

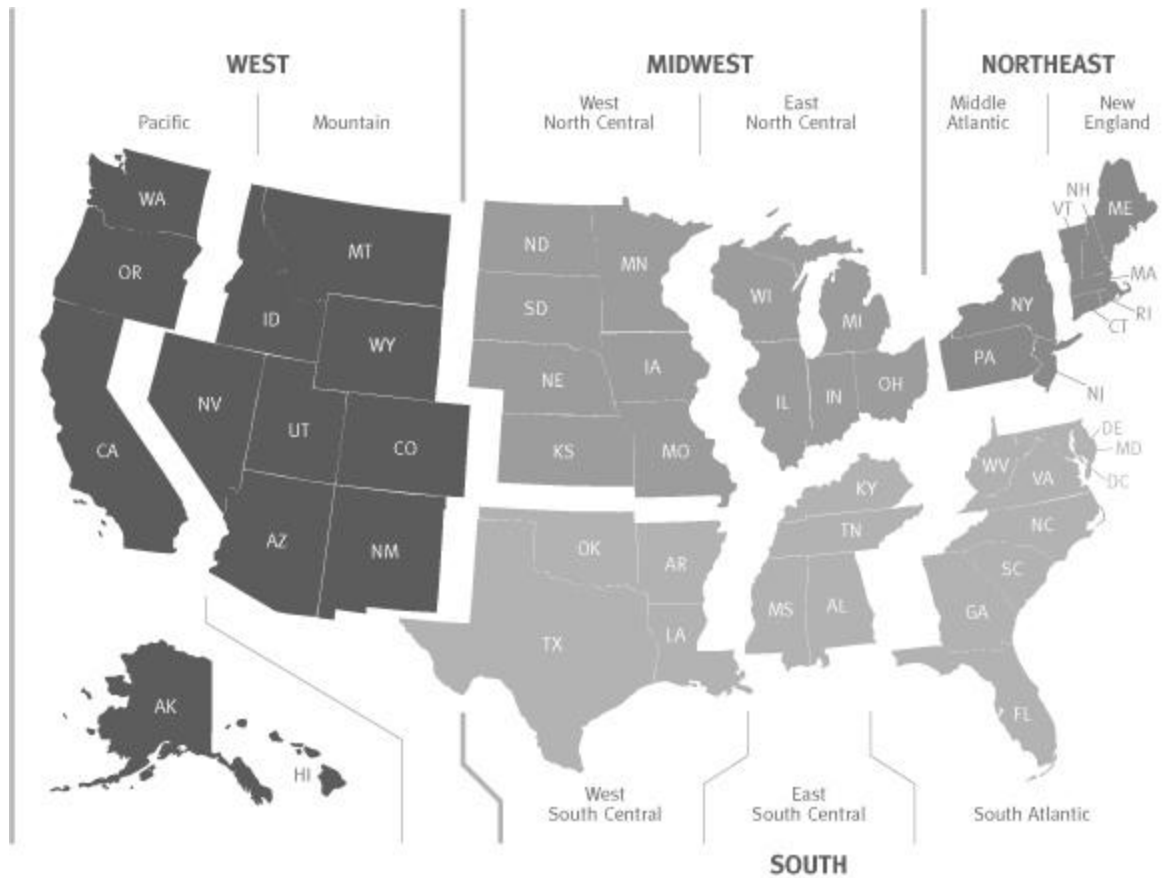
National Physician Assistant Census Report

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Results from AAPA's 2009 Census



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INTRODUCTION

The American Academy of Physician Assistants was founded in 1968 and is the only national organization representing physician assistants in all medical specialties. The Academy educates the general public about the PA profession, ensures 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.

AAPA began conducting an annual survey of its members in 1990, and then expanded it to include PAs who were not members in 1996. While the survey instrument and data collection process have undergone some revisions since the inception of the census, the general approach and data elements have remained much the same.

Data collection effort for the 2009 AAPA Physician Assistant Census was conducted between February and August in 2009. The 2009 census survey was available online as well as on paper. A link to the online version of the survey was posted on the home page of AAPA's website and sent via email in February to all PAs for whom an e-mail address was available. In August, a reminder e-mail was sent to all PAs who had not yet responded.

The paper version of the survey was mailed in March 2009 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, 2008, and for whom address information was available. The paper version of the survey was not sent to individuals from whom an on-line response had already been received or to individuals who had indicated on a previous census survey that they were retired or working as a physician.

In total, 19,608 PAs participated in the 2009 census – accounting for 27 percent of the 72,433 individuals eligible to practice as PAs for whom AAPA had a mailing or email address. Of the 44,629 AAPA members as of October 27, 2010, 15,275 (34 percent) participated. Of the 27,741 non-members as of 10/27/2009, 4,333 (16 percent) participated.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL STATISTICS

Mean age:
41 years

Mean age at time of graduation from PA school:
30 years

Percent in clinical practice:
93%

Percent who work more than one clinical PA job concurrently:
12 %

Mean years in clinical practice:
10.1 years

Mean years in current position:
9.4 years

Mean years in current specialty:
7.1 years

Figure 1. Practice Setting

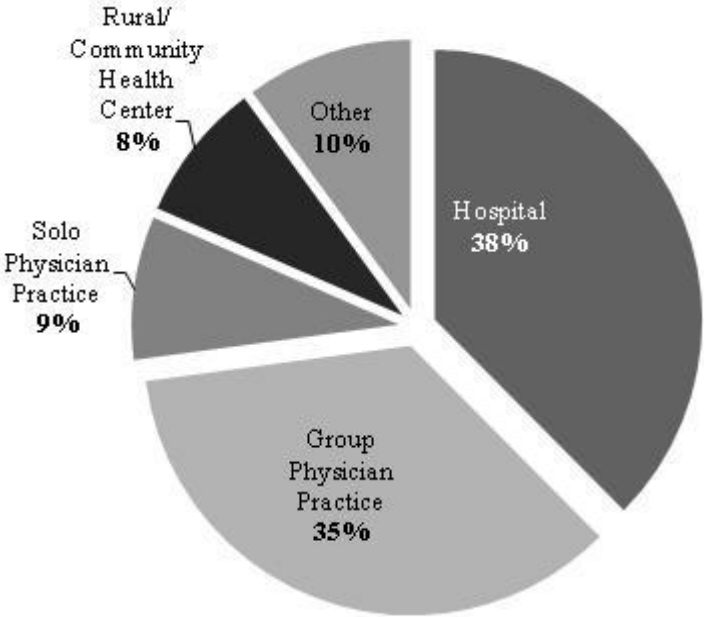
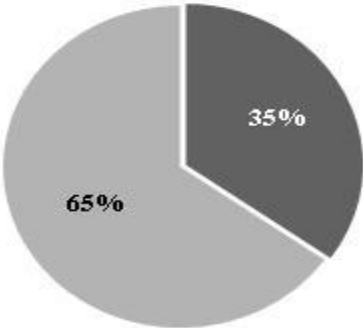


Figure 2. Gender

■ Male ■ Female



States with the largest numbers of clinically practicing respondents:

1. New York
2. California
3. Pennsylvania
4. Texas
5. North Carolina
6. Michigan

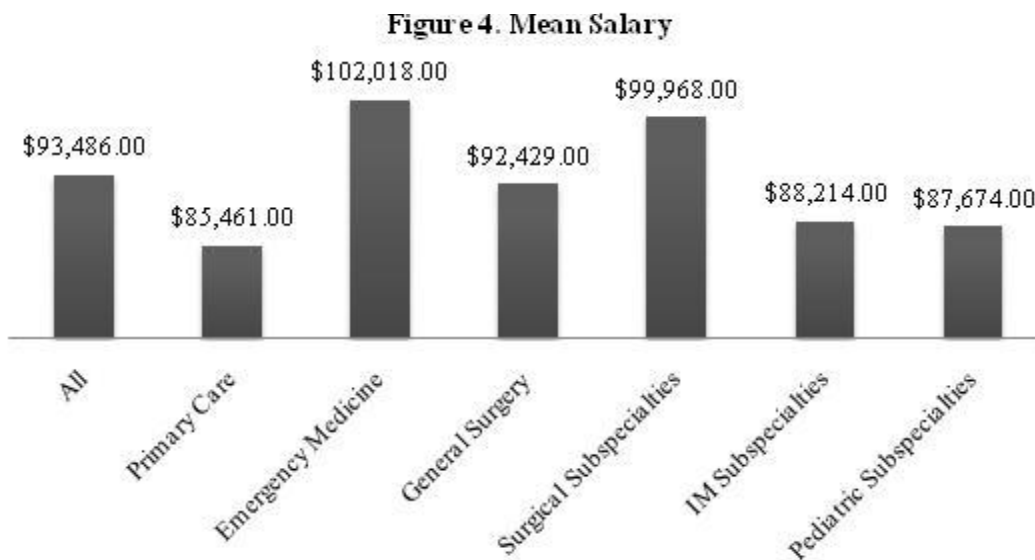
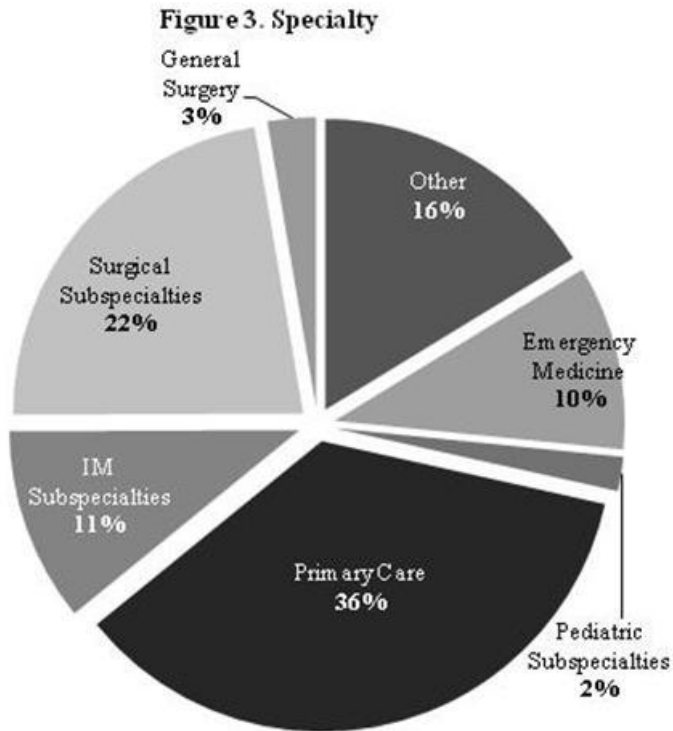
Percent working in rural areas:
15%

Percent working for a government agency:
9%

Percent who work full time:
85%

Mean hours worked by full time PAs:
44 hours

Percent who take call:
28%



SECTION 1:

Characteristics of 2009 APA Census Respondents

Table 1.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Census Respondents by State Where Employed

National	n	%
	19,559	100
Armed Forces in US and Abroad	29	0.1
Alaska	127	0.6
Alabama	148	0.8
Arkansas	46	0.2
Arizona	455	2.3
California	1,498	7.7
Colorado	548	2.8
Connecticut	423	2.2
District of Columbia	86	0.4
Delaware	59	0.3
Florida	931	4.8
Georgia	508	2.6
Guam	5	0.03
Hawaii	50	0.3
Iowa	298	1.5
Idaho	158	0.8
Illinois	573	2.9
Indiana	205	1.0
Kansas	252	1.3
Kentucky	255	1.3
Louisiana	148	0.8
Massachusetts	512	2.6
Maryland	459	2.3
Maine	163	0.8

Michigan	924	4.7
Minnesota	468	2.4
Missouri	196	1.0
Northern Mariana Islands	1	0.01
Mississippi	21	0.1
Montana	116	0.6
North Carolina	965	4.9
North Dakota	80	0.4
Nebraska	280	1.4
New Hampshire	132	0.7
New Jersey	309	1.6
New Mexico	135	0.7
Nevada	140	0.7
New York	1,544	7.9
Ohio	493	2.5
Oklahoma	295	1.5
Oregon	291	1.5
Pennsylvania	1,211	6.2
Puerto Rico	4	0.02
Rhode Island	62	0.3
South Carolina	212	1.1
South Dakota	143	0.7
Tennessee	266	1.4
Texas	1,218	6.2
Utah	215	1.1
Virginia	452	2.3
Virgin Islands	3	0.02
Vermont	69	0.4
Washington	594	3.0
Wisconsin	544	2.8
West Virginia	162	0.8
Wyoming	78	0.4

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

	Total	Female		Male	
		n	%	n	%
National	18,853	12,295	65.2	6,558	34.8

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

	Total	Asian/Pacific Islander		Black (Not Hispanic)		Hispanic/Latino Origin		American Indian/Alaskan		White (Not Hispanic)	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
National	17,448	689	3.9	510	2.9	633	3.6	112	0.6	15,504	88.9

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

	Total	Certificate		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
National	16,451	4,526	27.5	2,771	16.8	13,863	84.3	4,299	26.1

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

Table 1.5: Summary Measures of Age for Census Respondents

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th	25 th	Median	75 th	90 th
				Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile
National	19,527	41.6	11.58	28.0	31.0	39.0	51.0	58.0

Table 1.6 Summary Measures of Age at Graduation from PA School for Census Respondents

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th	25 th	Median	75 th	90 th
				Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile
National	19,527	29.8	6.82	23.0	25.0	28.0	33.0	40.0

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

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th	25 th	Median	75 th	90 th
				Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile	Percentile
National	19,527	11.3	9.87	1.0	3.0	8.0	16.0	28.0



SECTION 2:

Professional Status of Respondents

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

	Total	Not in Clinical Practice		In Clinical Practice	
		n	%	n	%
National	19,527	1,392	7.1	18,135	92.9

Table 2.2: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents by Clinical Practice Type

	National	
	n	%
Total	19,527	100
Clinically Practicing:		
<i>Physician Assistant</i>	18,017	92.3
<i>Physician or Resident</i>	23	0.1
<i>Nurse Practitioner</i>	111	0.6
<i>Other</i>	107	0.5
PA Educator	949	4.9
Other Health Professions Educator	257	1.3
Health Care Professional:		
<i>Administrator</i>	348	1.8
<i>Researcher</i>	149	0.8
<i>Forensics</i>	23	0.1
<i>Public Health</i>	73	0.4
<i>Other</i>	294	1.5
Other Non-Health Professional	166	0.9
Post-graduate PA Student	67	0.3
Medical Student	18	0.1
Other Student	63	0.3
Not Employed By Choice	362	1.9
Employed, Seeking PA Job	49	0.3
Unemployed, Seeking PA Job	246	1.3
Unemployed, Seeking Non-PA Job	33	0.2
Retired	173	0.9
Other	152	0.8

Table 2.3: Age Retired or Expected to Retire for Respondents

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th Percentile	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
National	19,527	62.7	7.09	55.0	60.0	65.0	65.0	70.0

SECTION 3:

Information about Respondents in Clinical Practice

Table 3.1: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Number of Concurrent PA Jobs

	Total	None		1		2		3		4+		Self-Employed with Multiple Contracts	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
		National	19,268	1,314	6.8	15,096	78.3	2,404	12.5	369	1.9	85	0.4

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

	Total	Self-Employed		Solo Physician Practice		Group Physician Practice		Hospital		Community Health Center		Other	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
National	17,954	416	2.3	2,085	11.6	7,930	44.2	4,367	24.3	1,065	5.9	2,091	11.6

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

	National	
	n	%
Total	17,828	100
Not Government Employed	16,366	91.8
Air Force	64	0.4
Army	204	1.1
Navy	51	0.3
Coast Guard	14	0.1
Department of Veterans Affairs	397	2.2
Federal Bureau of Prisons/DOJ	17	0.1
Indian Health Service	56	0.3
US Public Health Service	52	0.3
Other Federal Gov	86	0.5
State Gov	354	2.0
Local Gov	161	0.9
Other Government (e.g. foreign)	6	0.03

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

	National	
	n	%
Total	9,375	100
Hospital Unit:		
<i>Intensive Care Unit /Critical Care</i>	218	2.3
<i>Inpatient</i>	973	10.4
<i>Outpatient</i>	720	7.7
<i>Emergency Room</i>	963	10.3
<i>Operating Room</i>	527	5.6
<i>Other Unit</i>	111	1.2
Rural Health Center	345	3.7
Federally Qualified Health Center	195	2.1
Other Community Health Center	244	2.6
Freestanding Urgent Care Facility	235	2.5
Freestanding Surgical Facility	25	0.3
Solo Practice Physician Office	808	8.6
Single Specialty Group Practice	2,272	24.2
Multi-specialty Group Practice	1,052	11.2
HMO Facility	110	1.2
Nursing Home or Long Term Care Facility	84	0.9
University/College Student Health Facility	48	0.5
School-based Health Facility	31	0.3
Other Freestanding Outpatient Facility	194	2.1
Correctional Facility	79	0.8
Industrial Facility/Worksite	42	0.4
Retail Outlet	16	0.2
Mobile Health Unit	9	0.1
Patients' Homes	15	0.2
Other	59	0.6

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

	National	
	n	%
Total	18,135	100
Hospital Unit:		
<i>Intensive Care Unit /Critical Care</i>	4,024	22.2
<i>Inpatient</i>	6,113	33.7
<i>Outpatient</i>	3,815	21.0
<i>Emergency Room</i>	5,357	29.5
<i>Operating Room</i>	3,876	21.4
<i>Other Unit</i>	1,329	7.3
Rural Health Center	868	4.8
Federally Qualified Health Center	490	2.7
Other Community Health Center	600	3.3
Freestanding Urgent Care Facility	808	4.5
Freestanding Surgical Facility	757	4.2
Solo Practice Physician Office	1,944	10.7
Single Specialty Group Practice	5,358	29.5
Multi-specialty Group Practice	2,473	13.6
HMO Facility	303	1.7
Nursing Home or Long Term Care Facility	874	4.8
University/College Student Health Facility	207	1.1
School-based Health Facility	133	0.7
Other Freestanding Outpatient Facility	828	4.6
Correctional Facility	224	1.2
Industrial Facility/Worksite	165	0.9
Retail Outlet	73	0.4
Mobile Health Unit	53	0.3
Patients' Homes	211	1.2
Other	314	1.7

*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

	National	
	n	%
Total	17,947	100
Family/General Medicine	4,454	24.8
General Internal Medicine	1,151	6.4
Emergency Medicine	1,851	10.3
General Pediatrics	386	2.2
General Surgery	480	2.7
Internal Medicine: Cardiology	579	3.2
Other Internal Medicine Subspecialties	1,356	7.6
Pediatric Subspecialties	335	1.9
Surgical: Orthopedics	1,749	9.7
Surgical: Cardiovascular /Cardiothoracic	532	3.0
Surgical: Neurological	434	2.4
Other Surgical Subspecialties	1,306	7.3
Obstetrics/Gynecology	420	2.3
Occupational Medicine	405	2.3
Dermatology	681	3.8
Other	1,828	10.2

Table 3.7a: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Specialty Practiced for Primary Employer – Not Surgical, Pediatric or Internal Medicine

	National	
	n	%
Total	17,947	100
Addiction Medicine	51	0.3
Allergy	97	0.5
Anesthesiology	44	0.2
Dermatology	681	3.8
Emergency Medicine	1,851	10.3
Family Practice	2,759	15.4
Family Practice with Urgent Care	1,695	9.4
Genetics	3	0.02
Geriatrics	108	0.6
Obstetrics / Gynecology	420	2.3
Occupation Medicine	405	2.3
Ophthalmology	18	0.1
Pain Management	248	1.4
Pathology	4	0.02
Physical Medical Rehabilitation	110	0.6
Psychiatry	189	1.1
Public Health	31	0.2
Radiation Oncology	51	0.3
Diagnostic Radiology	32	0.2
Interventional Radiology	151	0.8
Hospital Medicine	320	1.8
Other	371	2.1

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

	National	
	n	%
Total	17,947	100
General Surgery	480	2.7
Surgical Specialties		
<i>Cardiothoracic</i>	532	3.0
<i>Colon and Rectal</i>	24	0.1
<i>Hand</i>	38	0.2
<i>Neurology</i>	434	2.4
<i>Oncology</i>	53	0.3
<i>Orthopedics</i>	1,749	9.7
<i>Otorhinolaryngology</i>	174	1.0
<i>Pediatric</i>	30	0.2
<i>Plastic</i>	142	0.8
<i>Thoracic</i>	32	0.2
<i>Transplant</i>	38	0.2
<i>Trauma</i>	98	0.5
<i>Urology</i>	233	1.3
<i>Vascular</i>	134	0.7
<i>Bariatric</i>	58	0.3
<i>Spine</i>	158	0.9
<i>Other</i>	94	0.5

Table 3.7c: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Specialty Practiced for Primary Employer – Pediatric and Internal Medicine

	National	
	n	%
Total	17,947	100
General Pediatrics	386	2.2
Pediatric Specialties		
<i>Adolescent</i>	29	0.2
<i>Allergy</i>	7	0.04
<i>Cardiology</i>	17	0.1
<i>Critical Care</i>	21	0.1
<i>Endocrinology</i>	12	0.1
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	12	0.1
<i>Hematology/Oncology</i>	5	0.03
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	3	0.02
<i>Neonatal-Perinatal</i>	72	0.4
<i>Nephrology</i>	3	0.02
<i>Neurology</i>	15	0.1
<i>Pulmonology</i>	12	0.1
<i>Rheumatology</i>	2	0.01
<i>Oncology</i>	29	0.2
<i>Emergency Medicine</i>	14	0.1
<i>Other</i>	82	0.5
General Internal Medicine	1,151	6.4
Internal Medicine Specialties		
<i>Cardiology</i>	579	3.2
<i>Critical Care</i>	98	0.5
<i>Endocrinology</i>	99	0.6
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	298	1.7
<i>Hematology/Oncology</i>	45	0.3
<i>Immunology</i>	4	0.02
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	86	0.5
<i>Nephrology</i>	93	0.5
<i>Neurology</i>	126	0.7
<i>Pulmonology</i>	110	0.6
<i>Rheumatology</i>	52	0.3
<i>Oncology</i>	280	1.6
<i>Other</i>	65	0.4

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

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
National	18,135	10.1	9.47	1.0	3.0	7.0	14.0	26.0

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

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
National	18,135	9.4	9.59	0.5	2.0	6.0	14.0	26.0

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

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
National	18,135	7.1	7.61	0.5	2.0	4.0	10.0	18.0

Table 3.11: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Metropolitan Status and Degree of Rurality of County of Primary Work Site

Pop.	Metro						Non-Metro, Adjacent To Metro Area						Non-Metro, Not Adjacent To Metro Area					
	>1M		250K-1M		<250K		>20K		2.5K-20K		<2.5K		>20K		2.5K-20K		<2.5K	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
National	8,787	48.5	4,439	24.5	2,163	11.9	793	4.4	658	3.6	119	0.7	450	2.5	535	3.0	178	1.0

Table 3.12: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents Who Perform Select Functions at Primary Clinical Job*

	National	
	n	%
Total	16,428	100
Minor Surgical Procedures	10,646	64.8
First Assisting At Surgery	4,313	26.3
Manage Care Of Inpatients	6,759	41.1
Serve On Quality Assurance Committee	1,457	8.9
Serve On Utilization Review Committee	585	3.6
Participate In Conduct Of Clinical Trials	1,968	12.0
Serve On Formulary Or Pharmaceutical Selection Committee	426	2.6
Decision Making About Procurement of Medical Equipment or Supplies	3,406	20.7
Decision Making About Procurement of IT	1,804	11.0
Supervisory Responsibilities for other PAs	1,657	10.1
Supervisory Responsibilities for Clinical Staff other than PAs	3,119	19.0
Supervisory Responsibilities for Non-Clinical Staff	1,497	9.1
Precept PA Students	6,623	40.3
Precept Students of other Health Professions	4,566	27.8

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

Table 3.13: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Hours Worked per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	Total	Hours Not Reported		Less than 32 Hours		32 or More Hours	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
	National	18,179	293	1.6	2,374	13.1	15,512

Table 3.14: Number and Percent Distribution of Clinically Practicing Respondents by Select Types of Ownership Stakes of Current Primary Clinical Practices*

	No ownership		Sole proprietor		Professional corporation owner-stockholder		Limited liability corporation owner-member		Limited liability partner		Other partner		ESOP participant		Other	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
	Natl.	17,160	94.4	79	0.4	163	0.9	83	0.5	68	0.4	26	0.1	265	1.5	85

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

SECTION 4:

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 Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Patients Treated*

	Total	See Some Inpatients		See Some Outpatients		See Some other Patients	
		n	%	n	%	n	%
National	6,442	3,429	53.2	5,707	88.6	1,164	18.1

*Data sums to more than 100 because respondents may see multiple types of patients

Table 4.2: Hours Worked per Week for Primary Clinical Employer by Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th Percentile	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
National	15,473	43.8	7.69	36.0	40.0	40.0	50.0	52.0

Table 4.2a: Hours Worked per Week for Primary Clinical Employer by Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Inpatient Hospital Setting

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th Percentile	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
National	1,649	46.1	7.70	40.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0

Table 4.2b: Hours Worked per Week for Primary Clinical Employer by Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Outpatient Setting

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th Percentile	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
National	5,205	43.2	7.62	35.0	40.0	40.0	48.0	50.0

Table 4.2c: Hours Worked per Week for Primary Clinical Employer by Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in Some Other Type of Setting, Including HMO and Long Term Care Facilities

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th	25 th	Median	75 th	90 th
				Percentile	Percentile		Percentile	Percentile
National	1,035	42.2	6.53	36.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	50.0

Table 4.3a: Allocation of Hours Worked per Week for Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Inpatient Hospital Setting

	n	Total Work Hours		Providing Direct Care to Inpatients		Providing Direct Care to Outpatients		Providing Direct Care to Other Patients*		Performing other Patient-Related Activities^		Performing Non-Patient-Related Duties'	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	1,649	46.1	45.0	33.1	35.0	9.7	7.0	1.2	0.0	6.4	5.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

^Patient-related activities include interpreting tests and telephone contacts

'Non-patient related duties includes research and administration

Table 4.3b: Allocation of Hours Worked per Week for Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Outpatient Setting

	n	Total Work Hours		Providing Direct Care to Inpatients		Providing Direct Care to Outpatients		Providing Direct Care to Other Patients*		Performing other Patient-Related Activities^		Performing Non-Patient-Related Duties'	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	5,205	43.2	40.0	9.1	2.0	32.4	35.0	1.8	0.0	6.4	5.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

^Patient-related activities include interpreting tests and telephone contacts

'Non-patient related duties includes research and administration

Table 4.3c: Allocation of Hours Worked per Week for Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in Some Other Type of Setting, Including HMO and Long Term Care Facilities

	n	Total Work Hours		Providing Direct Care to Inpatients		Providing Direct Care to Outpatients		Providing Direct Care to Other Patients*		Performing other Patient-Related Activities^		Performing Non-Patient-Related Duties'	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	1,035	42.2	40.0	6.4	0.0	30.9	35.0	5.7	0.0	6.7	5.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

^Patient-related activities include interpreting tests and telephone contacts

'Non-patient related duties includes research and administration

Table 4.4a: Summary Measures of Patient Encounters For Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Inpatient Hospital Setting

	n	Total Patient Visits per Week		Inpatient Visits per Week		Outpatient Visits per Week		Other Patient* Visits per Week	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	1,649	70.9	50.0	58.1	40.0	20.1	10.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

Table 4.4b: Summary Measures of Patient Encounters for Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in an Outpatient Setting

	n	Total Patient Visits per Week		Inpatient Visits per Week		Outpatient Visits per Week		Other Patient* Visits per Week	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	5,205	93.2	80.0	15.6	2.0	81.1	70.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

Table 4.4c: Summary Measures of Patient Encounters For Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job and Work Primarily in Some Other Type of Setting, Including HMO and Long Term Care Facilities

	n	Total Patient Visits per Week		Inpatient Visits per Week		Outpatient Visits per Week		Other Patient* Visits per Week	
		Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
		National	1,035	88.7	80.0	11.9	0.0	78.0	75.0

*Other patients include nursing home, LTC and rehab patients

Table 4.5: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Whether Call is Taken

	n	Do Not Take Call		Take Some Call		Take Call, Hours Unknown		Always On Call	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
		National	13,356	9,618	72.0	2,544	19.0	109	0.8

Table 4.6: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Call Taken for Those Who Take Call and Reported Types

	n	Emergency Department Call		Surgical Assisting Call		In-House Call		Other Call		Do Not Take Call		Call Taken, Type Not Indicated	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
		National	13,384	1,158	8.7	1,232	9.2	1,212	9.1	1,614	12.1	9,629	71.9

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

Table 4.7: Summary Measures of Call Hours per Month for Respondents Who Worked at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10 th Percentile	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
National	2,544	101.5	107.55	10.0	30.0	72.0	132.0	200.0

*Includes PAs who reported taking call but are not always on call

Table 4.8: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Type of Base Pay Received

	n	No Base Pay		Other Type of Base Pay		Hourly Wage Only		Salary Only		Salary and Hourly Wage	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
		National	15,312	589	3.8	531	3.5	2,535	16.6	11,594	75.7

Table 4.9: Number and Percent Distribution of Respondents who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job by Types of Compensation Received*

	National	
	n	%
Total	15,216	100
Base Pay	14,276	93.8
Surgical Assisting Fees	357	2.3
Overtime Pay	2,233	14.7
Shift Differential	879	5.8
Administrative Pay	384	2.5
Pay for On-Call Availability	990	6.5
Pay for On-Call Services/Events	837	5.5
Bonus <u>Not</u> Based on Productivity/Performance	2,674	17.6
Bonus Based on Productivity of Practice	1,841	12.1
Bonus Based on Own Productivity/Performance	2,908	19.1

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

Table 4.10: 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 Measures on Which Incentive is Based*

	National	
	n	%
Total	4,786	100
Bonus based on charges	1,028	21.5
Bonus based on revenues	1,847	38.6
Bonus based on relative value units	925	19.3
Bonus based on profit	1,081	22.6
Bonus based on number of visits or panel size	973	20.3
Bonus based on quality of care	782	16.3
Bonus based on patient satisfaction	782	16.3
Bonus based on other factors	491	10.3

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

Table 4.11: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
National	15,179	\$93,105	\$23,867	\$67,500	\$77,500	\$87,500	\$102,500	\$122,500

*Excludes self-employed PAs.

Table 4.12: Summary Measures of Total Annual Income from Primary Employer for Respondents Who Graduated in 2008 and Work at Least 32 Hours per Week at Primary Clinical Job*

	Total	Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
National	1,623	\$78,405	\$14,245	\$62,500	\$72,500	\$77,500	\$82,500	\$92,500

*Excludes self-employed PAs.