

Three Things You Should Know about the Center for Workforce Studies

1. What do we do?

The Center for Workforce Studies (CWS) collects, analyzes, and disseminates information relevant to the **psychology workforce** and **education system**.

2. Where do our data come from?

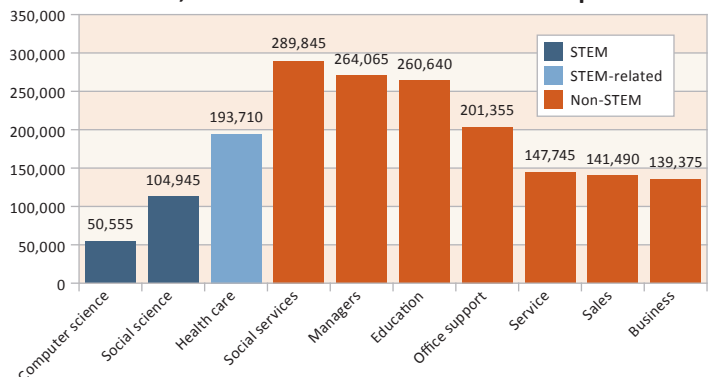
Our own data sources include: APA Member profiles, Graduate Study in Psychology, and CWS surveys. We also use **administrative data sources** including state licensure board lists, and **federal data sources** such as the National Science Foundation, National Center for Education Statistics, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and others.

3. What do we publish?

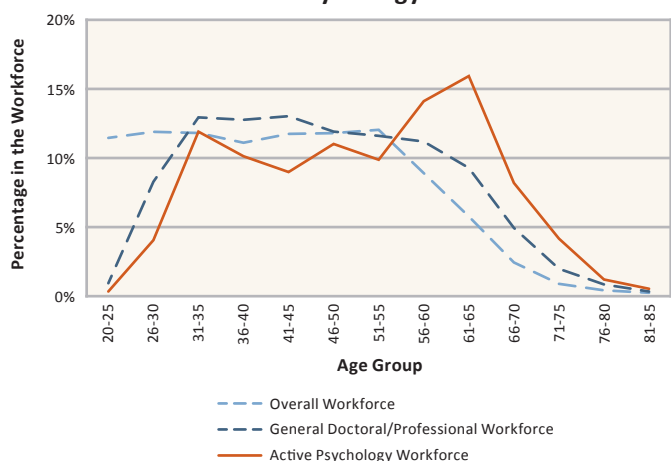
We publish monthly **Datapoint** fact sheets in the *APA Monitor on Psychology*, which highlight specific trends in the psychology workforce and education pipeline.

We also publish **reports** providing information about the profession of psychology, including its scientific and educational communities, practitioners, and psychologists working in the public interest.

Psychology Bachelor's-degree Holders Who Work in STEM, STEM-related and Non-STEM Occupations¹



Age Distribution of the Overall Workforce, the General Doctoral/Professional workforce, and the Psychology Workforce²



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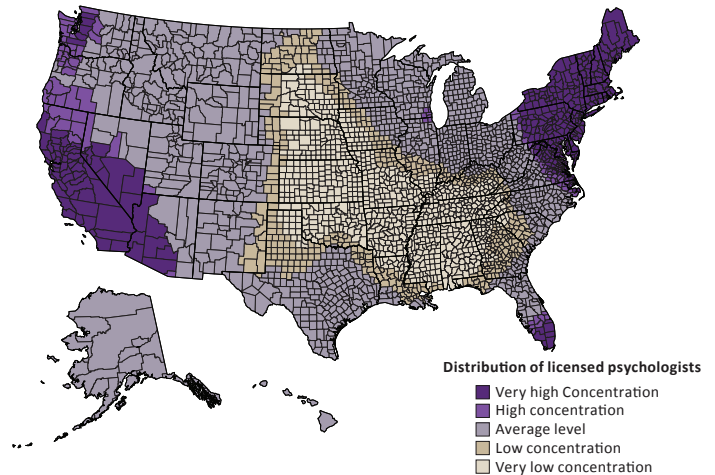
¹ Christidis, P., Stamm, K., & Lin, L. (2015, May). How many psychology bachelor's-degree holders work in STEM occupations? *Monitor on Psychology*, 46(5), 17. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2015/05/datapoint.aspx>

² American Psychological Association (2015). *Demographics of the U.S. psychology workforce: Findings from the American Community Survey*. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/13-demographics/index.aspx>

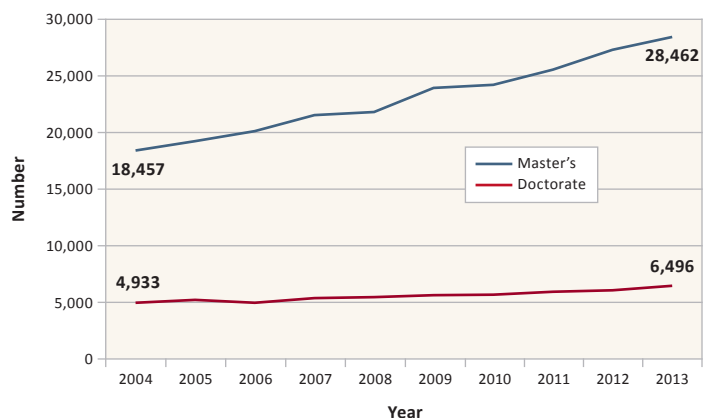
Five Recent Findings about the Psychology Workforce

1. In 2015, there were approximately **106,000** doctoral-level licensed psychologists in the U.S.¹
2. Psychologists are unevenly distributed across the country, with higher concentrations located in the **Northeast**, along the **Pacific coast**,⁴ and generally in **urban areas**. In 2015, **94** percent of rural counties in the country had no records of licensed psychologists.¹
3. In 2013, **6,496** psychology doctorates were awarded in the United States, a **32** percent increase from 2004.²
4. In the 2014-15 academic year, psychology faculty had a mean salary of **\$74,000**. Salary levels were higher for tenure or tenure-track faculty and for those working at public institutions.³

Distribution of Licensed Psychologists, 2012–15¹



Number of Psychology Degrees Awarded²



5. The psychology workforce is becoming more **diverse** in terms of race/ethnicity. Between 2005 and 2013, racial/ethnic minority groups within the psychology workforce grew from 9 percent to **16** percent. There is a **gender gap** in the psychology workforce: in 2013, for each male psychologist, there were **2** female psychologists in the workforce.⁴

Source:

¹ American Psychological Association. (2016). County-Level Analysis of U.S. Licensed Psychologists and Health Indicators. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/15-county-analysis/index.aspx>

² Mullan, M., Stamm, K., Christidis, P., & Nigrinis, A. (2015, January). How much has the number of advanced degrees in psychology increased in the past decade? Monitor on Psychology, 46(1), 13. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2015/01/datapoint.aspx>

³ American Psychological Association (2015). Psychology faculty salaries for the 2014-2015 academic year: Results from the 2015 CUPA-HR survey for four-year colleges and universities. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/workforce/publications/15-cupa-hr/index.aspx>

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