

PEDIATRICIAN LIFE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE STUDY

MESSAGE FROM THE PLACES RESEARCH TEAM

Welcome to the fall 2016 issue of the AAP PLACES newsletter. This issue provides you with a first look at data highlights from the fourth and fifth years of PLACES. **Thanks for your continued participation in PLACES and all the important data that you have been giving us! Check out pages 2 and 3 for topics of importance to PLACES participants and data on financial characteristics.**

Nearly 9 in 10 PLACES participants completed the fifth annual spring survey (2016 survey). Thank you to all of you who took time from your busy lives to complete the survey and contribute to the success of this project!

For more information on PLACES and data that have been presented in previous newsletters and journal articles and at conferences, visit www2.aap.org/research/places.htm.

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ABOUT PLACES

PLACES is a longitudinal study that was launched in 2012 and tracks the experiences and opinions of 1,801 early career pediatricians over time:

- There are 2 important cohorts
 - 1) 2009-2011 Residency Graduates Cohort, n=902
Most graduated residency in 2009-2011
 - 2) 2002-2004 Residency Graduates Cohort, n=899
Most graduated residency in 2002-2004
- 85% of PLACES participants completed the 5th annual survey (2016)
- Strengths of PLACES
 - ✓ Longitudinal design
 - ✓ Inclusion of both AAP members and non-members
 - ✓ Range of content (work, satisfaction, personal dimension)
 - ✓ **YOU** and other pediatricians who complete the PLACES surveys each year!



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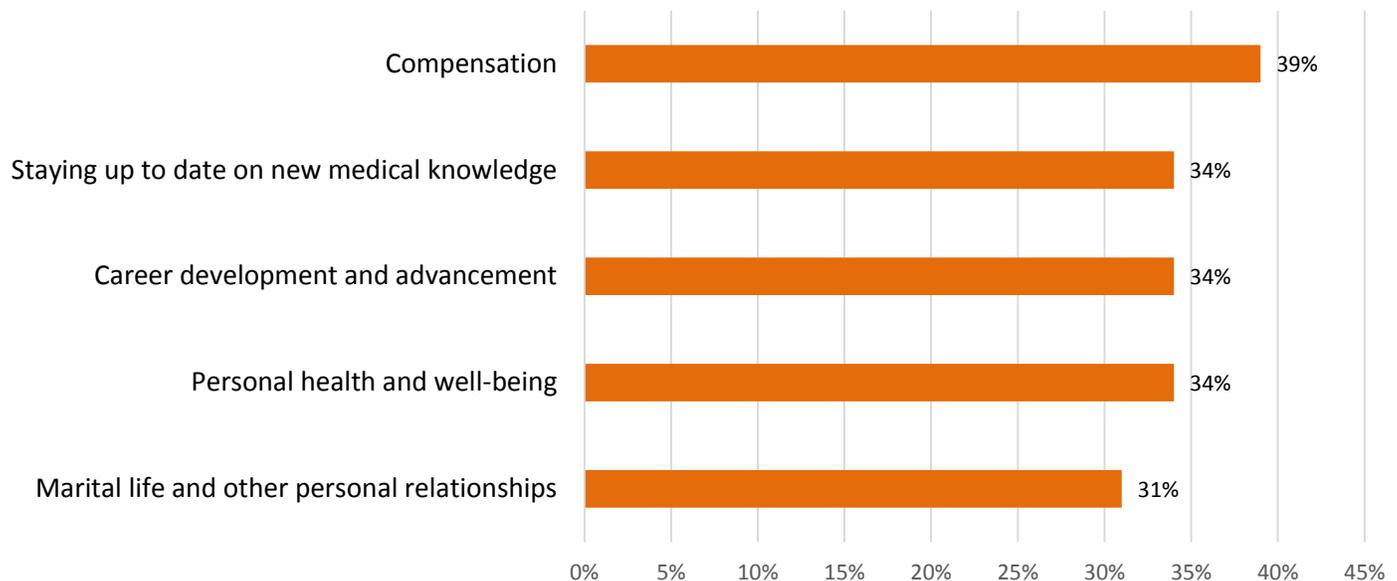


WHAT DO PLACES PEDIATRICIANS WANT ON THE NEXT SURVEY?

85% of PLACES pediatricians completed the 2016 spring survey

We want to make sure that we include topics relevant to pediatricians on our surveys so we asked PLACES participants to tell us the topics that are a high priority (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Frequency that PLACES pediatricians endorsed topic as being a high priority to ask on future surveys (Participants selected up to 3 topics) N=1494

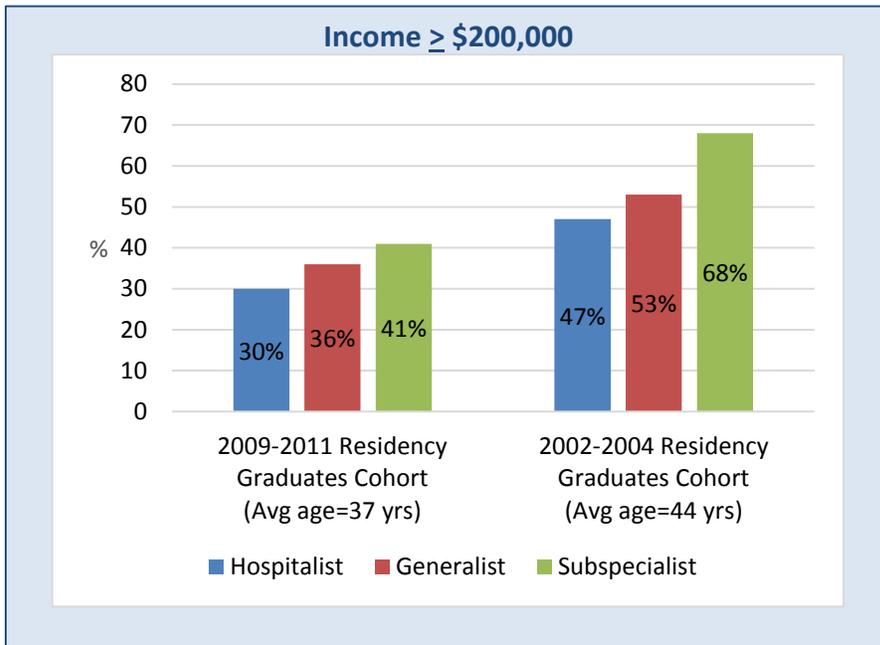


Source: 2016 PLACES Annual Survey

Many PLACES pediatricians (39%) indicated that compensation was a high priority topic. We have asked a couple of questions on salary and financial health on the spring survey but in response to participants' preferences, we included additional questions on compensation on the 2016 fall survey.

Please share your thoughts and experiences with us on compensation by completing the fall survey! We will share the data with you in a future newsletter so you can see how other PLACES pediatricians responded about their compensation.

Figure 2. PLACES full-time pediatricians with income in 2016 \geq \$200,000 by position type (n=963)



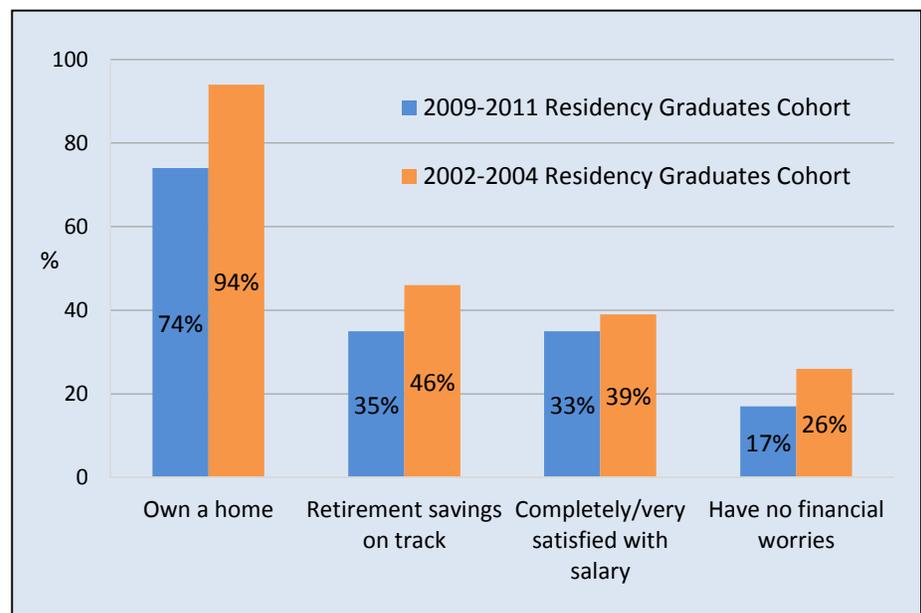
Compensation in 2016

- Older pediatricians (those in the 2002-2004 residency graduates cohort) were more likely to report earning \$200,000 or more (Figure 2)
- Subspecialists are the most likely to be earning at least \$200,000, followed by generalists and hospitalists
 - Subspecialists also reported the highest number of work hours per week (mean=52 hours), followed by hospitalists (50 hours) and generalists (44 hours)
- Overall, 30% of the older and 21% of the younger pediatricians worked part-time (mean hours=29) in 2016
 - Among part-time pediatricians, 19% reported income of at least \$200,000

Financial characteristics

- Most PLACES pediatricians own a home; fewer are on track with retirement savings or satisfied with their salary (Figure 3)
- Older pediatricians (those in the 2002-2004 residency graduates cohort) were more likely to report (Figure 3):
 - Owning a home (94% and 74%, respectively)
 - Being on track with retirement savings (46% and 35%)
 - No financial worries (26% and 17%)

Figure 3. PLACES pediatricians' financial characteristics (n=1581)



Is PLACES reviewed by an institutional review board (IRB)? PLACES was initially approved in November, 2011 by the AAP IRB, and each year the IRB reviews the protocol, the PLACES surveys, and any changes to the study

How is my data protected? The IRB-approved procedures to protect your data and keep it confidential and secure include:

- 1) Identifying your data with a number and not your name
- 2) Storing data on password protected computers in password protected files, or in locked file cabinets with access limited to key research staff at the AAP
- 3) Using a secure online data collection system that complies with U.S. frameworks set by the Department of Commerce
- 4) Releasing only aggregate statistics

Have any measures been taken to enhance the protection of my data? Yes! We recently received an extension of the Certificate of Confidentiality for PLACES from the federal government to continue to protect your data. This means we cannot be forced to disclose information you provide us that may identify you, even by a court subpoena, unless you request the disclosure

The only time we can be forced to disclose your information, without your consent, is if you reported to us that you committed child abuse or intended to hurt yourself or others

Whom do I contact if I have questions about PLACES or the confidentiality of the data?

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NEW PLACES DATA PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

For more PLACES results:

PLACES data were presented at the International Conference on Physician Health in September 2016

[“Attitudes and experiences of early and mid-career pediatricians on division of household responsibilities and strategies to achieve work-life balance”](#)

PLACES data were presented at the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in April 2016

[“Financial Health of Early Career Pediatricians”](#)

[“Relationship of the Personality Traits of Early Career Pediatricians and Career Satisfaction and Burnout”](#)

See all PLACES presentations and publications at <http://www2.aap.org/research/places.htm>



AAP PLACES Project Advisory Committee, researchers, and staff at summer, 2016 PLACES meeting