

Table 20  
Acceptance and Enrollment Rates in U.S. Graduate Psychology Programs in 2009-2010, by Institution Type and Program Area

|                                   | Public institutions                                  | Acceptance rate |     |     |     | Enrollment rate |     |      |     |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
|                                   |                                                      | Median          | Q1  | Q3  | N   | Median          | Q1  | Q3   | N   |
| Health service provider subfields | Clinical Psychology                                  | .10             | .05 | .32 | 174 | .75             | .58 | 1.00 | 174 |
|                                   | Counseling Psychology                                | .16             | .10 | .40 | 91  | 1.00            | .70 | 1.00 | 89  |
|                                   | School Psychology                                    | .32             | .19 | .53 | 73  | .80             | .50 | 1.00 | 71  |
|                                   | School Counseling                                    |                 |     |     | 5   |                 |     |      | 5   |
|                                   | Health Psychology                                    | .20             | .14 | .33 | 22  | .64             | .47 | 1.00 | 21  |
|                                   | Forensic Psychology                                  |                 |     |     | 6   |                 |     |      | 5   |
|                                   | Psychoanalytic Psychology                            |                 |     |     | 1   |                 |     |      | 1   |
|                                   | Rehabilitation Psychology                            |                 |     |     | 3   |                 |     |      | 3   |
|                                   | Child and Adolescent Psychology                      |                 |     |     | 9   |                 |     |      | 9   |
|                                   | Neuropsychology                                      |                 |     |     | 5   |                 |     |      | 5   |
|                                   | Community Counseling                                 |                 |     |     | 5   |                 |     |      | 5   |
|                                   | Mental Health Counseling                             |                 |     |     | 6   |                 |     |      | 6   |
|                                   | Marriage and Family Therapy                          |                 |     |     | 2   |                 |     |      | 2   |
|                                   | Humanistic Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 1   |                 |     |      | 1   |
|                                   | Subtotal: health service provider subfields          | .17             | .08 | .40 | 403 | .82             | .58 | 1.00 | 397 |
| Research & other subfields        | General Psychology (Theory, History, and Philosophy) | .40             | .19 | .67 | 14  | .71             | .65 | .97  | 13  |
|                                   | Experimental Psychology (General)                    | .33             | .21 | .60 | 65  | .80             | .60 | 1.00 | 64  |
|                                   | Experimental Psychology (Applied)                    | .30             | .15 | .66 | 20  | 1.00            | .69 | 1.00 | 20  |
|                                   | Physiological Psychology                             |                 |     |     | 3   |                 |     |      | 2   |
|                                   | Developmental Psychology                             | .20             | .11 | .33 | 79  | .67             | .50 | 1.00 | 74  |
|                                   | Social and Personality Psychology                    | .07             | .04 | .17 | 65  | .75             | .54 | 1.00 | 63  |
|                                   | Community Psychology                                 | .27             | .09 | .46 | 11  | .67             | .60 | 1.00 | 11  |
|                                   | Educational Psychology                               | .47             | .33 | .65 | 40  | .86             | .50 | 1.00 | 40  |
|                                   | Neuroscience                                         | .31             | .13 | .44 | 21  | .64             | .50 | 1.00 | 21  |
|                                   | Industrial/ Organizational Psychology                | .25             | .14 | .46 | 85  | .63             | .50 | 1.00 | 83  |
|                                   | Human Factors                                        | .42             | .23 | .47 | 13  | .67             | .46 | .92  | 13  |
|                                   | Comparative Psychology                               |                 |     |     | 2   |                 |     |      | 1   |
|                                   | Environmental Psychology                             |                 |     |     | 0   |                 |     |      | 0   |
|                                   | Cognitive Psychology                                 | .18             | .11 | .28 | 67  | .67             | .50 | 1.00 | 67  |
|                                   | Consulting Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 2   |                 |     |      | 1   |
|                                   | Biological Psychology                                | .10             | .07 | .17 | 22  | .63             | .50 | 1.00 | 22  |
|                                   | Quantitative Psychology/ Psychometrics               | .35             | .29 | .64 | 28  | .75             | .33 | 1.00 | 28  |
|                                   | Human Development and Family Studies                 |                 |     |     | 6   |                 |     |      | 6   |
|                                   | Behavioral Psychology                                | .24             | .12 | .32 | 32  | .85             | .53 | 1.00 | 30  |
|                                   | Multicultural Psychology                             |                 |     |     | 1   |                 |     |      | 1   |
|                                   | Other                                                |                 |     |     | 5   |                 |     |      | 4   |
|                                   | Subtotal: research and other subfields               | .25             | .12 | .43 | 581 | .70             | .50 | 1.00 | 564 |
|                                   | Total, all subfields                                 | .22             | .10 | .42 | 984 | .75             | .50 | 1.00 | 961 |

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|                                   | Private institutions                                 | Acceptance rate |     |     |         | Enrollment rate |     |      |         |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|-----------------|-----|------|---------|
|                                   |                                                      | Median          | Q1  | Q3  | Valid N | Median          | Q1  | Q3   | Valid N |
| Health service provider subfields | Clinical Psychology                                  | .37             | .11 | .54 | 141     | .66             | .51 | .91  | 140     |
|                                   | Counseling Psychology                                | .60             | .35 | .82 | 69      | .85             | .60 | 1.00 | 69      |
|                                   | School Psychology                                    | .43             | .31 | .61 | 31      | .67             | .44 | .81  | 31      |
|                                   | School Counseling                                    |                 |     |     | 8       |                 |     |      | 8       |
|                                   | Geropsychology                                       |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Health Psychology                                    |                 |     |     | 6       |                 |     |      | 6       |
|                                   | Forensic Psychology                                  | .65             | .43 | .78 | 20      | .72             | .53 | .98  | 20      |
|                                   | Sport Psychology                                     |                 |     |     | 6       |                 |     |      | 6       |
|                                   | Rehabilitation Psychology                            |                 |     |     | 3       |                 |     |      | 2       |
|                                   | Child and Adolescent Psychology                      |                 |     |     | 5       |                 |     |      | 5       |
|                                   | Neuropsychology                                      |                 |     |     | 3       |                 |     |      | 3       |
|                                   | Community Counseling                                 |                 |     |     | 5       |                 |     |      | 5       |
|                                   | Mental Health Counseling                             | .52             | .34 | .71 | 12      | .74             | .54 | 1.00 | 12      |
|                                   | Marriage and Family Therapy                          | .63             | .59 | .82 | 17      | .68             | .59 | .88  | 17      |
|                                   | Family Psychology                                    |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Humanistic Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 5       |                 |     |      | 5       |
|                                   | Other practitioner subfield                          |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Subtotal: health service provider subfields          | .47             | .24 | .67 | 334     | .69             | .53 | 1.00 | 332     |
| Research & other subfields        | General Psychology (Theory, History, and Philosophy) | .55             | .32 | .78 | 25      | .88             | .49 | 1.00 | 25      |
|                                   | Experimental Psychology (General)                    | .33             | .08 | .45 | 19      | .73             | .49 | 1.00 | 18      |
|                                   | Experimental Psychology (Applied)                    |                 |     |     | 2       |                 |     |      | 2       |
|                                   | Physiological Psychology                             |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Developmental Psychology                             | .12             | .07 | .27 | 29      | .57             | .25 | 1.00 | 27      |
|                                   | Social and Personality Psychology                    | .06             | .03 | .10 | 24      | .67             | .33 | 1.00 | 21      |
|                                   | Community Psychology                                 |                 |     |     | 6       |                 |     |      | 6       |
|                                   | Educational Psychology                               |                 |     |     | 8       |                 |     |      | 8       |
|                                   | Neuroscience                                         | .11             | .05 | .17 | 17      | .71             | .50 | 1.00 | 15      |
|                                   | Industrial/ Organizational Psychology                | .52             | .38 | .80 | 39      | .67             | .47 | .86  | 39      |
|                                   | Human Factors                                        |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Gender Psychology                                    |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Cognitive Psychology                                 | .10             | .04 | .19 | 24      | .67             | .33 | 1.00 | 23      |
|                                   | Consulting Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Biological Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Quantitative Psychology/ Psychometrics               |                 |     |     | 5       |                 |     |      | 4       |
|                                   | Psychopharmacology                                   |                 |     |     | 3       |                 |     |      | 3       |
|                                   | Human Development and Family Studies                 |                 |     |     | 1       |                 |     |      | 1       |
|                                   | Behavioral Psychology                                |                 |     |     | 5       |                 |     |      | 5       |
|                                   | Multicultural Psychology                             |                 |     |     | 0       |                 |     |      | 0       |

|  |                                               |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
|  | <b>Other</b>                                  |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |      | 4   |
|  | <b>Subtotal: research and other subfields</b> | .25 | .08 | .56 | 216 | .67 | .48 | 1.00 | 206 |
|  | <b>Total, all subfields</b>                   | .42 | .11 | .65 | 550 | .69 | .50 | 1.00 | 538 |

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Note. Acceptance rates are ratios of acceptances to applicants, while enrollment rates are the ratios of enrollments to acceptances. Summary statistics are not reported where the N is less than 10.