

VITAL STATISTICS

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States authorizing PA prescribing privileges

1967

Year the first three PAs graduated from Duke University

83,466

Number of PAs in clinical practice in 2010

\$90,000

Median annual compensation from primary employer for full-time clinically practicing PAs* in 2010

Projected Growth of PAs in Clinical Practice

With a projected growth of 39 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts physician assistants will be the second fastest growing health profession in the next decade (after home health aides).

74,800

Employment in 2008

103,900

Projected employment in 2018

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational employment projections to 2018, Monthly Labor Review, November 2009.

What is a PA?

A physician assistant is a graduate of an accredited PA educational program who is authorized by the state to practice medicine with the supervision of a licensed physician. PAs are invaluable members of the health care team and work in concert with physicians to ensure the highest quality of care for patients.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLINICALLY PRACTICING PAs BY PRIMARY WORK SETTING

Hospitals	39.4%
Single-specialty physician group practice	19.7%
Multi-specialty physician group practice	9.5%
Solo physician practice office	11.0%
Community Health Center facility	3.1%
Certified rural health clinic	2.7%
Other freestanding outpatient health facility	2.2%
HMO facility	0.9%
Federally Qualified Health Center	2.1%
Nursing home or LTC facility	0.9%
University/college student health facility	0.5%
Other	7.8%

Source: 2010 AAPA Census.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLINICALLY PRACTICING PAs BY PRIMARY SPECIALTY

Family Medicine	24.8%
Obstetrics/Gyn	2.0%
General Peds	2.1%
General Internal Medicine	4.8%
Other Surgical Subspecialties	23.2%
Emergency Medicine	10.9%
General Surgery	2.7%
Pediatric Subspecialties	1.6%
Hospital Medicine	2.4%
Dermatology	3.5%
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	10.3%
Other	11.7%

Source: 2010 AAPA Census.

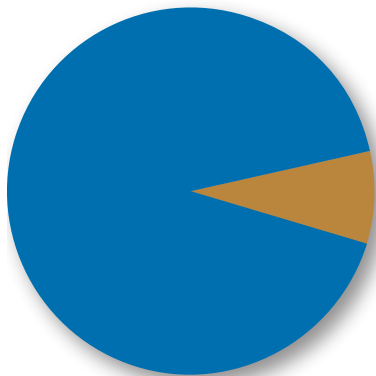


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Connecting PAs, Transforming Care

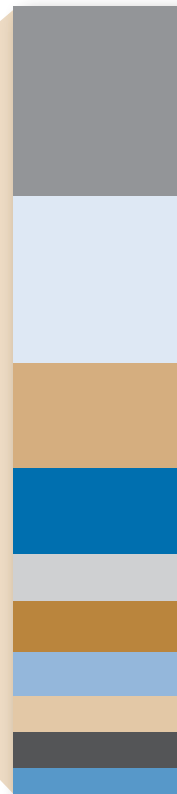
Distribution of Clinically Practicing PAs Employed by Government

PA's NOT EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT: 90.6%

PA's EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT 9.4%



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	23.4%
STATE GOVERNMENT	22.2%
ARMY	14.4%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10.5%
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE	5.8%
OTHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.8%
AIR FORCE	5.1%
NAVY	4.3%
US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	4.3%
OTHER GOVERNMENT (e.g., FOREIGN)	3.3%



MEDIAN ANNUAL PA COMPENSATION FOR 2009 GRADUATES* BY SPECIALTY

Primary Care	\$76,000
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	\$78,000
Pediatric Subspecialties	\$80,000
General Surgery	\$76,250
Surgical Subspecialties	\$82,000
Emergency Medicine	\$90,000
Other	\$80,000

Source: 2010 AAPA Census.

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*Excludes self-employed PAs and PAs working less than 32 hours per week for their primary employer.

MEDIAN ANNUAL COMPENSATION BY STATE*

State	Mean	State	Mean	State	Mean	State	Mean
ALL	\$90,000	IA	\$90,000	MS	\$90,000	PA	\$80,600
AK	\$105,000	ID	\$89,000	MT	\$85,000	RI	\$100,450
AL	\$84,500	IL	\$87,000	NC	\$89,000	SC	\$86,000
AR	\$88,000	IN	\$85,000	ND	\$85,000	SD	\$85,000
AZ	\$95,000	KS	\$85,000	NE	\$83,000	TN	\$90,005
CA	\$100,000	KY	\$88,000	NH	\$97,000	TX	\$95,000
CO	\$85,000	LA	\$89,450	NJ	\$98,000	UT	\$90,000
CT	\$100,000	MA	\$98,000	NM	\$88,250	VA	\$90,000
DC	\$94,500	MD	\$92,000	NV	\$100,000	VT	\$91,000
DE	\$92,500	ME	\$89,500	NY	\$90,000	WA	\$98,000
FL	\$93,250	MI	\$91,500	OH	\$86,500	WI	\$90,000
GA	\$92,000	MN	\$93,000	OK	\$95,000	WV	\$83,958
HI	\$94,000	MO	\$90,000	OR	\$90,000	WY	\$87,000

Source: 2010 AAPA Census.

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Note: this fact sheet includes percentages that were calculated without taking missing values into account. Figures reported represent cases where at least 95 percent of the data is complete.

