

Recruitment Hotsheet – Physical Therapy

In 2008, physical therapists held about 185,500 jobs. The number of physical therapist jobs is greater than the number of practicing physical therapists because 27% of physical therapists worked part-time, often holding two or more jobs. For example, a physical therapist may work part-time in both a private practice and another healthcare facility. About 60% of physical therapists worked in hospitals or in offices of other health practitioners. Most full-time physical therapists worked a 40-hour week; some worked evenings and weekends to fit their patients' schedules.

Employment Trends

Employment of physical therapists is expected to grow by 30% from 2008 to 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations. The increase in demand for physical therapy services will be driven by two factors: an increasing elderly population and changes in reimbursement restrictions by third-party payers.

Learn more about the role that physical therapists will play in transforming national health care by clicking [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

American Therapeutic Recreation Association – Annual
September 12-15 – Spokane, WA

American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association – Fall
October 13-15 – New Orleans, LA

American Physical Therapy Association – National Student Conclave
October 29-31 – Cherry Hill, NJ

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
November 4-7 – Seattle, WA