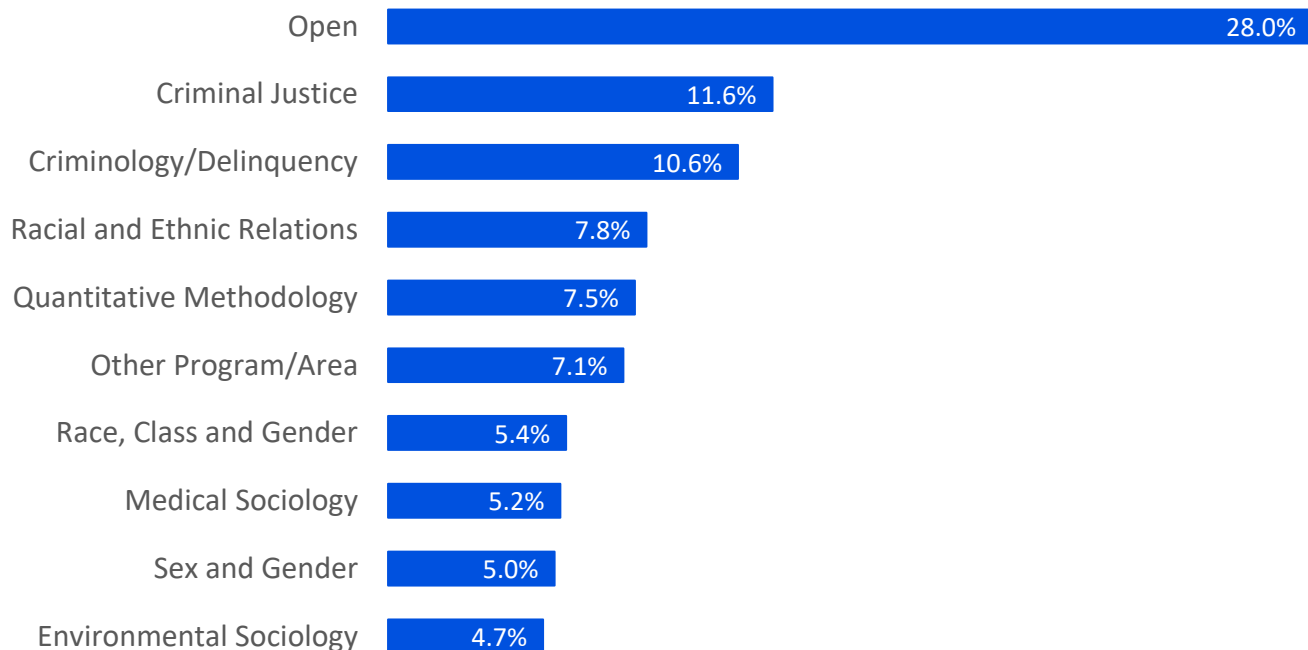


Areas of Specialization for Academic Positions Advertised in the ASA Job Bank in 2018

The ASA Job Bank is a primary source for job advertisements that may be of interest to sociologists, particularly for tenure-line and full-time visiting academic positions. The figure below shows the ten areas of specialization sought most frequently in advertisements for academic positions, both tenure-track and non-tenure-track, in 2018. (For a complete list of the 67 areas that were sought in the advertisements, see the full report.) Like in previous years, open area positions were mentioned most frequently. When employers listed a specialization, criminal justice was the most frequently sought, followed closely by criminology/delinquency. Other areas that were frequently sought in advertisements for academic positions were race and ethnic relations; quantitative methodology; “other areas”; race, class, and gender; medical sociology; sex and gender; and environmental sociology. Together, 64.9 percent of academic position advertisements in 2018 were seeking sociologists with expertise in at least one of these nine topical areas.

Ten Most Frequent Areas of Specialization for Academic Positions

Percent of advertisements for academic positions in the ASA Job Bank, 2018



Source: American Sociological Association 2018 Job Bank Report. Full report is available at <https://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/research-sociology/research-briefs/positions-advertised-asa-job-bank-2018>.