

Table 5
Job Search and Satisfaction Reported by 1997 Doctorate Recipients in Psychology,
by Type of Employment Position

	Human Services		Other positions		Total	
	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%
N =	998	100.0	697	100.0	1,702	100.0
Job search methods used						
Informal channels	775	77.7	501	72.0	1,278	75.2
Faculty advisors	232	23.3	318	45.7	551	32.4
Newspaper Ads	462	46.3	233	33.5	695	40.9
APA convention placement service	31	3.1	23	3.3	54	3.2
Other national convention	31	3.1	76	10.9	107	6.3
Regional convention	31	3.1	16	2.3	47	2.8
<u>APA Monitor</u> ads	359	36.0	328	47.1	687	40.4
<u>APS Observer</u> ads	21	2.1	201	28.9	222	13.1
<u>Chronicle of Higher Education</u> or other professional newsletter	122	12.2	202	29.0	324	19.1
Journals	77	7.7	88	12.6	165	9.7
Civil Service application	86	8.6	19	2.7	105	6.2
Employment agency	21	2.1	29	4.2	50	2.9
Met employer through former job	180	18.1	64	9.2	244	14.4
Postdoc became permanent	68	6.8	19	2.7	87	5.1
Sent unsolicited vitae	257	25.8	119	17.1	376	22.1
Received unsolicited offer	118	11.8	70	10.1	188	11.1
Electronic resource	68	6.8	109	15.7	178	10.5
Other method	92	9.2	48	6.9	140	8.2
Not specified	28	2.8	16	2.3	49	2.9
Most successful method						
Informal channels	393	39.4	195	28.0	589	34.6
Faculty advisors	27	2.7	63	9.0	90	5.3
Newspaper Ads	129	12.9	51	7.3	180	10.6
APA convention placement service	0	.0	1	.1	1	.1
Other national convention	3	.3	10	1.4	13	.8
Regional convention	4	.4	2	.3	6	.4
<u>APA Monitor</u> ads	32	3.2	77	11.0	109	6.4
<u>APS Observer</u> ads	0	.0	24	3.4	24	1.4
<u>Chronicle of Higher Education</u> or other professional newsletter	8	.8	40	5.7	48	2.8
Journals	2	.2	6	.9	8	.5
Civil Service application	11	1.1	0	.0	11	.6
Employment agency	0	.0	4	.6	4	.2
Met employer thru former job	75	7.5	30	4.3	105	6.2
Postdoc became permanent	40	4.0	9	1.3	49	2.9
Sent unsolicited vitae	56	5.6	23	3.3	79	4.6
Received unsolicited offer	46	4.6	27	3.9	73	4.3
Electronic resource	12	1.2	23	3.3	35	2.1
Other method	65	6.5	22	3.2	87	5.1
Not specified	95	9.5	90	12.9	191	11.2

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Time to find current primary position						
In job when began doctoral study	67	6.7	38	5.5	107	6.3
Before completing program	294	29.5	202	29.0	497	29.2
Within 3 months	383	38.4	196	28.1	580	34.1
4 - 6 months	167	16.7	138	19.8	308	18.1
More than 6 months	81	8.1	119	17.1	200	11.8
Not specified	6	.6	4	.6	10	.6
Position was first choice						
Yes, was first choice	675	67.6	477	68.4	1,155	67.9
Prefer different employer	159	15.9	65	9.3	224	13.2
Prefer different type of position:						
Faculty position	61	6.1	62	8.9	123	7.2
Educational administration	1	.1	2	.3	3	.2
Research position	5	.5	16	2.3	21	1.2
Administration of research	2	.2	0	.0	2	.1
Direct human services	25	2.5	26	3.7	51	3.0
Human service administration	9	.9	4	.6	13	.8
Applied psychology position	8	.8	13	1.9	21	1.2
Administration of applied psychology	1	.1	4	.6	5	.3
Other administrative position	1	.1	1	.1	2	.1
Other position type	45	4.5	19	2.7	64	3.8
Not specified	6	.6	8	1.1	18	1.1
Perception of the job market						
Bleak	44	4.4	39	5.6	83	4.9
Poor	229	22.9	130	18.7	362	21.3
Fair	417	41.8	206	29.6	625	36.7
Good	240	24.0	210	30.1	451	26.5
Excellent	64	6.4	108	15.5	173	10.2
Not specified	4	.4	4	.6	8	.5

Source: 1997 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

Note. Total column includes 7 employed respondents who did not specify their type of position. Included in these tables are all respondents who reported any level of employment.