

CWS Factsheet Series on Population Served: Psychologists Providing Services to Adults

Key Findings

- **Older, male psychologists, and those without disabilities** were more likely to provide services to adults (ages 19-64) at higher frequencies.
- Psychologists **working in private practice settings**, those working **40 hours per week or less**, and those **self-employed** were also more likely to provide service to adults at higher frequencies.

Background

This factsheet presents an analysis of the characteristics of psychologists providing services to **adults** (ages 19-64) based on responses from approximately 3,800 **doctoral-level licensed psychologists** in the 2015 **APA Survey of Psychology Health Service Providers**.¹ In a typical week,

- **83%** of psychologists **frequently or very frequently** provided services to adults, and
- **17%** of psychologists **never, rarely, or occasionally** provided services to adults.

Findings

Psychologists with the following characteristics were more likely to provide services to adults:

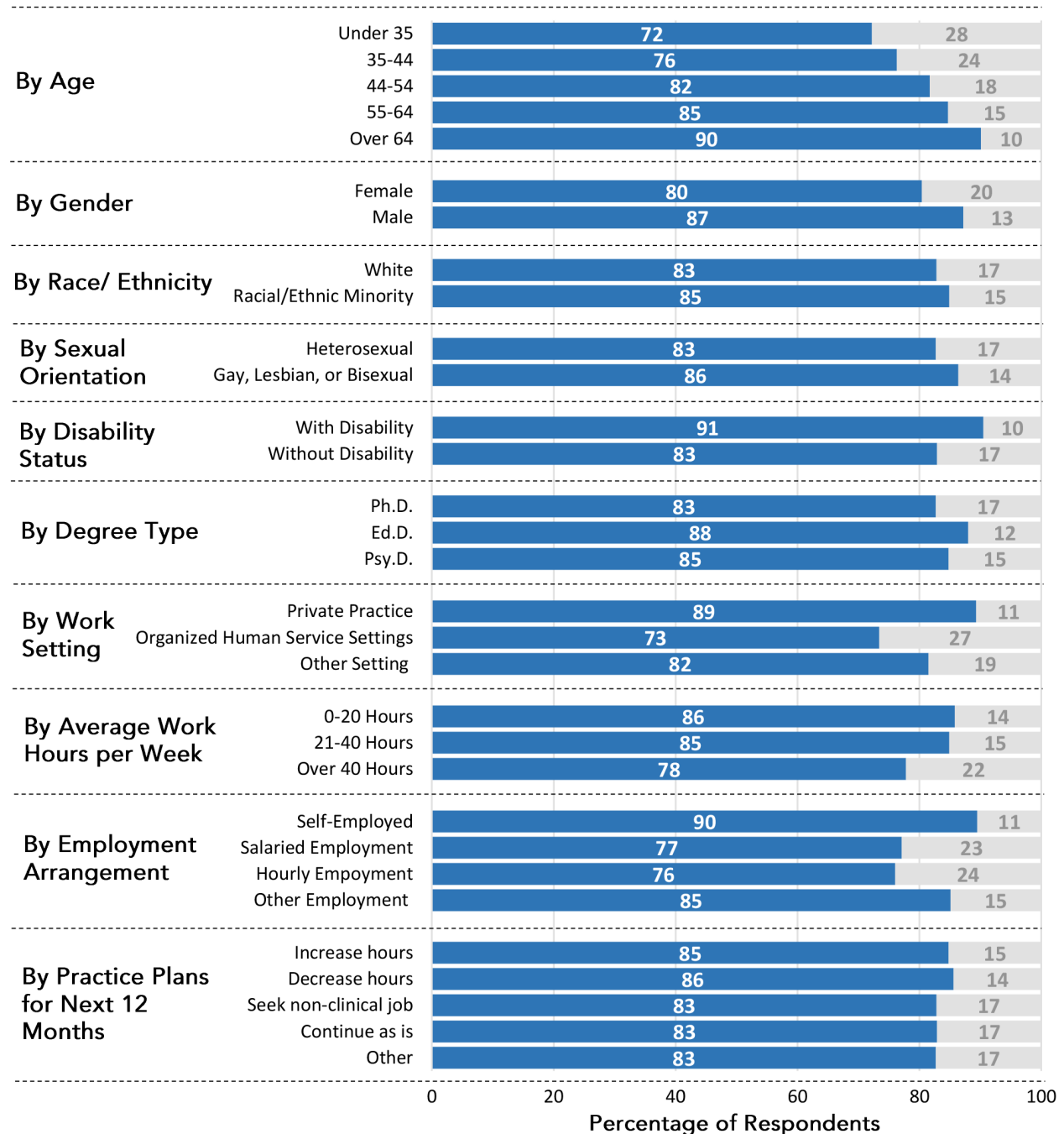
- **Older** – **90%** of psychologists over age 64 reported frequently or very frequently providing services to adults, more than those ages under 35 (72%), 35-44 (76%), 45-54 (82%), and 55-64 (85%).
- **Male** – more male psychologists (87%) than female psychologists (80%) reported frequently or very frequently providing services to adults.
- **Without a disability** – **91%** of psychologists without disabilities reported frequently or very frequently providing services to adults, as opposed to 83% for psychologists with disabilities.
- **Working in private practice settings** – **89%** of psychologists working in private practice settings reported frequently or very frequently providing services to adults, more than those in organized health and human services settings, such as hospitals, community mental health centers, etc.(73%) and other settings, i.e., business, government settings, universities (82%).
- **Working under 40 hours per week** – **85%** of psychologists who worked 40 hours per week or less reported frequently or very frequently providing services to adults, whereas only 78% of those who worked over 40 hours per week reported the same.

1. All statements in this factsheet are based on χ^2 test results. For more information about χ^2 test results, please refer to the documentation file for this factsheet series. For more information about other findings of the survey or the survey methodology, please refer to the report: American Psychological Association. (2016). 2015 survey of psychology health service providers. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/15-health-service-providers/index.aspx>

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Characteristics of Psychologists Providing Services to Adults

Characteristics of Psychologists



Frequency of Providing Services to Adults: ■ Frequently, Very Frequently ■ Never, Rarely, Occasionally

Note: Missing values were excluded prior to analysis.
Source: 2015 APA Survey of Psychology Health Service Providers.