

2014 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SUMMARY REPORT

SUMMARY

- There were 264 physician assistants* providing patient care in Vermont in 2014.
- 61% (162) of the PAs were female, 39% male.
- Ages ranged from 24 to 70, with a median of 44.

* including anesthesiologist and radiologist assistants

PRIMARY CARE

- 39% (103) worked mainly in primary care, including:
 - 29% (76) in family practice
 - 7% (18) in primary care internal medicine
 - 2% (5) in obstetrics and gynecology
 - 2% (4) in pediatric primary care
- There were 80.0 primary care Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) – 12.8 per 100,000 population statewide

SPECIALTY CARE

61% (161) worked mainly in specialty care:

- 4% (10) in anesthesiology
- 4% (10) in dermatology
- 17% (45) in emergency medicine
- 3% (7) in specialty internal medicine
- 16% (43) in orthopedic surgery
- 17% (46) in other specialties (including 10 in other surgery, 5 hospitalists, 3 each in psychiatry, radiology and urology)

SUMMARY (continued)

- Of the PAs in primary care, 22% are age 60 or older, compared to 9% of those in specialty care.
- 58% (152) have worked in Vermont less than 10 years, and 16% (43) have worked in Vermont 20 or more years.

CHANGES OVER TIME: PRIMARY CARE

As compared with the year 2012:

- There are 5 more primary care PAs, mainly in general internal medicine.
- There are 3.4 more primary care PA FTEs.
- Increases in FTEs were largest in Rutland, Windsor, Windham and Bennington Counties.
- Fewer PAs are working 40+ hours per week and more are working 30-40 hours per week.

CHANGES OVER TIME: PRIMARY CARE

As compared with the year 2004:

- There are 24 more primary care PAs.
- There are 17.7 more primary care FTEs.
- There was a decrease of 5 PAs (50%) in OB/Gyn.

CHANGES OVER TIME: SPECIALTY CARE

As compared with the year 2012:

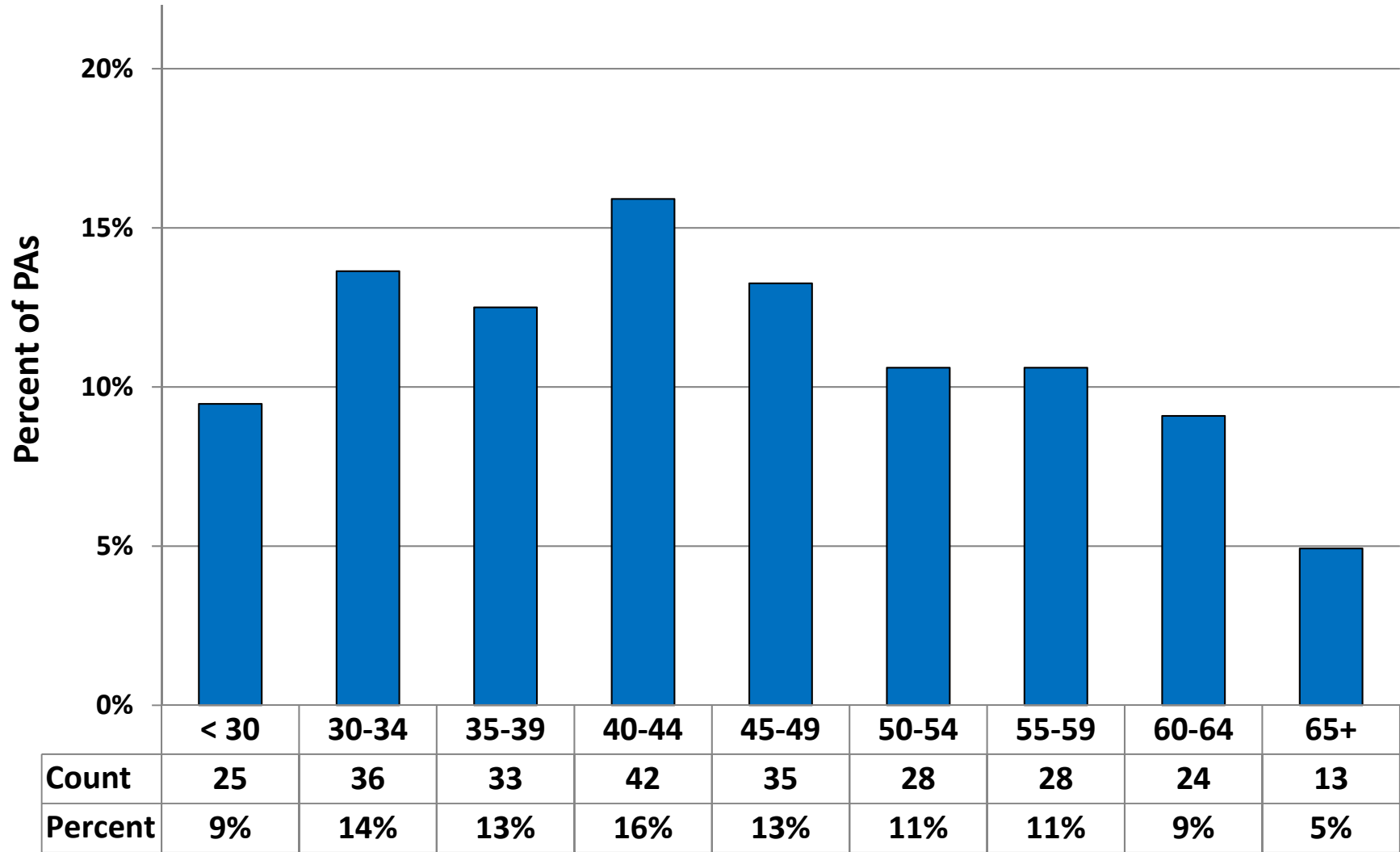
- There are 19 more specialty care PAs.
- This includes 10 more PAs in orthopedic surgery.
- There are 15.9 more specialty care FTEs.
- Most of the specialty care FTE increases were in Chittenden County.

CHANGES OVER TIME: SPECIALTY CARE

As compared with the year 2004:

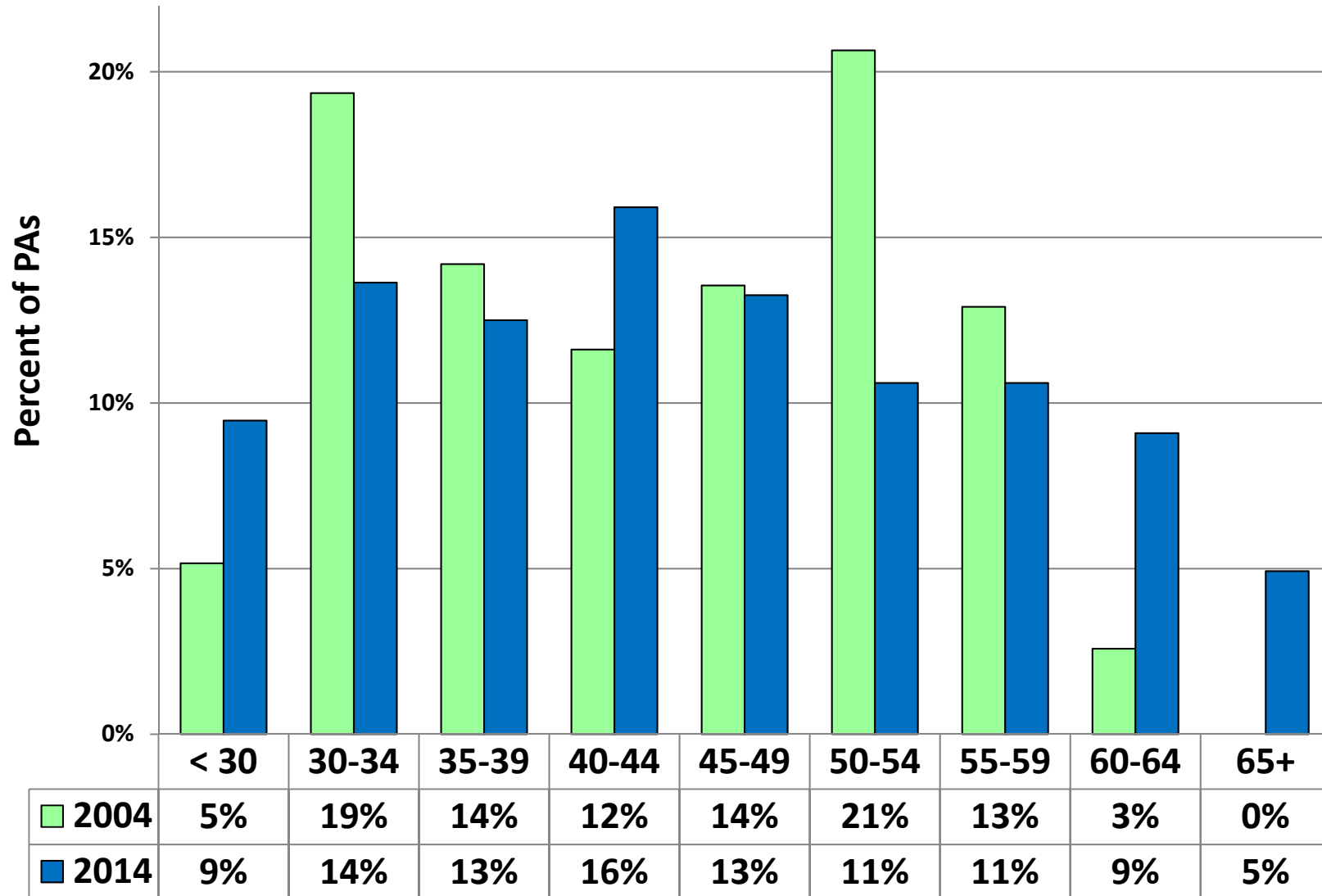
- There are 85 more specialty care PAs – more than double.
- This includes 29 more PAs in orthopedic surgery.
- Specialty care FTEs doubled.
- Most of the specialty care FTE increases were in Chittenden County.

Age Distribution

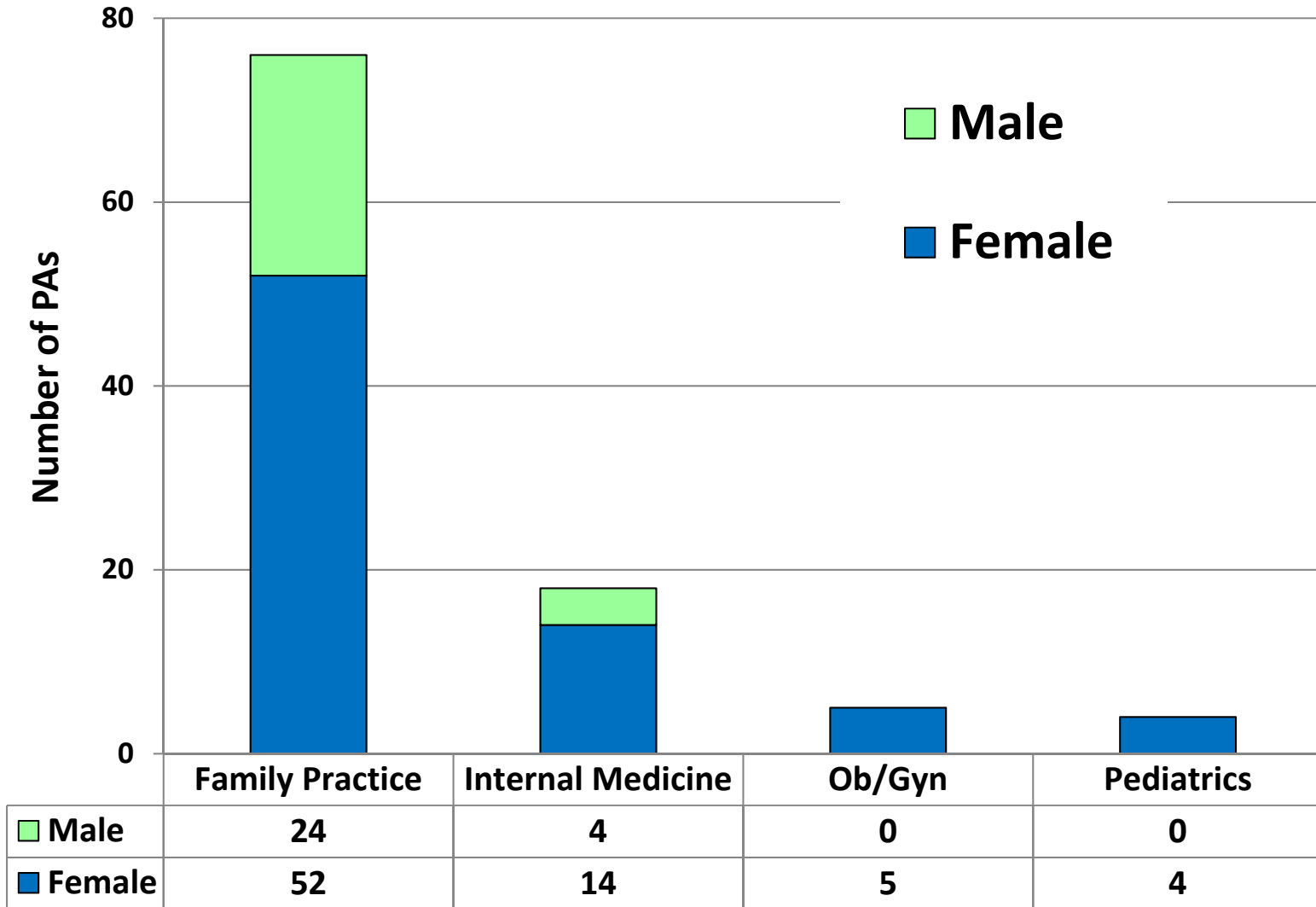


The median age of all PAs is 44

Age Distribution Over Time: 2014 vs. 2004

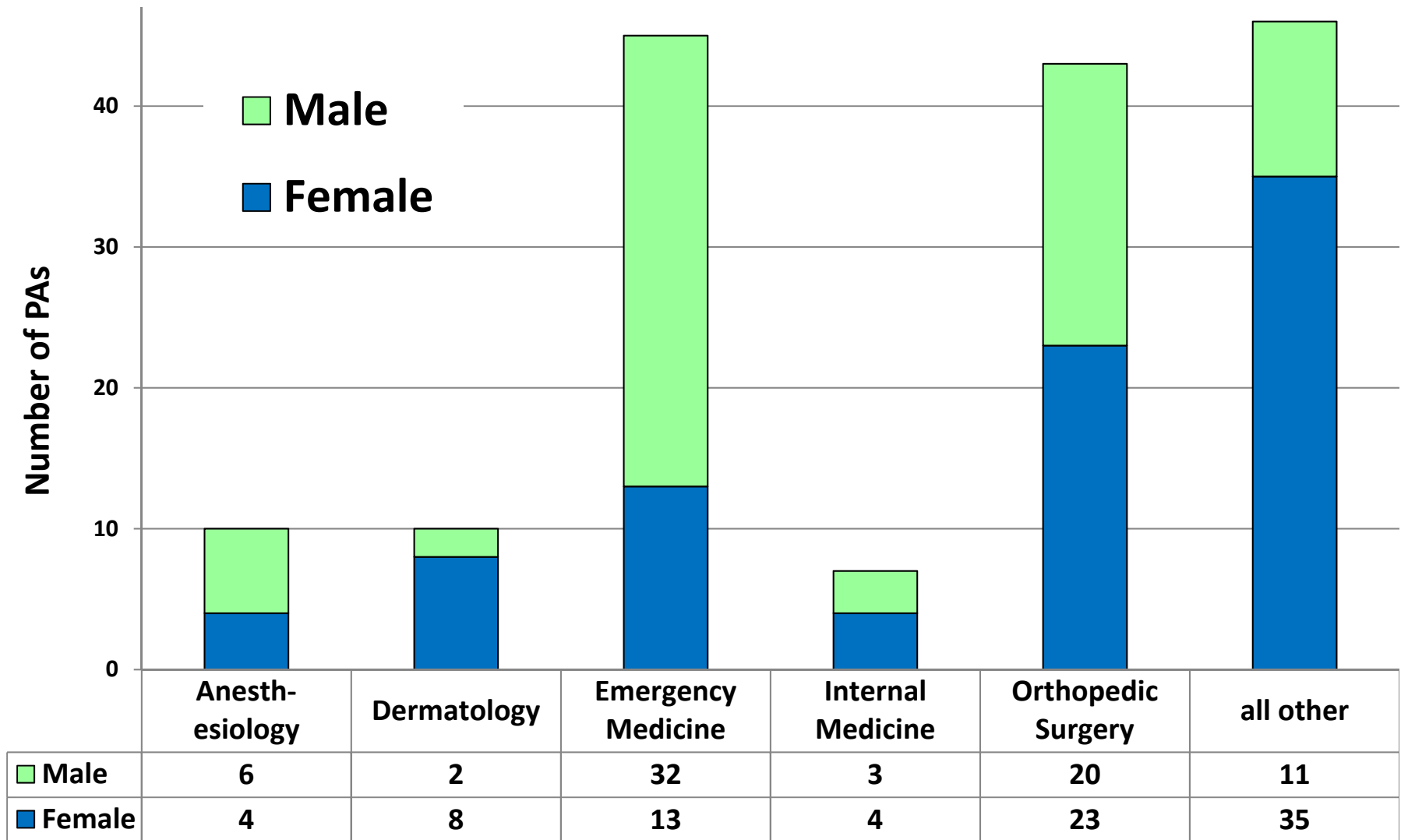


Primary Care by Gender



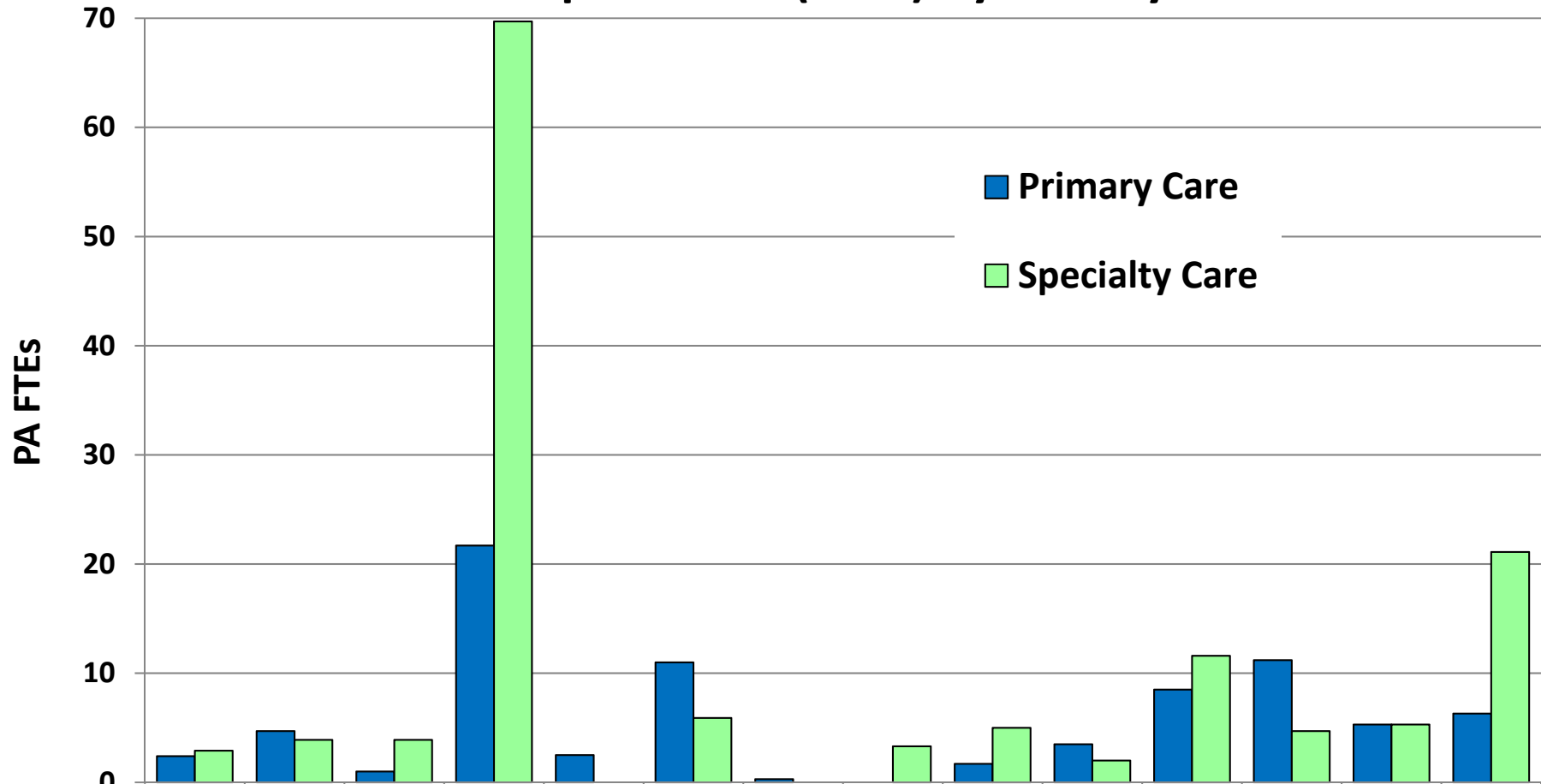
73% of primary care PAs are female

Specialty Care by Gender



Most emergency medicine PAs are male

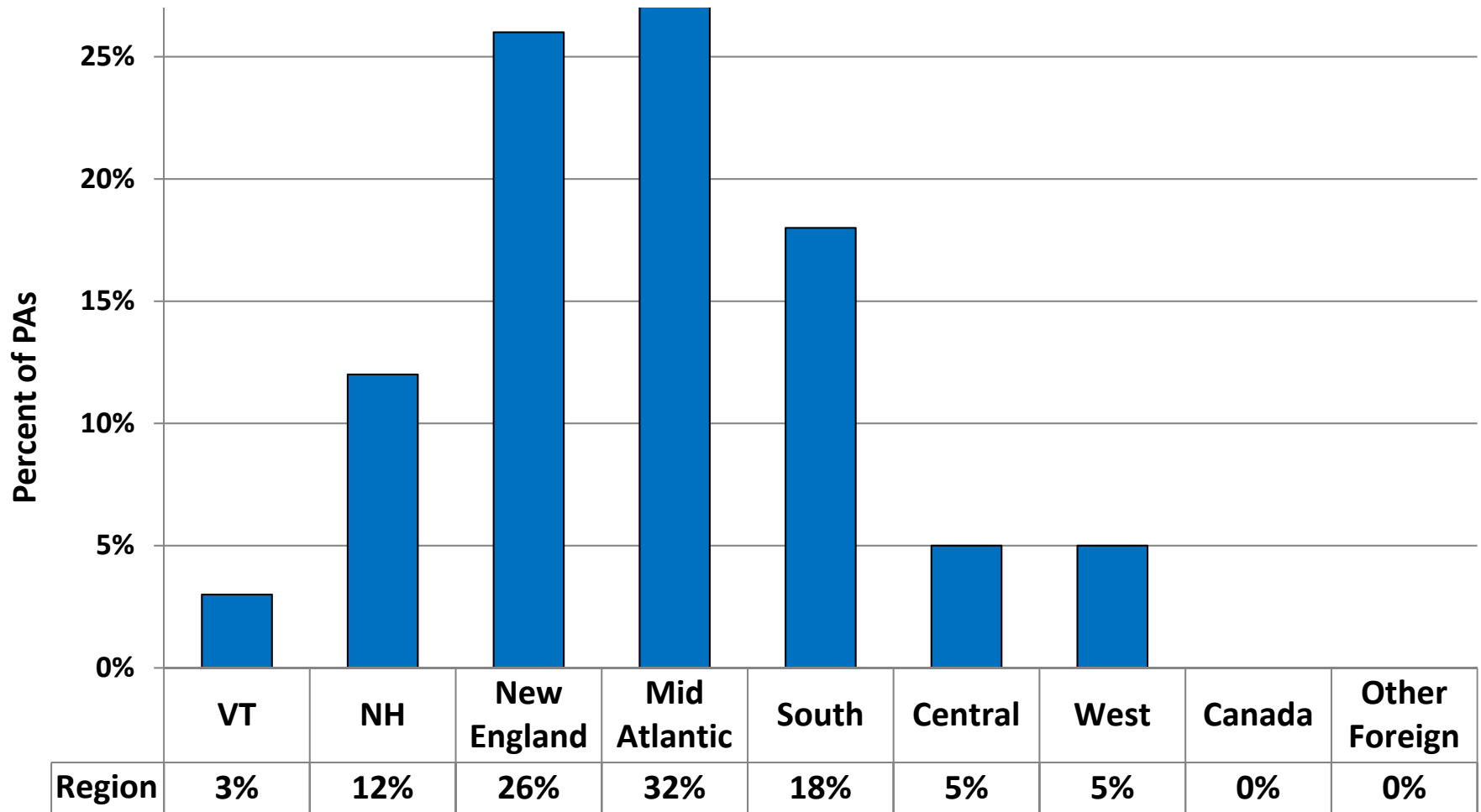
Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) by County



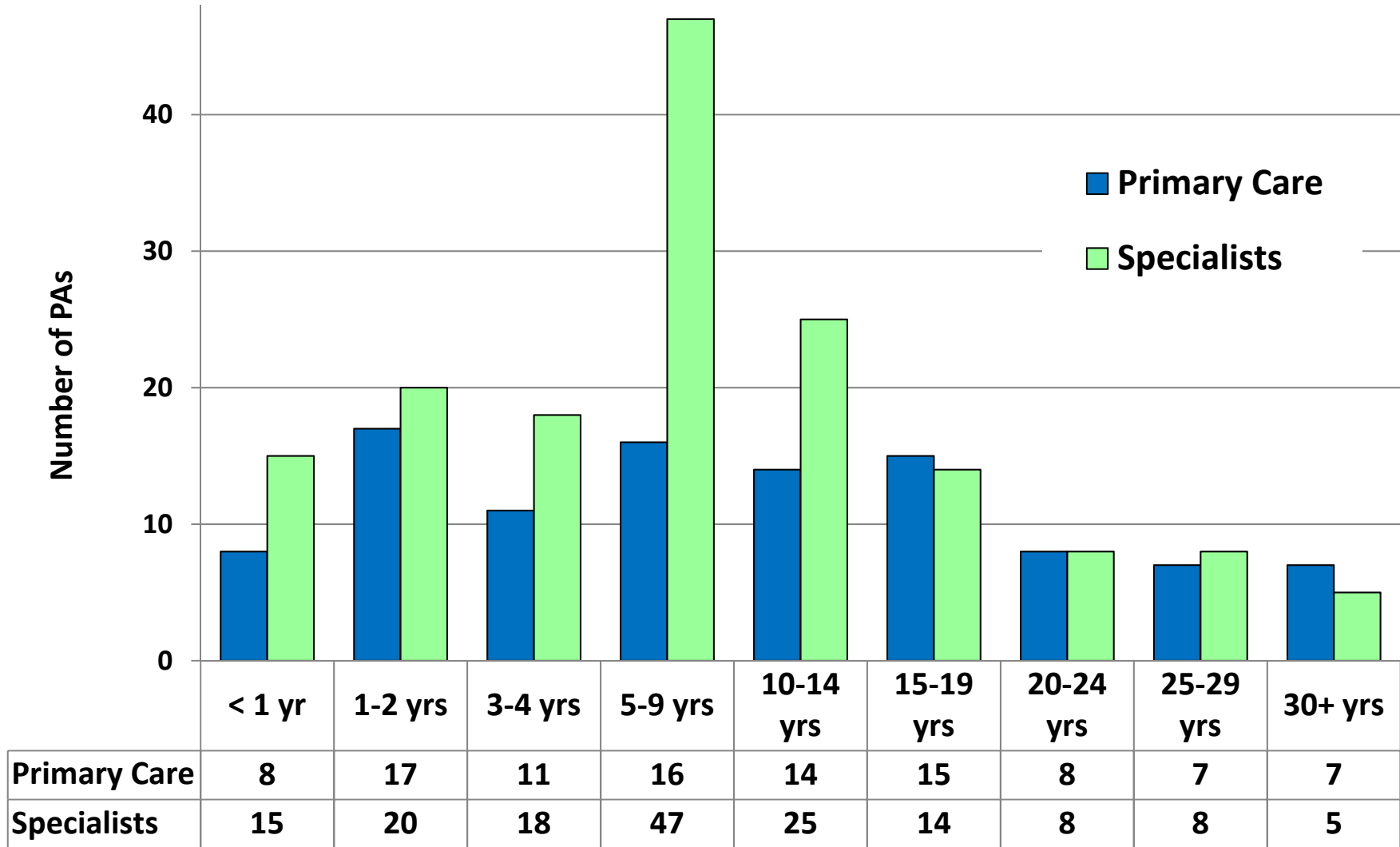
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Primary Care	2.4	4.7	1	21.7	2.5	11	0.3		1.7	3.5	8.5	11.2	5.3	6.3
Specialty Care	2.9	3.9	3.9	69.7		5.9		3.3	5	2	11.6	4.7	5.3	21.1

PAs are unevenly distributed around the state

Location of Training

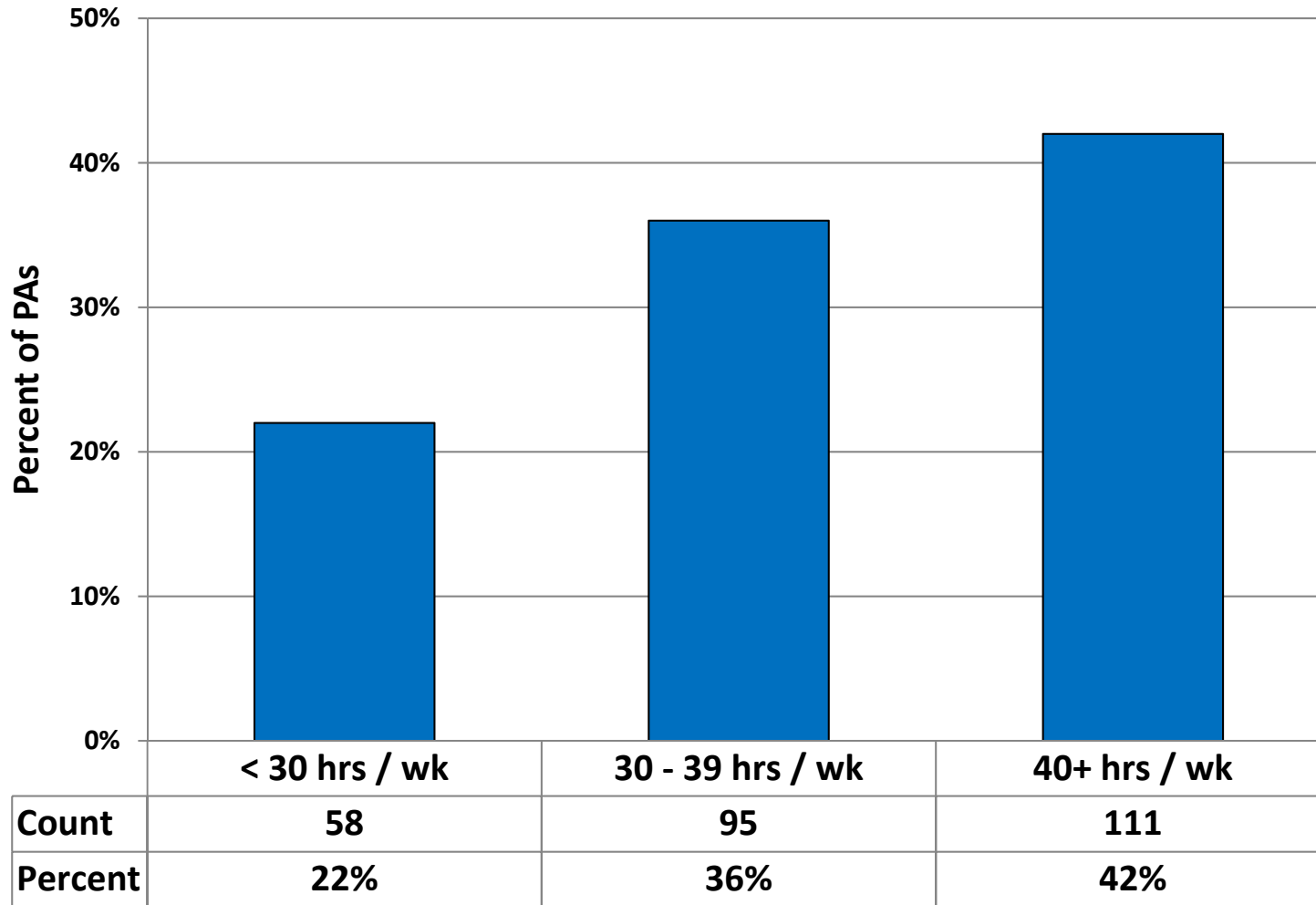


Years Worked in Vermont



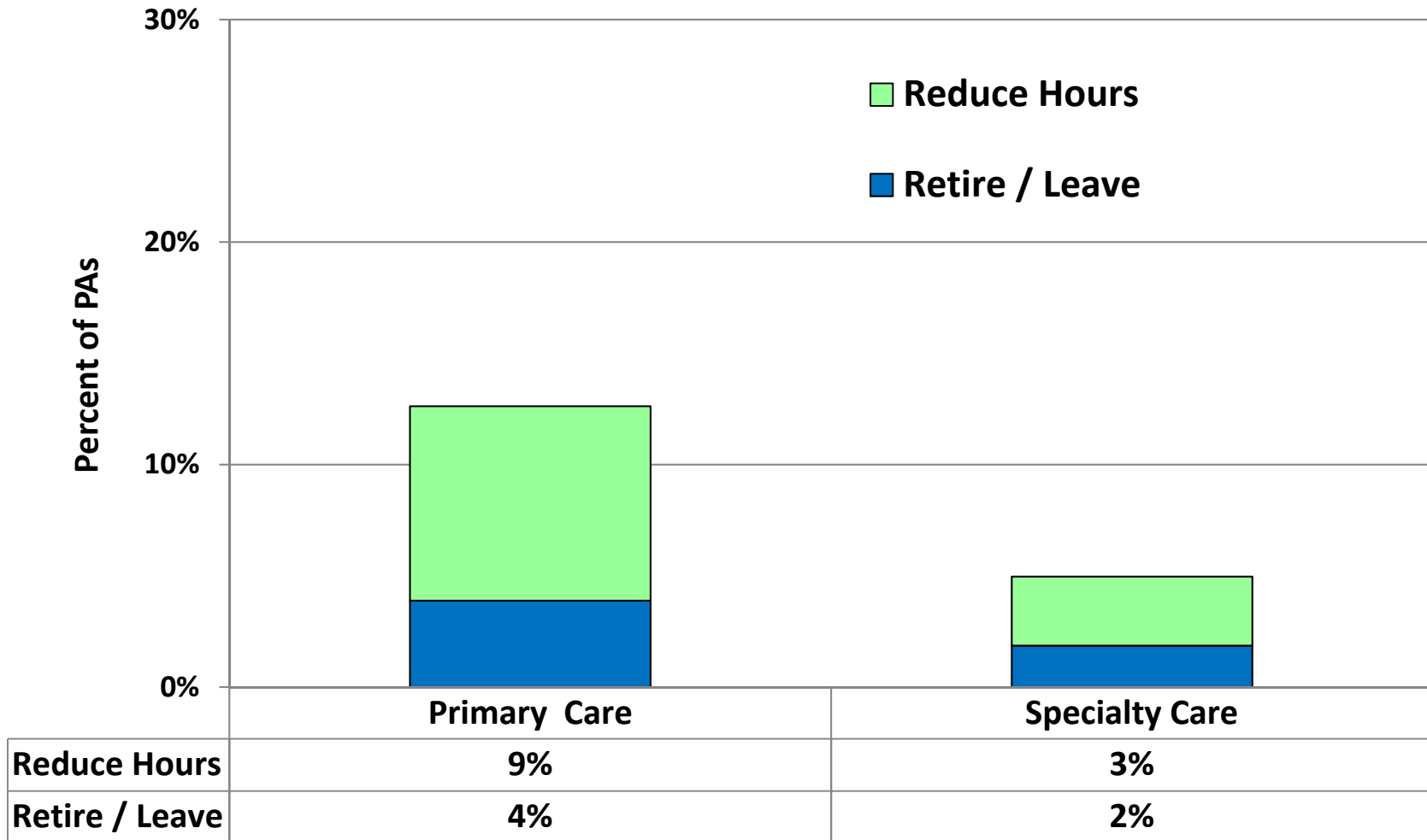
50% of primary care PAs, and 38% of specialists, have worked in VT 10 years or more

Patient Care Hours Per Week

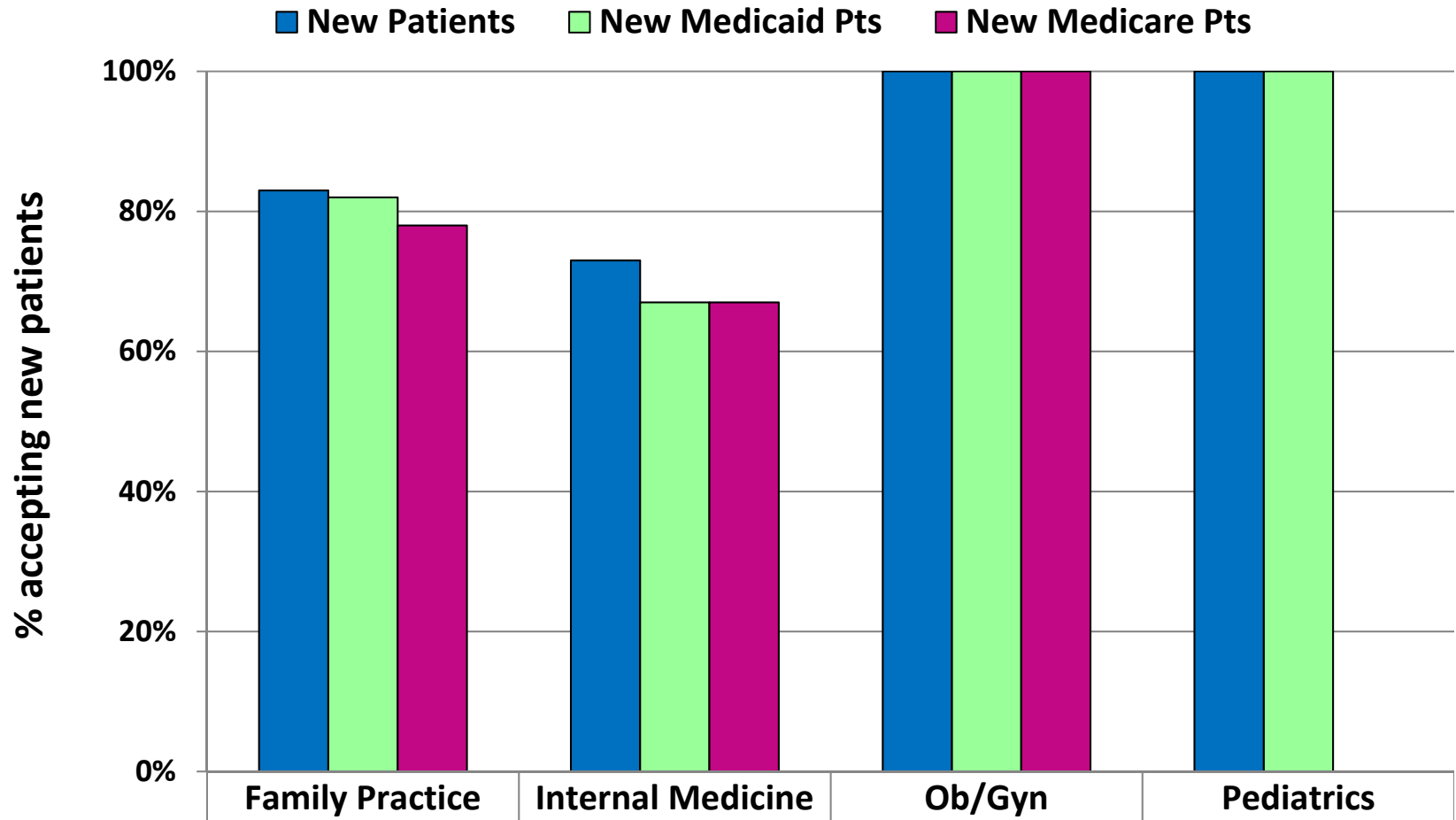


Average patient care hours per week: 35 overall, 30 for ages 60 and older.

Planning to Retire, or Reduce Hours Worked in Vermont, Within 12 Months



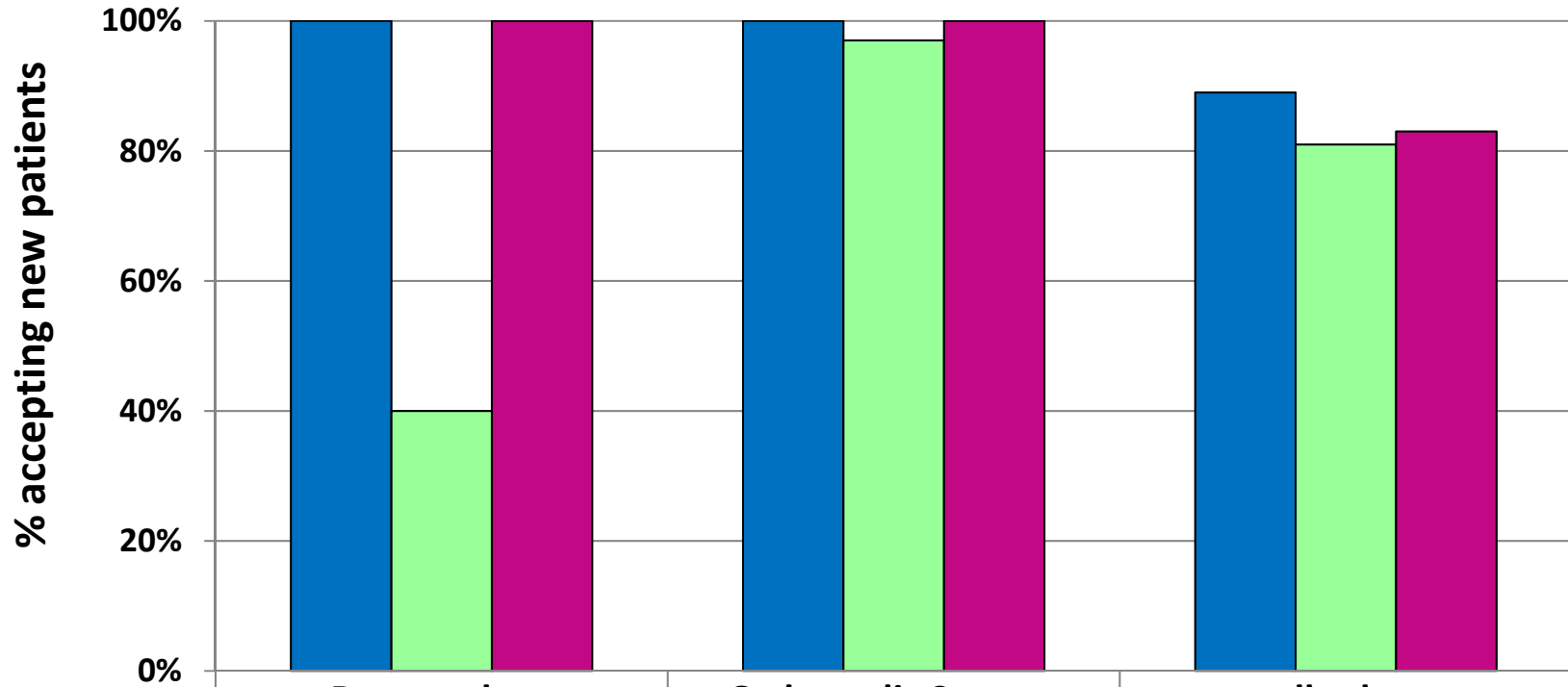
Accepting New Patients – Primary Care



	Family Practice	Internal Medicine	Ob/Gyn	Pediatrics
New Patients	83%	73%	100%	100%
New Medicaid Pts	82%	67%	100%	100%
New Medicare Pts	78%	67%	100%	

Accepting New Patients – Specialty Care

■ New Patients ■ New Medicaid Pts ■ New Medicare Pts



	Dermatology	Orthopedic Surgery	all other
New Patients	100%	100%	89%
New Medicaid Pts	40%	97%	81%
New Medicare Pts	100%	100%	83%

Office settings only. Emergency medicine, pathology and radiology excluded.

Comparison of Selected Physician Assistant Data, 2000-2014

	2000	2004	2008	2010	2012	2014
Total active PAs	117	155	191	202	240	264
Percent female	56%	56%	58%	60%	57%	61%
Percent age 55 or older	7%	15%	25%	23%	23%	25%
Primary care PAs	70	79	85	83	98	103
% accepting new patients	95%	97%	85%	82%	88%	83%
accepting new Medicaid patients	89%	92%	66%	73%	78%	80%
accepting new Medicare patients	93%	94%	77%	73%	82%	77%
Primary care PA FTEs	50.9	62.3	64.8	67.0	76.6	80.0
FTEs/100,000 population	8.4	10.0	10.4	10.8	12.2	12.8
Specialty care PAs	47	76	106	119	142	161
Specialty care PA FTEs	42.1	69.2	93.9	105.7	123.3	139.2

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