

Table 8c

Job Preference and Perceived Underemployment Among 1996 Master's, Specialist's, and Related Degree Recipients in Psychology With Psychology-Related Employment

	N	MA %	N	MS %	N	MEd/MSEd %	N	Specialist's %	N	CAGS %	N	MC %	N	Other %	N	Total %
N =	804	100.0	475	100.0	111	100.0	130	100.0	27	100.0	14	100.0	8	100.0	1,571	100.0
Primary position was first choice	492	61.2	325	68.4	73	65.8	111	85.4	22	81.5	12	85.7	7	87.5	1,043	66.4
Would have preferred another type of position:																
Faculty position	18	2.2	16	3.4	4	3.6	1	0.8	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	40	2.5
Research position	17	2.1	4	0.8	1	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	1.4
Admin of research	5	0.6	3	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	0.5
Applied psychology position	38	4.7	25	5.3	5	4.5	2	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	71	4.5
Admin of applied psychology	9	1.1	3	0.6	2	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	0.9
Direct human services	43	5.3	13	2.7	6	5.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	62	3.9
Admin of human services	13	1.6	5	1.1	2	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	1.3
Educational administration	5	0.6	5	1.1	2	1.8	1	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	0.8
Other type of position	69	8.6	26	5.5	6	5.4	2	1.5	1	3.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	105	6.7
Would prefer same position but in a different institution/organization	75	9.3	43	9.1	8	7.2	13	10.0	4	14.8	1	7.1	0	0.0	144	9.2
Not specified	20	2.5	7	1.5	2	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	29	1.8
Perceived use of training ^a																
Not underemployed in current position	498	62.0	307	64.6	75	67.6	106	81.5	19	70.4	9	64.3	6	75.0	1,020	65.0
Job is not in field	33	4.1	19	4.0	3	2.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.1	0	0.0	57	3.6
Job is not commensurate w/ level of training	137	17.1	80	16.8	19	17.1	11	8.5	3	11.1	2	14.3	1	12.5	254	16.2
Job is not commensurate w/ level of experience	75	9.3	42	8.8	10	9.0	7	5.4	2	7.4	1	7.1	0	0.0	137	8.7
Would prefer more challenging position	129	16.1	66	13.9	10	9.0	8	6.2	2	7.4	2	14.3	1	12.5	218	13.9
Currently seeking more commensurate position	111	13.8	64	13.5	14	12.6	7	5.4	1	3.7	1	7.1	1	12.5	199	12.7
Prefer to remain in position for personal reasons	81	10.1	39	8.2	7	6.3	7	5.4	1	3.7	1	7.1	0	0.0	136	8.7
Not specified	14	1.7	9	1.9	3	2.7	1	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	1.7

Source: 1996 Master's, Specialist's, and Related Degrees Employment Survey, Research Office, APA.

Note. Statistics are based solely on respondents who are employed in the field of psychology. Percentages are column percentages and may not total 100% due to rounding. Total column includes two respondents whose degree type was not specified.

^aSum of percentages exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.