

Graduate School Debt and Starting Salaries in Psychology Data

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Overview

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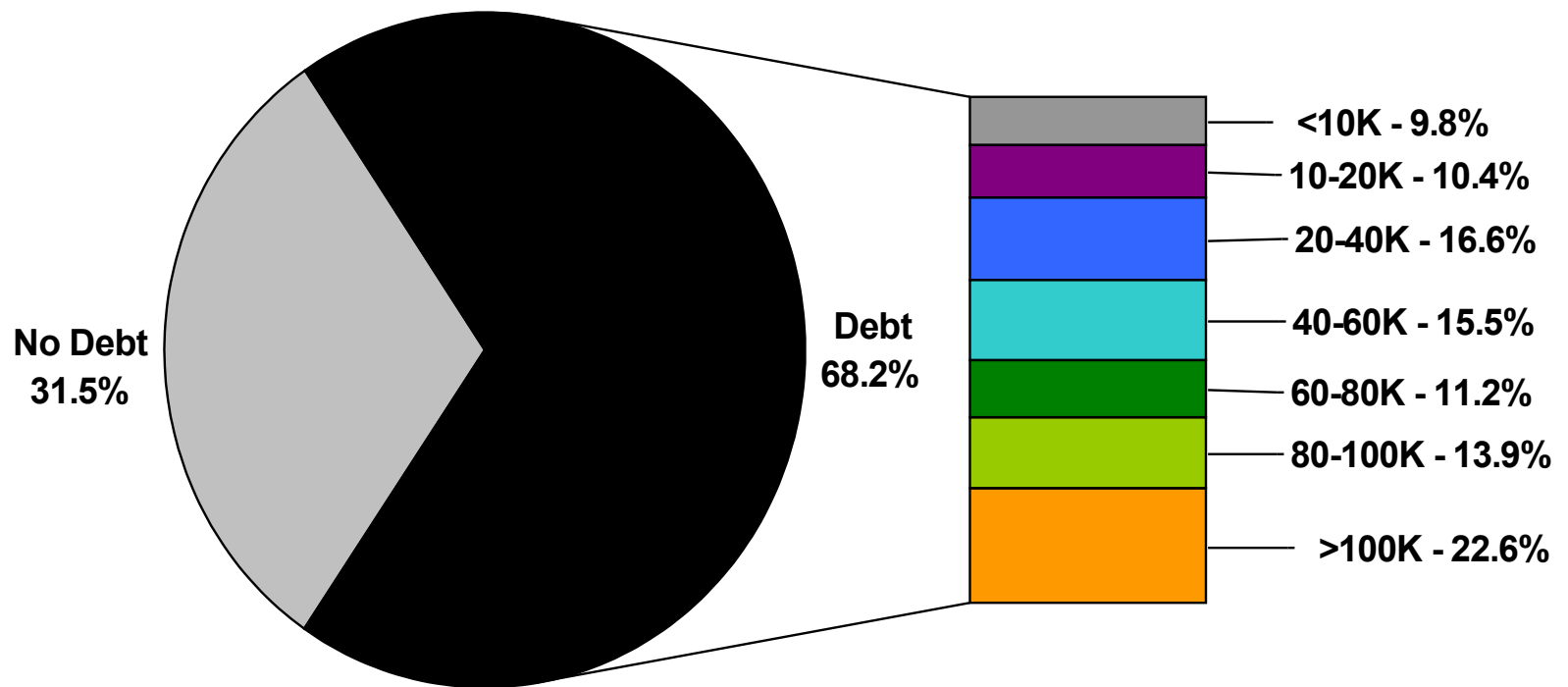
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DEBT

A 3D rendering of the word "DEBT" in large, red, block letters, tilted upwards. A small, white, stylized human figure is positioned underneath the letters, appearing to struggle and support the heavy weight of the word.

Debt Related to Graduate Education Reported by Recent Doctorates in Psychology: 2007

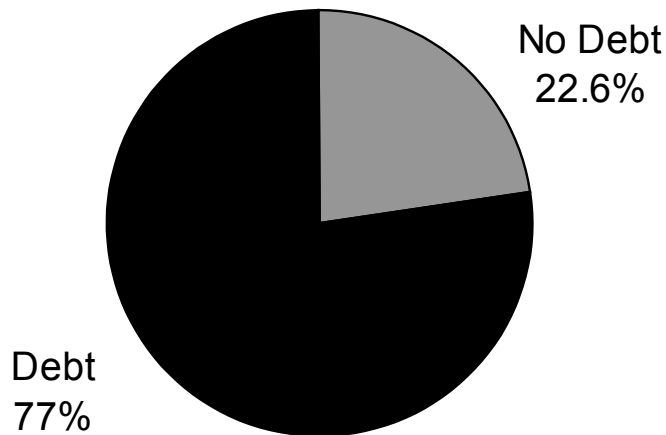


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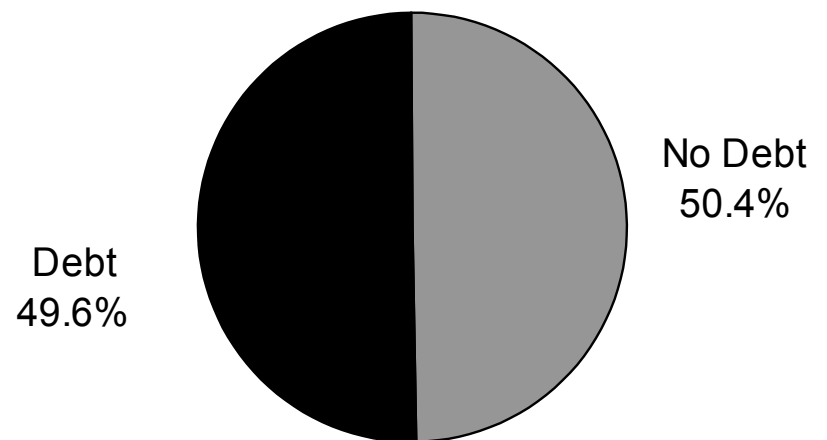
Debt Related to Graduate Education by Subfield for Recent Doctorates in Psychology: 2007

Health Service Provider Subfields



Median	\$70,000
Mean	\$78,360
SD	\$53,569

Research/Other Subfields

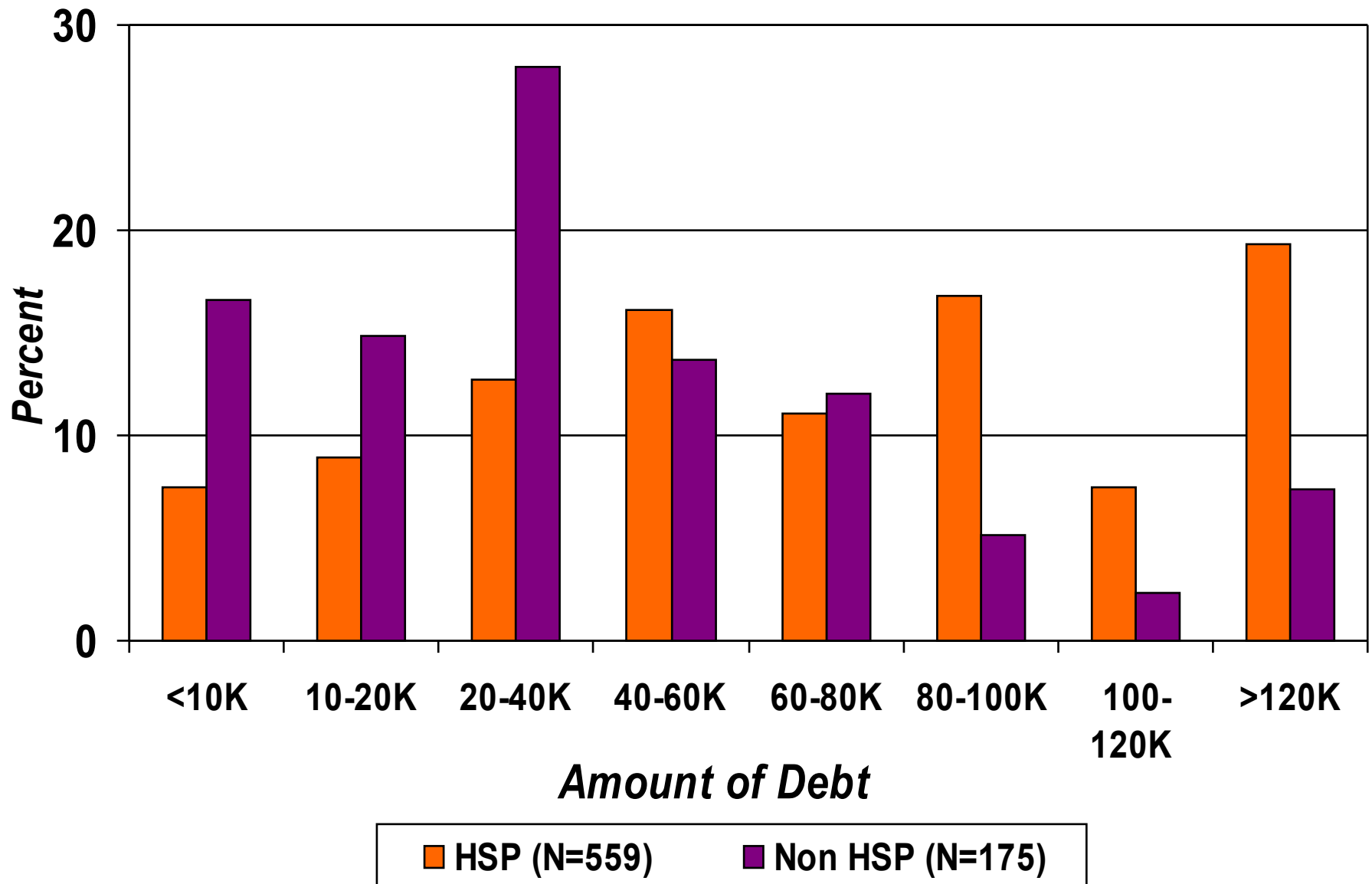


Median	\$35,000
Mean	\$46,743
SD	\$40,009

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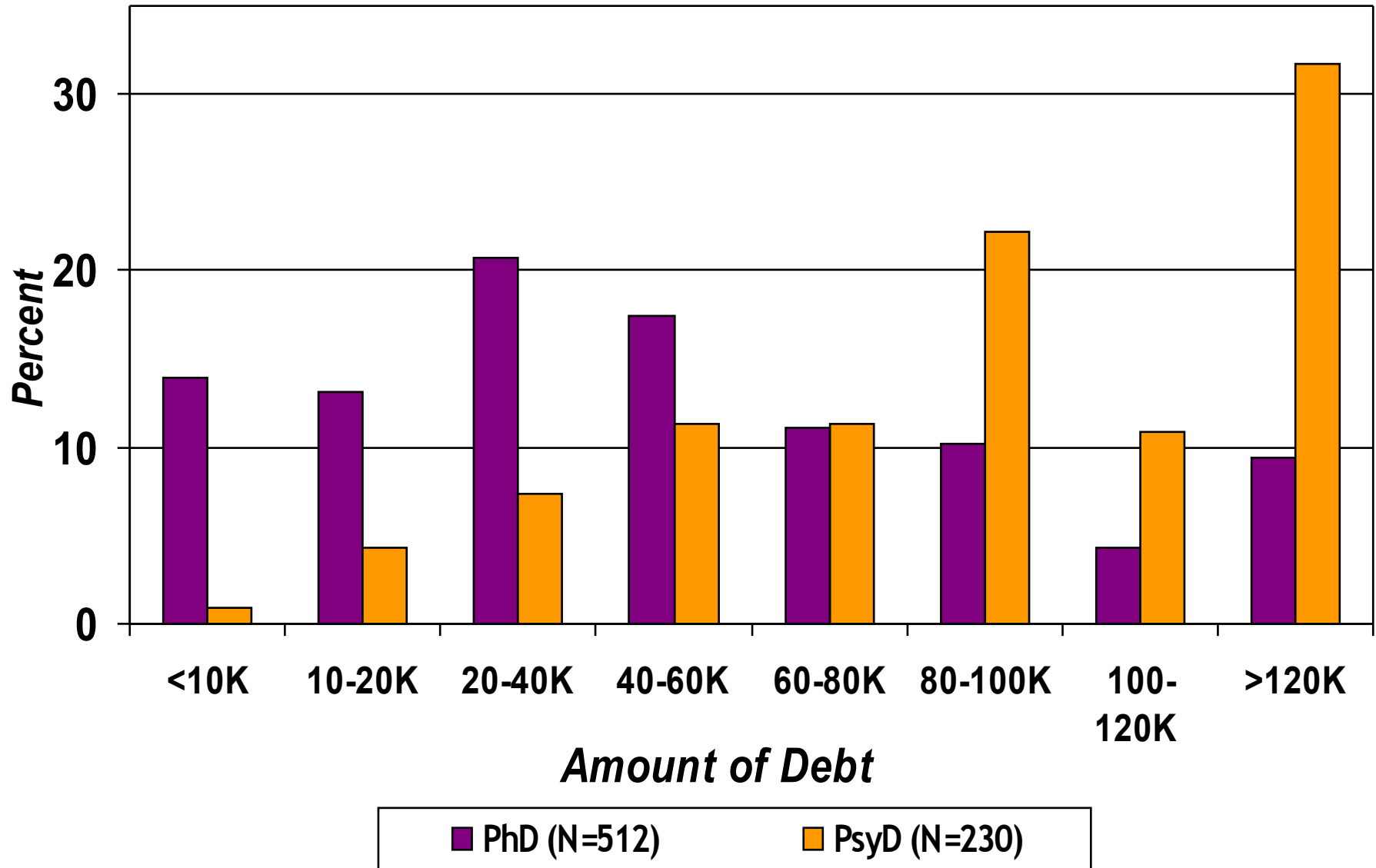
Level of Debt by Broad Subfield for Recent Doctorates in Psychology: 2007



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Note: "HSP"=Health Service Provider subfields (Clinical, Counseling, Child Clinical, School, and Family)

Level of Debt by Type of Degree for Recent Doctorates: 2007



Average Level of Education-Related Debt by Year, for Doctorate Recipients Who Reported Any Debt

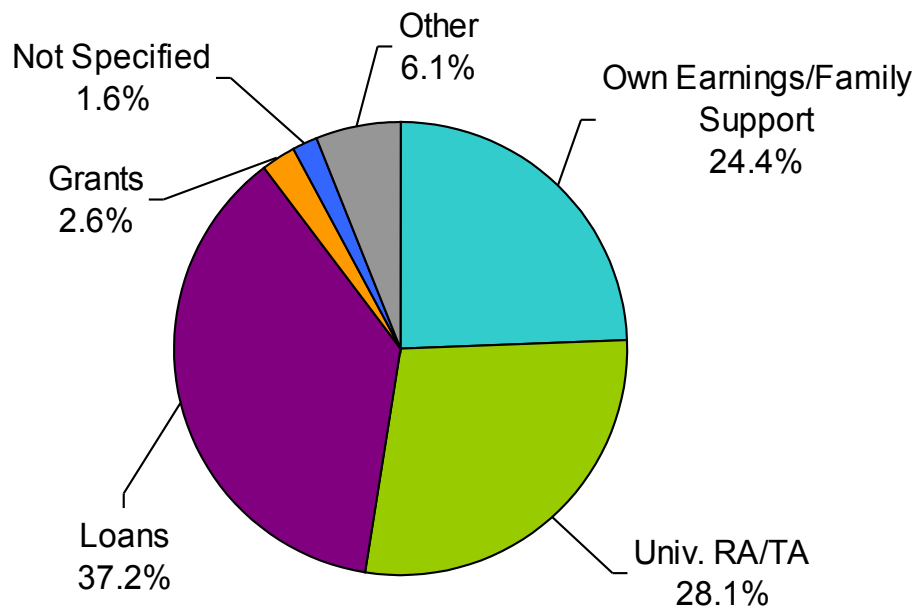
Year of doctorate	Median	Mean	SD	<i>N</i>
2007	60,000	70,468	52,328	742
2005	60,000	71,901	54,814	1,319
2003	50,000	60,814	46,336	1,105
2001	42,500	53,111	40,881	1,232
1999	38,000	46,348	36,250	1,428
1997	30,000	35,312	28,989	1,341
1995	20,000	27,950	25,299	642

Financial Support

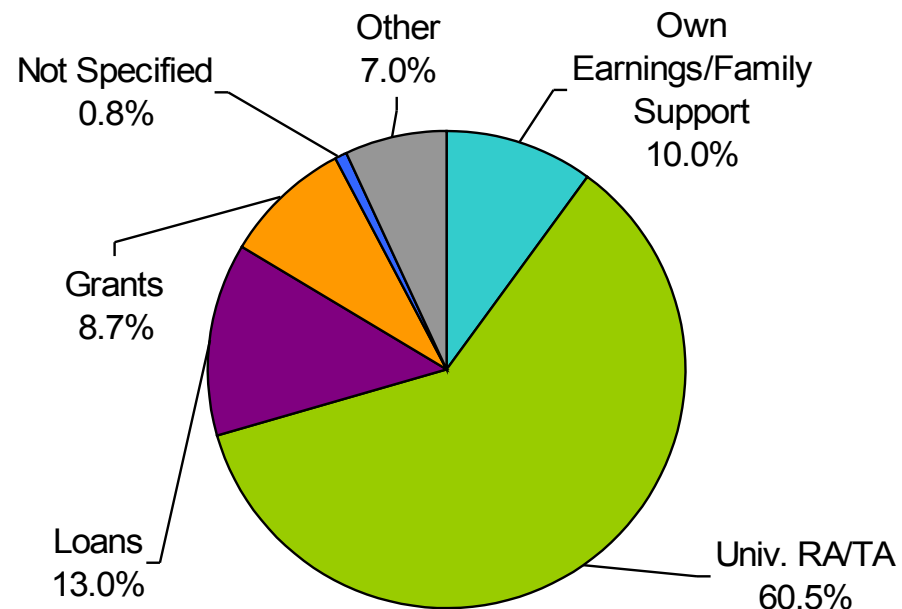


Primary Sources of Financial Support by Broad Subfield for Recent Doctorates in Psychology: 2007

Health Service Provider Fields



Research/Other Fields

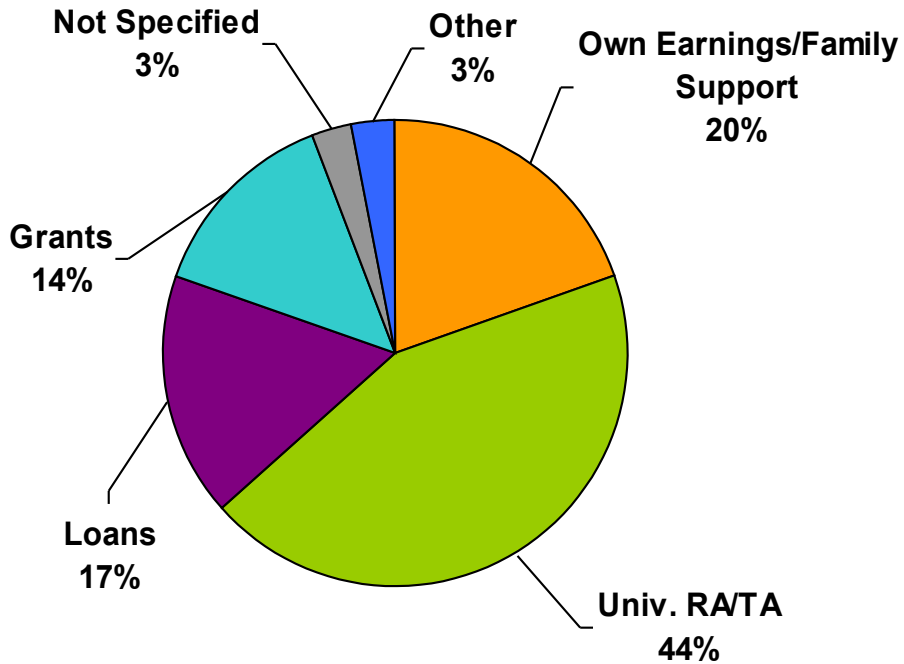


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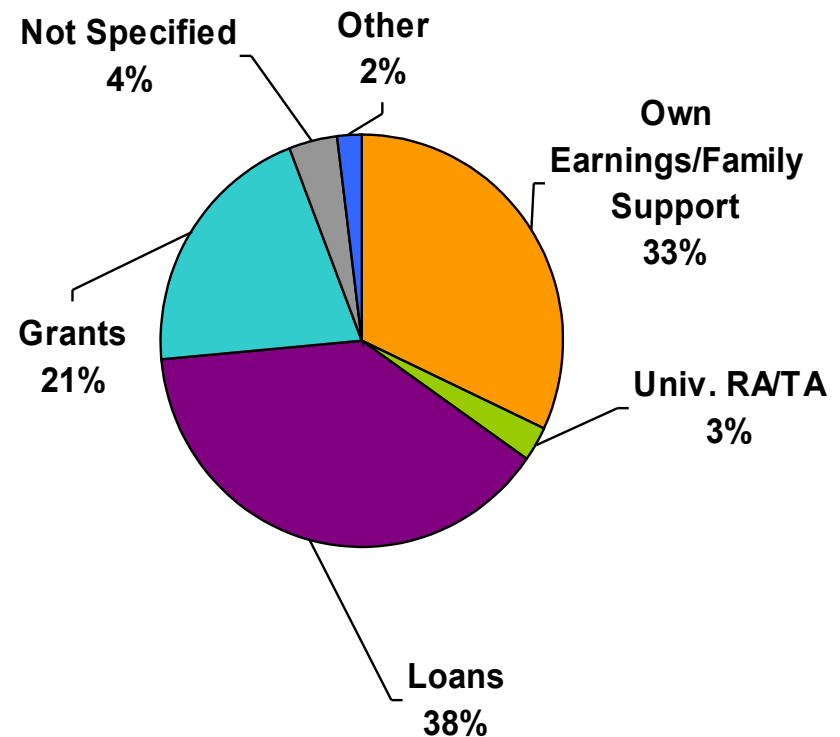
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Primary Sources of Financial Support for ECP's by Type of Degree: 2007

PhD



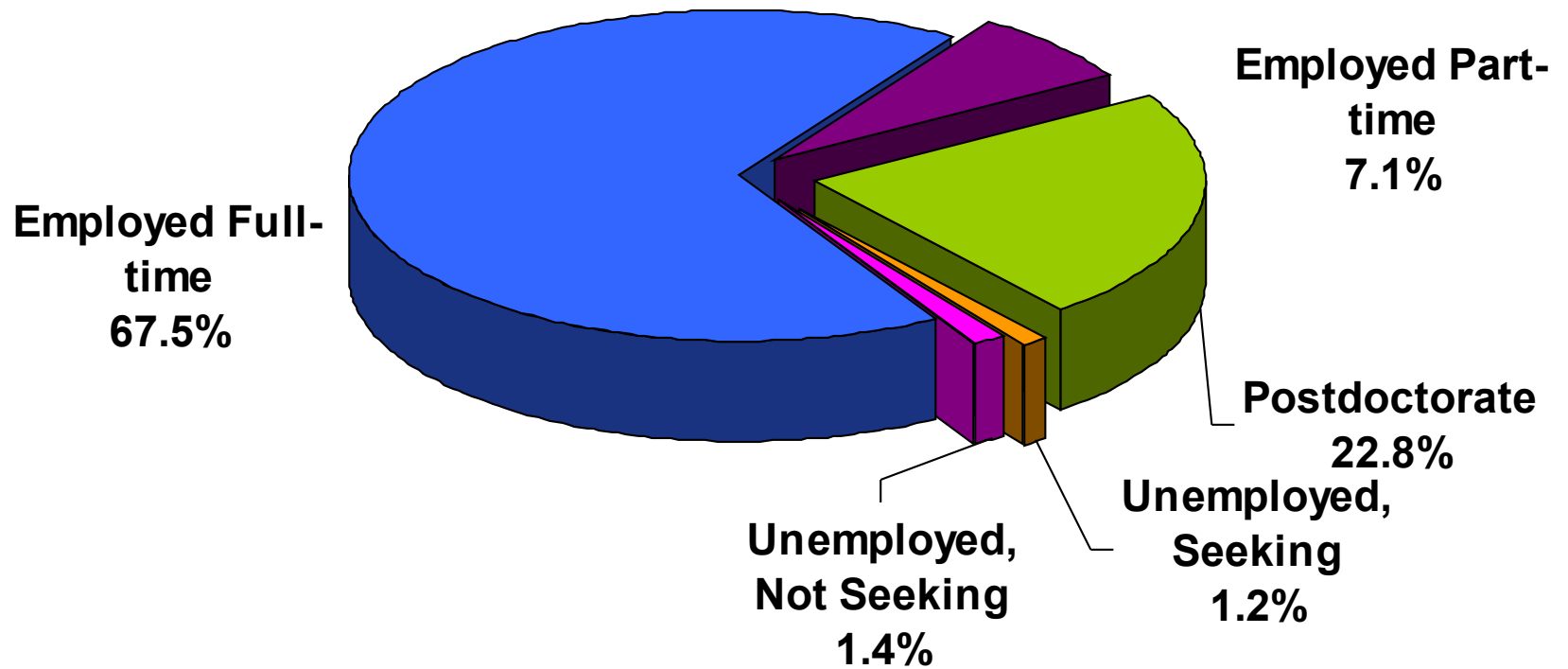
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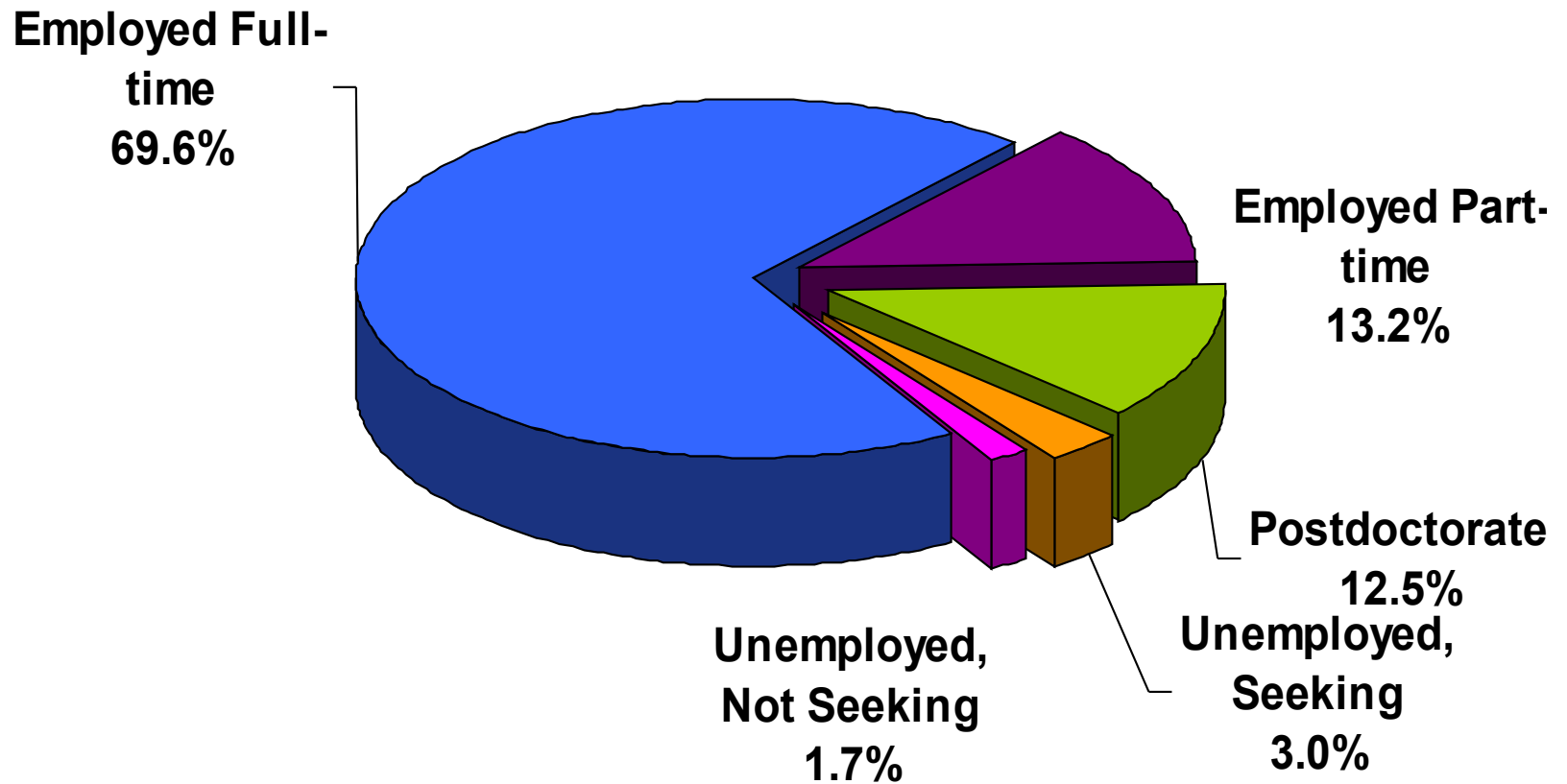
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Employment Status of Recent PhDs in Psychology: 2007

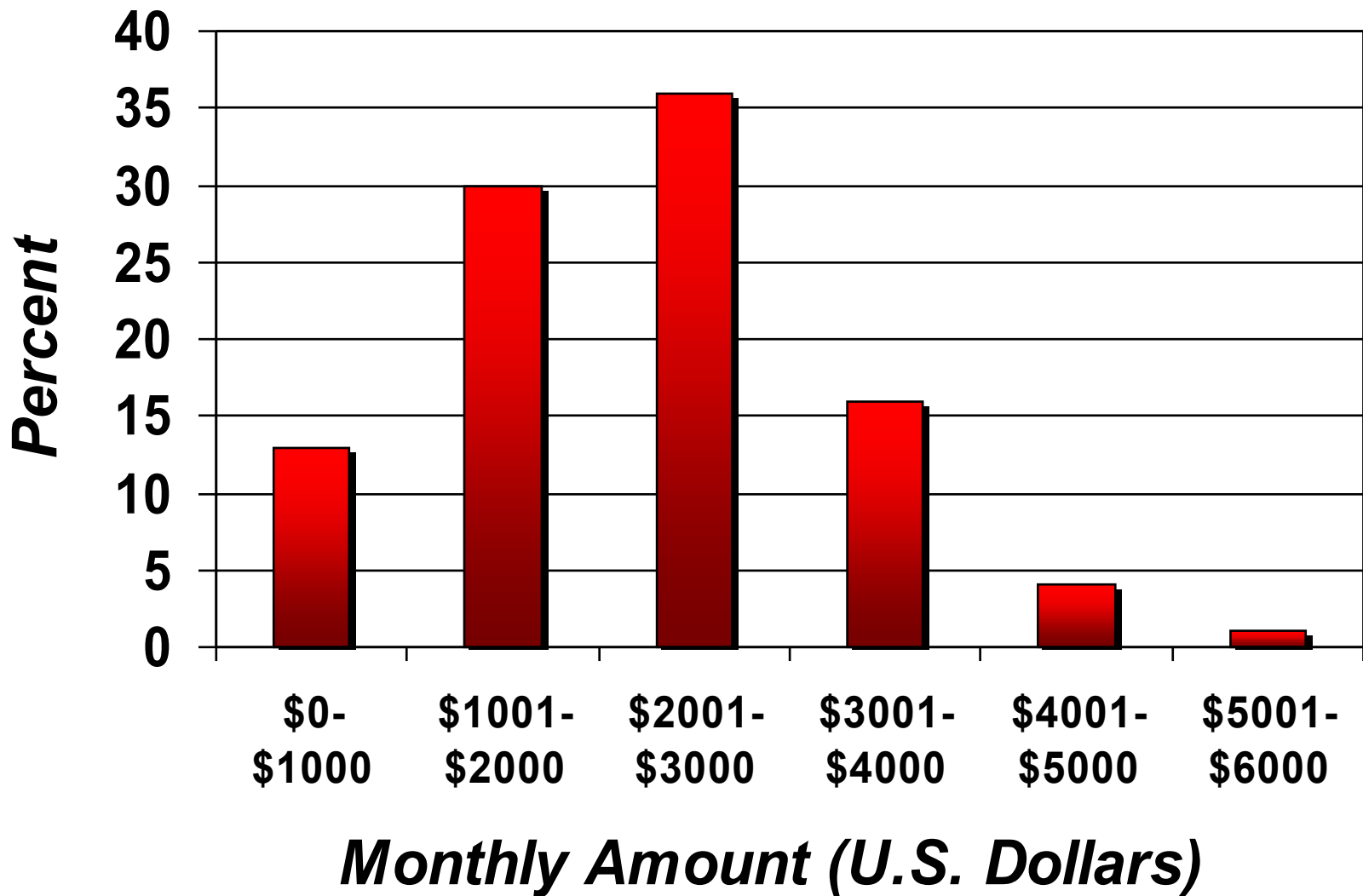


Employment Status of Recent PsyDs in Psychology: 2007

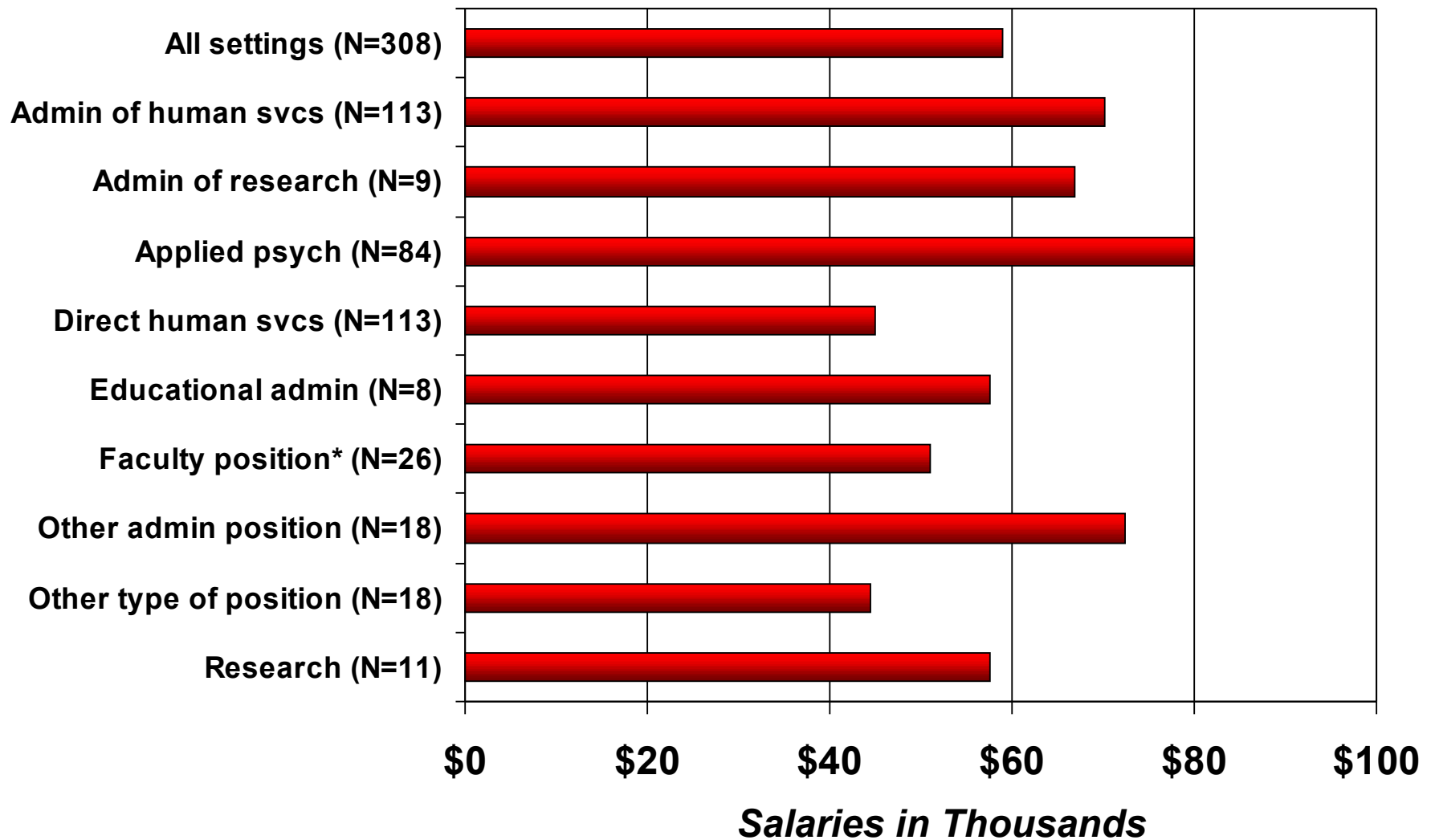


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Postdoctorate Monthly Stipend Amounts for ECP's: 2007



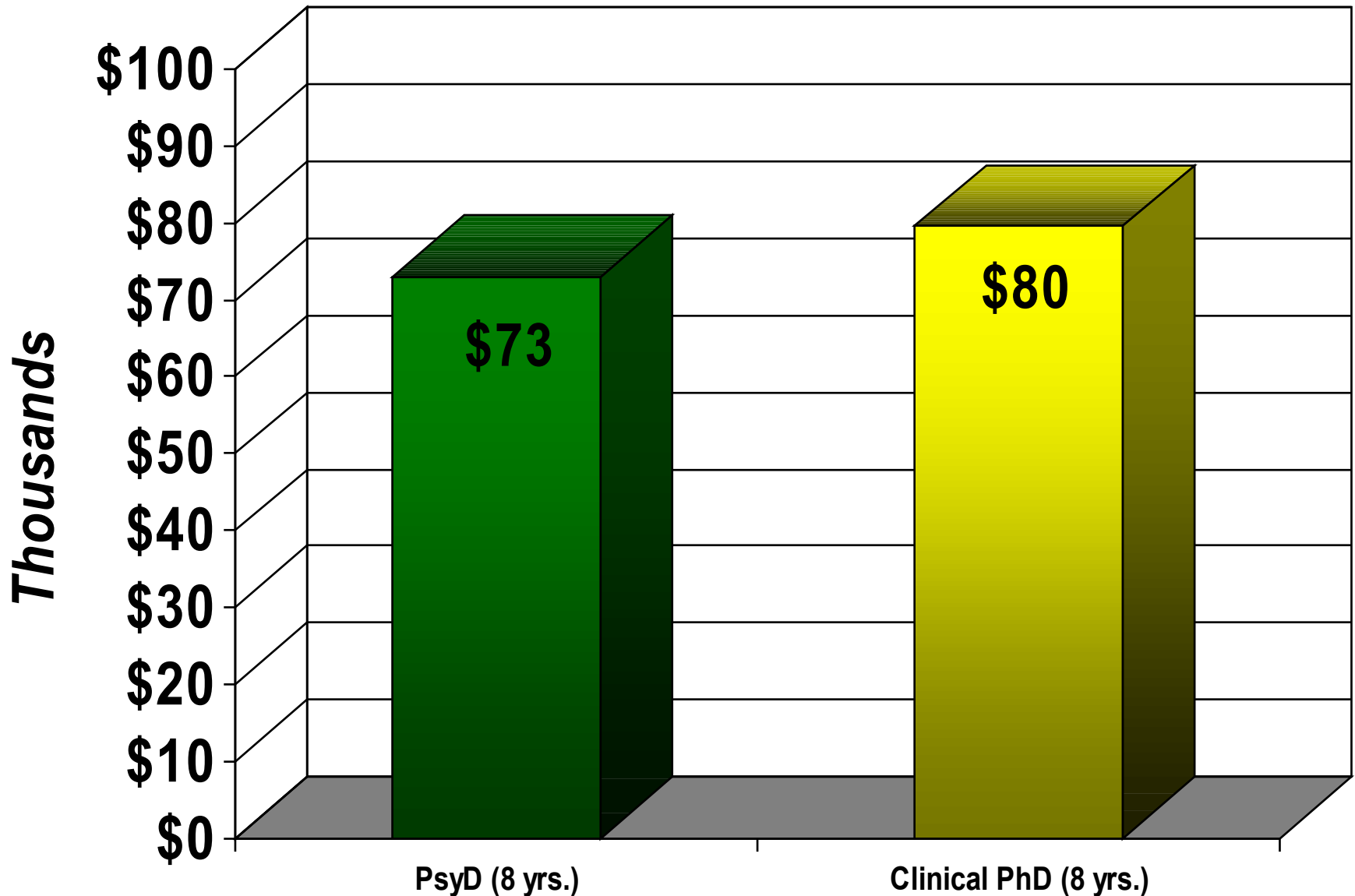
Median Annual Full-time Salaries by Employment Position for Master's-Level APA Members in Psychology: 2009



Source: 2009 APA Salary Survey, Preliminary Data . Compiled by the APA Center for Workforce Studies, July 2009.

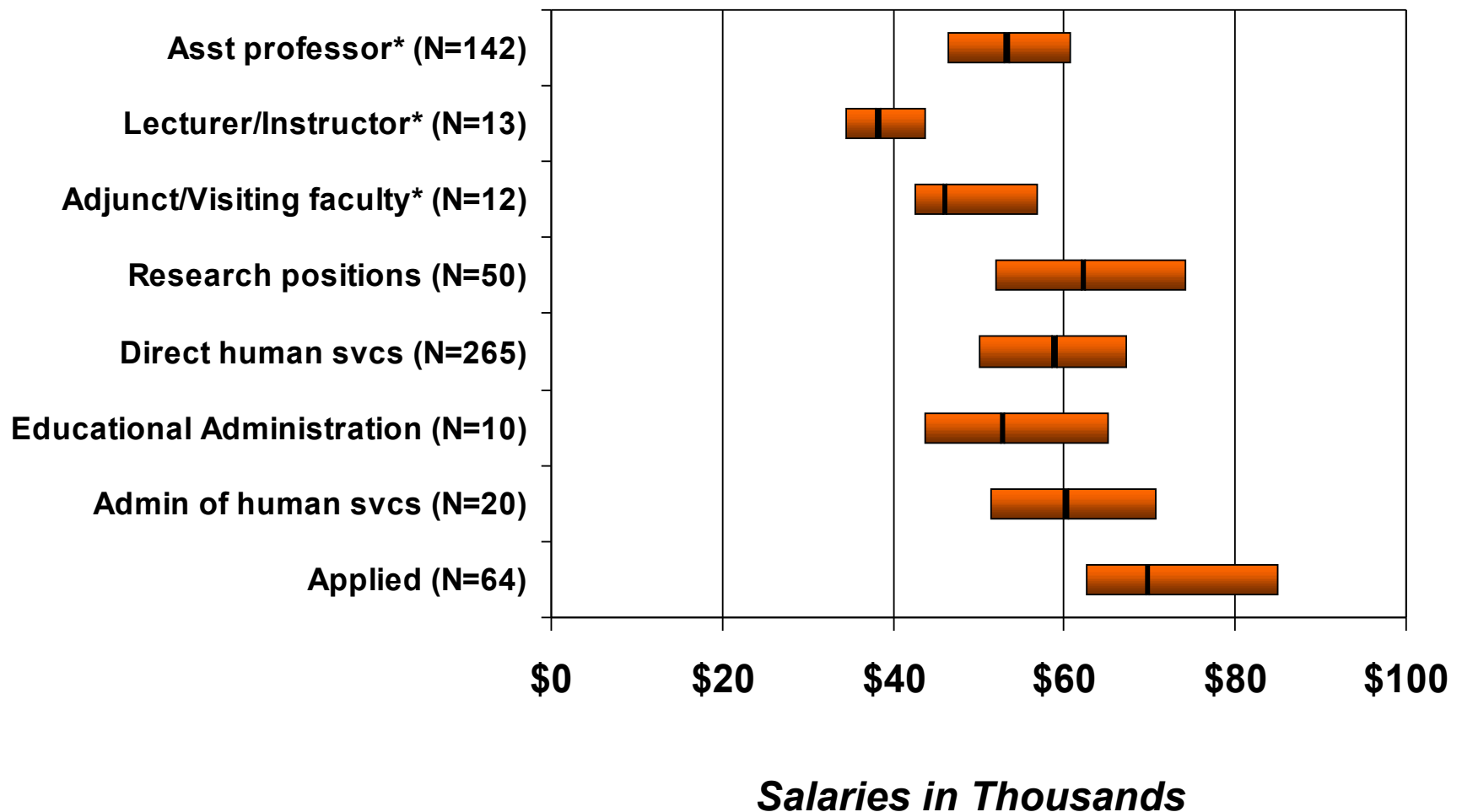
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Median Annual Full-time Salaries in Psychology By Type of Degree and Median Years Work Experience: 2009



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Note: PsyD N=1134, Clinical PhD N=84.

Starting Salaries for Full-time Employment Positions of Recent Doctorates in Psychology: 2007

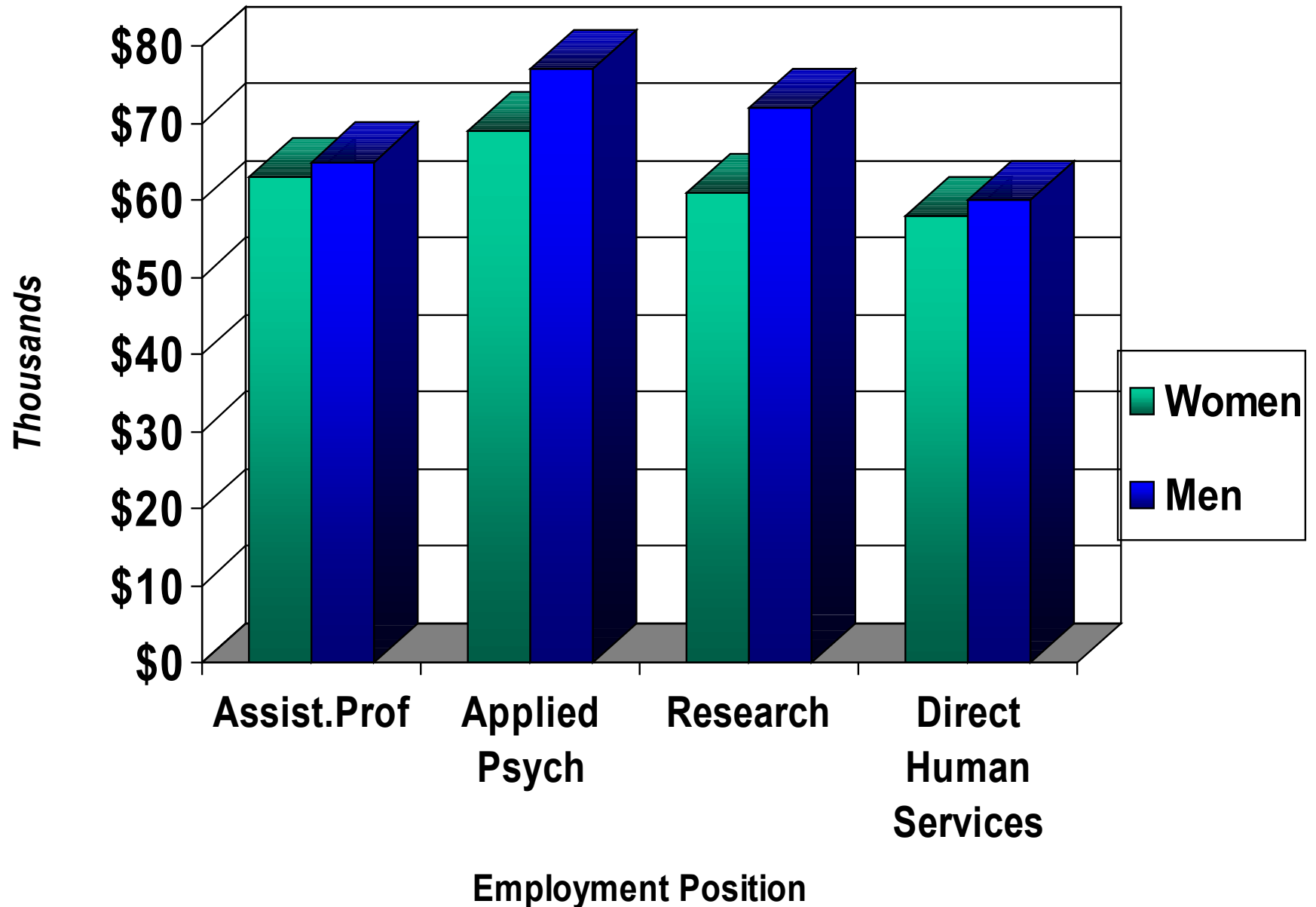


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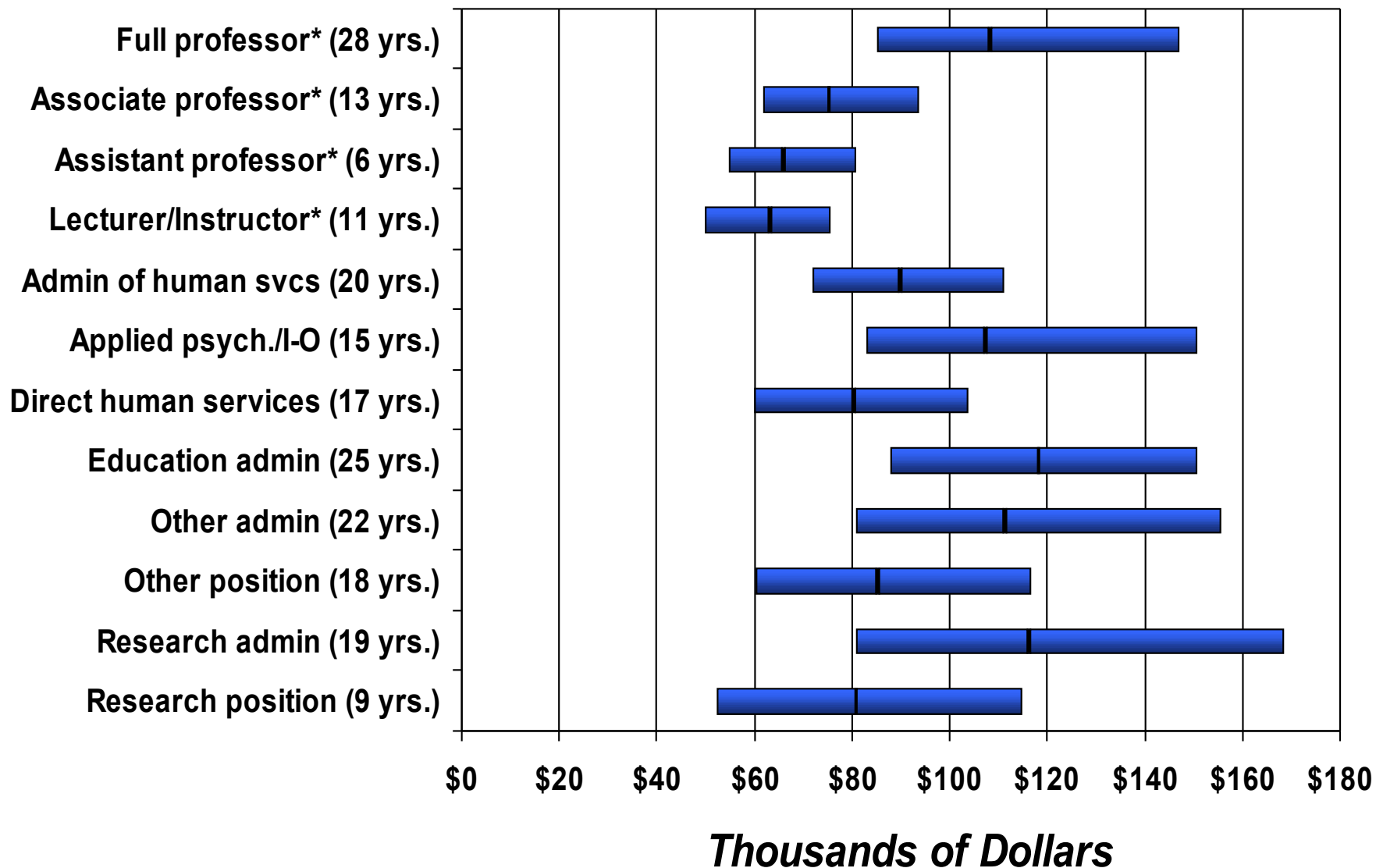
Note. Graph includes first quartile, median, and third quartile values. Includes PsyDs.

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Starting Salaries in Psychology by Gender and Position: 2007



Full-time Salaries of Doctoral-Level Psychologists by Employment Position and Median Years Work Experience: 2009

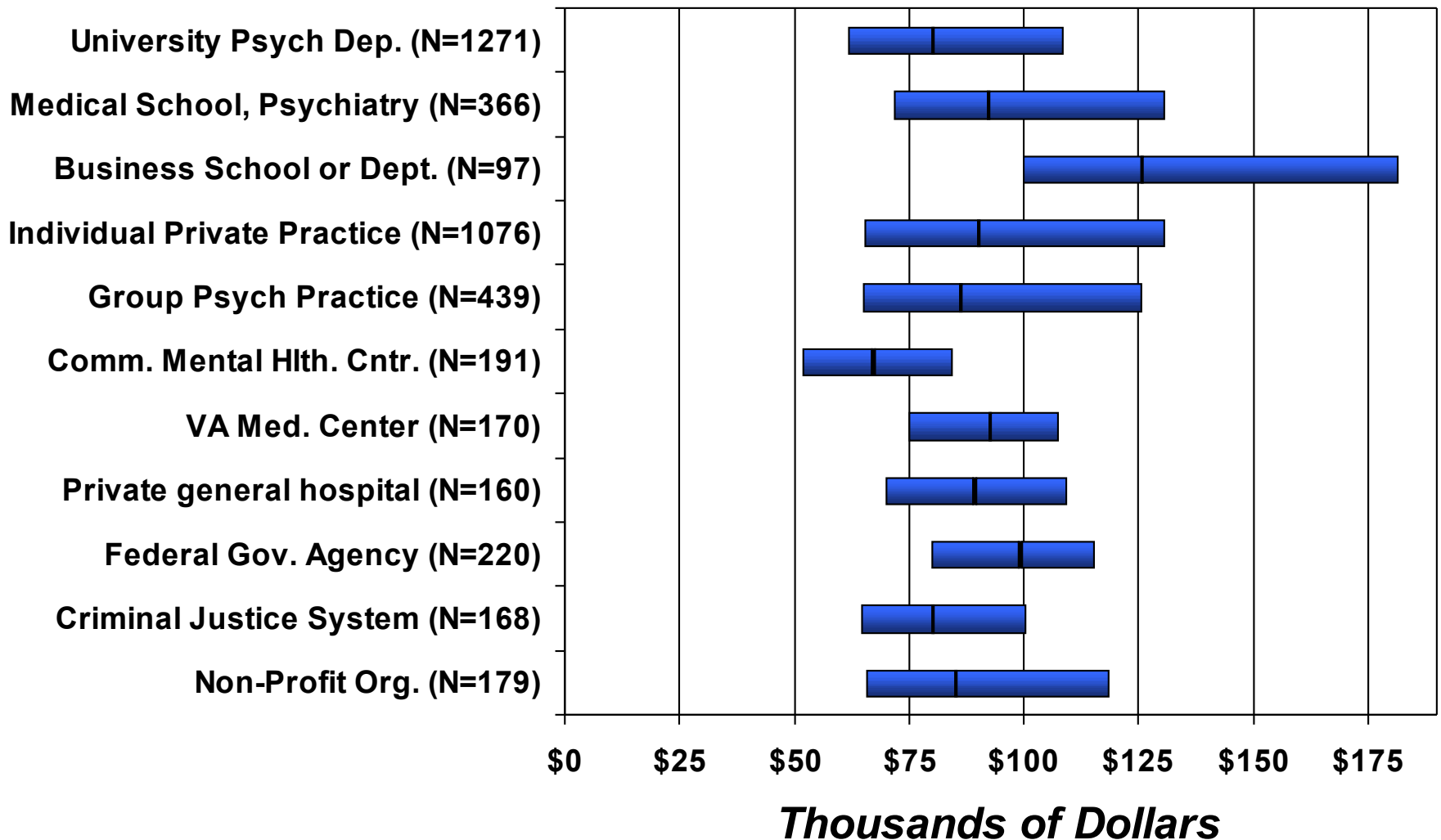


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Full-time Salaries of Doctoral-level Psychologists by Employment Setting: 2009



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TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

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Practical Questions Every Psychology Student Can Ask Themselves

- Do I need to start paying back my student loans after 6 months?
- Am I comfortable with working in more than one employment position?
- How can I broaden my client scope to increase my salary?
- Do I accept managed care companies first offer?
- When do I start looking for my own government funding for grants?

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