



## American Physical Therapy Association Median Income of Physical Therapist Assistants Summary Report

The following tables present salary data for physical therapist assistants by geographic region, employment setting, years of experience, highest earned academic degree, and sex. Data are based on responses to APTA PTA Profile surveys representing the years 2008 and 2016. These data reflect the median gross earned income reported by respondents who were employed on a full-time basis. Median (rather than mean) salaries are presented because the median statistic is not as sensitive to extreme values. To ensure the confidentiality of respondents, salaries are not reported unless there were at least 25 cases in each group.

**Table 1. Median Income of Full-time Physical Therapist Assistants by Geographic Region<sup>1</sup>**

	2008	2016
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>
New England ( <i>CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT</i> )	\$47,000	\$52,000
Middle Atlantic ( <i>NJ, NY, PA</i> )	\$42,500	\$51,250
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
East North Central ( <i>IL, IN, MI, OH, WI</i> )	\$45,000	\$50,000
West North Central ( <i>IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD</i> )	\$41,000	\$49,000
<b>South</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>
South Atlantic ( <i>DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV</i> )	\$50,000	\$53,000
East South Central ( <i>AL, KY, MS, TN</i> )	\$51,000	\$54,000
West South Central ( <i>AR, LA, OK, TX</i> )	\$50,000	\$55,000
<b>West</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>
Mountain ( <i>AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY</i> )	\$45,000	\$49,950
Pacific ( <i>AK, CA, HI, OR, WA</i> )	\$50,000	\$55,500
<b>National</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes full-time salaried, full-time self-employed, and full-time hourly workers.

**Table 2. Median Income of Full-time Physical Therapist Assistants by Primary Employment Setting<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>2016</b>
Acute care hospital	52,500
Health system or hospital-based outpatient facility or clinic	\$50,000
Private outpatient office or group practice	\$48,000
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)/long-term care	\$52,000
Patient's home/home care	\$61,500
School system (preschool/primary/secondary)	N/A
Academic institution (post-secondary)	\$63,000
Health and wellness facility	N/A
Research center	N/A
Industry	N/A
Inpatient rehab facility (IRF)	N/A

<sup>1</sup>APTA updated its standard list of facility types/practice settings in 2010 to better represent current practice. Data reflect 2016 only.

**N/A:** To ensure confidentiality, salaries are not reported in categories with fewer than 25 respondents.

**Table 3. Median Income of Full-time Physical Therapist Assistants by Years of Experience**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2016</b>
0-3	\$38,500	\$45,000
4-6	\$43,000	\$49,000
7-9	\$45,000	\$52,500
10-15	\$50,000	\$60,000
16-20	\$52,558	\$57,204
21-30	\$52,500	\$61,500
31+	\$55,000	\$59,600

**Table 4. Median Gross Income of Full-time Physical Therapist Assistants by Highest Earned Academic Degree**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2016</b>
Associates	\$45,000	\$50,000
Baccalaureate	\$45,000	\$47,000
Master's	\$51,500	\$60,000

**Table 5. Median Gross Earned Income of Physical Therapist Assistants by Sex**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2016</b>
Female	\$45,000	\$50,000
Male	\$50,000	\$55,000

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