



# Research SNAPSHOT

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## All Positions Advertised in the ASA Job Bank in 2019

In 2019, 734 positions in the U.S. were advertised. Three-quarters of the 2019 positions were for jobs in the academic sector: 56.3 percent were for tenure-track positions, 14.4 percent were for non-tenure-track academic positions, and 4.8 percent were for academic administrator positions. Among the tenure-track positions, 70.0 percent were for assistant professors and 13.1 percent were open rank. For the non-tenure-track academic positions, over half (57.5 percent) were at the visiting assistant professor level, and 35.8 percent were instructors or lecturers. Academic administrators include both department chairs and heads (28.6 percent of the category) and other administrators (71.4 percent), which includes deans, program directors, and other administrative positions in the academic sector.

Fellowships, primarily postdoctoral fellowships, make up 19.9 percent of the positions advertised. Finally, 4.6 percent of the positions in the Job Bank in 2019 were for jobs in sociological practice, including research scientists, policy analysts, statisticians, and center directors. This is likely an undercount of the number and kinds of positions available to PhD sociologists in the non-academic sector. According to the 2018 Survey of Earned Doctorates, 23 percent of new PhD recipients in sociology who had definite employment plans had jobs in practice settings.

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. However, it does not represent the universe of jobs available to sociologists; contingent faculty positions and jobs outside of academia are underrepresented. Thus, these data represent the jobs advertised in the ASA Job Bank in 2019, not the jobs available for MA-level and PhD-level sociologists more broadly.

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-2019>.

**Table 1: All Positions in the ASA Job Bank by Category, 2019**

	Count	Percent
<b>Academic: Tenure-Track Positions</b>		
Assistant Professor	289	70.0%
Associate Professor	27	6.5%
Full Professor	5	1.2%
Assistant or Associate Professor	38	9.2%
Open Rank	54	13.1%
Subtotal	413	100.0%
Percentage of Total Positions Advertised		56.3%
<b>Academic: Non-Tenure-Track Positions</b>		
Instructor/Lecturer	38	35.8%
Assistant Professor	61	57.5%
Other	7	6.6%
Subtotal	106	100.0%
Percentage of Total Positions Advertised		14.4%
<b>Academic: Administrators</b>		
Chair/Head	10	28.6%
Other Administrator	25	71.4%
Subtotal	35	100.0%
Percentage of Total Positions Advertised		4.8%
<b>Fellowships</b>		
Predoctoral	7	4.8%
Postdoctoral	113	77.4%
Other	26	17.8%
Subtotal	146	100.0%
Percentage of Total Positions Advertised		19.9%
<b>Sociological Practice</b>		
Researcher/Statistician	25	73.5%
Director/Assistant Director	2	5.9%
Program Manager	2	5.9%
Other	5	14.7%
Subtotal	34	100.0%
Percentage of Total Positions Advertised		4.6%
<b>Total U.S. Positions Advertised</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>100.0%</b>