

2004 AAPA Physician Assistant Census Report - South Carolina

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 2004 AAPA Physician Assistant Census was conducted between March 15 and September 15, 2004. Survey forms were mailed 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, 2003 and for whom address information was available. Surveys were not mailed to individuals who had indicated on a previous Census that they were retired or working as a physician. In total, forms were mailed to 58,826 people – accounting for 95.0 percent of the 61,891 individuals eligible to practice as PAs. Completed surveys were received from 23,494 people, representing 38.0 percent of all individuals eligible to practice as PAs and 39.9 percent of the PAs who were mailed a survey form. Of the 30,019 AAPA members who were mailed a form, 16,138 (53.8%) responded; of the 28,807 non-members who were mailed a form, 7,356 (25.5%) 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, 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 in all tables 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 60 percent of the respondents to this year's census.

Ethnicity: White PAs comprise 88 percent of the respondents.

Age: The mean age of census respondents is 42 years; the median is 41.

PA Education: Half (50%) of respondents hold a bachelor's level PA degree; 22 percent of respondents hold a master's level PA degree.

Types of Degrees Held: Ninety-one percent of respondents hold a bachelor's degree or higher; thirty-five percent hold a masters degree. Only about two percent of respondents hold a doctoral degree.

Age at Time of Graduation from PA School: The mean age at time of graduation from PA school was 31 years; the median was 29.

Years Since Graduation from PA School The mean number of years since graduation from PA school for census respondents is 11; the median is 7.

Section II. Professional Status of Respondents

Practice Status: The vast majority of respondents (89%) 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 (43%) are employed by a single or multi-specialty physician group practice while 22 percent are employed by hospitals and 14 percent are employed by solo physician offices.

Government Employment: About 10 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 just over two percent of respondents; state governments collectively employ about two percent of this year's respondents.

Primary Work Setting: The most prevalent "primary" work setting, reported by 37 percent of respondents, is a hospital; the hospital departments cited most frequently as primary settings are hospital emergency rooms (10%), hospital inpatient units (9%), hospital outpatient units (8%), and hospital operating rooms (7%). Physician group practices are the primary work setting for 29 percent of respondents; 20 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 (33%), hospital emergency rooms (29%), single-specialty physician group practices (26%), hospital operating rooms (21%), hospital outpatient units (21%), and hospital intensive care/critical care units (20%).

Primary Specialty of Practice: While PAs practice in at least 61 specialty fields, 42 percent of this year's respondents reported that their primary specialty was one of the primary care fields: family/general practice medicine (30%), general internal medicine (8%), obstetrics/gynecology (3%), and general pediatrics (3%). Other prevalent specialties for PAs include general surgery/surgical subspecialties (24%), emergency medicine (10%), and the subspecialties of internal medicine (10%).

Years in Clinical Practice: The mean number of years in clinical practice is 9.2; the median is 6 years.

Years in Current Position: The mean number of years respondents have worked in their current position is 5.0; the median is 3 years.

Years in Current Specialty: The mean number of years respondents have worked in their current specialty is 6.4; the median is 4 years.

Geographic Distribution: The states in which the largest numbers of clinically practicing respondents are employed include: New York (10%), California (8%), Texas (6%), Pennsylvania (6%), Florida (5%), and North Carolina (5%).

Metropolitan Status of Work Site: About one-fifth of respondents (19%) work in counties that are classified as non-metropolitan.

Functions and Responsibilities: PAs can perform a variety of functions for their primary employers. More than one-fourth of respondents (27%) reported assisting in surgery and about four in ten (42%) reported performing invasive procedures. Nine percent of respondents reported supervising other PAs, and one in five (20%) reported supervising other clinical staff. More than one-third of respondents (37%) indicated that they precept PA students; one-fourth (25%) reported precepting students of other health professions.

Work Status: The majority of clinically practicing respondents (87%) 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 44.4; the median is 42 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 (91%) 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 96.0. One-third of respondents who work full-time (33%) see some inpatients in their primary job; the mean number of patient encounters provided per week by respondents who see inpatients exclusively is 61.8. Six percent of full-time PAs reported seeing some nursing home patients in their primary job, and only four percent of respondents report seeing patients who can not be classified as inpatients, outpatients, or nursing home patients.

Working in Hospitals: Almost two-thirds (64%) of respondents report seeing patients in at least one hospital and one in five (21%) report seeing patients in more than one hospital. The vast majority (98%) of respondents who see patients in hospitals have privileges granted by the medical staff in at least one hospital. Forty-five percent of respondents who see patients in hospitals are members of at least one hospital's medical staff and 42% are members of at least one hospital's PA staff.

Taking Call: More than one-third of full-time respondents (39%) reported taking call for their primary employer. The mean hours on call per month for those PAs who reported taking some call but who were not always on call is 99.

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. Eighteen percent of respondents reported receiving overtime pay while 17 percent reported receiving a bonus based on something other than productivity or performance. Almost half of those who reported receiving an incentive based on productivity or performance (46%) 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 \$74,264; the mean is \$78,257. The comparable figures for respondents who graduated in 2003 are \$64,536 and \$65,641, respectively.

CME Funding: Eighty-eight percent of respondents reported having CME funds available to them from their primary employer. For those PAs who reported the amount of CME funds available to them, the mean is \$1,559; the median is \$1,500.

Source of Funds for Insurance and Other Expenses: Ninety-seven percent of respondents reported that their employer pays 95-100% of the cost of their professional liability insurance. Other expenses for which employers often pay 95-100% of the cost include DEA registration fees (75%), credentialing fees (73%), state license fees (71%), AAPA dues (63%), and NCCPA fees (63%).

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Section I: Characteristics of 2004 AAPA Census Respondents

Table 1.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by whether State is South Carolina

	Count	Percent
Total	23494	100.0%
South Carolina	225	1.0%
All Others	23269	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
Male	91	40.6%	9153	39.7%	9244	39.7%
Female	133	59.4%	13894	60.3%	14027	60.3%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
South Carolina Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.5%			1	.5%
Black (Not Hispanic)	10	5.0%			10	5.0%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	4	2.0%			4	2.0%
Amer Indian/Alaskan	1	.5%			1	.5%
White (Not Hispanic)	183	92.0%			183	92.0%
All Others Asian/Pacific Islander			707	3.4%	707	3.4%
Black (Not Hispanic)			607	2.9%	607	2.9%
Hispanic/Latino Origin			784	3.7%	784	3.7%
Amer Indian/Alaskan			189	.9%	189	.9%
White (Not Hispanic)			18526	88.4%	18526	88.4%
Multiracial			153	.7%	153	.7%

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
Do not have certificate in PA studies	146	74.9%	12536	64.3%	12682	64.4%
Have certificate in PA studies	49	25.1%	6971	35.7%	7020	35.6%
Do not have associate's in PA studies	188	96.4%	17942	92.0%	18130	92.0%
Have associate's in PA studies	7	3.6%	1565	8.0%	1572	8.0%
Do not have bachelor's in PA studies	58	29.7%	9795	50.2%	9853	50.0%
Have bachelor's in PA studies	137	70.3%	9712	49.8%	9849	50.0%
Do not have master's in PA studies	173	88.7%	15254	78.2%	15427	78.3%
Have master's in PA studies	22	11.3%	4253	21.8%	4275	21.7%

Table 1.5: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by Types of Degrees Held

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Do not have bachelor's degree	8	4.1%	1808	9.3%	1816	9.2%
Have bachelor's degree	187	95.9%	17699	90.7%	17886	90.8%
Do not have master's degree	130	66.7%	12590	64.5%	12720	64.6%
Have master's degree	65	33.3%	6917	35.5%	6982	35.4%
Do not have doctoral degree	190	97.4%	19212	98.5%	19402	98.5%
Have doctoral degree	5	2.6%	295	1.5%	300	1.5%

Table 1.6: Summary Measures of Age for Census Respondents

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	225	23199	23424
Mean	41.4	41.6	41.6
Standard deviation	11.1	10.7	10.7
10th percentile	28.0	28.0	28.0
25th percentile	32.0	32.0	32.0
Median	39.0	41.0	41.0
75th percentile	51.0	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	57.0	56.0	56.0

Table 1.7: Summary Measures of Age During Year of Graduation from PA School for Census Respondents

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	225	23199	23424
Mean	30.7	30.9	30.9
Standard deviation	6.0	7.0	7.0
10th percentile	24.0	24.0	24.0
25th percentile	26.0	26.0	26.0
Median	30.0	29.0	29.0
75th percentile	34.0	34.0	34.0
90th percentile	39.0	41.0	41.0

Table 1.8: Summary Measures of Years since Graduation from PA School for Census Respondents

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Count	225	23269	23494
Mean	10.7	10.7	10.7
Standard deviation	9.5	9.0	9.0
10th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
25th percentile	3.0	3.0	3.0
Median	7.0	7.0	7.0
75th percentile	19.5	18.0	18.0
90th percentile	27.0	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
Respondents	225	100.0%	23269	100.0%	23494	100.0%
In clinical practice	194	86.2%	20662	88.8%	20856	88.8%
Not in clinical practice	31	13.8%	2607	11.2%	2638	11.2%

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	225	100.0%	23269	100.0%	23494	100.0%
Clinically practicing PA	194	86.2%	20662	88.8%	20856	88.8%
Clinically practicing physician or resident			109	.5%	109	.5%
Clinically practicing NP			230	1.0%	230	1.0%
Other clinically practicing provider	2	.9%	159	.7%	161	.7%
PA educator	8	3.6%	941	4.0%	949	4.0%
Other health professions educator	3	1.3%	297	1.3%	300	1.3%
Health care professional-administrator	3	1.3%	381	1.6%	384	1.6%
Health care professional-researcher	1	.4%	159	.7%	160	.7%
Health care professional-lawyer			12	.1%	12	.1%
Health care professional-public health	1	.4%	59	.3%	60	.3%
Health care professional-other	6	2.7%	531	2.3%	537	2.3%
Other non-health professional	2	.9%	241	1.0%	243	1.0%
Student in post-graduate PA program	2	.9%	168	.7%	170	.7%
Medical student	1	.4%	55	.2%	56	.2%
Other student			87	.4%	87	.4%
Not employed by choice	11	4.9%	554	2.4%	565	2.4%
Employed, seeking PA job			124	.5%	124	.5%
Unemployed, seeking PA job	3	1.3%	247	1.1%	250	1.1%
Unemployed, seeking non-PA job	1	.4%	67	.3%	68	.3%
Retired	8	3.6%	445	1.9%	453	1.9%
Other	3	1.3%	306	1.3%	309	1.3%

*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	194	100.0%	20662	100.0%	20856	100.0%
One	174	89.7%	17529	84.8%	17703	84.9%
Two	14	7.2%	2553	12.4%	2567	12.3%
Three	3	1.5%	384	1.9%	387	1.9%
More than three	2	1.0%	88	.4%	90	.4%
Self-employed w/mult contracts	1	.5%	108	.5%	109	.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	194	100.0%	20638	100.0%	20832	100.0%
Self-employed	1	.5%	552	2.7%	553	2.7%
Solo physician practice	32	16.5%	2897	14.0%	2929	14.1%
Single-specialty physician group	75	38.7%	6176	29.9%	6251	30.0%
Multi-specialty physician group	22	11.3%	2678	13.0%	2700	13.0%
University hospital	14	7.2%	1503	7.3%	1517	7.3%
Other hospital	30	15.5%	3053	14.8%	3083	14.8%
Freestanding urgent care center	6	3.1%	382	1.9%	388	1.9%
Freestanding surgical center			25	.1%	25	.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility			55	.3%	55	.3%
Home health agency			3	.0%	3	.0%
Hospice			1	.0%	1	.0%
HMO	2	1.0%	548	2.7%	550	2.6%
Community health center	3	1.5%	1224	5.9%	1227	5.9%
Medical staffing agency			58	.3%	58	.3%
Physician practice mngmt org	1	.5%	308	1.5%	309	1.5%
Integrated health system			201	1.0%	201	1.0%
Corrections system	2	1.0%	227	1.1%	229	1.1%
Other	6	3.1%	747	3.6%	753	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	193	100.0%	20430	100.0%	20623	100.0%
Not government employed	162	83.9%	18427	90.2%	18589	90.1%
Air Force	2	1.0%	142	.7%	144	.7%
Army	6	3.1%	296	1.4%	302	1.5%
Navy	8	4.1%	107	.5%	115	.6%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	5	2.6%	498	2.4%	503	2.4%
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ	1	.5%	44	.2%	45	.2%
Federal Public Health Service			81	.4%	81	.4%
Indian Health Service	1	.5%	79	.4%	80	.4%
Other federal government	1	.5%	77	.4%	78	.4%
State government	6	3.1%	425	2.1%	431	2.1%
Local government			235	1.2%	235	1.1%
Coast Guard	1	.5%	19	.1%	20	.1%

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	194	100.0%	20602	100.0%	20796	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital			392	1.9%	392	1.9%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	25	12.9%	1840	8.9%	1865	9.0%
Outpatient unit of hospital	16	8.2%	1591	7.7%	1607	7.7%
Hospital emergency room	13	6.7%	2034	9.9%	2047	9.8%
Hospital operating room	13	6.7%	1430	6.9%	1443	6.9%
Other unit of hospital	2	1.0%	251	1.2%	253	1.2%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	6	3.1%	899	4.4%	905	4.4%
Other FQHC	6	3.1%	329	1.6%	335	1.6%
Other community health center/facility	3	1.5%	473	2.3%	476	2.3%
Freestanding urgent care facility	8	4.1%	590	2.9%	598	2.9%
Freestanding surgical facility	1	.5%	114	.6%	115	.6%
Solo practice physician office	28	14.4%	2747	13.3%	2775	13.3%
Single-specialty physician group practice	47	24.2%	4141	20.1%	4188	20.1%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	17	8.8%	1857	9.0%	1874	9.0%
HMO facility			398	1.9%	398	1.9%
Nursing home or LTC facility			179	.9%	179	.9%
University/college student health facility			137	.7%	137	.7%
School-based health facility			80	.4%	80	.4%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	1	.5%	461	2.2%	462	2.2%
Correctional facility	1	.5%	254	1.2%	255	1.2%
Industrial facility/work site			121	.6%	121	.6%
Mobile health unit			20	.1%	20	.1%
Patients' homes			17	.1%	17	.1%
Other	7	3.6%	247	1.2%	254	1.2%

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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	194	100.0%	20630	100.0%	20824	100.0%
Intensive/critical care unit of hospital	61	31.4%	4174	20.2%	4235	20.3%
Inpatient unit of hospital (not ICU/CCU)	86	44.3%	6683	32.4%	6769	32.5%
Outpatient unit of hospital	39	20.1%	4264	20.7%	4303	20.7%
Hospital emergency room	68	35.1%	5921	28.7%	5989	28.8%
Hospital operating room	46	23.7%	4357	21.1%	4403	21.1%
Other unit of hospital	15	7.7%	1786	8.7%	1801	8.6%
Federally Qualified Rural Health Center	7	3.6%	1182	5.7%	1189	5.7%
Other FQHC	8	4.1%	463	2.2%	471	2.3%
Other community health center/facility	4	2.1%	755	3.7%	759	3.6%
Freestanding urgent care facility	9	4.6%	1087	5.3%	1096	5.3%
Freestanding surgical facility	10	5.2%	909	4.4%	919	4.4%
Solo practice physician office	35	18.0%	3344	16.2%	3379	16.2%
Single-specialty physician group practice	66	34.0%	5435	26.3%	5501	26.4%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	26	13.4%	2568	12.4%	2594	12.5%
HMO facility	3	1.5%	587	2.8%	590	2.8%
Nursing home or LTC facility	10	5.2%	1328	6.4%	1338	6.4%
University/college student health facility	2	1.0%	282	1.4%	284	1.4%
School-based health facility			194	.9%	194	.9%
Other freestanding outpatient facility	7	3.6%	740	3.6%	747	3.6%
Correctional facility	1	.5%	396	1.9%	397	1.9%
Industrial facility/work site			235	1.1%	235	1.1%
Mobile health unit			100	.5%	100	.5%
Patients' homes	1	.5%	445	2.2%	446	2.1%
Other	9	4.6%	499	2.4%	508	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

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	194	100.0%	20356	100.0%	20550	100.0%
Family/general medicine	54	27.8%	5998	29.5%	6052	29.5%
General internal medicine	17	8.8%	1590	7.8%	1607	7.8%
Emergency medicine	14	7.2%	2017	9.9%	2031	9.9%
General pediatrics	2	1.0%	521	2.6%	523	2.5%
General surgery	5	2.6%	576	2.8%	581	2.8%
Internal medicine subspecialties	30	15.5%	1974	9.7%	2004	9.8%
Pediatric subspecialties	1	.5%	308	1.5%	309	1.5%
Surgical subspecialties	48	24.7%	4279	21.0%	4327	21.1%
Obstetrics and gynecology	6	3.1%	528	2.6%	534	2.6%
Industrial/occupational medicine	1	.5%	494	2.4%	495	2.4%
Other	16	8.2%	2071	10.2%	2087	10.2%

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	194	100.0%	20356	100.0%	20550	100.0%
Addiction medicine			89	.4%	89	.4%
Allergy	1	.5%	116	.6%	117	.6%
Anesthesiology			45	.2%	45	.2%
Dermatology	4	2.1%	621	3.1%	625	3.0%
Emergency medicine	14	7.2%	2017	9.9%	2031	9.9%
Family practice w/o urgent care	29	14.9%	2341	11.5%	2370	11.5%
Family practice wt urgent care	25	12.9%	3657	18.0%	3682	17.9%
Genetics			4	.0%	4	.0%
Geriatrics			162	.8%	162	.8%
Obstetrics/gynecology	6	3.1%	528	2.6%	534	2.6%
Occupational medicine	1	.5%	494	2.4%	495	2.4%
Ophthalmology			23	.1%	23	.1%
Pain management	1	.5%	179	.9%	180	.9%
Pathology			6	.0%	6	.0%
Physical med rehab	2	1.0%	153	.8%	155	.8%
Psychiatry	2	1.0%	198	1.0%	200	1.0%
Public health			27	.1%	27	.1%
Radiation oncology			45	.2%	45	.2%
Radiology	4	2.1%	124	.6%	128	.6%
General surgery	5	2.6%	576	2.8%	581	2.8%
Surg: cardiovascular/cardiothoracic	12	6.2%	703	3.5%	715	3.5%
Surg: colon & rectal			17	.1%	17	.1%
Surg: hand			53	.3%	53	.3%
Surg: neurology	5	2.6%	429	2.1%	434	2.1%
Surg: oncology			56	.3%	56	.3%
Surg: orthopedics	19	9.8%	2010	9.9%	2029	9.9%
Surg: otorhinolaryngology	1	.5%	168	.8%	169	.8%
Surg: pediatric			28	.1%	28	.1%
Surg: plastic	2	1.0%	144	.7%	146	.7%
Surg: thoracic			34	.2%	34	.2%
Surg: transplant	2	1.0%	40	.2%	42	.2%
Surg: trauma	1	.5%	82	.4%	83	.4%
Surg: urology	4	2.1%	247	1.2%	251	1.2%
Surg: vascular	1	.5%	133	.7%	134	.7%
Surg: other	1	.5%	135	.7%	136	.7%
General pediatrics	2	1.0%	521	2.6%	523	2.5%
Ped: adolescent medicine	1	.5%	63	.3%	64	.3%
Ped: allergy			10	.0%	10	.0%
Ped: cardiology			18	.1%	18	.1%
Ped: critical care			19	.1%	19	.1%
Ped: endocrinology			6	.0%	6	.0%
Ped: gastroenterology			11	.1%	11	.1%
Ped: hematology/oncology			32	.2%	32	.2%
Ped: infectious disease			6	.0%	6	.0%
Ped: neonatal-perinatal			66	.3%	66	.3%
Ped: nephrology			4	.0%	4	.0%
Ped: neurology			12	.1%	12	.1%
Ped: pulmonology			7	.0%	7	.0%
Ped: other			54	.3%	54	.3%
General internal medicine	17	8.8%	1590	7.8%	1607	7.8%
IM: cardiology	10	5.2%	675	3.3%	685	3.3%
IM: critical care			55	.3%	55	.3%
IM: endocrinology			79	.4%	79	.4%
IM: gastroenterology	8	4.1%	329	1.6%	337	1.6%
IM: hematology/oncology	2	1.0%	286	1.4%	288	1.4%
IM: immunology			5	.0%	5	.0%
IM: infectious disease	1	.5%	124	.6%	125	.6%
IM: nephrology	5	2.6%	104	.5%	109	.5%
IM: neurology	1	.5%	90	.4%	91	.4%
IM: pulmonology	2	1.0%	69	.3%	71	.3%
IM: rheumatology	1	.5%	72	.4%	73	.4%
IM: other			86	.4%	86	.4%
Other	2	1.0%	279	1.4%	281	1.4%

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	194	20615	20809
Mean	8.7	9.2	9.2
Standard deviation	8.8	8.6	8.6
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	2.0	3.0	3.0
Median	5.0	6.0	6.0
75th percentile	12.3	14.0	14.0
90th percentile	24.0	24.0	24.0

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

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	183	19573	19756
Mean	3.6	5.0	5.0
Standard deviation	3.8	5.7	5.7
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	3.0	3.0	3.0
75th percentile	5.0	7.0	7.0
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	193	20447	20640
Mean	5.2	6.4	6.4
Standard deviation	6.0	7.0	7.0
10th percentile	.0	.0	.0
25th percentile	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	3.0	4.0	4.0
75th percentile	7.0	9.0	9.0
90th percentile	13.6	17.0	17.0

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	187	100.0%	20125	100.0%	20312	100.0%
Northeast			4851	24.1%	4851	23.9%
Southeast	187	100.0%	4520	22.5%	4707	23.2%
North Central			4125	20.5%	4125	20.3%
South Central			2784	13.8%	2784	13.7%
West			3845	19.1%	3845	18.9%

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	187	100.0%	20125	100.0%	20312	100.0%
Alaska			130	.6%	130	.6%
Alabama			102	.5%	102	.5%
Arkansas			27	.1%	27	.1%
Arizona			455	2.3%	455	2.2%
California			1684	8.4%	1684	8.3%
Colorado			586	2.9%	586	2.9%
Connecticut			431	2.1%	431	2.1%
District Of Columbia			73	.4%	73	.4%
Delaware			66	.3%	66	.3%
Florida			1088	5.4%	1088	5.4%
Georgia			616	3.1%	616	3.0%
Guam			5	.0%	5	.0%
Hawaii			52	.3%	52	.3%
Iowa			324	1.6%	324	1.6%
Idaho			131	.7%	131	.6%
Illinois			539	2.7%	539	2.7%
Indiana			187	.9%	187	.9%
Kansas			267	1.3%	267	1.3%
Kentucky			251	1.2%	251	1.2%
Louisiana			139	.7%	139	.7%
Massachusetts			445	2.2%	445	2.2%
Maryland			487	2.4%	487	2.4%
Maine			207	1.0%	207	1.0%
Michigan			932	4.6%	932	4.6%
Minnesota			379	1.9%	379	1.9%
Missouri			186	.9%	186	.9%
Mississippi			37	.2%	37	.2%
Montana			133	.7%	133	.7%
North Carolina			1049	5.2%	1049	5.2%
North Dakota			88	.4%	88	.4%
Nebraska			274	1.4%	274	1.3%
New Hampshire			136	.7%	136	.7%
New Jersey			273	1.4%	273	1.3%
New Mexico			145	.7%	145	.7%
Nevada			135	.7%	135	.7%
New York			1970	9.8%	1970	9.7%
Ohio			490	2.4%	490	2.4%
Oklahoma			319	1.6%	319	1.6%
Oregon			258	1.3%	258	1.3%
Pennsylvania			1162	5.8%	1162	5.7%
Rhode Island			84	.4%	84	.4%
South Carolina	187	100.0%			187	.9%
South Dakota			152	.8%	152	.7%
Tennessee			282	1.4%	282	1.4%
Texas			1264	6.3%	1264	6.2%
Utah			205	1.0%	205	1.0%
Virginia			390	1.9%	390	1.9%
Vermont			77	.4%	77	.4%
Washington			580	2.9%	580	2.9%
Wisconsin			574	2.9%	574	2.8%
West Virginia			182	.9%	182	.9%
Wyoming			77	.4%	77	.4%

Table 3.13: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Metropolitan Status of Primary Practice Site

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	181	100.0%	19933	100.0%	20114	100.0%
Not metro	37	20.4%	3753	18.8%	3790	18.8%
Metro	144	79.6%	16180	81.2%	16324	81.2%

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	194	100.0%	20641	100.0%	20835	100.0%
Function as hospitalist	11	5.7%	1306	6.3%	1317	6.3%
Perform invasive procedures	77	39.7%	8622	41.8%	8699	41.8%
Assist at surgery	58	29.9%	5469	26.5%	5527	26.5%
Manage care for inpatients	79	40.7%	7303	35.4%	7382	35.4%
Perform quality assurance	35	18.0%	4137	20.0%	4172	20.0%
Educate other providers	56	28.9%	6654	32.2%	6710	32.2%
Utilization review	10	5.2%	1220	5.9%	1230	5.9%
Research	23	11.9%	2170	10.5%	2193	10.5%
Pharmaceutical selection committee	4	2.1%	467	2.3%	471	2.3%
Therapeutics committee			444	2.2%	444	2.1%
Make decisions about procurement	32	16.5%	4408	21.4%	4440	21.3%
Supervise other PAs	17	8.8%	1798	8.7%	1815	8.7%
Supervise clinical staff other than PAs	36	18.6%	4027	19.5%	4063	19.5%
Supervise non-clinical staff	14	7.2%	1901	9.2%	1915	9.2%
Precept PA students	56	28.9%	7582	36.7%	7638	36.7%
Precept students of other health professions	35	18.0%	5174	25.1%	5209	25.0%

*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	194	100.0%	20662	100.0%	20856	100.0%
32 or more hours	180	92.8%	17866	86.5%	18046	86.5%
Less than 32 hours	14	7.2%	2730	13.2%	2744	13.2%
Hours not reported			66	.3%	66	.3%

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	127	100.0%	12496	100.0%	12623	100.0%
See some inpatients	57	44.9%	4096	32.8%	4153	32.9%
See some outpatients	114	89.8%	11377	91.0%	11491	91.0%
See some nursing home patients	5	3.9%	727	5.8%	732	5.8%
See some other patients**	10	7.9%	460	3.7%	470	3.7%

*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	180	17866	18046
Mean	46.1	44.4	44.4
Standard deviation	8.3	8.0	8.0
10th percentile	38.2	36.0	36.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	45.0	42.0	42.0
75th percentile	50.0	50.0	50.0
90th percentile	60.0	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	10	722	732
Mean	50.8	43.5	43.6
Standard deviation	11.4	7.6	7.7
10th percentile	40.0	35.0	35.0
25th percentile	40.0	40.0	40.0
Median	49.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	61.3	48.0	49.8
90th percentile	69.5	52.7	54.7

*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	10	722	732
Mean	77.0	61.6	61.8
Standard deviation	51.5	42.9	43.1
10th percentile	10.2	16.6	16.0
25th percentile	40.5	30.0	30.0
Median	60.0	50.0	50.0
75th percentile	131.3	80.0	80.0
90th percentile	150.0	100.0	108.5

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	53	6294	6347
Mean	41.2	39.3	39.3
Standard deviation	6.1	5.6	5.6
10th percentile	35.0	34.0	34.0
25th percentile	36.5	35.0	35.0
Median	40.0	40.0	40.0
75th percentile	44.0	40.0	40.0
90th percentile	50.0	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	53	6294	6347
Mean	103.2	96.0	96.0
Standard deviation	36.8	39.2	39.2
10th percentile	52.0	50.0	50.0
25th percentile	75.0	70.0	70.0
Median	100.0	100.0	100.0
75th percentile	125.0	115.0	115.0
90th percentile	150.0	144.5	148.4

Table 4.7: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Number of Hospitals in which PA Sees Patients

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	169	100.0%	16400	100.0%	16569	100.0%
None	44	26.0%	5968	36.4%	6012	36.3%
One	84	49.7%	7088	43.2%	7172	43.3%
Two	27	16.0%	1920	11.7%	1947	11.8%
Three	7	4.1%	832	5.1%	839	5.1%
Greater than three	7	4.1%	592	3.6%	599	3.6%

Table 4.8: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and See Some Hospital Patients by Number of Hospitals with Privileges Granted by Medical Staff

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	125	100.0%	10368	100.0%	10493	100.0%
None	2	1.6%	218	2.1%	220	2.1%
One	80	64.0%	6625	63.9%	6705	63.9%
Two	27	21.6%	1989	19.2%	2016	19.2%
Three	9	7.2%	883	8.5%	892	8.5%
Greater than three	7	5.6%	653	6.3%	660	6.3%

Table 4.9: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Number of Hospitals in which PA is Member of Medical Staff

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	120	100.0%	10169	100.0%	10289	100.0%
None	65	54.2%	5554	54.6%	5619	54.6%
One	38	31.7%	3363	33.1%	3401	33.1%
Two	13	10.8%	730	7.2%	743	7.2%
Three	2	1.7%	306	3.0%	308	3.0%
Greater than three	2	1.7%	216	2.1%	218	2.1%

Table 4.10: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Number of Hospitals in which PA is Member of PA Staff

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	120	100.0%	10169	100.0%	10289	100.0%
None	87	72.5%	5850	57.5%	5937	57.7%
One	27	22.5%	3396	33.4%	3423	33.3%
Two	3	2.5%	586	5.8%	589	5.7%
Three	1	.8%	205	2.0%	206	2.0%
Greater than three	2	1.7%	132	1.3%	134	1.3%

Table 4.11: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Number of Hospitals in which PA is Member of Allied Health Staff

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	120	100.0%	10169	100.0%	10289	100.0%
None	75	62.5%	6050	59.5%	6125	59.5%
One	27	22.5%	2523	24.8%	2550	24.8%
Two	10	8.3%	862	8.5%	872	8.5%
Three	3	2.5%	400	3.9%	403	3.9%
Greater than three	5	4.2%	334	3.3%	339	3.3%

Table 4.12: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Number of Hospitals in which PA is Member of Other Staff Category

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	120	100.0%	10169	100.0%	10289	100.0%
None	117	97.5%	9735	95.7%	9852	95.8%
One	3	2.5%	336	3.3%	339	3.3%
Two			48	.5%	48	.5%
Three			23	.2%	23	.2%
Greater than three			27	.3%	27	.3%

Table 4.13: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Responsibility for Call

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	180	100.0%	17866	100.0%	18046	100.0%
Do not take call	94	52.2%	10872	60.9%	10966	60.8%
Take some call	77	42.8%	5862	32.8%	5939	32.9%
Take call, hours unknown			151	.8%	151	.8%
Always on call	9	5.0%	981	5.5%	990	5.5%

Table 4.14 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	180	100.0%	17866	100.0%	18046	100.0%
Do not take call	94	52.2%	10872	60.9%	10966	60.8%
Emergency department call	24	13.3%	1651	9.2%	1675	9.3%
Surgical call	26	14.4%	2102	11.8%	2128	11.8%
In-house call	28	15.6%	1988	11.1%	2016	11.2%
Other type of call	42	23.3%	3575	20.0%	3617	20.0%
Call taken, type not indicated	1	.6%	139	.8%	140	.8%

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

Table 4.15: 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	77	5862	5939
Mean	80.8	99.1	98.8
Standard deviation	76.1	90.9	90.7
10th percentile	10.0	11.0	10.0
25th percentile	20.0	32.0	32.0
Median	60.0	72.0	72.0
75th percentile	100.0	140.0	140.0
90th percentile	200.0	216.0	216.0

*Includes only PAs who report taking call, but are not always on call.

Table 4.16: 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	164	100.0%	15264	100.0%	15428	100.0%
No base pay	2	1.2%	132	.9%	134	.9%
Salary	142	86.6%	12263	80.3%	12405	80.4%
Hourly wage	18	11.0%	2762	18.1%	2780	18.0%
Other	2	1.2%	107	.7%	109	.7%

*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 Types of Additional Compensation Received*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	152	100.0%	14659	100.0%	14811	100.0%
No additional pay	55	36.2%	4562	31.1%	4617	31.2%
Surgical assisting fees	2	1.3%	319	2.2%	321	2.2%
Overtime pay	6	3.9%	2641	18.0%	2647	17.9%
Administrative pay	2	1.3%	390	2.7%	392	2.6%
Pay for on-call availability	5	3.3%	1221	8.3%	1226	8.3%
Pay for on-call services/events	1	.7%	1206	8.2%	1207	8.1%
Bonus not based on performance	37	24.3%	2544	17.4%	2581	17.4%
Bonus based on performance of practice	25	16.4%	1903	13.0%	1928	13.0%
Bonus based on performance of PA	33	21.7%	3546	24.2%	3579	24.2%
Bonus based on something else	9	5.9%	1089	7.4%	1098	7.4%

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

Table 4.18: 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	48	100.0%	4375	100.0%	4423	100.0%
Bonus based on charges	8	16.7%	910	20.8%	918	20.8%
Bonus based on revenues	25	52.1%	1997	45.6%	2022	45.7%
Bonus based on relative value units	1	2.1%	521	11.9%	522	11.8%
Bonus based on profit	13	27.1%	1076	24.6%	1089	24.6%
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	3	6.3%	782	17.9%	785	17.7%
Bonus based on quality of care	4	8.3%	600	13.7%	604	13.7%
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	7	14.6%	592	13.5%	599	13.5%
Bonus based on other factors	1	2.1%	354	8.1%	355	8.0%

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

Table 4.19: 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	164	15413	15577
Mean	\$75,998	\$78,281	\$78,257
Standard deviation	\$18,767	\$20,212	\$20,198
10th percentile	\$55,816	\$57,842	\$57,823
25th percentile	\$63,271	\$64,735	\$64,727
Median	\$73,918	\$74,271	\$74,264
75th percentile	\$83,891	\$87,138	\$87,113
90th percentile	\$101,021	\$103,646	\$103,614

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.20: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Graduated in 2003 and Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	22	1741	1763
Mean	\$64,624	\$65,654	\$65,641
Standard deviation	\$13,359	\$11,846	\$11,862
10th percentile	\$46,181	\$52,713	\$52,626
25th percentile	\$55,229	\$58,815	\$58,813
Median	\$62,066	\$64,545	\$64,536
75th percentile	\$73,959	\$71,339	\$71,360
90th percentile	\$83,851	\$79,539	\$79,598

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.21: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Whether CME Funds Are Available from Primary Employer*

	South Carolina		All Others		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Respondents	131	100.0%	12116	100.0%	12247	100.0%
Funds not available	14	10.7%	1506	12.4%	1520	12.4%
Funds available, amount known	91	69.5%	8386	69.2%	8477	69.2%
Funds available, amount unknown	26	19.8%	2224	18.4%	2250	18.4%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.22: Summary Measures of CME Funds Provided by Primary Clinical Employer for Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Receive CME Funding*

	South Carolina	All Others	Total
Respondents	91	8386	8477
Mean	\$1,637	\$1,558	\$1,559
Standard deviation	\$809	\$790	\$791
10th percentile	\$800	\$500	\$500
25th percentile	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Median	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
75th percentile	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
90th percentile	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,500

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.23: 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		153	100.0%	14784	100.0%	14937	100.0%
Professional liability insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	148	96.7%	14412	97.5%	14560	97.5%
	Employer pays 50-94%	1	.7%	96	.6%	97	.6%
	Employer pays 1-49%			18	.1%	18	.1%
	PA pays 100%	4	2.6%	258	1.7%	262	1.8%
Individual health insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	95	62.5%	6941	50.3%	7036	50.5%
	Employer pays 50-94%	35	23.0%	4815	34.9%	4850	34.8%
	Employer pays 1-49%	6	3.9%	880	6.4%	886	6.4%
	PA pays 100%	16	10.5%	1157	8.4%	1173	8.4%
Family health insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	31	28.4%	2807	26.9%	2838	26.9%
	Employer pays 50-94%	25	22.9%	3640	34.8%	3665	34.7%
	Employer pays 1-49%	3	2.8%	1067	10.2%	1070	10.1%
	PA pays 100%	50	45.9%	2932	28.1%	2982	28.3%
Dental insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	54	36.2%	4114	31.5%	4168	31.6%
	Employer pays 50-94%	31	20.8%	3999	30.6%	4030	30.5%
	Employer pays 1-49%	7	4.7%	1166	8.9%	1173	8.9%
	PA pays 100%	57	38.3%	3774	28.9%	3831	29.0%
Disability insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	63	45.3%	5720	44.5%	5783	44.5%
	Employer pays 50-94%	21	15.1%	2179	17.0%	2200	16.9%
	Employer pays 1-49%	6	4.3%	966	7.5%	972	7.5%
	PA pays 100%	49	35.3%	3984	31.0%	4033	31.1%
Term life insurance	Employer pays 95-100%	44	34.6%	5036	41.5%	5080	41.4%
	Employer pays 50-94%	19	15.0%	1714	14.1%	1733	14.1%
	Employer pays 1-49%	8	6.3%	1049	8.6%	1057	8.6%
	PA pays 100%	56	44.1%	4331	35.7%	4387	35.8%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.24: 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	140	100.0%	13481	100.0%	13621	100.0%
Pension/retirement fund						
Employer pays 95-100%	39	27.9%	3404	25.3%	3443	25.3%
Employer pays 50-94%	28	20.0%	2785	20.7%	2813	20.7%
Employer pays 1-49%	45	32.1%	4759	35.3%	4804	35.3%
PA pays 100%	28	20.0%	2533	18.8%	2561	18.8%
State license fees						
Employer pays 95-100%	114	77.6%	10149	70.8%	10263	70.9%
Employer pays 50-94%			216	1.5%	216	1.5%
Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.4%	97	.7%	99	.7%
PA pays 100%	31	21.1%	3873	27.0%	3904	27.0%
DEA registration fees						
Employer pays 95-100%	63	72.4%	8872	74.8%	8935	74.7%
Employer pays 50-94%			119	1.0%	119	1.0%
Employer pays 1-49%			60	.5%	60	.5%
PA pays 100%	24	27.6%	2816	23.7%	2840	23.8%
NCCPA fees						
Employer pays 95-100%	104	68.0%	8971	63.0%	9075	63.1%
Employer pays 50-94%			201	1.4%	201	1.4%
Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.3%	112	.8%	114	.8%
PA pays 100%	47	30.7%	4952	34.8%	4999	34.7%
AAPA dues						
Employer pays 95-100%	104	68.0%	8906	63.1%	9010	63.1%
Employer pays 50-94%			187	1.3%	187	1.3%
Employer pays 1-49%	3	2.0%	116	.8%	119	.8%
PA pays 100%	46	30.1%	4908	34.8%	4954	34.7%
State PA chapter dues						
Employer pays 95-100%	93	65.0%	7292	55.9%	7385	56.0%
Employer pays 50-94%	1	.7%	192	1.5%	193	1.5%
Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.4%	112	.9%	114	.9%
PA pays 100%	47	32.9%	5452	41.8%	5499	41.7%
AAPA annual conference registration fees						
Employer pays 95-100%	83	61.0%	7392	57.6%	7475	57.6%
Employer pays 50-94%	6	4.4%	974	7.6%	980	7.6%
Employer pays 1-49%	6	4.4%	559	4.4%	565	4.4%
PA pays 100%	41	30.1%	3917	30.5%	3958	30.5%
Credentialing fees						
Employer pays 95-100%	117	78.0%	10011	73.1%	10128	73.2%
Employer pays 50-94%			319	2.3%	319	2.3%
Employer pays 1-49%	2	1.3%	163	1.2%	165	1.2%
PA pays 100%	31	20.7%	3198	23.4%	3229	23.3%

*Excludes self-employed PAs.