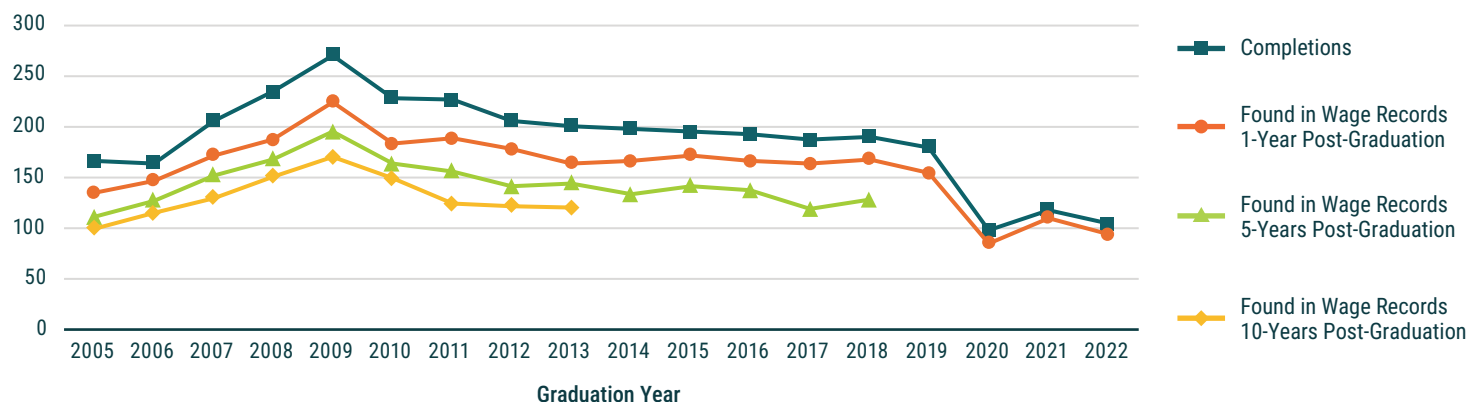


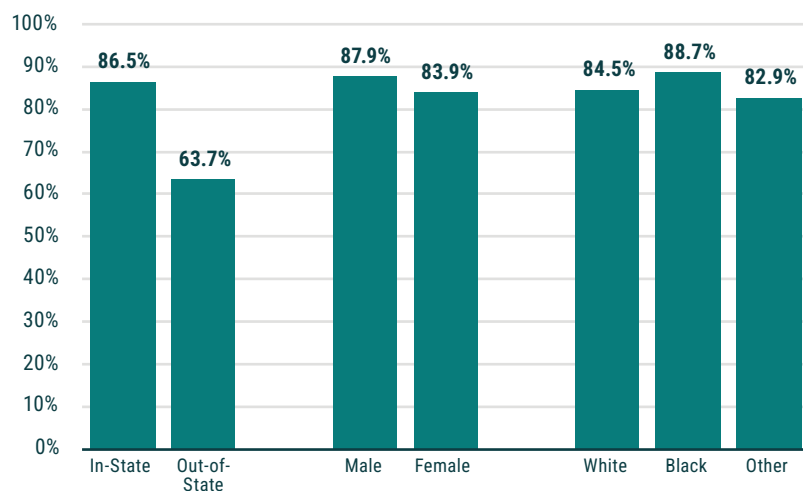
PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT GRADUATES



- From December 2023 to December 2024, there were **2,200 documented job postings** in the state for selected physical therapy assistant related occupations.
- From 2005 to 2022, the number of associate degrees in physical therapy assistant awarded each year ranged from 98 to 270.
- In total, there were **3,363 unique graduates** in physical therapy assistant associate degree programs between 2005 and 2022.
- NOTE:** There may be a supply of individuals with physical therapy assistant credentials obtained outside of the South Carolina higher education system as well as individuals with credentials above the associate degree level.

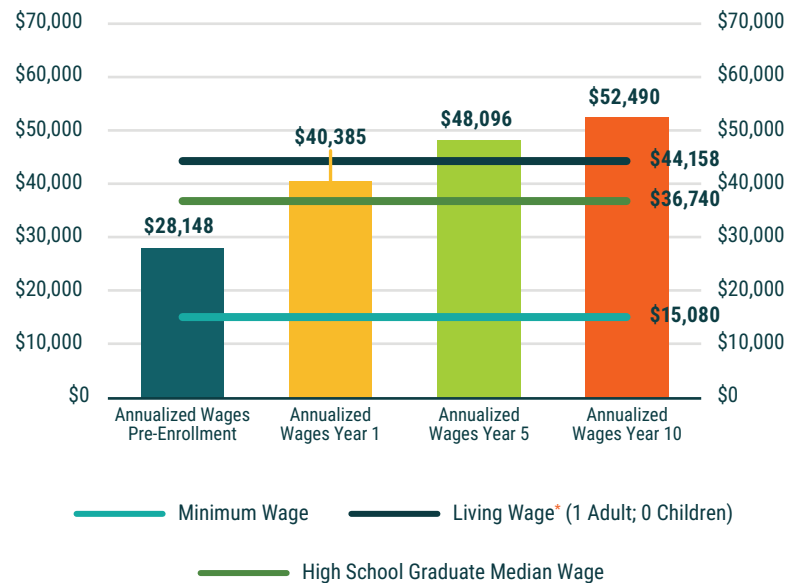
PERCENT OF GRADUATES FOUND IN WAGE RECORDS ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS



- In-state physical therapy assistant graduates were 22.8 percentage points more likely to be found in wage records one-year post-graduation compared to out-of-state graduates.
- Male graduates were slightly more likely than female graduates to be in the wage records one year post-graduation, as were black graduates as compared to graduates of other races.

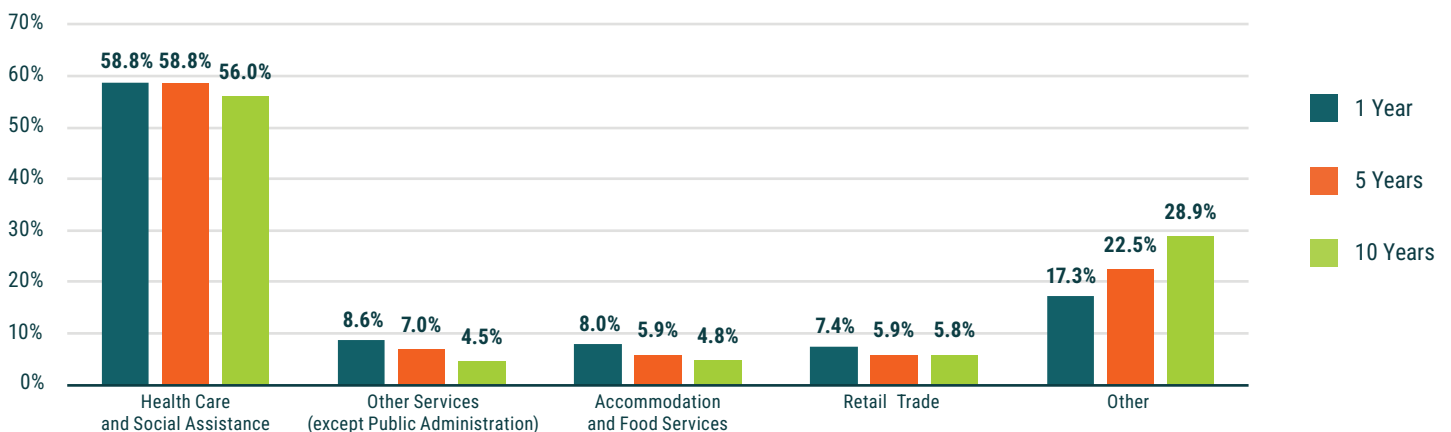
WAGE COMPARISON FOR INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Per the 2023 CHE Statistical Abstract, the cost of attending a two-year technical college in South Carolina for in state students would likely be around \$10,000.
- Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the median wage for all high school graduates in S.C. for 2023 is \$36,740, and the annual living wage* in S.C. for one adult, no children, is \$44,158.
- By ten years post-graduation, physical therapy assistant graduates make about \$8,000 above a living wage.
- Wages were annualized based on the number of quarters the individual was found working in the state.



*According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's 2024 Living Wage Calculator

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT ONE, FIVE, AND TEN YEARS POST-GRADUATION



- **Health Care and Social Assistance was the most common industry for physical therapy assistant graduates** one, five, and ten years post-graduation. Other industries of employment include Accommodation and Food Services and Retail Trade.
- Current data about South Carolina workers is based on industry of employment. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) began collecting **occupation data on workers in April 2024**. Future analysis may be able to specifically document which graduates obtain jobs in physical therapy assistant related occupations.
- **NOTE:** Only graduates whose industry of employment was known were considered for this figure. The top industry of employment is shown and all other industries of employment are combined.