



American Physical Therapy Association 2016-2017 Physical Therapist Productivity Summary Report

The 2016-2017 PT Practice Profile Survey represents the most recent of a series of data collection efforts conducted by the American Physical Therapy Association to elicit information from its members on a number of questions important to the profession as well as external stakeholders. This report presents data on the number of patients seen by therapists and the number of patient visits as a measure of productivity.

Respondents who reported practicing on a full-time basis were included in the analyses. Respondents were filtered by the percentage of time they reported spending on direct patient care. Only those respondents who devoted more than 50% of their time to direct patient care were included in the analysis. (The respondents were then split into 2 categories: those spending 51%-75% of their time in direct patient care, and those spending 76% or more of their time in direct patient care.) Each category was further categorized by practice setting. Medians rather than means were reported, as the median is not as sensitive to extreme values located on only one tail of the distribution, and data were not necessarily normally distributed.

Individual Patients Seen

Results were initially studied based on the number of individual patients seen in a typical week. Data were reported on a weekly basis in an attempt to alleviate any day-to-day variations in number of patients, thus, presenting a more typical view of the number of patients receiving services over a period of time.

Number of Individual Patients Seen

Facility	Median Number of Patients Seen (51%-75% of time spent on direct patient care)	Median Number of Patients Seen (76% or more of time spent on direct patient care)
Acute care hospital	30.00	32.00
Hospital-based outpatient facility or clinic	25.00	30.00
Private outpatient office or group practice	25.00	30.00
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)/Long Term Care	20.00	20.00
Patient's home/home care	18.50	20.00
School system (preschool/primary/secondary)	28.00	30.00
Academic institution (postsecondary)	*	*
Health and wellness facility	*	*
Research center	*	*
Industry	*	*
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF)	10.00	10.00
Other	22.00	30.00
Medians reflect individual patients seen in a typical week on a one-to-one basis.		
*To ensure confidentiality of respondents, data are not reported unless there are at least 10 cases in each category.		

Number of Patient Visits

Next, results were studied based on the number of individual patient visits per week. If a patient saw the PT 3 times in a week, they are counted as once in the *individual patients seen* figures, but 3 times in the *patient visits* figures. Data were again reported on a weekly basis to alleviate day-to-day variations in number of patient visits.

Number of Patient Visits

Facility	Median Number of Patient Visits (51%-75% of time spent on direct patient care)	Median Number of Patient Visits (76% or more of time spent on direct patient care)
Acute care hospital	39.00	40.00
Hospital-based outpatient facility or clinic	35.00	44.00
Private outpatient office or group practice	40.00	51.00
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)/Long Term Care	35.00	40.00
Patient's home/home care	25.00	28.00
School system (preschool/primary/secondary)	30.00	40.00
Academic institution (post-secondary)	*	*
Health and wellness facility	*	*
Research center	*	*
Industry	*	*
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF)	30.00	30.00
Other	30.00	40.00
Medians reflect patient visits in a typical week on a one-to-one basis.		
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Measures of productivity, based on numbers of patients seen and number of visits, will continue to be monitored in future practice profile surveys.