Physician Assistants 2020 Census Statistical Report

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Introduction

Since the health of Vermonters depends, in part, on access to health care, we need to identify and address problems related to the supply of health care providers, including their distribution by geography and specialty. In this report we present detailed profiles of physician assistants practicing in Vermont as of the beginning of the year 2020; these data, along with data on other health care providers, can be used as the basis for policy analysis, shortage area designations, and recruitment and retention activities.

<u>Data Collection</u>: This report includes physician assistants (PAs) who renewed their license as of the end of January 2020 and who provided patient care in Vermont at the time. A link to the online Workforce Census form was included in the online relicensing process conducted by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice in the November 2019 through January 2020 period. The questions asked are included in this report as Appendix C. PAs who did not complete the census were contacted later by the Board. All potentially active PAs relicensed at the time returned census data, thus the response rate was 100%.

Anesthesiology assistants (AAs) and radiology assistants (RAs) are included in this report along with the PAs. Altogether, 383 renewed their license. Some PAs maintain Vermont licenses even though they do not practice in Vermont. Those PAs are excluded from this report, which describes the 356 who were active in Vermont.

Results from the previous censuses (since 1998) are also available. Similar data are collected from other health professionals, including physicians, dentists and others. Results from all of these censuses are available on the Department of Health web site, at http://healthvermont.gov/health-statistics-vital-records/health-care-systems-reporting/health-care-workforce.

<u>Limitations</u>: The surveys were reviewed for accuracy and consistency. Missing and/or inconsistent data items were evaluated as to their importance. Missing data items that were determined to be essential were inferred from other data sources. In general, however, the information for this report was self-reported and was not further verified. Data in this report are, therefore, subject to the limitations associated with the use of self-reported surveys. The possibility of misinterpretation of survey items is always present, and it is possible that a small number of inconsistencies have arisen from such occurrences.

Detailed notes and definitions are included in the Appendices. Please contact us if you have any questions about the census or the report. Call or write the Department of Health, Public Health Statistics, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402, tel. (802) 863-7300, or email AHS.VDHPhysicianCensus@vermont.gov.

Summary

- This report includes data reported by 356 physician assistants providing patient care in Vermont as of January, 2020. This includes anesthesiologist and radiologist assistants.
- 114 (32%) of the physician assistants work mainly in primary care including:
 - 91 Family Practice Medicine
 - 17 Primary Care Internal Medicine
 - 2 Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - 4 Pediatric Primary Care
- 242 (68%) of the physician assistants provide mainly specialty care including:
 - 55 Emergency Medicine
 - 61 Surgery (42 orthopedic, 3 general, 16 other)
 - 31 Urgent Care
 - 20 Anesthesiology
 - 15 Dermatology
 - 14 Internal Medicine Specialties
- Of the PAs in primary care, 13% are age 60 or older, compared to 10% of those in specialty care.
- Of the 356 physician assistants, 221, or 62%, are women.
- 36% of the women practice primary care, while 26% of the men practice primary care.
- The 356 physician assistants represent the equivalent of 297.3 full-time providers (FTEs, defined as 40 or more hours of patient care per week). This includes 93.3 FTEs in primary care and 204.0 FTEs in specialty care.
- 24% of the primary care, and 46% of the specialty care, FTEs are in Chittenden County.
- 48% of all physician assistants work full-time (40 hours of patient care per week or more) 32% of primary care providers and 56% of specialty care providers work full time.
- Between 2018 and 2020, the number of physician assistants in primary care increased from 111 to 114, and the number in specialty care decreased from 244 to 242.
- Between 2010 and 2020, the number of physician assistants in primary care increased from 83 to 114, and the number in specialty care increased from 119 to 242.

Comparison of Selected Physician Assistant Data, 2006-2020

| | 2006 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total physician assistants active in VT | 163 | 202 | 240 | 264 | 308 | 355 | 356 |
| Percent female | 57% | 60% | 57% | 61% | 61% | 63% | 62% |
| Percent age 55 or older | 20% | 23% | 23% | 25% | 25% | 22% | 20% |
| Average patient care hours per week | 35 | 36 | 35 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 35 |
| Primary care PAs | 83 | 83 | 98 | 103 | 106 | 111 | 114 |
| Family Practice | 62 | 60 | 77 | 76 | 83 | 87 | 91 |
| Internal Medicine | 11 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 17 |
| Ob/Gyn | 8 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Pediatric Primary Care | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| % accepting new patients * | 93% | 82% | 88% | 83% | 93% | 87% | 92% |
| % accepting new Medicaid patients * | 82% | 73% | 78% | 80% | 88% | 84% | 88% |
| % accepting new Medicare patients * | 81% | 73% | 82% | 77% | 88% | 87% | 85% |
| Specialty care PAs ** | 80 | 119 | 142 | 161 | 202 | 244 | 242 |
| Anesthesiology ** | | | 12 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 20 |
| Emergency Medicine | 30 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 58 | 66 | 55 |
| Hospitalist ** | | | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Internal Medicine | 4 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 14 |
| Orthopedic Surgery | 19 | 25 | 33 | 43 | 43 | 47 | 42 |
| Urgent Care ** | | | 1 | 3 | 20 | 28 | 31 |
| Primary care PA FTEs | 62.6 | 67.0 | 76.6 | 80.0 | 82.5 | 87.1 | 93.3 |
| Family Practice | 48.2 | 49.3 | 62.5 | 59.7 | 63.4 | 67.1 | 74.2 |
| Internal Medicine | 7.9 | 9.4 | 8.6 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 14.0 |
| Ob/Gyn | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Pediatric Primary Care | 2.1 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 3.8 |
| FTEs/100,000 population | 10.0 | 10.8 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 14.0 | 15.0 |
| Specialty care PA FTEs ** | 70.2 | 105.7 | 123.3 | 139.2 | 171.9 | 204.7 | 204.0 |
| Anesthesiology ** | | | 11.3 | 9.6 | 12.7 | 13.6 | 17.4 |
| Emergency Medicine | 24.8 | 32.4 | 34.2 | 34.4 | 43.1 | 50.3 | 42.8 |
| Hospitalist ** | | | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| Internal Medicine | 3.1 | 9.6 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 8.7 | 11.1 |
| Orthopedic Surgery | 17.8 | 23.5 | 31.6 | 39.0 | 39.3 | 44.6 | 39.6 |
| Urgent Care ** | | | 0.5 | 2.7 | 15.4 | 26.2 | 25.1 |

^{*} See Note 6 in Appendix B on tabulation of availability of care.

^{**} Anesthesiologist assistants weren't a separate license type in 2002, and have been added into the PA report since 2012. Hospitalists and Urgent Care were not listed as specialties until 2012.

Vermont Physician Assistants' Demographic Characteristics

Table 1 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Summary of Active Physician Assistants

| TOTAL | 356 | (: | 100%) |
|--|---|-------|---|
| Main specialty: | | | |
| Primary Care Total | 114 | (| 32%) |
| Family Practice Primary Care Internal Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology Pediatric Primary Care | 91 17 2 4 | | 26%) 5%) 1%) 1%) |
| Specialty Care Total | 242 | (| 68%) |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Specialties Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 28 | | 4%) 15%) 2%) 4%) 1%) |
| Age groups: | | | |
| Younger than 30 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 54 55 - 59 60 - 64 65 and older | 31 124 82 46 34 23 16 | (((| 9%) 35%) 23%) 13%) 10%) 6%) 4%) |
| Gender: | | | |
| Male Female | 134 221 | • | 38%) 62%) |
| Ethnicity and Race: | | | |
| Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish origin | 3 | (| 1%) |
| White Native American Black Asian Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Other Prefer not to answer | 337 3 1 6 0 2 8 | | 0%) 2%) 0%) 1%) |
| Patient care hours: | | | |
| 40 or more hours/week 30 to 39 hours/week Less than 30 hours/week | 172 114 70 | | 48%) 32%) 20%) |
| Number of practice sites: | | | |
| One Two Three | 291 57 8 | | : |

Table 2 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Age by Specialty and by Gender

| | Total | Number | in Age | Group | Age 60+ |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|
| | | <40 | 40-59 | 60+ | (%) |
| GRAND TOTAL | 356 | 155 | 162 | 39 | 11% |
| MALES FEMALES | 134 221 | 45 109 | 69 93 | 20 19 | 15% 9% |
| PRIMARY CARE | 114 | 46 | 53 | 15 | 13% |
| MALES FEMALES | 35 79 | 12 34 | 17 36 | 6 9 | 17% 11% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 91 17 2 4 | 40 4 | 38 11 2 2 | 13 2 | 14% 12% |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 242 | 109 | 109 | 24 | 10% |
| MALES FEMALES | 99 142 | 33 75 | 52 57 | 14 10 | 14% 7% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 | 10 4 27 4 6 2 20 5 1 | 7 9 24 3 6 4 1 16 10 1 | 3 2 4 2 1 6 1 | 15% 13% 7% 14% 20% 14% 6% |
| Other Specialties | 28 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 11% |

The 'Total' column includes one PA with 'other' gender. See Note 1 for description of the calculation of age.

Table 3 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Specialty by Gender

| Specialty | Total | Male | Female | Percent Female |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| TOTAL | 356 | 134 | 221 | 62% |
| PRIMARY CARE | 114 | 35 | 79 | 69% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 91 17 2 4 | 29 6 | 62 11 2 4 | 68% 65% 100% 100% |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 242 | 99 | 142 | 59% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 28 | 11 4 31 3 4 1 2 1 17 8 | 9 11 24 4 9 4 2 2 25 8 2 22 20 | 45% 73% 44% 57% 69% 80% 50% 67% 60% 50% 100% 71% |

The 'Total' column includes one PA with 'other' gender.

Table 4 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Age by County

| County | Total | Numbe: | r in Age (| Group | Age 60+ |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL Total Primary Care Specialists | 356 114 242 | <40 155 46 109 | 40-59 162 53 109 | 60+ 39 15 24 | (%) 11% 13% 10% |
| Addison County Primary Care Specialists | 3 8 | 1 2 | 2 6 | | : |
| Bennington County Primary Care Specialists | 7 12 | 4 6 | 2 5 | 1 1 | 14% 8% |
| Caledonia County Primary Care Specialists | 1 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Chittenden County Primary Care Specialists | 28 109 | 11 45 | 15 52 | 2 12 | 7% 11% |
| Essex County Primary Care Specialists | 3 | 2 | 1 . | | · · |
| Franklin County Primary Care Specialists | 9 13 | 7 9 | 2 3 | 1 | 8% |
| Grand Isle County Primary Care Specialists | 1 0 | | | 1 | 100% |
| Lamoille County Primary Care Specialists | 1 6 | 5 | 1 1 | | : |
| Orange County Primary Care Specialists | 3 6 | 3 . | 5 | 1 | 17% |
| Orleans County Primary Care Specialists | 4 3 | 1 2 | 3 1 | | |
| Rutland County Primary Care Specialists | 17 22 | 5 9 | 9 11 | 3 2 | 18% 9% |
| Washington County Primary Care Specialists | 11 16 | 3 11 | 5 4 | 3 1 | 27% 6% |
| Windham County Primary Care Specialists | 10 13 | 3 | 5 7 | 2 3 | 20% 23% |
| Windsor County Primary Care Specialists | 16 25 | 6 10 | 8 12 | 2 3 | 13% 12% |

Each PA is counted once in this table - see Note 2. See Note 1 for description of the calculation of age.

Table 5 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Education and Training

| | PRIMARY CARE | SPECIALTY CARE |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| TOTAL | 114 | 242 |
| Region where trained: | | |
| New Hampshire Rest of New England Other Northeast South Central West | 21% 28% 32% 9% 5% 5% | 13% 27% 29% 19% 9% 3% |
| Degree awarded: | | |
| Certificate Associate Degree Bachelor Master | 12% 3% 13% 72% | 7% 2% 10% 82% |
| Certified by the NCCPA: | 97% | 90% |
| Completed post-graduate training | g: 13% | 26% |
| Completed specialty certification | on: 4% | 10% |

This table uses the standard mapping of states to regions, but separates out VT and NH (Note 8).

Table 6 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Years in Clinical Practice

| | PRIMARY CARE | | SPECIA | SPECIALTY CARE | | |
|--|---|--|---|----------------------|--|--|
| In Clinical Practice | Anywhere | In Vermont | Anywhere | In Vermont | | |
| less than a year 1 to 2 years 3 to 4 years 5 to 9 years 10 to 14 years 15 to 19 years 20 to 24 years 25 to 29 years 30 years or more | 6 (5%) 7 (6%) 11 (10%) 27 (24%) 14 (12%) 20 (18%) 12 (11%) 7 (6%) 10 (9%) | 8 (7%) 14 (12%) 14 (12%) 30 (26%) 15 (13%) 11 (10%) 9 (8%) 6 (5%) 7 (6%) | 2 (1%) 28 (12%) 24 (10%) 58 (24%) 45 (19%) 40 (17%) 14 (6%) 12 (5%) 19 (8%) | 59 (24%) 37 (15%) | | |
| unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | |
| Total | 114 | 114 | 242 | 242 | | |
| Median years: | 12 | 7 | 11 | 6 | | |

Vermont Physician Assistants' Distribution of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Table 7 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 FTE by Age and Gender by Specialty

| | Total | FTEs in Age Group | | | Age 60+ | |
|--|---|--|--|-------------------|---|--|
| | | <40 | 40-59 | 60+ | (%) | |
| TOTAL | 297.3 | 132.0 | 136.4 | 28.9 | 10% | |
| MALES FEMALES | 112.6 183.7 | 39.7 91.2 | 59.0 77.4 | 13.8 15.1 | 12% 8% | |
| PRIMARY CARE | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 93.3 | 37.4 | 45.1 | 10.8 | 12% | |
| MALES FEMALES | 29.7 63.6 | 9.7 27.7 | 15.7 29.4 | 4.3 6.5 | 15% 10% | |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 74.2 14.0 1.5 3.8 | 32.3 3.2 1.9 | 32.4 9.4 1.5 1.9 | 9.5 1.4 | 13% 10% 0% 0% | |
| SPECIALTY CARE | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 204.0 | 94.6 | 91.3 | 18.1 | 9% | |
| MALES FEMALES | 82.9 120.1 | 30.0 63.5 | 43.3 48.0 | 9.5 8.6 | 11% 7% | |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 17.4 12.8 42.8 5.8 11.2 3.6 3.6 3.0 39.6 12.7 2.0 25.1 24.5 | 9.1 3.2 22.4 3.3 5.7 2.0 19.1 4.0 1.0 17.0 7.9 | 6.0 7.8 19.3 2.6 4.0 3.0 3.6 1.0 15.2 7.7 1.0 7.1 | 2.2 1.8 1.1 | 13% 14% 3% 0% 13% 17% 0% 0% 14% 8% 0% 4% | |

See Note 1 for a description of the calculations of ages. The 'Total' column includes one PA with 'other' gender.

Table 8 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) by Age by County

| County | Total | FTE | s in Age Gr | oup | Age 60+ |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | | <40 | 40-59 | 60+ | (%) |
| STATEWIDE TOTAL Total Primary Care Specialists | 297.3 93.3 204.0 | 132.0 37.4 94.6 | 136.4 45.1 91.3 | 28.9 10.8 18.1 | 10% 12% 9% |
| Addison County Primary Care Specialists | 2.6 6.9 | 1.0 1.6 | 1.6 5.3 | | 0% 0% |
| Bennington County Primary Care Specialists | 6.0 11.2 | 3.4 5.7 | 1.6 5.1 | . 9 . 5 | 15% 4% |
| Caledonia County Primary Care Specialists | .3 5.1 | 5.0 | .1 | .3 | 100% 0% |
| Chittenden County Primary Care Specialists | 22.2 93.2 | 9.1 36.6 | 11.9 46.0 | 1.1 10.5 | 5% 11% |
| Essex County Primary Care Specialists | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.0 | | 0% |
| Franklin County Primary Care Specialists | 7.0 12.0 | 5.4 8.7 | 1.6 2.9 | . 5 | 0% 4% |
| Grand Isle County Primary Care Specialists | .7 | : | · · | . 7 | 100% |
| Lamoille County Primary Care Specialists | .8 5.5 | 4.8 | .8 | | 0% 0% |
| Orange County Primary Care Specialists | 2.2 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | . 9 | 0% 27% |
| Orleans County Primary Care Specialists | 4.0 2.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 1.0 | | 0% 0% |
| Rutland County Primary Care Specialists | 15.2 17.3 | 4.3 7.6 | 8.0 8.1 | 2.9 1.6 | 19% 9% |
| Washington County Primary Care Specialists | 8.7 17.2 | 2.3 11.3 | 3.7 4.9 | 2.6 1.0 | 30% 6% |
| Windham County Primary Care Specialists | 8.4 10.3 | 2.2 2.1 | 4.5 6.4 | 1.7 1.8 | 20% 17% |
| Windsor County Primary Care Specialists | 12.7 17.5 | 4.7 8.3 | 7.4 8.0 | .7 1.3 | 5% 7% |
| | | | | | |

See Note 1 for description of the calculation of age.

Table 9 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by County

| | Count FTEs Hours | TOTAL | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOT | ÄL | 356 297.3 12614 | 116 93.3 3835 | 250 204.0 8779 |
| Addison Count | У | 15 9.5 420 | 3 2.6 109 | 13 6.9 311 |
| Bennington Co | unty | 22 17.2 721 | 8 6.0 242 | 15 11.2 479 |
| Caledonia Cou | nty | 9 5.4 225 | 1 .3 11 | 8 5.1 214 |
| Chittenden Co | unty | 140 115.4 4935 | 28 22.2 910 | 112 93.2 4025 |
| Essex County | | 3 2.6 104 | 3 2.6 104 | : |
| Franklin Coun | ty | 24 19.0 786 | 9 7.0 282 | 15 12.0 504 |
| Grand Isle Co | unty | 1 .7 38 | 1 .7 38 | |
| Lamoille Coun | ty | 7 6.4 275 | 1 .8 33 | 6 5.5 242 |
| Orange County | | 9 5.6 223 | 3 2.2 89 | 7 3.4 134 |
| Orleans Count | У | 8 6.8 273 | 4 4.0 162 | 4 2.8 112 |
| Rutland Count | У | 41 32.6 1344 | 17 15.2 617 | 25 17.3 727 |
| Washington Co | unty | 37 25.9 1128 | 11 8.7 349 | 28 17.2 779 |
| Windham Count | У | 28 18.7 779 | 11 8.4 352 | 18 10.3 427 |
| Windsor Count | У | 48 30.2 1296 | 17 12.7 538 | 31 17.5 758 |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (Note 3). Two PAs, providing 1.4 FTEs, were missing county information and are only included in the statewide total row.

Table 10 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020

Numbers of Primary Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by County

| Count FTEs Hours | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | FAMILY | INTERNAL | OB/GYN | PEDIATRIC |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 116 93.3 3835 | 93 74.2 3049 | 17 14.0 558 | 2 1.5 58 | 5 3.8 170 |
| Addison County | 3 2.6 109 | 3 2.6 109 | · · | | · · |
| Bennington County | 8 6.0 242 | 5 3.4 141 | 1 .7 29 | | 1.8 72 |
| Caledonia County | 1 .3 11 | 1 .3 11 | · · | | · · |
| Chittenden County | 28 22.2 910 | 20 16.2 670 | 6 4.6 184 | 1 .5 18 | 1.0 38 |
| Essex County | 3 2.6 104 | 3 2.6 104 | · · | | |
| Franklin County | 9 7.0 282 | 7 5.2 210 | 1 .8 32 | $\begin{smallmatrix}1\\1.0\\40\end{smallmatrix}$ | · · |
| Grand Isle County | 1 .7 38 | 1 .7 38 | · · | | · · |
| Lamoille County | 1 .8 33 | 1 .8 33 | · · | | |
| Orange County | 3 2.2 89 | 3 2.2 89 | · · | | |
| Orleans County | 4 4.0 162 | 4 4.0 162 | · · | | |
| Rutland County | 17 15.2 617 | 17 15.2 617 | · · | · · | |
| Washington County | 11 8.7 349 | 11 8.7 349 | · · | | |
| Windham County | 11 8.4 352 | 8 6.1 250 | 2 1.8 72 | | 1 .5 30 |
| Windsor County | 17 12.7 538 | 9 6.2 267 | 7 6.0 241 | · · | 1 .5 30 |

In this table providers may be counted more than once (Note 3).

Table 11 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Specialty Care PAs, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by County

| Count FTEs Hours | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL | ANESTH- ESIOL. | DERMAT- OLOGY | EMERG- ENCY | URGENT CARE | ORTHOP. | OTHER SURGERY | ALL OTHER |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 250 204.0 8779 | 20 17.4 897 | 15 12.8 588 | 65 42.8 1804 | 43 25.1 1035 | 43 39.6 1697 | 21 15.7 663 | 68 50.7 2095 |
| Addison County | 13 6.9 311 | | 2 <.05 0 | 5 2.8 117 | 3 .6 24 | 3 2.5 128 | | 3 1.0 42 |
| Bennington County | 15 11.2 479 | 5 4.2 176 | | 2 1.9 76 | 2 1.1 42 | 3 3.0 141 | | 3 1.1 44 |
| Caledonia County | 8 5.1 214 | | | 3 1.8 73 | | 2 1.9 75 | 2 1.1 55 | 2 .3 11 |
| Chittenden County | 112 93.2 4025 | 13 9.4 482 | 14 12.6 580 | 19 12.1 498 | 5 2.8 115 | 15 13.9 582 | 12 10.3 436 | 38 32.1 1331 |
| Essex County | · · | · · | · · | · · | · · | · · | | · · |
| Franklin County | 15 12.0 504 | · · | · · | 3 2.0 89 | 9 6.0 248 | 3 2.3 90 | | 2 1.9 77 |
| Grand Isle County | · · | · · | · · | | · · | · · | | |
| Lamoille County | 6 5.5 242 | · · | · · | 1 1.0 39 | · · | 5 4.6 203 | | |
| Orange County | 7 3.4 134 | | | 1 .7 27 | · · | 1 .9 36 | 3 1.2 49 | 2 .6 22 |
| Orleans County | 4 2.8 112 | | | | | 1 1.0 40 | | 3 1.8 72 |
| Rutland County | 25 17.3 727 | 1 .2 16 | · · | 6 3.0 120 | 4 2.2 91 | 3 3.0 132 | 2 2.0 80 | 11 7.0 289 |
| Washington County | 28 17.2 779 | 6 2.7 179 | | 4 4.0 172 | 11 6.2 253 | 5 2.9 120 | | 2 1.4 55 |
| Windham County | 18 10.3 427 | | | 8 5.0 212 | 7 2.3 93 | 1.8 70 | | 2 1.3 52 |
| Windsor County | 31 17.5 758 | · · | .2 8 | 20 8.4 381 | 7 4.0 169 | 2 2.0 81 | 2 1.1 43 | 3 1.8 76 |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (see Note 3). 'Urgent Care' here includes Family Medicine in walk-in settings.

^{&#}x27;Other Surgery' here includes General Surgery.

Two PAs, providing 1.4 FTEs, were missing county information and are only included in the statewide total row.

Table 12 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020
Primary Care Provider FTE to Population Ratios
by County

| County | FTEs | Population | FTEs per 100,000 | Population per FTE |
|--|------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 93.3 | 642,495 | 14.5 | 6,883 |
| Addison County Bennington County Caledonia County Chittenden County Essex County Franklin County Grand Isle County Lamoille County Orange County Orleans County Rutland County | 2.6 | 37,292 | 6.9 | 14,440 |
| | 6.0 | 37,271 | 16.0 | 6,246 |
| | .3 | 30,184 | .9 | 111,449 |
| | 22.2 | 168,289 | 13.2 | 7,579 |
| | 2.6 | 5,910 | 44.0 | 2,273 |
| | 7.0 | 49,996 | 13.9 | 7,169 |
| | .7 | 7,278 | 9.8 | 10,153 |
| | .8 | 25,914 | 3.2 | 31,731 |
| | 2.2 | 29,259 | 7.6 | 13,150 |
| | 4.0 | 27,355 | 14.6 | 6,839 |
| | 15.2 | 60,455 | 25.2 | 3,969 |
| Washington County | 8.7 | 59,748 | 14.6 | 6,862 |
| Windham County | 8.4 | 45,844 | 18.2 | 5,490 |
| Windsor County | 12.7 | 57,700 | 22.0 | 4,546 |

Only primary care PAs are included in this table. One FTE is 40 (or more) hours per week, 48 weeks per year or more. The FTEs are rounded to one digit for display only - the ratios were calculated using the unrounded values.

Population estimates are from the Census Bureau for July 2020. (see Note 4)

Vermont Physician Assistants' Practice Characteristics

Table 13 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Detailed Specialty List

Count of PAs Working in Specialty

| SPECIALTY GROUP Specialty | As Main Specialty | As Secondary Specialty | FTEs |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| TOTAL | 356 | | 297.3 |
| FAMILY PRACTICE Adolescent Medicine (FP) Family Practice General Practice | 2 79 10 | 0 1 1 | 1.8 64.9 7.5 |
| INTERNAL MEDICINE (PRIMARY) | 17 | 0 | 14.0 |
| OB/GYN Gynecology Obstetrics & Gynecology | 1 1 | 0 0 | .5 1.0 |
| PEDIATRICS (PRIMARY) Adolescent Medicine (Pediatrics) Pediatrics (general) | 0 4 | 1 0 | .2 3.6 |
| ANESTHESIOLOGY Anesthesiology Pain Management Pain Medicine | 18 1 1 | 0 0 0 | 16.0 .9 .5 |
| DERMATOLOGY | 15 | 0 | 12.8 |
| EMERGENCY MEDICINE Emergency Medicine Underseas Medicine (EM) | 54 1 | 10 0 | 42.6 .1 |
| HOSPITALIST | 7 | 2 | 5.8 |
| INTERNAL MEDICINE (SPECIALTY) Cardiac Electrophysiology Cardiovascular Disease Critical Care Internal Medicine Hematology (Internal Medicine) Hematology-Oncology (IM) Infectious Disease Internal Medicine (subspecialty) Medical Oncology Pulmonary Disease | 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 3 2 | 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 | .1 2.0 2.5 1.1 .9 .1 .5 2.0 |
| PSYCHIATRY | 5 | 0 | 3.6 |
| RADIOLOGY Diagnostic Radiology Neuroradiology Vascular/Interventional Radiology | 1 1 2 | 0 0 0 | .9 .8 2.0 |

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Table 13 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Detailed Specialty List (continued)

Count of PAs Working in Specialty

| SPECIALTY GROUP Specialty | As Main Specialty | As Secondary Specialty | FTEs |
|---|--|---|---|
| SURGERY: GENERAL | 3 | 0 | 3.0 |
| SURGERY: ORTHOPEDIC Adult Reconstructive Orthopedics Hand Surgery (Orthopedic) Orthopedic Surgery Orthopedic Surgery Of The Spine Orthopedic Surgery: Sports Pediatric Orthopedics | 1 3 27 6 4 1 | 0 0 1 0 2 | 1.0 2.5 25.8 5.4 4.0 |
| SURGERY: OTHER Abdominal Surgery Cardiovascular Surgery General Vascular Surgery Neurological Surgery Surgical Critical Care Thoracic Surgery Unlisted Specialty | 2 3 2 4 1 2 2 | 1 0 1 0 0 0 | 2.1 1.8 1.6 2.2 1.0 2.0 2.0 |
| UROLOGY | 2 | 1 | 2.0 |
| URGENT CARE FM in urgent care setting GP in urgent care setting Urgent Care | 3 1 27 | 1 3 8 | 2.2 1.1 21.8 |
| OTHER SPECIALTIES Addiction Medicine FM in hospital or ED setting General Practice (in hospital) Gynecologic Oncology Neonatal-perinatal Medicine Occupational Medicine Otolaryngology Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Plastic Surgery Sleep Medicine (psych/neuro) Urogynecology Unlisted Specialty | 4 0 2 2 2 3 5 1 1 2 1 5 | 1 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 | 3.8 .6 2.0 1.9 2.0 2.6 3.7 1.0 2.0 1.0 .5 |

Table 14 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 FTEs by (Grouped) Practice Setting by Specialty

Specialty Group

FTEs in Practice Setting

| | Office | Urgent Care | E.D. | Hospital Inpatient | Hospital Outpatient | Health Clinic | All Others |
|--|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|
| TOTAL | 76.3 | 22.3 | 38.8 | 20.2 | 81.2 | 48.8 | 9.7 |
| PRIMARY CARE | 35.7 | | • | • | 11.3 | 42.7 | 3.6 |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 28.5 4.9 .5 1.9 | | | | 4.4 5.0 1.0 | 37.7 4.1 1.0 | 3.6 |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 40.6 | 22.3 | 38.8 | 20.2 | 69.8 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care | 2.1 9.8 .2 2.3 .6 16.5 1.6 1.0 2.1 | 2.1 | 37.7 .2 .5 | 5.4 3.4 2.0 2.9 3.0 | 14.2 3.0 2.2 .2 4.3 3.6 3.0 20.2 7.9 1.0 | 2 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Other Specialties | 4.4 | .9 | | 3.5 | 9.3 | 2.7 | 3.9 |

All worksites of each PA are counted in this table.
'Outpatient' here includes the Inpatient/Outpatient combined setting.
The 'Urgent Care' column refers to the setting, while the 'Urgent Care' line refers to the specialty group - see Appendix A.

Table 15 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 FTEs by Detailed Practice Settings

| Practice Setting | ctice Setting Primary Care | | Specia | Specialty Care | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|--|
| | FTEs | Percent | FTEs | Percent | | |
| Total | 93.3 | 100% | 204.0 | 100% | | |
| Solo Practice Single-Specialty Group Multi-Specialty Group Hospital Inpatient Dept Hospital Emergency Dept Hospital Outpatient Dept Hospital In/Outpatient | 3.6 24.6 7.6 8.8 2.6 | 4% 26% 8% | 7.3 26.0 7.2 20.2 38.8 22.7 47.1 | 4% 13% 4% 10% 19% 11% 23% | | |
| Urgent Care / Walk-in Health Clinic/Center Mental Health Center Substance Abuse Center School/College Other | 42.0 .7 | 45% 1% 4% | 22.3 3.4 2.7 .6 5.6 | 11% 2% 1% 0% 3% | | |

Table 16 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020

Practice Setting by Age

| Practice Setting | Total | | Number in Age Group | | Group |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | | under 40 | 40-59 | 60 and older |
| TOTAL, all settings | 356 | (100%) | 155 | 162 | 39 |
| Solo Practice Single-Specialty Group Multi-Specialty Group Hospital Inpatient Dept Hospital Emergency Dept Hospital Outpatient Dept Hospital In/Outpatient Urgent Care / Walk-in Health Clinic/Center Mental Health Center Substance Abuse Center School/College Other | 14 57 18 24 47 39 54 29 56 1 37 | (4%) (16%) (5%) (7%) (13%) (11%) (15%) (8%) (16%) (0%) (1%) (2%) (1% | 1 28 10 9 25 14 24 15 26 | 9 26 6 13 21 21 25 11 20 1 3 3 | 4 3 2 2 1 4 5 3 10 |

Each PA is counted once in this table, in their main practice setting. See Note 1 for a description of the calculation of age.

Table 17 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Practice Setting by Gender

| Practice Setting | Total | Ma | ales | Females |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|--------|------------|
| TOTAL, all settings | 356 | 134 | (100%) | 221 (100%) |
| Solo Practice | 14 | 3 | (2%) | 11 (5%) |
| Single-Specialty Group | 57 | 17 | (13%) | 40 (18%) |
| Multi-Specialty Group | 18 | 9 | (7%) | 9 (4%) |
| Hospital Inpatient Dept | 24 | 8 | (6%) | 16 (7%) |
| Hospital Emergency Dept | 47 | 26 | (19%) | 21 (10%) |
| Hospital Outpatient Dept | 39 | 16 | (12%) | 23 (10%) |
| Hospital In/Outpatient | 54 | 23 | (17%) | 30 (14%) |
| Urgent Care / Walk-in | 29 | 8 | (6%) | 21 (10%) |
| Health Clinic/Center | 56 | 18 | (13%) | 38 (17%) |
| Mental Health Center | 1 | 0 | (0%) | 1 (0%) |
| Substance Abuse Center | 3 | 1 | (1%) | 2 (1%) |
| School/College | 7 | 1 | (1%) | 6 (3%) |
| Other | 5 | 3 | (2%) | 2 (1%) |

Each PA is counted once in this table, in their main practice setting. The 'Total' column includes one PA with 'other' gender. Percentages are based on column totals.

Table 18 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Average Patient Care Hours per Week, by Specialty and Age

| Main Specialty | Total PAs | Aver H | | % Working Full Time | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | All Ages | Age < 40 | Age 40-59 | Age 60+ | (%) |
| ALL SPECIALTIES | 356 | 35 | 36 | 36 | 31 | 48% |
| PRIMARY CARE | 114 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 30 | 32% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn | 91 17 2 | 34 33 | 33 32 | 36 34 | 30 | 33% 29% |
| Pediatrics | 4 | 41 | • | • | • | 25% |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 242 | 36 | 38 | 36 | 31 | 56% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 | 47 39 33 31 32 29 39 43 41 33 | 52 35 35 31 36 42 31 | 40 42 34 31 27 30 39 41 33 | 46 12 | 70% 60% 40% 71% 50% 40% 75% 100% 69% |
| Urgent Care Other Specialties | 31 28 | 32 35 | 36 32 | 28 37 | 35 | 52% 46% |

Averages based on less than 3 people are suppressed. 'Full Time' is 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week in Vermont, 48 weeks per year (see Note 9). See Note 1 for description of the calculation of age.

Table 19 - VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Practice Availability by Specialty

| Specialty | PAs | Accept New Patients | Participate in Medicaid | Accept New Medicaid Patients | Participate in Medicare | Accept New Medicare Patients |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | (왕) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (왕) |
| TOTAL | 227 | 95% | 94% | 88% | 96% | 87% |
| PRIMARY CARE | 107 | 92% | 96% | 88% | 96% | 85% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 84 17 2 4 | 93% 88% 100% 100% | 99% 88% 50% 100% | 90% 82% 50% 100% | 97% 88% 100% n.a. | 87% 76% 50% n.a. |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 120 | 98% | 92% | 87% | 96% | 89% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Internal Medicine Psychiatry Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Other Specialties | 20 15 10 2 3 40 11 2 | 89% 92% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% | 92% 58% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 86% | 83% 58% 100% 100% 100% 70% 50% 86% | 92% 100% 100% 0% 100% 100% 100% 86% | 83% 92% 100% 0% 100% 97% 70% 50% 86% |

Only office settings are included (Note 7). Emergency Medicine and Urgent Care are excluded from this table. Medicare does not cover pediatric care.

PAs were asked if they accept new patients and if they participate in Medicaid and Medicare for each site where they practice. In this table each PA is counted once, in his or her main specialty. Only sites where the PA works in his or her main specialty are included. A PA is counted as accepting new patients if they accept new patients at any site, and as participating in Medicaid or Medicare if they participate at any site. See Note 6 regarding tabulation of availability.

Table 20 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Practice Availability by Specialty

| Specialty | FTEs | Accept New Patients | Participate in Medicaid | Accept New Medicaid Patients | Participate in Medicare | Accept New Medicare Patients |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| | | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| TOTAL | 191.3 | 96% | 95% | 89% | 97% | 89% |
| PRIMARY CARE | 89.0 | 92% | 96% | 90% | 96% | 86% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 69.9 14.0 1.5 3.8 | 93% 88% 100% 96% | 998 868 698 968 | 91% 80% 69% 96% | 98% 86% 100% n.a. | 89% 75% 69% n.a. |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 102.3 | 100% | 93% | 89% | 97% | 91% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Internal Medicine Psychiatry Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Other Specialties | 16.3 12.8 6.8 1.6 3.0 36.7 9.5 2.0 | 97% 98% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% | 98% 61% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 85% | 87% 61% 100% 100% 100% 78% 49% 85% | 98% 100% 100% 0% 100% 100% 100% 85% | 87% 98% 100% 0% 100% 97% 78% 49% |

Only office settings are included (Note 7).

Emergency Medicine and Urgent Care are excluded from this table.

Each site a PA practices in is counted, weighed by FTEs.

Denominators for percentages do not include unknowns.

Medicare does not cover pediatric care.

See Note 6 regarding tabulation of availability.

Table 21 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Plan to Retire, Leave, or Reduce Hours Within 12 months

| Specialty | Total PAs | Plan to Retire or Leave VT | Plan to Reduce Hours |
|--|---|--|--|
| TOTAL | 356 | 5 | 15 |
| PRIMARY CARE | 114 | 2 | 6 |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 91 17 2 4 | 2 0 0 0 | 5 1 0 0 |
| SPECIALTY CARE | 242 | 3 | 9 |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 28 | 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 |

PAs were asked if they plan to retire, or leave their Vermont practice, within the next 12 months, and, separately, whether they plan to reduce their patient care hours in Vermont within the next 12 months. No PAs answered 'yes' to both questions.

Vermont Physician Assistants by Health Related Geographical Regions

Table 22 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of PAs, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Hospital Service Area

| | Count FTEs Hours | TOTAL | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTA | L | 356 297.3 12614 | 116 93.3 3835 | 250 204.0 8779 |
| Barre | | 37 25.9 1128 | 11 8.7 349 | 28 17.2 779 |
| Bennington | | 24 17.3 725 | 8 6.0 242 | 18 11.3 483 |
| Brattleboro | | 22 15.3 636 | 8 6.3 258 | 15 9.1 378 |
| Burlington | | 141 116.2 4967 | 29 23.0 942 | 112 93.2 4025 |
| Middlebury | | 15 9.5 420 | 3 2.6 109 | 13 6.9 311 |
| Morrisville | | 7 6.4 275 | 1 .8 33 | 6 5.5 242 |
| Newport | | 8 7.6 305 | 5 4.8 194 | 4 2.8 112 |
| Randolph | | 10 6.5 258 | 4 3.1 124 | 7 3.4 134 |
| Rutland | | 41 32.6 1344 | 17 15.2 617 | 25 17.3 727 |
| Springfield | | 28 17.1 747 | 7 5.1 223 | 21 12.0 525 |
| St. Albans | | 23 18.9 791 | 9 6.9 288 | 15 12.0 504 |
| St. Johnsbury | | 11 7.2 297 | 3 2.1 83 | 8 5.1 214 |
| White River Jo | t | 26 15.5 653 | 11 8.9 374 | 15 6.6 279 |

Table 23 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Primary Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Hospital Service Area

| | Count FTEs Hours | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | FAMILY | INTERNAL | OB/GYN | PEDIATRIC |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| STATEWID | E TOTAL | 116 93.3 3835 | 93 74.2 3049 | 17 14.0 558 | 2 1.5 58 | 5 3.8 170 |
| Barre | | 11 8.7 349 | 11 8.7 349 | · · | | · · |
| Benningt | on | 8 6.0 242 | 5 3.4 141 | 1 .7 29 | | 1.8 72 |
| Brattleb | oro | 8 6.3 258 | 6 4.5 186 | 2 1.8 72 | | |
| Burlingt | on | 29 23.0 942 | 21 17.0 702 | 6 4.6 184 | 1 .5 18 | 2 1.0 38 |
| Middlebu | ry | 3 2.6 109 | 3 2.6 109 | • | | · · |
| Morrisvi | lle | 1 .8 33 | 1 .8 33 | • | | · · |
| Newport | | 5 4.8 194 | 5 4.8 194 | · · | | : : |
| Randolph | | 4 3.1 124 | 3 2.2 89 | 1 .9 35 | | · · |
| Rutland | | 17 15.2 617 | 17 15.2 617 | · · | | : : |
| Springfi | eld | 7 5.1 223 | 5 3.4 138 | 1 .6 25 | | 1 1.0 60 |
| St. Alba | ns | 9 6.9 288 | 7 5.1 216 | .8 | 1 1.0 40 | · · |
| St. John | sbury | 3 2.1 83 | 3 2.1 83 | · · | | : : |
| White Ri | ver Jct | 11 8.9 374 | 6 4.3 193 | 5 4.5 181 | | : : |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (Note 3).

Table 24 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Specialty Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Hospital Service Area

| Count FTEs Hours | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL | ANESTH- ESIOL. | DERMAT- OLOGY | EMERGENCY MEDICINE | URGENT CARE | | OTHER SURGERY | ALL OTHER |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 250 204.0 8779 | 20 17.4 897 | 15 12.8 588 | 65 42.8 1804 | 43 25.1 1035 | 43 39.6 1697 | 21 15.7 663 | 68 50.7 2095 |
| Barre | 28 17.2 779 | 6 2.7 179 | | 4 4.0 172 | 11 6.2 253 | 5 2.9 120 | | 1.4 55 |
| Bennington | 18 11.3 483 | 5 4.2 176 | | 2 1.9 76 | 5 1.2 46 | 3 3.0 141 | | 3 1.1 44 |
| Brattleboro | 15 9.1 378 | · · | | 8 5.0 212 | 3 1.0 44 | 1.8 70 | : | 1.3 52 |
| Burlington | 112 93.2 4025 | 13 9.4 482 | 14 12.6 580 | 19 12.1 498 | 5 2.8 115 | 15 13.9 582 | 12 10.3 436 | 38 32.1 1331 |
| Middlebury | 13 6.9 311 | • | 2 <.05 0 | 5 2.8 117 | 3 .6 24 | 3 2.5 128 | • | 3 1.0 42 |
| Morrisville | 6 5.5 242 | • | · · | 1 1.0 39 | · · | 5 4.6 203 | • | • |
| Newport | 4 2.8 112 | | · · | | · · | 1 1.0 40 | • | 3 1.8 72 |
| Randolph | 7 3.4 134 | • | · · | 1 .7 27 | · · | 1 .9 36 | 3 1.2 49 | 2 .6 22 |
| Rutland | 25 17.3 727 | 1 .2 16 | · · | 6 3.0 120 | 4 2.2 91 | 3 3.0 132 | 2 2.0 80 | 11 7.0 289 |
| Springfield | 21 12.0 525 | • | · · | 9 3.0 151 | 9 5.2 214 | 2 2.0 81 | .1 .1 3 | 3 1.8 76 |
| St. Albans | 15 12.0 504 | • | · · | 3 2.0 89 | 9 6.0 248 | 3 2.3 90 | • | 2 1.9 77 |
| St. Johnsbury | 8 5.1 214 | · · | | 3 1.8 73 | | 2 1.9 75 | 2 1.1 55 | 2 .3 11 |
| White River Jct | 15 6.6 279 | | .2 8 | 13 5.4 231 | · · | : | 1 1.0 40 | |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (see Note 3). 'Urgent Care' here includes Family Medicine in walk-in settings. 'Other Surgery' here includes General Surgery.

Table 25 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020
Primary Care Provider FTE to Population Ratios
by Hospital Service Area

| Hospital Service Area | FTEs | Population | FTEs per 100,000 | Population per FTE |
|--------------------------|------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 93.3 | 642,495 | 14.5 | 6,883 |
| Barre | 8.7 | 67,845 | 12.8 | 7,792 |
| Bennington | 6.0 | 40,831 | 14.6 | 6,842 |
| Brattleboro | 6.3 | 33,760 | 18.5 | 5,402 |
| Burlington | 23.0 | 188,377 | 12.2 | 8,188 |
| Middlebury | 2.6 | 28,992 | 8.9 | 11,226 |
| Morrisville | .8 | 27,358 | 3.0 | 33,500 |
| Newport | 4.8 | 27,843 | 17.2 | 5,801 |
| Randolph | 3.1 | 14,342 | 21.6 | 4,626 |
| Rutland | 15.2 | 61,121 | 24.9 | 4,013 |
| Springfield | 5.1 | 28,399 | 17.8 | 5,605 |
| St. Albans | 6.9 | 46,173 | 14.9 | 6,701 |
| St. Johnsbury | 2.1 | 27,505 | 7.5 | 13,282 |
| White River Jct | 8.9 | 49,949 | 17.7 | 5,644 |
| WILLUC KIVCI OCC | 0.7 | 10,010 | ± / • / | 5,011 |

Only primary care PAs are included in this table.

One FTE is 40 (or more) hours per week, 48 weeks per year or more. The FTEs are rounded to one digit for display only - the ratios were calculated using the unrounded values.

Population estimates are from the Census Bureau for July 2020. (see Note 4)

Table 26 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of PAs, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Local Health District

| | Count FTEs Hours | TOTAL | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| STATEWIDE TOT | AL | 356 297.3 12614 | 116 93.3 3835 | 250 204.0 8779 |
| Barre | | 37 25.9 1128 | 11 8.7 349 | 28 17.2 779 |
| Bennington | | 22 17.2 721 | 8 6.0 242 | 15 11.2 479 |
| Brattleboro | | 24 15.4 640 | 8 6.3 258 | 17 9.2 382 |
| Burlington | | 140 115.4 4935 | 28 22.2 910 | 112 93.2 4025 |
| Middlebury | | 15 9.5 420 | 3 2.6 109 | 13 6.9 311 |
| Morrisville | | 7 6.4 275 | 1 .8 33 | 6 5.5 242 |
| Newport | | 8 7.6 305 | 5 4.8 194 | 4 2.8 112 |
| Rutland | | 41 32.6 1344 | 17 15.2 617 | 25 17.3 727 |
| Springfield | | 41 24.6 1080 | 10 7.9 357 | 31 16.7 723 |
| St. Albans | | 24 19.7 823 | 10 7.7 320 | 15 12.0 504 |
| St. Johnsbury | | 11 7.2 297 | 3 2.1 83 | 8 5.1 214 |
| Wht Rvr Jct | | 20 14.5 578 | 12 9.1 364 | 9 5.4 214 |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (Note 3).

Table 27 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Primary Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Local Health District

| | Count FTEs Hours | PRIMARY CARE TOTAL | FAMILY | INTERNAL | OB/GYN | PEDIATRIC |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| STATEWID | E TOTAL | 116 93.3 3835 | 93 74.2 3049 | 17 14.0 558 | 2 1.5 58 | 5 3.8 170 |
| Barre | | 11 8.7 349 | 11 8.7 349 | : | | : : |
| Benningt | on | 8 6.0 242 | 5 3.4 141 | 1 .7 29 | | 2 1.8 72 |
| Brattleb | oro | 8 6.3 258 | 6 4.5 186 | 2 1.8 72 | | : : |
| Burlingt | on | 28 22.2 910 | 20 16.2 670 | 6 4.6 184 | 1 .5 18 | 1.0 38 |
| Middlebu | ry | 3 2.6 109 | 3 2.6 109 | : | | : : |
| Morrisvi | lle | 1 .8 33 | 1 .8 33 | · · | | |
| Newport | | 5 4.8 194 | 5 4.8 194 | · · | | · · |
| Rutland | | 17 15.2 617 | 17 15.2 617 | · · | | · · |
| Springfi | eld | 10 7.9 357 | 7 5.4 238 | 2 1.5 59 | | 1 1.0 60 |
| St. Alba | ns | 10 7.7 320 | 8 5.9 248 | 1 .8 32 | $1\\1.0\\40$ | : : |
| St. John | sbury | 3 2.1 83 | 3 2.1 83 | | | : : |
| Wht Rvr | Jct | 12 9.1 364 | 7 4.6 182 | 5 4.6 182 | · · | |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (Note 3).

Table 28 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020 Numbers of Specialty Care Providers, Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), and Total Weekly Patient Care Hours, by Local Health District

| Cour FTF Hour | Es | SPECIALTY CARE TOTAL | ANESTH- ESIOL. | DERMAT- OLOGY | EMERGENCY MEDICINE | URGENT CARE | | OTHER SURGERY | ALL OTHER |
|---------------------|------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| STATEWIDE TO | OTAL | 250 204.0 8779 | 20 17.4 897 | 15 12.8 588 | 65 42.8 1804 | 43 25.1 1035 | 43 39.6 1697 | 21 15.7 663 | 68 50.7 2095 |
| Barre | | 28 17.2 779 | 6 2.7 179 | : | 4 4.0 172 | 11 6.2 253 | 5 2.9 120 | · · | 2 1.4 55 |
| Bennington | | 15 11.2 479 | 5 4.2 176 | : | 2 1.9 76 | 2 1.1 42 | 3 3.0 141 | | 3 1.1 44 |
| Brattleboro | | 17 9.2 382 | | · · | 8 5.0 212 | 6 1.1 48 | 1.8 70 | · · | 1.3 52 |
| Burlington | | 112 93.2 4025 | 13 9.4 482 | 14 12.6 580 | 19 12.1 498 | 5 2.8 115 | 15 13.9 582 | 12 10.3 436 | 38 32.1 1331 |
| Middlebury | | 13 6.9 311 | | <.0! 0 | 5 5 2.8 117 | 3 .6 24 | 3 2.5 128 | | 3 1.0 42 |
| Morrisville | | 6 5.5 242 | · · | · · | 1 1.0 39 | · · | 5 4.6 203 | • | |
| Newport | | 4 2.8 112 | | : | : : | | 1 1.0 40 | : | 3 1.8 72 |
| Rutland | | 25 17.3 727 | 1 .2 16 | · · | 6 3.0 120 | 4 2.2 91 | 3 3.0 132 | 2 2.0 80 | 11 7.0 289 |
| Springfield | | 31 16.7 723 | | .2 8 | 19 7.4 341 | 9 5.2 214 | 2 2.0 81 | .1 .1 3 | 3 1.8 76 |
| St. Albans | | 15 12.0 504 | | · · | 3 2.0 89 | 9 6.0 248 | 3 2.3 90 | · · | 2 1.9 77 |
| St. Johnsbur | ry | 8 5.1 214 | | : | 3 1.8 73 | | 2 1.9 75 | 2 1.1 55 | 2 .3 11 |
| Wht Rvr Jct | | 9 5.4 214 | | : | 2 1.7 67 | | 1 .9 36 | 4 2.2 89 | 2 .6 22 |

In this table PAs may be counted more than once (see Note 3). 'Urgent Care' here includes Family Medicine in walk-in settings. 'Other Surgery' here includes General Surgery.

Table 29 -- VT Physician Assistants, 2020
Primary Care Provider FTE to Population Ratios
by Local Health District

| District | FTEs | Population | FTEs per 100,000 | Population per FTE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATEWIDE TOTAL | 93.3 | 642,495 | 14.5 | 6,883 |
| Barre Bennington Brattleboro Burlington Middlebury Morrisville Newport Rutland Springfield St. Albans St. Johnsbury Wht Rvr Jct | 8.7 6.0 6.3 22.2 2.6 .8 4.8 15.2 7.9 7.7 2.1 9.1 | 66,888 37,271 37,950 168,260 37,144 32,080 27,843 60,632 33,986 57,274 33,844 49,323 | 13.0 16.0 16.5 13.2 7.0 2.5 17.2 25.1 23.3 13.4 6.1 18.4 | 7,682 6,246 6,072 7,577 14,382 39,282 5,801 3,981 4,293 7,447 16,343 5,420 |

Only primary care PAs are included in this table. One FTE is 40 (or more) hours per week, 48 weeks per year or more. The FTEs are rounded to one digit for display only - the ratios were calculated using the unrounded values.

Population estimates are from the Census Bureau for July 2020 (Note 4).

Vermont Physician Assistants Comparisons Between 2010, 2018 and 2020

Table 30 -- VT PAs, 2018 and 2020 Changes in Number of PAs, Patient Care Hours and Specialties, between 2018 and 2020

| | 2018 | 2020 | Change |
|--|---|---|---|
| TOTAL | 355 | 356 | +1 +0% |
| Age groups: | | | |
| Younger than 35 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 and older | 95 92 90 55 23 | 89 113 81 57 16 | -6 -6% +21 +23% -9 -10% +2 +4% -7 -30% |
| Gender: | | | |
| Male Female | 132 222 | 134 221 | +2 +2% -1 -0% |
| Patient care hours: | | | |
| 40 or more hours/week 30 to under 40 hours/week Less than 30 hours/week | 158 124 73 | 172 114 70 | +14 +9% -10 -8% -3 -4% |
| Main specialty: | | | |
| Primary Care Total | 111 | 114 | +3 +3% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 87 16 2 6 | 91 17 2 4 | +4 +5% +1 +6% 0 0% -2 -33% |
| Specialty Care Total | 244 | 242 | -2 -1% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 15 15 66 6 13 4 5 3 47 12 2 28 28 | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 28 | +5 +33% 0 0% -11 -17% +1 +17% +1 +8% +1 +25% -1 -20% 0 0% -5 -11% +4 +33% 0 0% +3 +11% 0 0% |

Table 31 -- VT PAs, 2018 and 2020 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) by County

| 2018 | 2020 | Change |
|--|---|---|
| 87.1 | 93.3 | +6.2 |
| 2.4 5.0 .2 19.9 4.4 8.8 .5 .8 2.7 3.4 13.6 8.3 5.7 | 2.6 6.0 .3 22.2 2.6 7.0 .7 .8 2.2 4.0 15.2 8.7 8.4 12.7 | +.2 +1.0 +.1 +2.3 -1.8 -1.8 +.2 5 +.6 +1.6 +2.7 +1.3 |
| 2018 | 2020 | Change |
| 204.7 | 204.0 | 7 |
| 6.8 12.4 4.7 86.8 | 6.9 11.2 5.1 93.2 | +.1 -1.2 +.4 +6.4 |
| 9.5 | 12.0 | +2.5 |
| 4.1 4.0 2.8 19.4 13.8 12.7 | 5.5 3.4 2.8 17.3 17.2 | +1.4 6 -2.1 +3.4 -2.4 |
| | 87.1 2.4 5.0 .2 19.9 4.4 8.8 2.7 3.4 13.6 8.3 5.7 11.4 2018 204.7 6.8 12.4 4.7 86.8 9.5 4.1 4.0 2.8 19.4 13.8 | 87.1 93.3 2.4 2.6 5.0 6.0 .2 .3 19.9 22.2 4.4 2.6 8.8 7.0 .5 .7 .8 .8 2.7 2.2 3.4 4.0 13.6 15.2 8.3 8.7 5.7 8.4 11.4 12.7 2018 2020 204.7 204.0 6.8 6.9 12.4 11.2 4.7 5.1 86.8 93.2 9.5 12.0 . . 4.1 5.5 4.0 3.4 2.8 2.8 19.4 17.3 13.8 17.2 12.7 10.3 |

Windsor County

17.5

27.7

-10.2

Table 32 -- VT PAs, 2010 and 2020 Changes in Number of PAs, Patient Care Hours and Specialties, between 2010 and 2020

| | 2010 | 2020 | Change |
|--|--|---|---|
| | | | # % |
| TOTAL | 202 | 356 | +154 +76% |
| Main specialty: | | | |
| Primary Care Total | 83 | 114 | +31 +37% |
| Family Practice Internal Medicine Ob/Gyn Pediatrics | 60 11 6 6 | 91 17 2 4 | +31 +52% +6 +55% -4 -67% -2 -33% |
| Specialty Care Total | 119 | 242 | +123 +103% |
| Anesthesiology Dermatology Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Internal Medicine Psychiatry Radiology Surgery: General Surgery: Orthopedic Surgery: Other Urology Urgent Care Other Specialties | 0 8 40 0 11 3 7 25 8 5 0 | 20 15 55 7 14 5 4 3 42 16 2 31 28 | +20 +7 +88% +15 +38% +7 +.% +3 +27% +2 +67% +1 +33% -4 -57% +17 +68% +8 +100% -3 -60% +31 +19 +211% |
| Age groups: | | | |
| younger than 35 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 and older | 36 66 53 46 1 | 89 113 81 57 16 | +53 +147% +47 +71% +28 +53% +11 +24% +15 +1500 |
| Gender: | | | |
| Male Female | 80 122 | 134 221 | +54 +68% +99 +81% |
| Patient care hours: | | | |
| 40 or more hours/week 30 to under 40 hours/week less than 30 hours/week | 119 41 42 | 172 114 70 | +53 +45% +73 +178% +28 +67% |

Table 33 -- VT PAs, 2010 and 2020 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) by County

| 2010 | 2020 | Change |
|--|--|--|
| 67.0 | 93.3 | +26.3 |
| .9 2.0 1.2 13.6 2.4 8.0 1.0 3.8 4.0 8.4 10.4 4.8 6.6 | 2.6 6.0 .3 22.2 2.6 7.0 .7 .8 2.2 4.0 15.2 8.7 8.4 12.7 | +1.7 +4.0 9 +8.6 +.2 -1.0 3 +.8 -1.6 +6.8 -1.7 +3.6 +6.1 |
| 2010 | 2020 | Change |
| 105.7 | 204.0 | +98.3 |
| 3.2 3.8 2.0 48.5 4.8 3.8 4.4 3.0 9.5 5.2 3.4 | 6.9 11.2 5.1 93.2 12.0 5.5 3.4 2.8 17.3 17.2 | +3.7 +7.4 +3.1 +44.7 -7.2 -1.0 2 +7.8 +12.0 +6.9 +3.4 |
| | 67.0 .9 2.0 1.2 13.6 2.4 8.0 1.0 3.8 4.0 8.4 10.4 4.8 6.6 2010 105.7 3.2 3.8 2.0 48.5 4.8 3.8 4.4 3.0 9.5 5.2 | 67.0 93.3 .9 2.6 2.0 6.0 1.2 .3 13.6 22.2 2.4 2.6 8.0 7.0 1.0 .78 3.8 2.2 4.0 4.0 8.4 15.2 10.4 8.7 4.8 8.4 6.6 12.7 2010 2020 2010 2020 105.7 204.0 3.2 6.9 3.8 11.2 2.0 5.1 48.5 93.2 |

Appendices

Appendix A. General Notes and Terms

Definition of Active Physician Assistant

A physician assistant (PA) who was relicensed for the period 2020-2021 in Vermont, and who provided patient care hours in Vermont (not as locum tenens) as reported in the census, is considered an active physician assistant. This includes anesthesiologist assistants (AA) and radiologist assistants (RA).

Physician assistants not represented in these tables

Only *active* PAs are reported. Those (few) who hold a Vermont license but are not actively in practice in Vermont are excluded from all tables.

Specialties

Physician assistants reported their specialties using a predefined list. See Table 13 for the exact specialties reported. For the rest of the tables the detailed specialties were grouped in the following way:

Primary Care

- <u>Family Practice</u> includes general practice, family medicine, and geriatric medicine

 but only if practiced in a "medical home" setting not inpatient and not walk-in or urgent care.
- <u>Internal Medicine</u> includes general internal medicine and geriatric internal medicine.
- Obstetrics and Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) includes physician assistants who reported a solely gynecological practice or a solely obstetrical practice, along with those who reported both obstetrics and gynecology.
- Pediatrics includes pediatric primary care as well as adolescent medicine.

Specialty Care

- <u>Hospitalist</u> now considered a specialty
- Internal Medicine includes several internal medicine subspecialties
- Other Surgery includes most other (non-orthopedic) surgical specialties, such as general vascular surgery, abdominal surgery, cardiovascular surgery, colon and rectal surgery, neurological surgery, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pediatric surgery, surgical critical care, thoracic surgery, and traumatic surgery.
- <u>Urgent Care</u> includes family and internal medicine and general practice in the urgent care setting.
- Other Specialties includes all specialties not listed above, including family medicine and general practice in non-primary-care settings.

Determination of a physician assistant's main specialty

A PA's "main" specialty is the specialty group in which the PA works the most hours. In case of a tie (equal hours reported in two specialties), the specialty group listed first in the above list is chosen. This has the effect of choosing primary care over specialty care, and more specific specialties over the "other specialties" category, in case of a tie.

Definition of Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Reported hours per week were prorated based on the number of work weeks per year. Full time is defined as 40 patient care hours per week or more, for 48 weeks per year. Reported hours per week were adjusted to an annual average, based on a standard of 48 weeks per year. E.g., if 52 weeks were reported, the hours were multiplied by 52/48. A physician reporting more than 40 (adjusted) hours per week is defined as *one* FTE regardless of the number of hours. See the following examples:

| | | Weeks | <u>Hours</u> | <u>FTE</u> |
|------------|----------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|
| Example 1: | Primary Care | 48 | 10 | $\overline{0.25}$ |
| | Specialty Care | 48 | 10 | 0.25 |
| | Total | | 20 | 0.50 |
| Example 2: | Primary Care | 52 | 10 | 0.27 |
| | Specialty Care | 52 | 10 | 0.27 |
| | Total | | 20 | 0.54 |
| Example 3: | Primary Care | 52 | 20 | 0.50 |
| | Specialty Care | 52 | 20 | 0.50 |
| | Total | | 40 | 1.00 |
| Example 4: | Primary Care | 48 | 35 | 0.50 |
| | Specialty Care | 24 | 70 | 0.50 |
| | Total | | 70 | 1.00 |

In the first example, the physician assistant works half-time and has hours split equally between primary and specialty care. The second example is similar except for the number of weeks being more than 48 so the FTEs are adjusted upwards. The pattern is the same in Example 3, except the hours total 40 for 1.0 FTE, and the adjustment for 52 weeks does not matter since the total FTE for a person is never more than 1.0. In the fourth example the physician assistant spends an average of 70 hours per week in patient care: 35 hours of primary care every week, and 70 hours of specialty care in each of only 24 weeks per year. This is calculated as 1.0 FTE total, and 0.5 FTE for each of primary care and specialty care.

Health Care Areas

In this report we use Health Care Areas (HCAs) as defined by the Vermont Blueprint for Health rather than Hospital Service Areas (HSAs). Those are similar to the HSAs, with the main differences affecting the White River Junction HSA, which is split into three parts: the northern part is called Upper Valley, the Southern part is called Windsor, and the middle part is appended to the Randolph area. For a map of these HCAs see Appendix E.

Determination of a physician assistant's main County (or other area)

Main county is the county in which the physician assistant practices the greatest number of patient care hours. Similarly for main hospital service area, etc.

Numerical precision

Most numbers are displayed in finite precision in that they are individually rounded. Thus, some rows or columns of numbers may not add exactly to the displayed total (to the last, rightmost digit). This applies to FTEs, percentages and hours, for example, whether the numerals displayed are decimal or whole numbers. Counts of physician assistants are exact integers, however, and should add up to displayed totals.

Tables displaying each physician assistant in a single cell vs. multiple-count tables

Most of the tables contain information that is individual-based (e.g., age, sex, and board certification). Each PA is represented in only one cell in the table. Those with more than one specialty, or more than one practice site or setting, are counted only in the row and column representing their main specialty, main setting, or main practice location.

Other tables count some PAs in more than one row or column, e.g., in every county the PA works in, and thus the numbers in the "total" row or column may be less than the sum of the rows or columns. Wherever this is the case, it is stated in the notes specific to that table.

Urgent Care

"Urgent Care" is used in three different ways in this report. First, it is a <u>setting</u>, such as "walk-in" and "express care" centers. Second, it was reported as a <u>specialty</u>, although it is not a board-certified specialty for PAs at this time. A few PAs reported the urgent care specialty in settings other than urgent care, e.g., emergency departments and ski areas. Third, it appears in this report as a <u>specialty group</u>, which includes the urgent care specialty (in any setting), along with family medicine, internal medicine, and general practice where reported in the urgent care setting.

Appendix B. Notes for specific tables

1. Calculation of Age

Ages are computed as 2020 minus the year of the DOB. Ages in earlier years, referred to in some tables, are as of those earlier times.

2. "Main" Specialty and "Main" County determined independently

Each physician assistant's main practice specialty, and main county of practice, are determined independently, and used to determine the row and column in the table in which this physician assistant will be counted. Secondary specialties and counties are ignored. A physician assistant may practice their main specialty primarily in a county other than their main overall county, but that is ignored in this table.

3. Notes regarding tables listing physician assistant Full Time Equivalents (FTE) and Hours by County or by other geographical areas:

These tables count each physician assistant who provides primary and/or specialty care in that county or area. The same physician assistant may be counted in more than one town, more than one area, and in both the "primary" and "specialty" columns.

Because of this inclusive approach taken in tallying physician assistants across many practice locations, the numbers in the "Total" rows and "Total" columns will generally be less than the sum of the individual rows and columns. This applies to the area totals which sum the town-level physician assistant counts, the state totals which sum the area-level counts, and the "Total" of primary and secondary care combined. Unlike the totals for the counts of physician assistants, however, the numbers listed in the "Total" rows and "Total" columns for the "FTE" and "Hours" statistics *do* equal the sums of the individual items (except for rounding error).

See also Note 9 regarding the calculation of weekly hours and FTEs.

4. Population Estimates

Population estimates are for July 1, 2020, as released by the Census Bureau.

5. "Main" Setting and "Main" Specialty determined independently

Each PA's main practice setting and their main specialty are determined independently, and are used to determine the row and column in the table in which the PA will be counted. Secondary settings and specialties are ignored. A PA may practice their main specialty primarily in a setting other than their main overall setting, but that is ignored in this table.

6. Notes regarding Availability of Care

The survey form allowed the physician assistant to answer the questions whether they accept new patients ("availability") separately for each site.

In the table depicting availability of care by specialty by person, each PA is counted once, in his or her main specialty. A PA is counted as accepting new patients if they accept new patients at any site, and as participating in Medicaid or Medicare if they participate at any site. In the table depicting availability of care by specialty by FTE, all sites are counted, but weighted by FTE.

Emergency medicine, pathology, radiology, urgent care, and hospitalist specialties are excluded regardless of setting. The following specialties are excluded from the "accept Medicare patients" statistic (both numerator and denominator): all pediatric specialties (including adolescent medicine), maternal & fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology, and child and adolescent psychiatry.

7. Practice settings included

Only office-based settings were counted for this purpose. This includes solo practice, group practice (single- or multi-specialty), community clinics, hospital outpatient and ambulatory care centers, and those who indicated both inpatient and outpatient work.

8. **Geographical Regions -** States were grouped into the following regions:

New England: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI

Other Northeast: NY, NJ, PA

South: DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL,

KY, TN, AL, MS, AR, OK, LA, TX

Central: OH, IN, IL, MI, WI, MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS

West: MT, WY, CO, NM, ID, UT, AZ, NV, WA, OR, CA, AK, HI

9. Patient Care Hours

"Full Time" is defined as 40 (or more) hours of direct patient care per week, for 48 or more weeks per year, in Vermont. Average weekly hours (and FTEs), based on 48 weeks per year, were computed for PAs who reported working more or less than 48 weeks per year. This results in fractional hours, and rounding errors may affect the displayed hours. Thus, in some cases the hours in the "total" columns differ, usually by one hour, from the totals of the hours displayed in the detail columns. Some PAs provide additional patient care outside Vermont, or do other types of work besides direct patient care.

| Appendix C: | [] American Indian or Alaska Native [] Black or African American | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Vermont Physician Assistant | [] White | | |
| · · | [] Asian | | |
| Census 2020 | [] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | | |
| | [] Prefer not to answer | | |
| I don't' oo t'ou | [] Other - please specify:* | | |
| Identification 1) First Name* | 8) Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or of Spanish origin? | | |
| 2) Middle Name (if any) | () Yes () No () Prefer not to answer | | |
| 3) Last Name* | Training | | |
| 4) Vermont Physician Assistant, Anesthesiologist, or Radiologist Assistant License Number* | 9) Which of the following describes the degree or certificate you were awarded upon completion of your physician, anesthesiologist, or radiologist assistant training? | | |
| | () Certificate / Diploma | | |
| Domographics | () Associate degree | | |
| Demographics | () Bachelor's degree | | |
| 5) Date of birth (M/D/YYYY)* | () Master's degree | | |
| 6) Gender: () Male () Female () Other | () Other (specify)::* | | |
| 7) How would you classify your race (check all that apply): | 10) Please enter the two letter code for the state where you completed your Physician Assistant (PA)/ Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA)/ Radiologist | | |

| Assistant (RA) education: (Use 2-letter abbreviations for states; CC for Canada, XX for other foreign countries) | [] Working IN VERMONT as a PA/AA/RA[] Working OUTSIDE Vermont as a PA/AA/RA[] Working in a position that does not require a PA license |
|--|---|
| 11) Are you certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)? | [] Not currently working [] Retired |
| () Yes () No | |
| 12) Have you completed Physician Assistant/AA/RA post-graduate training? | [if did not check as active in Vermont:] |
| () Yes () No | 16) Please verify that you do NOT work as a Physician Assistant/RA/AA in Vermont:* |
| 13) Have you completed specialty certification? | () I verify that I do not work as a Physician Assistant/AA/RA in Vermont |
| () Yes () No | () Oops, that is not what I meant. I do work as a Physician Assistant/AA/RA in Vermont |
| 14) In what year did you start practicing (anywhere) as a Physician Assistant/AA/RA? (if never, leave blank) | 17) Do you plan to start (or resume) work and/or clinical practice in Vermont within the next 12 months? |
| | () Yes () No |
| | [then skip to end of census] |
| | |

Currently active

15) Please check <u>all</u> of the boxes that describe your work as a Physician Assistant/AA/RA:*

Active in Clinical Practice

| Practice Site 1 (your principal clinical practice site): | |
|---|--|
| 22) Please choose the best description of your practice at this site:* | |
| () I provide local care to patients of this Vermont site | |
| () I am elsewhere, and provide remote care to patients of this specific Vermont site | |
| () I practice telemedicine from this Vermont site, patients are elsewhere $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ | |
| () I practice telemedicine from outside Vermont, some patients may be in Vermont $$ | |
| | |
| [if not "practice telemedicine from outside Vermont" ask these questions:] | |
| 23) Vermont town name (not a mailing address):* | |
| | |
| 24) ZIP code of practice location (not a mailing address):* | |
| 25) Phone number of this practice location (the public access number):* | |
| 26) Practice name: | |
| | |

| 27) Street Address: | () Federal or community health center | |
|--|---|--|
| | () Community mental health center/clinic/agency | |
| 28) Who owns this practice? (This question is about the | () Substance abuse / addiction clinic | |
| practice as a whole, not your personal contract.) | () Clinic serving students in a school or college | |
| () University of Vermont Health Network | () Other - please specify: | |
| () Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system | | |
| () Other hospital owned, not affiliated with UVMMC or DHMC | [ask everybody the questions below:] | |
| () Federally qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic | The following questions are about direct patient care: | |
| () A chain business with multiple sites | | |
| () This is an independent practice | 30) Enter the number of weeks per year during | |
| () Other - please specify: | which you provide any direct patient care here: (48 weeks per year is considered "year-round".)* | |
| 29) Choose the ONC description that best fits the setting of this practice site:* | 32) Main specialty you practice at this site: [dropdown list] | |
| () Office-based solo physician practice | 32) If you selected "not listed specialty", please explain: | |
| () Office-based single-specialty physician group | CAPILITI | |
| () Office-based multi-specialty physician group | 33) Hours per working week in direct patient care in | |
| () Hospital inpatient department | main specialty here: (Direct patient care includes diagnosis, treatment and clinical reporting.)* | |
| () Hospital outpatient department | magnosis, treatment and chinical reporting. | |
| () Hospital BOTH inpatient and outpatient departments | 34) Secondary specialty you practice at this site, if | |
| () Hospital emergency department | any: [dropdown list] | |
| () Urgent care / walk in | | |

| 35) If you selected "not listed specialty", please explain: | | | I participat here | |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| 36) <u>Hours</u> per working we care in secondary special | | | - | I will accepatients he |
| 37) Tertiary specialty you [dropdown list] | ı practice | e at this s | ite, if any: | I participat here |
| 38) <u>Hours</u> per working we tertiary specialty | | ect patie | ent care in | I will accepatients he |
| 39) Are you required to hold () Yes () No 40) Do you admit your own patients admitted through you | oatients at | this site o | r are | 42) Do you s Assistant/A months at the contracted to contractor) |
| () Admit own patients () Patients are admitted throug () Don't know | gh attendin | g physicia | n | () Yes [if "yes":] |
| 41) Please answer each of the your work at this site providing | _ | _ | | Have you w than a year |
| | Yes | No | N/A | () Yes |
| I will accept new patients | () | () | () | 43) Does yo students? |
| here | | | | () 37 |

| I participate in Medicaid here | () | () | () |
|--|----|----|----|
| I will accept new Medicaid patients here | () | () | () |
| I participate in Medicare here | () | () | () |
| I will accept new Medicare patients here | () | () | () |

work as a locum tenens Physician A/RA with a contract term of less than 12 his site? (A locum tenens is an employee through a staffing firm or is a self-employed

| () Yes | () No | () Don\'t Know |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| [if "ves":] | | |

vorked here on a locum tenens basis for more

| () Yes | () No |
|--------|-------|
|--------|-------|

our work site accept Physician Assistant/AA/RA

| () Yes | () No |
|----------|----------|
| () = 05 | () 1 1 1 |

44) The following questions are about hours worked per week at this site in activities *other than* direct patient care:

| | Hours per working week |
|---|------------------------|
| Administra tion | |
| Teaching | |
| Research | |
| Quality improveme nt or patient safety activities | |
| Other activities | |

| Please describe these other activities, if any: |
|--|
| 45) If there is anything else you want to tell us about your practice at this site please enter it here: |

Second Vermont practice site

| 46) Do y yes | ou have a second | d practice site in Vermont?* | () |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| [if no, sk | ip to end of cens | sus] | |
| [similar o | 1 | second and third sites, if any, as | s for |

Additional Vermont practice sites

| 89) Do you have more | than three practice | sites in Vermont? |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| () yes | () no | |

[if "yes":]

90) Please describe your work at additional sites beyond the three you entered above, briefly, including locations, specialties and hours:

Final comments

| 91) Thank you. If there is anything else you want to tell us about your practice, or this census, please enter it here: |
|---|
| Click "Submit" to finalize your response, or "Back" if you want to make any changes. |
| Census Data Submitted |
| Census data accepted. Thank you! Now return to the license renewal window. |
| |

SPECIALTY CODES

(primary care specialties in boldface)

(note: codes are not in numerical order, please check them carefully)

| 0101 Allergy and Immunology 4005 Allergy 4015 Immunology 0102 Clinical & Laboratory Immunology 4025 Pediatric Allergy 0201 Anesthesiology 0202 Critical Care Medicine (Anesth.) | 0801 Medical Genetics 0802 Clinical Biochemical Genetics 0804 Clinical Cytogenetics 0805 Clinical Genetics (MD) 0806 Clinical Molecular Genetics 0807 Molecular Genetics Pathology 0901 Neurological Surgery |
|---|--|
| 0203 Pain Management | 1001 Nuclear Medicine |
| 0301 Colon & Rectal Surgery | 1101 Obstetrics & Gynecology 4011 Gynecology |
| 0401 Dermatology 0404 Dermatological Immunology 0402 Dermatopathology 0405 Pediatric Dermatology | 4020 Obstetrics 1102 Critical Care Medicine (OBGYN) 1103 Gynecologic Oncology 1104 Maternal & Fetal Medicine 1105 Reproductive Endocrinology |
| 0501 Emergency Medicine 0502 Medical Toxicology 0503 Pediatric Emergency Medicine 0504 Sports Medicine (EM) | 1201 Ophthalmology 4026 Pediatric Ophthalmology |
| 0505 Underseas Medicine (EM) 0601 Family Medicine | 1301 Orthopaedic Surgery 4004 Adult Reconstructive Orthopedics 1302 Hand Surgery 4022 Orthopedic Surgery Of The Spine |
| O604 Adolescent Medicine (FM) O602 Geriatric Medicine (FM) O603 Sports Medicine (FM) | 4023 Orthopedic Trauma 4027 Pediatric Orthopedics 4032 Sports Medicine (Ortho Surg) 4033 Traumatic Surgery |
| 4010 General Practice | 3 3 |
| 0701 Internal Medicine (primary care) 0702 Adolescent Medicine (IM) 0703 Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology 0704 Cardiovascular Disease | 1401 Otolaryngology 1402 Otology/Neurotology 1403 Pediatric Otolaryngology 1404 Plastic Surgery Within the Head and Neck 1405 Sleep Medicine (otolaryng.) |
| 0706 Clinical & Laboratory Immunology 0705 Critical Care Medicine (IM) 0707 Endocrinology Diabetes & Metabolism 0708 Gastroenterology 0709 Geriatric Medicine (IM) 0710 Hematology 0711 Infectious Disease 0717 Interventional Cardiology 0712 Medical Oncology 0713 Nephrology 0714 Pulmonary Disease 0715 Rheumatology 0718 Sleep Medicine (IM) 0716 Sports Medicine (IM) | 1500 Pathology 1501 Anatomic & Clinical Pathology 1502 Anatomic Pathology 1503 Clinical Pathology 1504 Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine 1505 Chemical Pathology 1506 Cytopathology 1507 Dermatopathology 1508 Forensic Pathology 1509 Hematology 1510 Medical Microbiology 1511 Molecular Genetic Pathology 1512 Neuropathology 1513 Pediatric Pathology |
| 0719 Transplant Hepatology (IM) | 4031 Radioisotopic Pathology |

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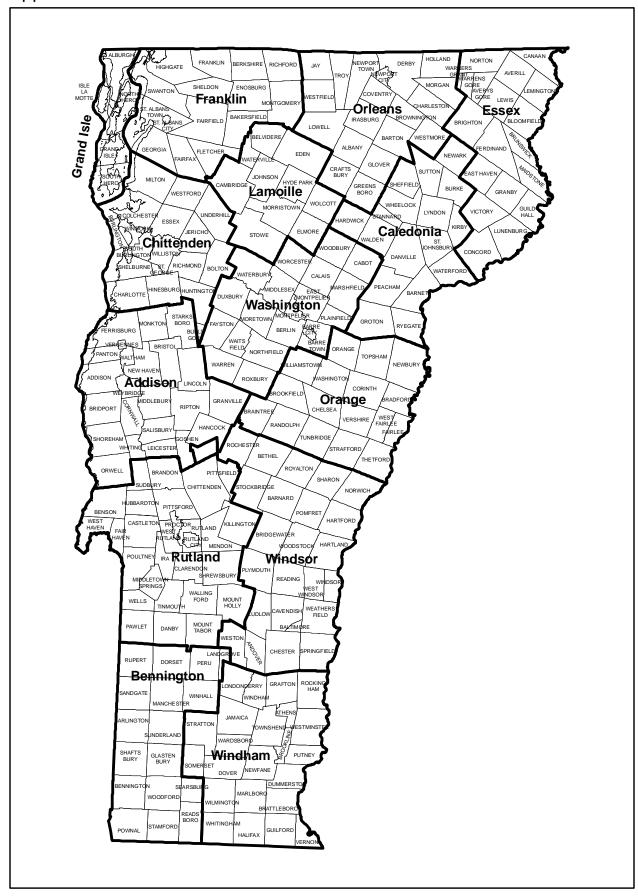
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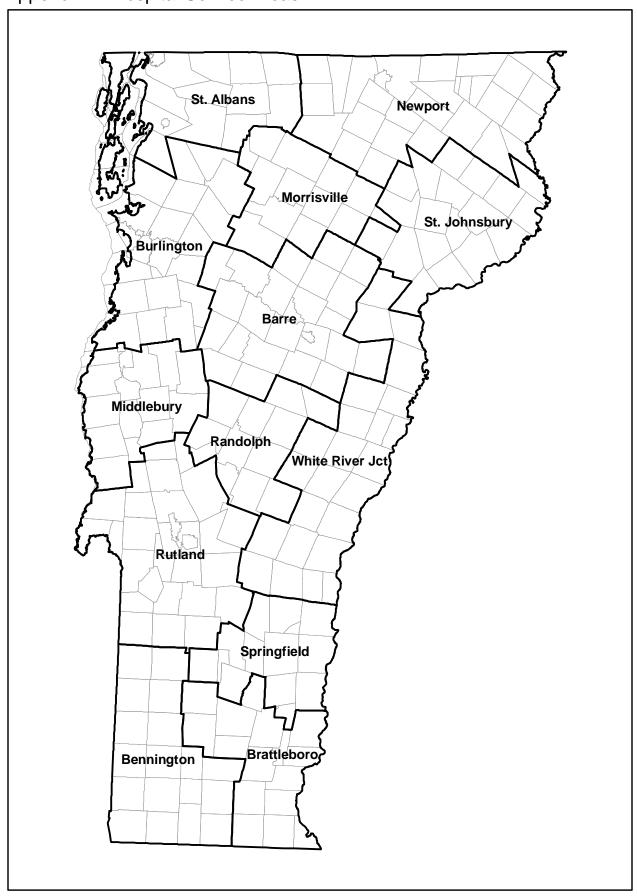
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| | Pediatrics | 2010 | Pain Medicine (neurology) |
| 1602 | Adolescent Medicine | | |
| 1603 | Clinical & Laboratory Immunology | 4030 | Psychoanalysis |
| 1622 | Child Abuse Medicine | 2011 | Psychosomatic Medicine |
| 1618 | Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics | 2012 | Sleep Medicine (psy/neuro) |
| 1604 | Medical Toxicology | 2013 | Vascular Neurology |
| 1605 | Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine | | |
| 1619 | Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (peds) | | Radiology |
| 1606 | Pediatric Cardiology | 2102 | Diagnostic Radiology |
| 1607 | Pediatric Critical Care Medicine | 2103 | Radiation Oncology |
| 1608 | Pediatric Emergency Medicine | 2104 | Radiological Physics |
| 1609 | Pediatric Endocrinology | 4018 | Neuroradiology |
| 1610 | Pediatric Gastroenterology | 2105 | Nuclear Radiology |
| 1611 | Pediatric Gastroenterology Pediatric Hematology-Oncology | 2106 | Pediatric Radiology |
| 1612 | Pediatric Infectious Disease | 2107 | Vascular & Interventional Radiology |
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| 1613 | Pediatric Nephrology | 2201 | Surgery |
| 1614 | Pediatric Pulmonology | 4001 | Abdominal Surgery |
| 1615 | Pediatric Rheumatology | 4006 | Cardiovascular Surgery |
| 1616 | Pediatric Sports Medicine | 4012 | Head & Neck Surgery |
| 1617 | Children With Special Health Needs | 4021 | Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery |
| 1620 | Pediatric Transplant Hepatology | 2203 | Pediatric Surgery |
| 1621 | Sleep Medicine (peds) | 2202 | Surgery Of The Hand |
| | | 2204 | Surgical Critical Care |
| | Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation | 2205 | Vascular Surgery |
| 1702 | Pain Medicine (phys med) | 2203 | Vasculai Surgery |
| 1703 | Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine | 2301 | Thoracic Surgery |
| 1704 | Spinal Cord Injury Medicine | 2301 | Thoracic Surgery |
| | | 2401 | Urology |
| | Plastic Surgery | 4029 | Pediatric Urology |
| 1802 | Hand Surgery | 1027 | r calatile crology |
| 1803 | Plastic Surgery Within the Head and Neck | 22∩1 | Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine |
| 4004 | S | 3201 | Osteopatriic Mariipulative Medicine |
| | Preventive Medicine | Misc | Specialties – not board names: |
| 1902 | Aerospace Medicine | IVIISC. | Specialities – Hot board frames. |
| 1903 | Occupational Medicine | 4000 | Agunungturg |
| 1904 | Public Health & General Preventive | | Acupuncture |
| 1905 | Medical Toxicology | | Addiction Medicine |
| 1906 | Underseas Medicine (PM) | | Clinical Pharmacology |
| | | | Hepatology |
| Psychia | atry & Neurology | | Homeopathic Medicine |
| | (board name - not a specialty) | | Hospitalist |
| 2001 I | Psychiatry | | Legal Medicine |
| 2002 | Neurology | | Musculoskeletal Oncology |
| 2003 | Neurology With Special Qualifications | | Nutrition |
| | In Child Neurology | | Pain Medicine |
| 2004 | Addiction Psychiatry | | Phlebology |
| 2005 | Child & Adolescent Psychiatry | | Palliative Care |
| 2008 | Clinical Neurophysiology | | Sleep Medicine |
| 2006 | Forensic Psychiatry | 4041 | Urgent Care |
| 2007 | Geriatric Psychiatry | | |
| 2009 | Neurodevelopmental Disabilities | 9999 | Other - Please Specify |
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Appendix D: Vermont Counties and Towns



Appendix E: Hospital Service Areas



Appendix F: Local Health Districts

