

CWS Factsheet Series on Population Served: Psychologists Providing Services to Bisexual Populations

Key Findings

- **Younger, female psychologists, gay, lesbian, or bisexual psychologists, and those with Psy.D. degrees** were more likely to provide services to the bisexual population at higher frequencies.
- Psychologists working in **other settings**, i.e., business, government settings, universities, those **working more hours** per week, and self-employed or under **salaried employment** were also more likely to provide services to the bisexual population at higher frequencies.

Background

This factsheet presents an analysis of the characteristics of psychologists providing services to **bisexual populations** based on responses from approximately 3,700 **doctoral-level licensed psychologists** in the **2015 APA Survey of Psychology Health Service Providers**.¹ In a typical week,

- 11% of psychologists **frequently or very frequently** provided services to the bisexual population, and
- 89% of psychologists **never, rarely, or occasionally** provided services to the bisexual population.

Findings

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

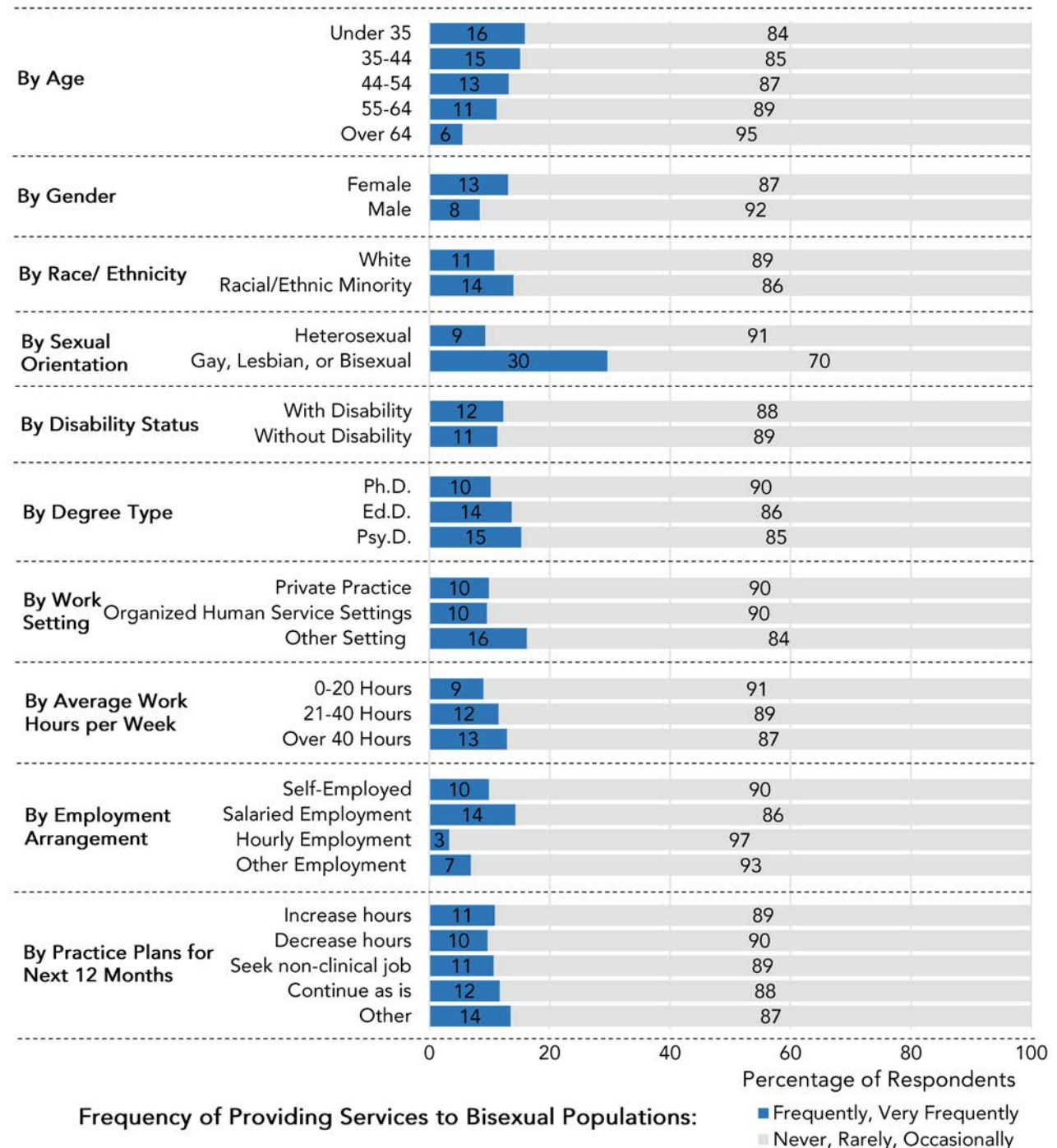
- **Younger** - 16% of psychologists under age 35 reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, more than those ages 35-44 (15%), 45-54 (13%), 55-64 (11%), or over 64 (6%)
- **Female** - 13% of female psychologists reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, whereas only 8% male psychologists reported the same.
- **Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual** - 30% of gay, lesbian, or bisexual psychologists reported providing services to the bisexual population frequently or very frequently, whereas 9% of heterosexual psychologists reported the same.
- **With PsyD degrees** - 15% of psychologists with Psy.D. degrees reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, more than those with Ph.D. (10%) or Ed.D. degrees (14%).
- **Working in other settings**, i.e., business, government settings - 16% of psychologists working in other settings reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, more than those in private practice (10%) or organized human service settings, i.e., hospitals, community mental health centers (10%).
- **Working more hours per week** - 13% of psychologists working over 40 hours per week reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, more than those working 0-20 hours (9%) or 21-40 hours (21%) per week.
- **Self-employed or under Salaried employment** - 10% of self-employed psychologists and 14% of psychologists under salaried employment reported frequently or very frequently providing services to the bisexual population, more than those under hourly employment (3%) or other employment arrangements (7%).

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 Bisexual Populations

Characteristics of Psychologists



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