

Table 2  
Educational Characteristics of 1996 Doctorate Recipients in Psychology,  
by Employment Status

|                                   | EMPLOYMENT STATUS     |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      | Total <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------|
|                                   | Employed<br>full time |       | Employed<br>part time |      | Postdoctoral<br>fellow |       | Unemployed<br>seeking |      | Unemployed<br>not seeking |      | N                  |
|                                   | N                     | %     | N                     | %    | N                      | %     | N                     | %    | N                         | %    | 100%               |
| Degrees earned <sup>2</sup>       |                       |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      |                    |
| PhD                               | 920                   | 67.3  | 149                   | 10.9 | 225                    | 16.5  | 45                    | 3.3  | 27                        | 2.0  | 1,367              |
| EdD                               | 18                    | 56.3  | 5                     | 15.6 | 7                      | 21.9  | 2                     | 6.3  | 0                         | 0.0  | 32                 |
| PsyD                              | 204                   | 72.3  | 36                    | 12.8 | 26                     | 9.2   | 7                     | 2.5  | 8                         | 2.8  | 282                |
| JD                                | 5                     | 62.5  | 1                     | 12.5 | 1                      | 12.5  | 1                     | 12.5 | 0                         | 0.0  | 8                  |
| Other doctorate                   | 1                     | 100.0 | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 1                  |
| Not specified                     | 2                     | 25.0  | 1                     | 12.5 | 5                      | 62.5  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 8                  |
| Subfield                          |                       |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      |                    |
| Health Service<br>Provider Fields |                       |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      |                    |
| Clinical                          | 522                   | 64.5  | 109                   | 13.5 | 126                    | 15.6  | 28                    | 3.5  | 22                        | 2.7  | 809                |
| Clinical                          |                       |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      |                    |
| Neuropsychology                   | 13                    | 54.2  | 3                     | 12.5 | 8                      | 33.3  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 24                 |
| Community                         | 9                     | 81.8  | 0                     | 0.0  | 2                      | 18.2  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 11                 |
| Counseling                        | 130                   | 77.4  | 21                    | 12.5 | 9                      | 5.4   | 6                     | 3.6  | 1                         | 0.6  | 168                |
| Geropsychology                    | 1                     | 100.0 | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 1                  |
| Health                            | 14                    | 53.8  | 4                     | 15.4 | 6                      | 23.1  | 1                     | 3.8  | 1                         | 3.8  | 26                 |
| School                            | 75                    | 86.2  | 6                     | 6.9  | 3                      | 3.4   | 0                     | 0.0  | 2                         | 2.3  | 87                 |
| Subtotal                          | 764                   | 67.9  | 143                   | 12.7 | 154                    | 13.7  | 35                    | 3.1  | 26                        | 2.3  | 1,126              |
| Research/Other Fields             |                       |       |                       |      |                        |       |                       |      |                           |      |                    |
| Biological                        | 4                     | 28.6  | 1                     | 7.1  | 7                      | 50.0  | 1                     | 7.1  | 0                         | 0.0  | 14                 |
| Cognitive                         | 25                    | 55.6  | 2                     | 4.4  | 11                     | 24.4  | 4                     | 8.9  | 3                         | 6.7  | 45                 |
| Comparative                       | 0                     | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 2                      | 100.0 | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 2                  |
| Developmental                     | 51                    | 56.0  | 11                    | 12.1 | 24                     | 26.4  | 3                     | 3.3  | 2                         | 2.2  | 91                 |
| Educational                       | 48                    | 78.7  | 11                    | 18.0 | 2                      | 3.3   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 61                 |
| Environmental                     | 2                     | 50.0  | 1                     | 25.0 | 0                      | 0.0   | 1                     | 25.0 | 0                         | 0.0  | 4                  |
| Experimental                      | 27                    | 64.3  | 2                     | 4.8  | 12                     | 28.6  | 0                     | 0.0  | 1                         | 2.4  | 42                 |
| General                           | 6                     | 75.0  | 1                     | 12.5 | 0                      | 0.0   | 1                     | 12.5 | 0                         | 0.0  | 8                  |
| I/O                               | 63                    | 87.5  | 4                     | 5.6  | 1                      | 1.4   | 3                     | 4.2  | 1                         | 1.4  | 72                 |
| Neurosciences                     | 7                     | 26.9  | 0                     | 0.0  | 19                     | 73.1  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 26                 |
| Personality                       | 6                     | 66.7  | 1                     | 11.1 | 0                      | 0.0   | 2                     | 22.2 | 0                         | 0.0  | 9                  |
| Physiological                     | 5                     | 55.6  | 0                     | 0.0  | 4                      | 44.4  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 9                  |
| Psycholinguistics                 | 0                     | 0.0   | 2                     | 66.7 | 1                      | 33.3  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 3                  |
| Psychometrics                     | 4                     | 80.0  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 1                     | 20.0 | 0                         | 0.0  | 5                  |
| Psychopharmacology                | 2                     | 40.0  | 0                     | 0.0  | 3                      | 60.0  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 5                  |
| Quantitative                      | 6                     | 100.0 | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 6                  |
| Social                            | 67                    | 83.8  | 1                     | 1.3  | 10                     | 12.5  | 1                     | 1.3  | 1                         | 1.3  | 80                 |
| Systems/Methods                   | 2                     | 66.7  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 1                         | 33.3 | 3                  |
| Other in psychology               | 41                    | 67.2  | 9                     | 14.8 | 9                      | 14.8  | 0                     | 0.0  | 2                         | 3.3  | 61                 |
| Subtotal                          | 366                   | 67.0  | 46                    | 8.4  | 105                    | 19.2  | 17                    | 3.1  | 11                        | 2.0  | 546                |
| Not in psychology                 | 10                    | 90.9  | 1                     | 9.1  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 11                 |
| Not specified                     | 1                     | 33.3  | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                      | 0.0   | 0                     | 0.0  | 0                         | 0.0  | 3                  |

Source: 1996 Doctorate Employment Survey, APA Research Office.

<sup>1</sup> Total column includes 7 respondents who did not specify their current employment status.

<sup>2</sup> Some respondents reported earning multiple degrees.