

Table 5
Job Search and Satisfaction Reported by 2001 Doctorate Recipients in Psychology,
by Type of Employment Position

	Human Services		Other positions		Total	
	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%	<u>N</u>	%
Total	753	100.0	579	100.0	1353	100.0
Job search methods used						
Informal channels	583	77.4	400	69.1	991	73.2
Faculty advisors	150	19.9	216	37.3	369	27.3
Newspaper Ads	271	36.0	149	25.7	425	31.4
National convention placemt svc	15	2.0	36	6.2	52	3.8
Regional convention placement service	20	2.7	8	1.4	28	2.1
APA Monitor ads	243	32.3	227	39.2	474	35.0
APS Observer ads	21	2.8	129	22.3	150	11.1
Chronicle or other professional newsletter	64	8.5	125	21.6	191	14.1
Journals	47	6.2	53	9.2	101	7.5
Civil Service application	50	6.6	14	2.4	66	4.9
Employment agency	5	.7	17	2.9	24	1.8
Met employer thru former job	133	17.7	72	12.4	209	15.4
Postdoc became permanent	103	13.7	22	3.8	125	9.2
Sent unsolicited vitae	152	20.2	77	13.3	233	17.2
Received unsolicited offer	87	11.6	61	10.5	148	10.9
Electronic resource	164	21.8	162	28.0	328	24.2
Other method	65	8.6	27	4.7	93	6.9
Not specified	27	3.6	13	2.3	44	3.3
Most successful method						
Informal channels	265	35.2	188	32.5	456	33.7
Faculty advisors	12	1.6	34	5.9	46	3.4
Newspaper Ads	64	8.5	23	4.0	88	6.5
National convention placement svc	1	.1	8	1.4	9	.7
Regional convention placement service	3	.4	1	.2	4	.3
APA Monitor ads	21	2.8	44	7.6	65	4.8
APS Observer ads	0	.0	16	2.8	16	1.2
Chronicle or other professional newsletter	5	.7	15	2.6	20	1.5
Journals	1	.1	2	.3	3	.2
Civil Service application	4	.5	1	.2	5	.4
Employment agency	0	.0	5	.9	5	.4
Met employer thru former job	56	7.4	33	5.7	93	6.9
Postdoc became permanent	71	9.4	15	2.6	86	6.4
Sent unsolicited vitae	37	4.9	20	3.5	57	4.2
Received unsolicited offer	35	4.6	18	3.1	53	3.9
Electronic resource	56	7.4	58	10.0	115	8.5
Other method	49	6.5	22	3.8	72	5.3
Not specified	73	9.7	76	13.1	160	11.8

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Time to find current primary position						
In job when began doctoral study	47	6.2	30	5.2	80	5.9
Before completing program	186	24.7	155	26.8	347	25.6
Within 3 months	371	49.3	203	35.1	582	43.0
4 - 6 months	98	13.0	111	19.2	212	15.7
More than 6 months	32	4.2	59	10.2	91	6.7
Not specified	4	.5	5	.9	10	.7
Position was first choice						
Yes, was first choice	574	76.2	403	69.6	983	72.7
Prefer different employer	87	11.6	53	9.2	141	10.4
Prefer different type of position:						
Faculty position	22	2.9	41	7.1	65	4.8
Educational admin	0	.0	2	.3	2	.1
Research position	6	.8	5	.9	12	.9
Administration of research	0	.0	1	.2	1	.1
Direct human services	10	1.3	19	3.3	30	2.2
Human service adm	9	1.2	2	.3	12	.9
Applied psychology position	3	.4	11	1.9	14	1.0
Admin of applied psychol	2	.3	2	.3	4	.3
Other admin pos	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1
Other position type	35	4.6	29	5.0	66	4.9
Not specified	4	.5	11	1.9	22	1.6
Perception of the job market						
Bleak	12	1.6	15	2.6	27	2.0
Poor	86	11.4	66	11.4	157	11.6
Fair	246	32.7	191	33.0	442	32.7
Good	310	41.2	233	40.2	550	40.7
Excellent	96	12.7	72	12.4	172	12.7
Not specified	3	.4	2	.3	5	.4

Source: 2001 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

Note. Total column includes 21 employed respondents who did not specify their type of position. Included in these tables are all respondents who reported any level of employment.