

Table 1

Characteristics of APA Student Affiliates by Enrollment Level, 2008

		Undergraduate		Graduate		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
N=		329	15.4	1,805	84.6	2,134	100.0
Age	19-22	112	34.0	12	0.7	124	5.8
	23-26	99	30.1	490	27.1	589	27.6
	27-30	26	7.9	560	31.0	586	27.5
	31-34	21	6.4	215	11.9	236	11.1
	35-44	28	8.5	262	14.5	290	13.6
	45-54	32	9.7	172	9.5	204	9.6
	55 or older	9	2.7	62	3.4	71	3.3
	Not specified	1	0.3	28	1.6	29	1.4
	Ambiguous	1	0.3	4	0.2	5	0.2
	Mean	28.8		32.5		31.9	
	Median	23.0		29.0		28.0	
SD	10.3		9.2		9.5		
Gender	Female	250	76.0	1,455	80.6	1,705	79.9
	Male	78	23.7	342	18.9	420	19.7
	Transgender	1	0.3	4	0.2	5	0.2
	Not specified	0	0.0	4	0.2	4	0.2
Citizenship	U.S. Citizen	311	94.5	1,698	94.1	2,009	94.1
	Permanent U.S. resident	10	3.0	42	2.3	52	2.4
	International/foreign with a temporary visa	7	2.1	58	3.2	65	3.0
	Not specified	1	0.3	7	0.4	8	0.4
Race/ethnicity	African American/Black	17	5.2	133	7.4	150	7.0
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0.0	8	0.4	8	0.4
	Asian	12	3.6	91	5.0	103	4.8
	Caucasian/White	244	74.2	1,326	73.5	1,570	73.6
	Hispanic	23	7.0	110	6.1	133	6.2
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Other	6	1.8	33	1.8	39	1.8
	Multiple racial/ethnic background	24	7.3	97	5.4	121	5.7
	Not specified	3	0.9	7	0.4	10	0.5
Disability	No	302	91.8	1,699	94.1	2,001	93.8
	Yes	26	7.9	99	5.5	125	5.9
	Not specified	1	0.3	7	0.4	8	0.4
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	283	86.0	1,592	88.2	1,875	87.9
	Gay	7	2.1	43	2.4	50	2.3
	Lesbian	9	2.7	47	2.6	56	2.6
	Bisexual	15	4.6	54	3.0	69	3.2
	Other	1	0.3	17	0.9	18	0.8
	Prefer not to answer	13	4.0	46	2.5	59	2.8
	Not specified	1	0.3	6	0.3	7	0.3

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		Undergraduate		Graduate		Total	
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Proficient in language(s) other than English	No	227	69.0	1,276	70.7	1,503	70.4
	Yes	46	14.0	253	14.0	299	14.0
	Not sure	55	16.7	270	15.0	325	15.2
	Not specified	1	0.3	6	0.3	7	0.3

Source: Student Affiliate Survey, 2008. Compiled by APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Note: Does not include postdoctorates (N=42) or students who are NOT currently enrolled (N=191).

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Table 2

Educational Characteristics of APA Student Affiliates by Enrollment Level, 2008

		Undergraduate		Graduate		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
N=		329	15.4	1,805	84.6	2,134	100.0
Highest degree completed	High School Diploma/GED	171	52.0	3	0.2	174	8.2
	Associate's	57	17.3	2	0.1	59	2.8
	Baccalaureate*	57	17.3	757	41.9	814	38.1
	Masters	1	0.3	989	54.8	990	46.4
	Ph.D.	0	0.0	13	0.7	13	0.6
	Psy.D.	0	0.0	5	0.3	5	0.2
	Ed.D.	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Other	1	0.3	27	1.5	28	1.3
	None	42	12.8	6	0.3	48	2.2
	Not specified	0	0.0	3	0.2	3	0.1
Field of highest degree	Psychology	98	29.8	1,464	81.1	1,562	73.2
	Other	44	13.4	320	17.7	364	17.1
	Not applicable	184	55.9	7	0.4	191	9.0
	Not specified	3	0.9	14	0.8	17	0.8
Psi Chi or the National Honor Society of Psychology Member	No, don't plan on joining	70	21.3	712	39.4	782	36.6
	Yes, joined as undergraduate	107	32.5	666	36.9	773	36.2
	Yes, joined as graduate student	0	0.0	117	6.5	117	5.5
	No, but plan to join eventually	151	45.9	302	16.7	453	21.2
	Not specified	1	0.3	8	0.4	9	0.4
Held Psi Chi officer position	No	86	26.1	625	34.6	711	33.3
	Yes	23	7.0	154	8.5	177	8.3
	Not applicable	219	66.6	1,011	56.0	1,230	57.6
	Not specified	1	0.3	15	0.8	16	0.7
Psi Beta member (Nat. Honor Society in Psych for Community & Jr Colleges)	No, never joined	287	88.0	1,720	96.3	2,007	95.0
	Yes, joined as undergraduate	10	3.1	27	1.5	37	1.8
	No, but plan to join	29	8.9	40	2.2	69	3.3
Current student status	Full time	280	85.1	1,562	86.5	1,842	86.3
	Part time	49	14.9	243	13.5	292	13.7

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Note: Does not include postdoctorates (N=42) or students who are NOT currently enrolled (N=191).

*Includes undergraduate students who will complete their baccalaureate degree in Spring 2008.

Table 3

Educational Plans of APA Student Affiliates Who Are Not Currently Enrolled by Gender, 2008

		Female (N=150)		Male (N=40)		Total (N=190)	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Intend to pursue another degree	No	40	26.7	11	27.5	51	26.8
	Yes	110	73.3	29	72.5	139	73.2
Next degree intend to pursue	Baccalaureate	3	2.7	0	0.0	3	2.2
	Masters	30	27.3	7	25.0	37	26.8
	Ph.D.	48	43.6	14	50.0	62	44.9
	Psy.D.	24	21.8	4	14.3	28	20.3
	Ed.D.	1	0.9	0	0.0	1	0.7
	Other	4	3.6	3	10.7	7	5.1
When start this degree	Within 6 months	28	25.7	5	17.9	33	24.1
	Within 1 year	21	19.3	9	32.1	30	21.9
	In 1-2 years	45	41.3	11	39.3	56	40.9
	In >2 years	7	6.4	2	7.1	9	6.6
	Not sure	8	7.3	1	3.6	9	6.6
Know school(s) want to attend	No	27	24.8	6	21.4	33	24.1
	Yes	82	75.2	22	78.6	104	75.9
Stage in the application process	Haven't started	9	11.0	3	13.6	12	11.5
	Started researching	28	34.1	6	27.3	34	32.7
	Preparing to apply	16	19.5	8	36.4	24	23.1
	Final stages	1	1.2	1	4.5	2	1.9
	Submitted at least one application	28	34.1	4	18.2	32	30.8
Accepted to any schools	No	6	21.4	2	50.0	8	25.0
	Yes	22	78.6	2	50.0	24	75.0

Source: Student Affiliate Survey, 2008. Compiled by APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Table 4

Education Characteristics of APA Undergraduate Student Affiliates by Gender, 2008

		Female (N=250)		Male (N=78)		Total (N=329)	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Degree currently pursuing	Associate's	13	5.3	2	2.7	15	4.7
	Baccalaureate	227	93.4	69	93.2	296	93.4
	Other	3	1.2	3	4.1	6	1.9
Academic year of current enrollment	Freshman	9	3.7	0	0.0	9	2.8
	Sophomore	19	7.8	6	8.1	25	7.9
	Junior	77	31.7	28	37.8	105	33.1
	Senior	135	55.6	38	51.4	173	54.6
	Other	3	1.2	2	2.7	5	1.6
Expected total years to complete degree	Mean	3.4		4.1		3.5	
	Median	3.0		3.0		3.0	
	SD	2.7		5.2		3.5	
Declared major(s)	Yes	236	98.3	71	95.9	307	97.8
	No	4	1.7	3	4.1	7	2.2
Intend to/will major in psychology	Yes	224	93.7	66	90.4	290	92.9
	No	15	6.3	7	9.6	22	7.1
	Undecided	2	11.1	1	12.5	3	11.5
Intend to/will minor in:	None	91	38.1	38	51.4	129	41.2
	Psychology	14	5.9	7	9.5	21	6.7
	Other	110	46.0	24	32.4	134	42.8
	Undecided	24	10.0	5	6.8	29	9.3
#1 Reason for choosing psychology	Help others, be of service	70	31.8	20	31.3	90	31.7
	Interesting subject matter	72	32.7	12	18.8	84	29.6
	Better understand myself and others	34	15.5	15	23.4	49	17.3
	Career and/or salary potential	20	9.1	8	12.5	28	9.9
	Conduct research	12	5.5	7	10.9	19	6.7
	Personal experience with therapy/ counseling	10	4.5	2	3.1	12	4.2
	Other	1	0.5	0	0.0	1	0.4
	Easy/convenient major	1	0.5	0	0.0	1	0.4
	Family member or friend majored in psychology	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
#2 Reason for choosing psychology	Help others, be of service	60	27.6	13	20.3	73	26.0
	Interesting subject matter	52	24.0	20	31.3	72	25.6
	Better understand myself and others	41	18.9	13	20.3	54	19.2
	Conduct research	24	11.1	8	12.5	32	11.4
	Career and/or salary potential	18	8.3	8	12.5	26	9.3
	Personal experience with therapy/ counseling	14	6.5	2	3.1	16	5.7
	Family member or friend majored in psychology	4	1.8	0	0.0	4	1.4
	Other	2	0.9	0	0.0	2	0.7
	Easy/convenient major	2	0.9	0	0.0	2	0.7

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Education Characteristics of APA Undergraduate Student Affiliates by Gender, 2008

		Female (N=250)		Male (N=78)		Total (N=329)	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
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#3 Reason for choosing psychology	Better understand myself and others	47	21.9	10	15.9	57	20.5
	Career and/or salary potential	43	20.0	11	17.5	54	19.4
	Interesting subject matter	38	17.7	12	19.0	50	18.0
	Help others, be of service	40	18.6	9	14.3	49	17.6
	Conduct research	15	7.0	10	15.9	25	9.0
	Personal experience with therapy/ counseling	16	7.4	5	7.9	21	7.6
	Other	7	3.3	3	4.8	10	3.6
	Family member or friend majored in psychology	7	3.3	2	3.2	9	3.2
	Easy/convenient major	2	0.9	1	1.6	3	1.1

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Table 5

Future Plans for APA Undergraduate Student Affiliates, 2008

(Total N=329)		N	%
What best describes your immediate post-graduation plans?	Seek employment in a psychology-related field	36	11.4
	Seek employment in a field unrelated to psychology	7	2.2
	Continue graduate education in psychology	200	63.6
	Continue graduate education in a field other than psychology	23	7.3
	Continue education for a professional degree (e.g., MD, JD, DDS, etc.)	21	6.6
	Other	19	6.0
	Don't know	9	2.8
	<i>Valid total</i>	315	100.0
What is the highest degree you intend to seek?	Associate's	1	0.3
	Baccalaureate	3	1.3
	Masters	61	19.8
	Doctorate	220	69.5
	Other	3	0.9
	Undecided	26	8.2
	<i>Valid total</i>	314	100.0
Will it be in a psychology related field?	Yes	255	90.5
	No	8	3.2
	Undecided	18	6.3
	<i>Valid total</i>	281	100.0
When do you plan to start graduate school?	Immediately after graduation	176	59.0
	6 months after graduation	30	10.0
	1 year after graduation	37	12.3
	1-2 years after graduation	26	8.7
	More than 2 years after graduation	6	2.0
	Don't know	24	8.0
	<i>Valid total</i>	299	100.0
Are you a member of APAGS?	No	260	83.3
	Yes	53	16.7
	<i>Valid total</i>	313	100.0
Do you plan to work in the field of psychology?	Yes	270	85.8
	No	7	2.5
	Undecided	37	11.6
	<i>Valid total</i>	314	100.0

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Table 6

Education Characteristics for APA Graduate Student Affiliates by Gender, 2008

		Female (N=1,461)		Male (N=344)		Total (N=1,813)	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Highest degree currently seeking	Masters	286	20.3	46	14.0	332	19.1
	Ph.D.	690	48.9	179	54.6	869	50.0
	Psy.D.	405	28.7	97	29.6	502	28.9
	Ed.D.	7	0.5	3	0.9	10	0.6
	J.D.	2	0.1	1	0.3	3	0.2
	M.D.	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Other	21	1.5	2	0.6	23	1.3
	<i>Valid total</i>	1,411	100.0	328	100.0	1,739	100.0
Year in graduate program	1st year	376	27.1	88	27.4	464	27.1
	2nd year	316	22.8	74	23.1	390	22.8
	3rd year	253	18.2	59	18.4	312	18.2
	4th year	214	15.4	41	12.8	255	14.9
	5th year	129	9.3	38	11.8	167	9.8
	6th year	53	3.8	13	4.0	66	3.9
	7th year	20	1.4	4	1.2	24	1.4
	8th year	8	0.6	2	0.6	10	0.6
	9th year	20	1.4	2	0.6	22	1.3
	<i>Valid total</i>	1,389	100.0	321	100.0	1,710	100.0
Intend to pursue a doctoral degree in psychology	Yes, currently in a terminal Master's program	198	14.1	44	13.5	242	14.0
	Yes, currently in a doctoral program in psychology	1,032	73.7	252	77.5	1,284	74.4
	No	60	4.3	8	2.5	68	3.9
	Not sure	111	7.9	21	6.5	132	7.6
	<i>Valid total</i>	1,401	100.0	325	100.0	1,726	100.0
Intend to seek licensure/certification for independent practice of psychology	No, not necessary	227	15.9	70	21.1	297	16.9
	Yes, within this year	78	5.5	10	3.0	88	5.0
	Yes, eventually	1,109	77.7	251	75.8	1,360	77.3
	N/A, already licensed/certified	14	1.0	0	0.0	14	0.8
	<i>Valid total</i>	1,428	100.0	331	100.0	1,759	100.0
Have sufficient skills/ knowledge to pursue career in psychology post-graduation	Strongly Agree	545	38.4	162	48.5	707	40.4
	Agree	673	47.5	129	38.6	802	45.8
	Neutral	144	10.2	33	9.9	177	10.1
	Disagree	34	2.4	3	0.9	37	2.1
	Strongly Disagree	22	1.6	7	2.1	29	1.7
	<i>Valid total</i>	1,418	100.0	334	100.0	1,752	100.0

Source: Student Affiliate Survey, 2008. Compiled by APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Table 7

Major Psychology Subfield of APA Graduate and Post Doctorate Student Affiliates by Gender, 2008

		Female (N=1423)		Male (N=332)		Total (N=1755)	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Health service provider subfields	Child Clinical	242	9.6	35	5.4	277	8.7
	Clinical Neuropsychology	129	5.1	45	6.9	174	5.5
	Clinical	684	27.1	152	23.3	836	26.3
	Counseling	298	11.8	74	11.4	372	11.7
	Family	108	4.3	30	4.6	138	4.3
	Forensic	121	4.8	21	3.2	142	4.5
	Geropsychology	35	1.4	9	1.4	44	1.4
	Health	155	6.1	33	5.1	188	5.9
	School	113	4.5	14	2.2	127	4.0
	Sport	18	0.7	4	0.6	22	0.7
	<i>Subtotal Health Service Provider</i>	1,903	75.5	417	64.1	2,320	73.1
Research & other subfields	Cognitive	66	2.6	24	3.7	90	2.8
	Community	60	2.4	15	2.3	75	2.4
	Comparative	2	0.1	2	0.3	4	0.1
	Developmental	111	4.4	15	2.3	126	4.0
	Educational	57	2.3	17	2.6	74	2.3
	Environmental	7	0.3	3	0.5	10	0.3
	Experimental	14	0.6	10	1.5	24	0.8
	General Psychology/ Methods & Systems	59	2.3	25	3.8	84	2.6
	Industrial/ Organizational	37	1.5	30	4.6	67	2.1
	Neurosciences	24	1.0	17	2.6	41	1.3
	Personality	35	1.4	16	2.5	51	1.6
	Physiological Psychology/ Psychobiology	17	0.7	12	1.8	29	0.9
	Psychopharmacology	27	1.1	10	1.5	37	1.2
	Quantitative/ Mathematical/ Psychometrics	30	1.2	12	1.8	42	1.3
	Social	73	2.9	26	4.0	99	3.1
		<i>Subtotal Research & Other</i>	619	24.5	234	35.9	853
Total All Psychology Subfields		2,522	100.0	651	100.0	3,173	100.0

Source: Student Affiliate Survey, 2008. Compiled by APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Note: Percents are column percent of total responses. Respondents may have indicated multiple subfields, and some (N=296) indicated subfields outside of psychology.

Table 8

Preferred Work Settings for APA Graduate and Post Doctorate Student Affiliates by Gender, 2008

	Female (N=1,411)		Male (N=329)		Total (N=1,740)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
University settings						
Psychology department	466	5.4	159	7.7	625	5.8
Education department	126	1.5	46	2.2	172	1.6
Business school or department	17	0.2	22	1.1	39	0.4
Other academic department or unit	78	0.9	24	1.2	102	1.0
Management or administrative office	23	0.3	9	0.4	32	0.3
Research center or institute	241	2.8	71	3.5	312	2.9
Other university setting	38	0.4	17	0.8	55	0.5
<i>Subtotal</i>	989	11.4	348	16.9	1,337	12.5
Four-year college						
Psychology department	299	3.5	98	4.8	397	3.7
Education department	78	0.9	24	1.2	102	1.0
Business school or department	9	0.1	11	0.5	20	0.2
Other academic department or unit	60	0.7	17	0.8	77	0.7
Management or administrative office	15	0.2	9	0.4	24	0.2
Research center or institute	129	1.5	33	1.6	162	1.5
Other four-year college setting	25	0.3	13	0.6	38	0.4
<i>Subtotal</i>	615	7.1	205	10.0	820	7.7
Other educational institutions and school systems						
Two-year college	102	1.2	28	1.4	130	1.2
Medical school, psychiatry department	68	0.8	24	1.2	92	0.9
Medical school, other than psychiatry department	54	0.6	15	0.7	69	0.6
Professional school of psychology, affiliated with a university	110	1.3	30	1.5	140	1.3
Professional school of psychology, independent	87	1.0	26	1.3	113	1.1
Professional schools not listed above (e.g., law, nursing)	28	0.3	6	0.3	34	0.3
Elementary or secondary school	136	1.6	14	0.7	150	1.4
School system district office	78	0.9	10	0.5	88	0.8
Other educational setting (e.g., vocational or special education)	70	0.8	8	0.4	78	0.7
<i>Subtotal</i>	733	8.5	161	7.8	894	8.3
Private practice						
Individual private practice	587	6.8	129	6.3	716	6.7
Group psychological practice	531	6.1	110	5.3	641	6.0
Medical/psychological group practice	372	4.3	72	3.5	444	4.1
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,490	17.2	311	15.1	1,801	16.8
Organized human service						
Public general hospital	361	4.2	81	3.9	442	4.1
Private general hospital	320	3.7	74	3.6	394	3.7
City/county/state psychiatric hospital	237	2.7	57	2.8	294	2.7
Not for profit, private psychiatric hospital	215	2.5	44	2.1	259	2.4
For profit, private psychiatric hospital	168	1.9	37	1.8	205	1.9
VA hospital	218	2.5	59	2.9	277	2.6
Military hospital (e.g., Air Force)	79	0.9	28	1.4	107	1.0
Univ/college counseling center	363	4.2	87	4.2	450	4.2
Rehabilitation facility	113	1.3	29	1.4	142	1.3
Counseling or guidance center (not university or college)	220	2.5	35	1.7	255	2.4

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	Female (N=1,411)		Male (N=329)		Total (N=1,740)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Organized human service (continued)						
Outpatient mental health clinic, free-standing	334	3.9	56	2.7	390	3.6
Community mental health center or clinic (CHMC)	343	4.0	66	3.2	409	3.8
Nursing home	46	0.5	8	0.4	54	0.5
Specialized health service (e.g., substance abuse or mental retardation)	136	1.6	19	0.9	155	1.4
Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)	72	0.8	13	0.6	85	0.8
Independent Practice Association (IPA)	69	0.8	16	0.8	85	0.8
Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), excluding IPA	56	0.6	12	0.6	68	0.6
Other managed care setting	51	0.6	4	0.2	55	0.5
Other human service setting not listed above	103	1.2	13	0.6	116	1.1
<i>Subtotal</i>	3,504	40.5	738	35.9	4,242	39.6
Other employment settings						
Self-employed (not private practice)	84	1.0	21	1.0	105	1.0
Consulting firm	140	1.6	44	2.1	184	1.7
Private research organization or lab	102	1.2	34	1.7	136	1.3
Govt. research organization or lab	112	1.3	29	1.4	141	1.3
Independent consultant	157	1.8	36	1.8	193	1.8
Union	5	0.1	1	0.0	6	0.1
Business or industry (excluding consulting firm or research organization)	46	0.5	17	0.8	63	0.6
Criminal justice system	101	1.2	15	0.7	116	1.1
Military service (not military hospital)	26	0.3	11	0.5	37	0.3
Federal government agency (other than above settings)	145	1.7	26	1.3	171	1.6
State government agency (other than above settings)	112	1.3	22	1.1	134	1.3
Local government agency (other than above settings)	82	0.9	11	0.5	93	0.9
Other non-profit organization	148	1.7	23	1.1	171	1.6
Other non-educational or non service setting not listed above	67	0.8	4	0.2	71	0.7
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,327	15.3	294	14.3	1,621	15.1
Total Responses for All Work Settings	8,658	100.0	2,057	100.0	10,715	100.0

Source: Student Affiliate Survey, 2008. Compiled by APA Center for Workforce Studies.

Note: Percents are column percent of total responses. Respondents may have indicated multiple subfields.