



**Physical Therapist Assistant Member Demographic Profile
2016-2017**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Member Profile is a survey conducted by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) to elicit information from its PTA members on a number of issues that are important to the profession. The following tables present demographic data for physical therapist assistants by sex, race/ethnic origin, age, years since graduation, highest earned academic degree, employment status, and employment facility/setting. The survey was conducted in late 2016 and early 2017. A total of 4,602 survey emails were successfully delivered and 1,083 responses were received (22.7%). Because respondents did not always answer all items, the sample size may vary across tables.

Table 1. Sex	
Female	78.3%
Male	21.7%

Table 2. Race/Ethnic Origin	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.9%
Asian	3.2%
African American or Black (Not of Hispanic origin)	1.8%
White (Not of Hispanic origin)	88.5%
Hispanic/Latino	3.1%
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	0.7%
Other	1.9%

Table 3. Age Range	
20-24	4.7%
25-29	14.0%
30-34	12.4%
35-39	11.8%
40-44	13.1%
45-49	12.0%
50-54	13.2%
55-59	11.1%
60-64	5.5%
65+	2.1%

Table 4. Number of Years Since Graduation From a PTA Program	
0-3	39.2%

4-6	12.5%
7-9	6.6%
10-15	8.8%
16-20	16.0%
21-30	10.6%
31+	6.3%

Table 5. Highest Earned Degree	
Associate	47.7%
Baccalaureate	41.8%
Master's	9.9%
PhD or equivalent	0.4%
Other	0.3%

Table 6. Employment Status	
Full-time salaried	25.8%
Part-time salaried	1.3%
Full-time self-employed	2.8%
Part-time self-employed	1.5%
Full-time hourly	46.6%
Part-time hourly	16.6%
Retired	0.4%
Unemployed/not seeking work	0.7%
Unemployed/seeking full-time employment	3.3%
Unemployed/seeking part-time employment	1.0%

Table 7. Facility/Setting	
Acute care hospital	8.2%
Hospital-based outpatient facility or clinic	16.9%
Private outpatient office or group practice	31.7%
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)/Long-term care	16.1%
Patient's home/home care	7.6%
School system (preschool/primary/secondary)	1.2%
Academic institution (postsecondary)	9.3%
Health and wellness facility	0.7%
Research center	0%
Industry	0%
Inpatient rehab facility (IRF)	3.3%
Other	5.1%