



Occupational Employment Statistics

Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2013

29-1071 Physician Assistants

Provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients. May, in some cases, prescribe medication. Must graduate from an accredited educational program for physician assistants. Excludes "Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics" (29-2041), "Medical Assistants" (31-9092), "Registered Nurses" (29-1141), "Nurse Anesthetists" (29-1151), "Nurse Midwives" (29-1161), and "Nurse Practitioners" (29-1171).

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Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for this occupation:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
88,110	1.6 %	\$45.36	\$94,350	0.6 %

Percentile wage estimates for this occupation:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$29.82	\$38.38	\$44.70	\$53.57	\$62.80
Annual Wage (2)	\$62,030	\$79,820	\$92,970	\$111,430	\$130,620

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Industries with the highest published employment and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all industries with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Industries with the highest levels of employment in this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Offices of Physicians	50,510	2.09	\$45.62	\$94,890
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	19,380	0.37	\$45.96	\$95,590
Outpatient Care Centers	6,040	0.90	\$47.25	\$98,280

Federal Executive Branch (OES Designation)	2,410	0.12	\$40.41	\$84,050
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	2,210	0.08	\$43.98	\$91,490

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Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals	790	0.33	\$48.74	\$101,370
Offices of Other Health Practitioners	1,190	0.16	\$43.64	\$90,770

Top paying industries for this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Employment Services	2,160	0.07	\$49.86	\$103,710
Home Health Care Services	70	0.01	\$49.35	\$102,640
Office Administrative Services	(8)	(8)	\$48.81	\$101,530
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States and areas with the highest published employment, location quotients, and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all areas with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.



States with the highest employment level in this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
New York	9,780	1.13	1.70	\$46.95	\$97,660
California	8,230	0.56	0.84	\$47.52	\$98,830
Texas	5,410	0.50	0.75	\$49.17	\$102,260
Pennsylvania	5,010	0.89	1.34	\$39.44	\$82,030
Florida	4,640	0.62	0.94	\$46.48	\$96,670



States with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

State	Employment <u>(1)</u>	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient <u>(9)</u>	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage <u>(2)</u>
Maine	990	1.71	2.57	\$49.75	\$103,490
West Virginia	980	1.38	2.07	\$39.24	\$81,610
South Dakota	520	1.29	1.94	\$43.49	\$90,450
New York	9,780	1.13	1.70	\$46.95	\$97,660
Vermont	330	1.10	1.66	\$46.07	\$95,830



Top paying States for this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Rhode Island	220	0.48	0.72	\$53.17	\$110,600
Nevada	1,040	0.90	1.36	\$51.19	\$106,470
New Hampshire	530	0.86	1.29	\$51.13	\$106,350
New Jersey	1,350	0.35	0.53	\$51.12	\$106,330
Washington	1,990	0.70	1.06	\$51.05	\$106,190



Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment <u>(1)</u>	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient <u>(9)</u>	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage <u>(2)</u>
<u>New York-White Plains- Wayne, NY-NJ Metropolitan Division</u>	4,800	0.92	1.38	\$48.33	\$100,540
<u>Nassau-Suffolk, NY Metropolitan Division</u>	1,950	1.57	2.37	\$47.80	\$99,420
<u>Houston-Sugar Land- Baytown, TX</u>	1,710	0.62	0.93	\$48.45	\$100,770
<u>Philadelphia, PA Metropolitan Division</u>	1,650	0.89	1.35	\$37.95	\$78,950

<u>Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA NECTA Division</u>	1,580	0.90	1.36	\$41.05	\$85,380
<u>Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL Metropolitan Division</u>	1,580	0.43	0.64	\$37.98	\$78,990
<u>Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA</u>	1,450	0.63	0.94	\$44.75	\$93,090
<u>Baltimore-Towson, MD</u>	1,380	1.08	1.62	\$42.13	\$87,640
<u>Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division</u>	1,320	0.56	0.84	\$41.70	\$86,740
<u>Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ</u>	1,240	0.70	1.05	\$51.14	\$106,370



Metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Glens Falls, NY	140	2.65	3.99	\$43.37	\$90,200
Lewiston, ID-WA	50	2.20	3.30	\$47.16	\$98,100
Ann Arbor, MI	440	2.15	3.24	\$47.14	\$98,050
Idaho Falls, ID	110	2.13	3.20	\$44.10	\$91,740
Winston-Salem, NC	420	2.04	3.06	\$44.52	\$92,600
Springfield, MA-CT	570	1.95	2.94	\$42.39	\$88,180
Huntington-Ashland, WV- KY-OH	210	1.92	2.89	\$41.01	\$85,290
Portland-South Portland- Biddeford, ME	370	1.88	2.84	\$47.68	\$99,180
Fairbanks, AK	70	1.85	2.79	\$46.27	\$96,240
Fayetteville, NC	220	1.75	2.63	\$46.01	\$95,700



Top paying metropolitan areas for this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	30	0.73	1.10	\$80.48	\$167,400
Santa Fe, NM	80	1.43	2.15	\$75.46	\$156,950
Texarkana-Texarkana, TX -AR	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$67.62	\$140,650
Flint, MI	120	0.88	1.33	\$63.89	\$132,890
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	80	0.63	0.94	\$61.93	\$128,810

Barnstable Town, MA	60	0.65	0.98	\$61.36	\$127,620
Modesto, CA	110	0.69	1.04	\$60.92	\$126,710
Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metropolitan Division	240	0.27	0.40	\$60.67	\$126,200
Norwich-New London, CT -RI	60	0.50	0.75	\$60.02	\$124,840
Racine, WI	60	0.80	1.21	\$59.97	\$124,730

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest employment in this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Other North Carolina nonmetropolitan area	410	1.38	2.08	\$44.97	\$93,530
Southwest Maine nonmetropolitan area	350	1.86	2.79	\$52.50	\$109,200
Kansas nonmetropolitan area	230	0.60	0.90	\$42.55	\$88,500
East Central Pennsylvania nonmetropolitan area	200	0.82	1.23	\$45.23	\$94,070
Balance of Lower Peninsula of Michigan nonmetropolitan area	190	0.64	0.97	\$42.01	\$87,380

Nonmetropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Central South Dakota nonmetropolitan area	70	2.22	3.34	\$43.43	\$90,340
Western South Dakota nonmetropolitan area	60	1.90	2.86	\$43.18	\$89,810
Southwest Maine nonmetropolitan area	350	1.86	2.79	\$52.50	\$109,200
Eastern Montana nonmetropolitan area	60	1.65	2.48	\$48.54	\$100,960
Northeast Maine nonmetropolitan area	110	1.61	2.42	\$48.20	\$100,250

Top paying nonmetropolitan areas for this occupation:

Nonmetropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Eastern Utah nonmetropolitan area	40	0.81	1.22	\$68.93	\$143,380
Sussex County, Delaware nonmetropolitan area	40	0.57	0.86	\$60.51	\$125,870
Eastern Texas nonmetropolitan area	70	0.24	0.37	\$54.93	\$114,260
Northwestern Washington nonmetropolitan area	30	0.72	1.08	\$54.91	\$114,200
Southern Oregon & Linn County nonmetropolitan area	30	0.32	0.49	\$54.57	\$113,500

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These estimates are calculated with data collected from employers in all industry sectors, all metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and all states and the District of Columbia. The top employment and wage figures are provided above. The complete list is available in the [downloadable XLS files](#).

The percentile wage estimate is the value of a wage below which a certain percent of workers fall. The median wage is the 50th percentile wage estimate--50 percent of workers earn less than the median and 50 percent of workers earn more than the median. [More about percentile wages](#).

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of the reliability of a survey statistic. The smaller the relative standard error, the more precise the estimate.

(8) Estimate not released.

(9) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

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