

Table 5
Job Search and Satisfaction Reported by 2007 Psychology Doctorate Recipients by Type of Employment Position

	Human Services		Other positions		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<i>Job search methods used</i>						
Informal channels	248	61.7	250	54.9	502	57.3
Faculty advisors	50	12.4	125	27.5	175	20.0
Newspaper Ads	84	20.9	77	16.9	162	18.5
National convention placement svc	7	1.7	25	5.5	33	3.8
Regional convention placement service	1	.2	6	1.3	7	.8
APA Monitor ads	72	17.9	98	21.5	170	19.4
APS Observer ads	5	1.2	53	11.6	58	6.6
Chronicle or other professional newsletter	21	5.2	108	23.7	129	14.7
Journals	20	5.0	27	5.9	47	5.4
Civil Service application	22	5.5	5	1.1	27	3.1
Employment agency	2	.5	3	.7	5	.6
Met employer thru former job	52	12.9	18	4.0	70	8.0
Postdoc became permanent	48	11.9	23	5.1	73	8.3
Sent unsolicited vitae	49	12.2	22	4.8	72	8.2
Received unsolicited offer	38	9.5	26	5.7	66	7.5
Electronic resource	147	36.6	168	36.9	316	36.1
Other method	40	10.0	28	6.2	69	7.9
Not specified	14	3.5	15	3.3	41	4.7
<i>Most successful method</i>						
Informal channels	157	39.1	154	33.8	311	35.5
Faculty advisors	7	1.7	37	8.1	44	5.0
Newspaper Ads	20	5.0	17	3.7	38	4.3
National convention placement svc	2	.5	10	2.2	13	1.5
Regional convention placement service	0	.0	2	.4	2	.2
APA Monitor ads	5	1.2	27	5.9	32	3.7
APS Observer ads	0	.0	13	2.9	13	1.5
Chronicle or other professional newsletter	6	1.5	44	9.7	50	5.7
Journals	2	.5	3	.7	5	.6
Civil Service application	4	1.0	0	.0	4	.5
Employment agency	0	.0	1	.2	1	.1
Met employer thru former job	27	6.7	6	1.3	33	3.8
Postdoc became permanent	32	8.0	14	3.1	48	5.5
Sent unsolicited vitae	7	1.7	6	1.3	13	1.5
Received unsolicited offer	12	3.0	11	2.4	23	2.6
Electronic resource	65	16.2	57	12.5	122	13.9
Other method	33	8.2	16	3.5	50	5.7
Not specified	23	5.7	37	8.1	74	8.4

Table 5 (continued)
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	Human services		Other positions		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<i>Time to find current position</i>						
In job when began doctoral study	17	4.2	25	5.5	45	5.1
Before completing program	130	32.3	195	42.9	325	37.1
Within 3 months	171	42.5	119	26.2	293	33.4
4 - 6 months	54	13.4	71	15.6	126	14.4
More than 6 months	23	5.7	40	8.8	64	7.3
Not specified	7	1.7	5	1.1	23	2.6
<i>Perceived underemployment</i>						
Not underemployed	283	70.4	344	75.6	632	72.1
Underemployed	109	27.1	104	22.9	216	24.7
Not specified	10	2.5	7	1.5	28	3.2
<i>Current position was first choice</i>						
Yes	303	75.4	338	74.3	650	74.2
No	55	13.7	80	17.6	136	15.5
Not specified	44	10.9	37	8.1	90	10.3
<i>Perception of the job market</i>						
Bleak	6	1.5	9	2.0	15	1.7
Poor	46	11.4	55	12.1	102	11.6
Fair	126	31.3	132	29.0	263	30.0
Good	159	39.6	174	38.2	341	38.9
Excellent	57	14.2	71	15.6	132	15.1
Not sure	7	1.7	12	2.6	20	2.3
Not specified	1	.2	2	.4	3	.3
Total	402	100.0	455	100.0	876	100.0

Source: 2007 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Note. Total column includes 19 employed respondents who did not specify their type of position. Included in these tables are all respondents who reported on any level of employment.

Table 5a
Importance of Degree for Attaining Present Position Reported by 2007 Psychology Doctorate Recipients

	Essential qualification	Helpful	Unimportant	Unsure	Not specified
Doctoral degree important to attaining job	62.3	24.9	5.8	.7	6.3
Doctorate in psychology important	61.1	28.3	4.1	1.1	5.4

Table 5b
Extent Graduate Training Related to Current Primary Position Reported by Employed 2007 Doctorate Recipients in Psychology

	Closely related	Somewhat related	Not related	Not applicable	Not specified
Grad training in general	77.7	17.0	.8	1.1	3.3
Courses in major subfield	70.1	22.0	2.7	1.5	3.7
Courses outside specialty	20.1	44.9	17.1	13.0	4.9
Research assistantship	23.4	25.1	21.5	24.8	5.3
Teaching assistantship	19.2	21.9	25.7	27.9	5.4
Clinical/counseling/school predoctoral internship	48.6	14.0	5.3	27.9	4.2
Other practicum/internship	39.4	20.7	8.7	25.9	5.4

Table 5c
Level of Satisfaction with Current Position Reported by 2007 Employed Psychology Doctorate Recipients

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Not applicable
Income/Salary	8.4	24.1	47.2	20.0	.2
Benefits	6.3	11.1	36.4	40.8	5.4
Opportunities for promotion	8.5	21.2	40.4	22.2	7.7
personal development	5.4	15.5	38.8	39.2	1.1
recognition	5.5	16.5	46.1	29.1	2.8
Supervisor	5.5	10.3	33.1	43.0	8.1
Co-workers	1.8	6.4	38.4	49.5	4.0
Working conditions	4.0	13.9	42.9	38.1	1.1

Table 5d
Appropriateness of Current Primary Position Reported by Employed 2007 Psychology Doctorate Recipients

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Related to field of study	9.3	.8	1.6	19.7	68.5
Commensurate with level of training	10.4	7.4	6.2	23.2	52.8
Commensurate with level of experience	9.9	5.9	7.0	28.3	48.9
Similar to expectations when began doctoral program	14.5	20.2	12.3	24.7	28.3
Professionally challenging	9.6	6.9	7.4	28.8	47.2