Physician Assistants: The Profession by the Numbers

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This infographic, from the American Academy of Physician Assistants and Barton Associates, give you the data behind the physician assistant workforce.

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PAs Practice Medicine

**MEDIAN AGE** 38

**AGE RANGES**

- Younger than 30: 17.5%
- 30 to 39: 36.4%
- 40 to 49: 23.2%
- 50 to 59: 15.4%
- 60 or older: 7.6%

**66% FEMALE**

**34% MALE**

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS**

On average, PAs see 61-70 patients per week. Numbers vary by setting and specialty.

**NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS**

On average, PAs write 51-100 prescriptions per week. Numbers vary by setting and specialty.

**YEARS AS A PA**

- AVERAGE: 10.6 Years
  - 2 to 4 Years: 23.9%
  - 5 to 9 Years: 24.6%
  - 10 to 14 Years: 16.9%
  - 15 to 19 Years: 16.4%
  - 20+ Years: 8.6%
  - 1 Year or Less: 9.6%

**TOP SPECIALTIES**

- Primary Care: 32.1%
- Surgical Subspecialties: 26.6%
- Other Specialties: 18.6%
- Emergency Medicine: 10.8%
- Internal Medicine Subspecialties: 10.2%

**COMPENSATION**

- Median Salary: $90,000
- Median Bonus: $6,000
- Receive Bonus: 45.6%

Compensation refers to PAs who work full-time, are not self-employed, and receive a salary as their primary form of compensation.

**PRIMARY EMPLOYER**

- 60.4% Physician (Solo or Group) Practice
- 32.1% Hospital (University or Other)
- 2.6% Military Branch
- 1.8% U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

* Source: AAPA 2013 Annual Survey
+ Source: NCCPA 2013 Statistical Profile of Certified Physician Assistants

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