100.0%	23218	100.0%
Male	51	31.7%	8693	37.7%	8744	37.7%
Female	110	68.3%	14364	62.3%	14474	62.3%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	158	100.0%	21055	100.0%	21213	100.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	1.3%	746	3.5%	748	3.5%
Black (Not Hispanic)	1	.6%	756	3.6%	757	3.6%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	1	.6%	810	3.8%	811	3.8%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	3	1.9%	165	.8%	168	.8%
White (Not Hispanic)	151	95.6%	18578	88.2%	18729	88.3%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	152	100.0%	21526	100.0%	21678	100.0%
Certificate from PA school	83	54.6%	6486	30.1%	6569	30.3%
Associate's degree from PA school	5	3.3%	1432	6.7%	1437	6.6%
Bachelor's degree from PA school	57	37.5%	9480	44.0%	9537	44.0%
Master's degree from PA school	20	13.2%	7480	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Count	161	23229	23390
Mean	44.0	41.3	41.3
Standard deviation	10.1	10.9	10.9
10th p-tile	29.2	28.0	28.0
25th p-tile	36.0	32.0	32.0
Median	44.0	40.0	40.0
75th p-tile	51.0	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Count	161	23229	23390
Mean	33.3	30.6	30.6
Standard deviation	7.0	6.8	6.8
10th p-tile	25.0	24.0	24.0
25th p-tile	27.0	26.0	26.0
Median	33.0	29.0	29.0
75th p-tile	39.0	34.0	34.0
90th p-tile	43.0	41.0	41.0

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

	South Dakota	All Others	Total
Count	161	23275	23436
Mean	10.6	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	8.1	9.2	9.2
10th p-tile	2.0	2.0	2.0
25th p-tile	4.0	3.0	3.0
Median	9.0	7.0	7.0
75th p-tile	14.0	17.0	17.0
90th p-tile	24.8	26.0	26.0

Section II: Professional Status of Respondents

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Total	161	100.0%	23275	100.0%	23436	100.0%
In clinical practice	155	96.3%	21116	90.7%	21271	90.8%
Not in clinical practice	6	3.7%	2159	9.3%	2165	9.2%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	161	100.0%	23275	100.0%	23436	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	155	96.3%	21116	90.7%	21271	90.8%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			26	.1%	26	.1%
Clinically practicing NP	6	3.7%	179	.8%	185	.8%
Other clinically practicing provider	3	1.9%	178	.8%	181	.8%
PA educator	6	3.7%	981	4.2%	987	4.2%
Other health professions educator	1	.6%	297	1.3%	298	1.3%
Health care professional-administrator			407	1.7%	407	1.7%
Health care professional-researcher			166	.7%	166	.7%
Health care professional-lawyer			11	.0%	11	.0%
Health care professional-public health			60	.3%	60	.3%
Health care professional-other	3	1.9%	422	1.8%	425	1.8%
Other non-health professional	1	.6%	244	1.0%	245	1.0%
Student in post-graduate PA program			123	.5%	123	.5%
Medical student			51	.2%	51	.2%
Other student			90	.4%	90	.4%
Not employed by choice	2	1.2%	578	2.5%	580	2.5%
Employed, seeking PA job			81	.3%	81	.3%
Unemployed, seeking PA job			183	.8%	183	.8%
Unemployed, seeking non-PA job	1	.6%	34	.1%	35	.1%
Retired	1	.6%	186	.8%	187	.8%
Other	1	.6%	249	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	155	100.0%	21116	100.0%	21271	100.0%
One	127	81.9%	18001	85.2%	18128	85.2%
Two	18	11.6%	2554	12.1%	2572	12.1%
Three	8	5.2%	367	1.7%	375	1.8%
More than three			80	.4%	80	.4%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	2	1.3%	114	.5%	116	.5%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	153	100.0%	20772	100.0%	20925	100.0%
Self-employed	4	2.6%	541	2.6%	545	2.6%
Solo physician practice	17	11.1%	2680	12.9%	2697	12.9%
Single-specialty physician group	38	24.8%	6553	31.5%	6591	31.5%
Multi-specialty physician group	33	21.6%	2611	12.6%	2644	12.6%
University hospital	5	3.3%	1647	7.9%	1652	7.9%
Other hospital	19	12.4%	3011	14.5%	3030	14.5%
Freestanding urgent care center	2	1.3%	445	2.1%	447	2.1%
Freestanding surgical center			27	.1%	27	.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility			55	.3%	55	.3%
Home health agency			4	.0%	4	.0%
Hospice			2	.0%	2	.0%
HMO			437	2.1%	437	2.1%
Community health center	16	10.5%	1222	5.9%	1238	5.9%
Medical staffing agency	2	1.3%	56	.3%	58	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org			284	1.4%	284	1.4%
Integrated health system	3	2.0%	243	1.2%	246	1.2%
Corrections system	2	1.3%	215	1.0%	217	1.0%
Other	12	7.8%	739	3.6%	751	3.6%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	151	100.0%	20549	100.0%	20700	100.0%
Not government employed	132	87.4%	18719	91.1%	18851	91.1%
Air Force	1	.7%	98	.5%	99	.5%
Army			276	1.3%	276	1.3%
Navy			99	.5%	99	.5%
Coast Guard			12	.1%	12	.1%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	9	6.0%	471	2.3%	480	2.3%
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ	1	.7%	35	.2%	36	.2%
Indian Health Service	3	2.0%	71	.3%	74	.4%
Federal Public Health Service	1	.7%	78	.4%	79	.4%
Other Federal Government	1	.7%	95	.5%	96	.5%
State Government	2	1.3%	329	1.6%	331	1.6%
Local Government	1	.7%	266	1.3%	267	1.3%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	153	100.0%	20870	100.0%	21023	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	2	1.3%	444	2.1%	446	2.1%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	6	3.9%	2053	9.8%	2059	9.8%
Outpatient unit of hospital	6	3.9%	1445	6.9%	1451	6.9%
Hospital emergency room	10	6.5%	1972	9.4%	1982	9.4%
Hospital operating room	8	5.2%	1400	6.7%	1408	6.7%
Other unit of hospital			291	1.4%	291	1.4%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	22	14.4%	752	3.6%	774	3.7%
Other FQHC	4	2.6%	405	1.9%	409	1.9%
Other community health center/facility	3	2.0%	509	2.4%	512	2.4%
Freestanding urgent care facility	2	1.3%	611	2.9%	613	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility	1	.7%	82	.4%	83	.4%
Solo practice physician office	16	10.5%	2630	12.6%	2646	12.6%
Single-specialty physician group practice	32	20.9%	4585	22.0%	4617	22.0%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	26	17.0%	1896	9.1%	1922	9.1%
HMO facility			339	1.6%	339	1.6%
Nursing home or LTC facility			163	.8%	163	.8%
University/college student health facility	2	1.3%	121	.6%	123	.6%
School-based health facility	1	.7%	76	.4%	77	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	3	2.0%	385	1.8%	388	1.8%
Correctional facility	3	2.0%	228	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	3.9%	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	153	100.0%	20890	100.0%	21043	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	31	20.3%	4690	22.5%	4721	22.4%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	56	36.6%	7009	33.6%	7065	33.6%
Outpatient unit of hospital	43	28.1%	4306	20.6%	4349	20.7%
Hospital emergency room	66	43.1%	6229	29.8%	6295	29.9%
Hospital operating room	33	21.6%	4595	22.0%	4628	22.0%
Other unit of hospital	10	6.5%	1896	9.1%	1906	9.1%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	29	19.0%	1007	4.8%	1036	4.9%
Other FQHC	7	4.6%	584	2.8%	591	2.8%
Other community health center/facility	6	3.9%	790	3.8%	796	3.8%
Freestanding urgent care facility	6	3.9%	1005	4.8%	1011	4.8%
Freestanding surgical facility	25	16.3%	1043	5.0%	1068	5.1%
Solo practice physician office	18	11.8%	3029	14.5%	3047	14.5%
Single-specialty physician group practice	43	28.1%	6027	28.9%	6070	28.8%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	34	22.2%	2591	12.4%	2625	12.5%
HMO facility			499	2.4%	499	2.4%
Nursing home or LTC facility	31	20.3%	1150	5.5%	1181	5.6%
University/college student health facility	4	2.6%	265	1.3%	269	1.3%
School-based health facility	2	1.3%	167	.8%	169	.8%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	5	3.3%	653	3.1%	658	3.1%
Correctional facility	7	4.6%	349	1.7%	356	1.7%
Industrial facility/work site			183	.9%	183	.9%
Mobile health unit			87	.4%	87	.4%
Patients' homes	12	7.8%	342	1.6%	354	1.7%
Other	9	5.9%	553	2.6%	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	152	100.0%	20846	100.0%	20998	100.0%
Family/general medicine	74	48.7%	5498	26.4%	5572	26.5%
General internal medicine	10	6.6%	1487	7.1%	1497	7.1%
Emergency medicine	9	5.9%	2036	9.8%	2045	9.7%
General pediatrics	1	.7%	515	2.5%	516	2.5%
General surgery	4	2.6%	571	2.7%	575	2.7%
Internal medicine subspecialties	1	.7%	2335	11.2%	2336	11.1%
Pediatric subspecialties	2	1.3%	322	1.5%	324	1.5%
Surgical subspecialties	34	22.4%	4634	22.2%	4668	22.2%
Obstetrics and gynecology	3	2.0%	482	2.3%	485	2.3%
Industrial/occupational medicine	2	1.3%	493	2.4%	495	2.4%
Other	12	7.9%	2473	11.9%	2485	11.8%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	152	100.0%	20846	100.0%	20998	100.0%
Addiction medicine			77	.4%	77	.4%
Allergy	1	.7%	120	.6%	121	.6%
Anesthesiology			56	.3%	56	.3%
Dermatology	4	2.6%	689	3.3%	693	3.3%
Emergency medicine	9	5.9%	2036	9.8%	2045	9.7%
Family practice w/o urgent care	34	22.4%	3227	15.5%	3261	15.5%
Family practice wt urgent care	40	26.3%	2271	10.9%	2311	11.0%
Genetics			4	.0%	4	.0%
Geriatrics			128	.6%	128	.6%
Obstetrics/gynecology	3	2.0%	482	2.3%	485	2.3%
Occupational medicine	2	1.3%	493	2.4%	495	2.4%
Ophthalmology	1	.7%	23	.1%	24	.1%
Pain management			223	1.1%	223	1.1%
Pathology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Physical med rehab	2	1.3%	163	.8%	165	.8%
Psychiatry	2	1.3%	199	1.0%	201	1.0%
Public health			38	.2%	38	.2%
Radiation oncology			57	.3%	57	.3%
Radiology			71	.3%	71	.3%
Interventional radiology			112	.5%	112	.5%
Hospital medicine	1	.7%	238	1.1%	239	1.1%
General surgery	4	2.6%	571	2.7%	575	2.7%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic			681	3.3%	681	3.2%
Surg: colon & rectal			25	.1%	25	.1%
Surg: hand	1	.7%	50	.2%	51	.2%
Surg: neurology	10	6.6%	508	2.4%	518	2.5%
Surg: oncology			61	.3%	61	.3%
Surg: orthopedics	14	9.2%	2210	10.6%	2224	10.6%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology	1	.7%	189	.9%	190	.9%
Surg: pediatric			23	.1%	23	.1%
Surg: plastic	1	.7%	154	.7%	155	.7%
Surg: thoracic			35	.2%	35	.2%
Surg: transplant	1	.7%	42	.2%	43	.2%
Surg: trauma			102	.5%	102	.5%
Surg: urology	5	3.3%	251	1.2%	256	1.2%
Surg: vascular			140	.7%	140	.7%
Surg: bariatric			52	.2%	52	.2%
Surg: other	1	.7%	111	.5%	112	.5%
General pediatrics	1	.7%	515	2.5%	516	2.5%
Ped: adolescent medicine			48	.2%	48	.2%
Ped: allergy			5	.0%	5	.0%
Ped: cardiology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: critical care	2	1.3%	19	.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	10	6.6%	1487	7.1%	1497	7.1%
IM: cardiology			798	3.8%	798	3.8%
IM: critical care			82	.4%	82	.4%
IM: endocrinology			107	.5%	107	.5%
IM: gastroenterology			385	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			127	.6%	127	.6%
IM: neurology			131	.6%	131	.6%
IM: pulmonology			87	.4%	87	.4%
IM: rheumatology	1	.7%	73	.4%	74	.4%
IM: oncology			294	1.4%	294	1.4%
IM: other			96	.5%	96	.5%
Other	1	.7%	271	1.3%	272	1.3%

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

	South Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	155	21080	21235
Mean	10.0	9.4	9.4
Standard deviation	8.1	8.9	8.9
10th percentile	2.0	1.0	1.0
25th percentile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	9.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	13.0	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	23.4	25.0	25.0

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

	South Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	152	20552	20704
Mean	6.4	4.8	4.9
Standard deviation	6.3	5.8	5.8
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.0	1.0	1.0
Median	5.0	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	10.0	6.0	6.0
90th percentile	15.0	13.0	13.0

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

	South Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	149	20058	20207
Mean	7.6	6.5	6.5
Standard deviation	7.3	7.2	7.2
10th percentile	1.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.0	1.0	1.0
Median	5.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	11.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	18.0	18.0	18.0

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	153	100.0%	20486	100.0%	20639	100.0%
Northeast			4692	22.9%	4692	22.7%
Southeast			4899	23.9%	4899	23.7%
North Central	153	100.0%	4191	20.5%	4344	21.0%
South Central			2768	13.5%	2768	13.4%
West			3936	19.2%	3936	19.1%

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

	South Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	153	100.0%	20486	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	3.0%	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	8.3%	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	1.0%	213	1.0%
South Dakota	153	100.0%			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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	141	100.0%	19387	100.0%	19528	100.0%
Not metro						
NonMetro, with urban pop >20K and adjacent to metro area			920	4.7%	920	4.7%
NonMetro, with urban pop >20K, not adjacent to metro area	5	3.5%	492	2.5%	497	2.5%
NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, adjacent to metro area	5	3.5%	800	4.1%	805	4.1%
NonMetro, with urban pop 2.5K-20K, not adjacent to metro area	29	20.6%	572	3.0%	601	3.1%
NonMetro, with urban pop < 2,500, adjacent to metro area	4	2.8%	113	.6%	117	.6%
NonMetro, with urban pop <2,500, not adjacent to metro area	31	22.0%	189	1.0%	220	1.1%
Metro						
Metro, >1M Population			9324	48.1%	9324	47.7%
Metro, 250K-1M Population			4709	24.3%	4709	24.1%
Metro, <250K Population	67	47.5%	2268	11.7%	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	152	100.0%	20618	100.0%	20770	100.0%
Minor surgical procedures	97	63.8%	12309	59.7%	12406	59.7%
First assisting at surgery	39	25.7%	5000	24.3%	5039	24.3%
Manage the care of patients in an inpatient setting	55	36.2%	7757	37.6%	7812	37.6%
Serve on the quality assurance committee	17	11.2%	1666	8.1%	1683	8.1%
Serve on the utilization review committee	10	6.6%	637	3.1%	647	3.1%
Participate in the conduct of clinical trials	6	3.9%	2407	11.7%	2413	11.6%
Serve on formulary/pharmaceutical selection committee	12	7.9%	553	2.7%	565	2.7%
Decision making about procurement of medical/surgical equipment/supplies	35	23.0%	4035	19.6%	4070	19.6%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for other PAs	7	4.6%	1937	9.4%	1944	9.4%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for clinical staff other than PAs	38	25.0%	3861	18.7%	3899	18.8%
Supervisory/managerial responsibilities for non-clinical staff	18	11.8%	1765	8.6%	1783	8.6%
Precept PA students	45	29.6%	7376	35.8%	7421	35.7%
Precept students of other health professions	46	30.3%	4999	24.2%	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	155	100.0%	21116	100.0%	21271	100.0%
32 or more hours	134	86.5%	18016	85.3%	18150	85.3%
Less than 32 hours	15	9.7%	2700	12.8%	2715	12.8%
Hours not reported	6	3.9%	400	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	85	100.0%	12381	100.0%	12466	100.0%
See some inpatients	39	45.9%	5495	44.4%	5534	44.4%
See some outpatients	66	77.6%	10501	84.8%	10567	84.8%
See some nursing home patients	15	17.6%	686	5.5%	701	5.6%
See some other patients**	28	32.9%	1336	10.8%	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	134	18016	18150
Mean	43.4	44.3	44.3
Standard deviation	8.9	8.0	8.0
10th percentile	35.0	36.0	36.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	40.0	41.0	41.0
75th percentile	45.8	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	51.0	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	3	1151	1154
Mean	38.0	43.2	43.2
Standard deviation	6.2	7.3	7.3
10th percentile	33.0	35.2	35.0
25th percentile	33.0	40.0	40.0
Median	36.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	.	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	3	1078	1081
Mean	46.7	63.8	63.7
Standard deviation	32.5	42.6	42.6
10th percentile	15.0	20.0	20.0
25th percentile	15.0	35.0	35.0
Median	45.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	.	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	20	4761	4781
Mean	39.9	39.0	39.0
Standard deviation	10.2	5.3	5.4
10th percentile	32.3	33.0	33.0
25th percentile	35.0	35.0	35.0
Median	38.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	47.6	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	20	4698	4718
Mean	79.1	94.7	94.6
Standard deviation	48.3	39.9	39.9
10th percentile	40.8	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	50.0	70.0	70.0
Median	62.5	90.0	90.0
75th percentile	97.5	115.0	115.0
90th percentile	129.5	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	134	100.0%	17835	100.0%	17969	100.0%
Do not take call	65	48.5%	10704	60.0%	10769	59.9%
Take some call	54	40.3%	6110	34.3%	6164	34.3%
Take call, hours unknown	2	1.5%	137	.8%	139	.8%
Always on call	13	9.7%	884	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	134	100.0%	17861	100.0%	17995	100.0%
Emergency department call	33	24.6%	1886	10.6%	1919	10.7%
Surgical assisting call	22	16.4%	2210	12.4%	2232	12.4%
In-house call	13	9.7%	2203	12.3%	2216	12.3%
Other call	30	22.4%	3760	21.1%	3790	21.1%
Do not take call	65	48.5%	10704	59.9%	10769	59.8%
Call taken, type not indicated	1	.7%	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	54	6108	6162
Mean	146.8	93.7	94.1
Standard deviation	107.8	86.7	87.1
10th percentile	55.0	12.0	12.0
25th percentile	78.0	30.0	30.0
Median	120.0	71.0	72.0
75th percentile	168.0	128.0	130.0
90th percentile	289.0	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	134	100.0%	17861	100.0%	17995	100.0%
Personal policy funded by employer	33	24.6%	6068	34.0%	6101	33.9%
Personal policy, self-funded	4	3.0%	515	2.9%	519	2.9%
Rider on employer's policy, funded by employer	79	59.0%	8786	49.2%	8865	49.3%
Rider on employer's policy, self-funded			176	1.0%	176	1.0%
Other type of liability insurance	12	9.0%	547	3.1%	559	3.1%
No professional liability insurance coverage	4	3.0%	428	2.4%	432	2.4%
Don't know	13	9.7%	1995	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	127	100.0%	16964	100.0%	17091	100.0%
No base pay	1	.8%	236	1.4%	237	1.4%
Salary	113	89.0%	13556	79.9%	13669	80.0%
Hourly wage	11	8.7%	3060	18.0%	3071	18.0%
Other base pay	2	1.6%	112	.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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	125	100.0%	16384	100.0%	16509	100.0%
No additional pay	38	30.4%	5266	32.1%	5304	32.1%
Surgical assisting fees	6	4.8%	326	2.0%	332	2.0%
Overtime pay	17	13.6%	2878	17.6%	2895	17.5%
Administrative pay	3	2.4%	430	2.6%	433	2.6%
Pay for on-call availability	25	20.0%	1423	8.7%	1448	8.8%
Pay for on-call services/events	24	19.2%	1439	8.8%	1463	8.9%
Bonus not based on performance	18	14.4%	3054	18.6%	3072	18.6%
Bonus based on performance of practice	14	11.2%	2192	13.4%	2206	13.4%
Bonus based on performance of PA	31	24.8%	4003	24.4%	4034	24.4%
Bonus based on something else	6	4.8%	872	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 Dakota		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	36	100.0%	5173	100.0%	5209	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	17	47.2%	952	18.4%	969	18.6%
Bonus based on revenues	13	36.1%	2276	44.0%	2289	43.9%
Bonus based on relative value units	3	8.3%	756	14.6%	759	14.6%
Bonus based on profit	9	25.0%	1303	25.2%	1312	25.2%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	6	16.7%	976	18.9%	982	18.9%
Bonus based on quality of care	4	11.1%	788	15.2%	792	15.2%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	5	13.9%	810	15.7%	815	15.6%
Bonus based on other factors	2	5.6%	459	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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	129	17217	17346
Mean	\$77,248	\$84,449	\$84,396
Standard deviation	\$14,443	\$22,013	\$21,975
10th percentile	\$61,427	\$62,491	\$62,472
25th percentile	\$66,716	\$70,041	\$70,016
Median	\$74,763	\$80,405	\$80,356
75th percentile	\$85,178	\$94,307	\$94,260
90th percentile	\$96,059	\$110,843	\$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 Dakota	All Others	Total
Respondents	7	1862	1869
Mean	.	\$71,030	\$71,004
Standard deviation	.	\$12,750	\$12,743
10th percentile	.	\$58,043	\$58,040
25th percentile	.	\$63,676	\$63,653
Median	.	\$69,519	\$69,517
75th percentile	.	\$76,552	\$76,416
90th percentile	.	\$85,433	\$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 Dakota		All Others		Total		
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Respondents	126	100.0%	16469	100.0%	16595	100.0%	
Professional Liability Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	123	97.6%	16076	97.6%	16199	97.6%
	Employer pays 50-94%	2	1.6%	97	.6%	99	.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%			33	.2%	33	.2%
	Employer pays 0%	1	.8%	263	1.6%	264	1.6%
Individual Health Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	56	47.5%	7309	48.1%	7365	48.1%
	Employer pays 50-94%	42	35.6%	5453	35.9%	5495	35.9%
	Employer pays 1-49%	13	11.0%	1064	7.0%	1077	7.0%
	Employer pays 0%	7	5.9%	1381	9.1%	1388	9.1%
Family Health Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	33	30.8%	2826	24.5%	2859	24.6%
	Employer pays 50-94%	36	33.6%	4129	35.8%	4165	35.8%
	Employer pays 1-49%	17	15.9%	1221	10.6%	1238	10.6%
	Employer pays 0%	21	19.6%	3355	29.1%	3376	29.0%
Dental Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	37	33.6%	4464	30.8%	4501	30.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	31	28.2%	4554	31.4%	4585	31.4%
	Employer pays 1-49%	14	12.7%	1444	9.9%	1458	10.0%
	Employer pays 0%	28	25.5%	4053	27.9%	4081	27.9%
Disability Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	42	40.4%	6230	43.8%	6272	43.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	5	4.8%	2571	18.1%	2576	18.0%
	Employer pays 1-49%	14	13.5%	1061	7.5%	1075	7.5%
	Employer pays 0%	43	41.3%	4351	30.6%	4394	30.7%
Term Life Insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	52	51.5%	5485	40.6%	5537	40.7%
	Employer pays 50-94%	8	7.9%	1989	14.7%	1997	14.7%
	Employer pays 1-49%	13	12.9%	1312	9.7%	1325	9.7%
	Employer pays 0%	28	27.7%	4710	34.9%	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 Dakota		All Others		Total		
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	
Respondents	122	100.0%	14957	100.0%	15079	100.0%	
Pension/Retirement Fund	Employer pays 95-100%	22	18.0%	3506	23.4%	3528	23.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	27	22.1%	3073	20.5%	3100	20.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%	63	51.6%	5762	38.5%	5825	38.6%
	Employer pays 0%	10	8.2%	2616	17.5%	2626	17.4%
DEA Registration Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	107	85.6%	10506	77.6%	10613	77.7%
	Employer pays 50-94%	1	.8%	188	1.4%	189	1.4%
	Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.6%	90	.7%	92	.7%
	Employer pays 0%	15	12.0%	2758	20.4%	2773	20.3%
NCCPA Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	93	74.4%	10301	64.7%	10394	64.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	4	3.2%	283	1.8%	287	1.8%
	Employer pays 1-49%			140	.9%	140	.9%
	Employer pays 0%	28	22.4%	5194	32.6%	5222	32.6%
AAPA Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	96	78.0%	10017	63.9%	10113	64.0%
	Employer pays 50-94%	2	1.6%	273	1.7%	275	1.7%
	Employer pays 1-49%	3	2.4%	134	.9%	137	.9%
	Employer pays 0%	22	17.9%	5246	33.5%	5268	33.4%
State PA Chapter Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	83	69.7%	8118	56.7%	8201	56.8%
	Employer pays 50-94%	1	.8%	226	1.6%	227	1.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.7%	137	1.0%	139	1.0%
	Employer pays 0%	33	27.7%	5844	40.8%	5877	40.7%
Specialty Organization Dues	Employer pays 95-100%	43	52.4%	5330	46.4%	5373	46.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	2	2.4%	227	2.0%	229	2.0%
	Employer pays 1-49%	1	1.2%	129	1.1%	130	1.1%
	Employer pays 0%	36	43.9%	5803	50.5%	5839	50.5%
AAPA Annual Conference Registration Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	62	60.2%	7933	57.2%	7995	57.2%
	Employer pays 50-94%	14	13.6%	1128	8.1%	1142	8.2%
	Employer pays 1-49%	3	2.9%	616	4.4%	619	4.4%
	Employer pays 0%	24	23.3%	4193	30.2%	4217	30.2%
Credentialing Fees	Employer pays 95-100%	97	80.8%	11454	75.4%	11551	75.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	5	4.2%	347	2.3%	352	2.3%
	Employer pays 1-49%			207	1.4%	207	1.4%
	Employer pays 0%	18	15.0%	3184	21.0%	3202	20.9%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.