

Table 2. Definition of Position Types

Position Type	Primary Work Activity at Principal Job (Complete List)	N	%
Professional Service Positions ^a	Professional Services (e.g. health care, counseling, financial services, legal services)	59,579	44.2% ^b
Teaching Positions	Teaching	19,904	14.8%
Research Positions	1) Basic Research 2) Applied Research 3) Development 4) Design	26,202	19.4%
Management Positions	1) Managing or Supervising People or Projects 2) Human Resources - including Recruiting, Personnel Development, Training 3) Administration - Accounting, Finance, Contracts 4) Quality or Productivity Management	22,464	16.7%
Other Positions	All other work activities, including: 1) Computer Programming, Systems or Applications Development 2) Production, Operations, Maintenance 3) Sales, Purchasing, Marketing, Customer Service, Public Relations 4) Other	6,684	5.0%
Full-time Psychologists in all Position Types	All Work Activities	134,632	100%

Note: Total may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

^a Professional service positions roughly represent psychologists providing health services, but may include positions that provide other services such as financial and legal services.

^b According to the state licensing board lists, there were approximately 106,000 licensed psychologists (compiled and estimated by the American Psychological Association, 2016). The estimated number of psychologists in professional service positions (as well as in other types of positions) was lower because the estimation in this report was based on psychologists' *primary* work activity in their *full-time principle* jobs. Psychologists often work in multiple positions and may choose to work part-time in their principle jobs. One position may also involve multiple work activities.

Source: 2015 National Survey of College Graduates, National Science Foundation.