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Physician Associates' Interest in Rural Settings

WHO'S INTERESTED IN RURAL PRACTICE?

45%

of all PAs



54%

of all PA Students

The Most Interested Groups

53%

PAs in Primary
Care

64%

PAs in
Emergency
Medicine

74%

PA Students
who grew up in
rural areas

WHAT ARE THE PERCEIVED BARRIERS* TO PAS WORKING IN RURAL AREAS?

Spouse
Opportunities

74%

Unable to be
Sole Provider

51%

Undesirable
Areas

59%

Collaborating
Physician
Availability

48%

Compensation

57%

State Supervision
Requirements

40%

* Moderate to Severe Barriers to Rural Practice

**Sample
Information**

1,488 PAs responded to the AAPA PA Practice Survey in November 2021.
2,462 PA students responded to the AAPA Student Survey in February 2022.



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PA Interest in Rural Settings, Medically
Underserved Areas, and Health
Professional Shortage Areas